



PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.

# ANNUAL REPORT

- 2022 -



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## LIFE MEMBERS

Name	Year	Club
Mr Phil Head	1976	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mr Ken Hutchings	1976	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mr Ron Manfield	1976	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mr Jon Hamilton	1980	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mr Hugh Davies	1981	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mr Tim Terrell	1981	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mrs Margaret Arnold	1984	Lae Amateur Swim Club
Mr Mike Comerford	2000	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mrs Lesley Huckins	2000	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mrs Sarenah Pini BEM	2011	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mr Ryan Pini MBE	2016	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Mrs Elizabeth Wells MBE	2016	Boroko Amateur Swim Club

(\*Deceased)

## MEMBERS

Club	Number of members							
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Boroko Amateur Swim Club	364	271	207	247	327	262		359
Lae Amateur Swim Club	0	0	52	101	124	55	40	49
PNG Masters	10	10	10	11	22	19	16	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>336</b>		<b>408</b>

## PAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Registrar	Chief Technical Official	Purchasing Officer	Public Relations Officer	Athlete Representative
1969									
1970									
1971									
1972									
1973									
1974									
1975									
1976									
1977									
1978	R Rau	K Sinclair	A Rau	E Kohnke	J Hamilton	R Manfield		H Janssen	
1979	R Maclean	L Cross							
1980	H Davies	H Janssen	A Vele	P Dawes	L Seymour	N Brightwell		M Arnold	
1981									
1982	A Vele								
1983									
1984									
1985									
1986									
1987									
1988	D McInnes	M Harding	N Favilla	K de Graaf	M Arnold		L Crabb	F de Graaf	
1989	M Harding	E Dutton		M Comerford	M Arnold			J Philemon	
1990	E Dutton			M Comerford	M Arnold			J Philemon	
1991	E Dutton			M Comerford	M Arnold			J Philemon	
1992	E Dutton	M Manning	J Locket	M Comerford	L Huckins	Les Huckins		J Philemon	
1993	E Dutton	M Manning	J Dunlop	M Comerford	L Huckins	Les Huckins	P Lipsy	J Philemon	
1994	M Comerford	M Manning	J Sheehan	J Ellsworth	L Huckins	Les Huckins	K Pini	S Yates	
1995	M Comerford	M Manning	J Sheehan	B Mead	L Huckins	B Cullen	S Pini	S Yates	
1996	M Peni	M Manning	J Sheehan	B Mead	L Huckins	N Hickey	S Pini	E Wells	
1997	M Peni	M Low	J Sheehan	N Hickey	L Huckins	M Comerford	S Pini	E Wells	
1998	S Yates	M Low	J Sheehan	N Hickey	L Huckins	M Comerford	S Pini	E Wells	
1999	S Yates	L Huckins	N Comerford	D Clark	S Low	H Clark	S Pini	E Wells	
2000	S Yates	A Mulas	J Sheehan	B Dunlop	L Huckins	M Peni	S Pini	E Wells	
2001	L Huckins	S Yates	E Wells	B Dunlop		K Saville	S Pini		
2002	E Wells	J Pini	B Madouna	B Dunlop	S Pini	K Saville	S Pini	E Wells	
2003	E Wells	G Shiers	L Tekwie	B Dunlop	A Mulas	K Saville	S Pini	J Pini	
2004	E Wells	G Shiers	D Aisi	B Dunlop	A Mulas	-	S Pini	J Pini	
2005	E Wells	S Emmanuel	D Aisi	S Pini	B Skelton	A Mulas	J Kolta	-	
2006	E Wells	-	D Aisi	S Pini	B Skelton		J Kolta		
2007	E Wells	B Mead	H Ampa'oi	S Pini	B Skelton	-	J Kolta	-	
2008	E Wells	B Mead	H Ampa'oi	S Pini	B Skelton	-	L Nakmai	-	
2009	E Wells	B Mead	M Gore	S Pini	B Skelton	H Ampa'oi	L Nakmai	C West	
2010	E Wells	B Mead	K Sheehan	S Pini	B Skelton	H Ampa'oi	L Nakmai	-	
2011	E Wells	B Mead	K Sheehan	S Pini	B Skelton	H Ampa'oi	L Nakmai	-	
2012	E Wells	B Mead	M Liria	S Pini	B Skelton	K Maskelyne	L Nakmai	-	
2013	E Wells	B Mead	C Pini	S Pini	B Skelton	K Maskelyne	L Nakmai	M Gore	
2014	E Wells	B Mead	C Pini	S Pini	B Skelton	K Maskelyne	L Nakmai	M Gore	
2015	E Wells	B Mead	C Pini	S Pini	B Skelton	K Maskelyne	G Runnegar	P Kunda	
2016	E Wells	R Agnew	C Pini	S Pini	B Skelton	K Maskelyne	S Liew	P Kunda	
2017	E Wells	R Agnew	C Pini	S Pini	B Skelton	K Maskelyne	S Kawale	P Kunda	A Seeto
2018	E Wells	S Damien	C Pini	S Pini	B Geita	K Maskelyne	S Babao	S Kawale	A Seeto
2019	E Wells	S Damien	C Pini	S Pini	B Geita	S Babao	-	A Seeto	S Kawale
2020	E Wells	A Seeto	C Pini	S Pini	B Geita	S Babao	M Kirarock	N Pidik	S Kawale
2021	E Wells	N Pidik	C Pini	S Pini	B Geita	S Babao	-	-	J Meauri
2022	E Wells	N Pidik	C Pini	S Pini	B Geita	S Babao	-	-	J Meauri

## 2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**PRESIDENT**

Elizabeth Wells MBE

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Natalie Pidik

**SECRETARY**

Carly Pini

**TREASURER**

Sarenah Pini BEM

**REGISTRAR**

Beatrice Geita

**CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER**

Susan Babao

**PUBLICITY OFFICER**

*Vacant*

**PROPERTY OFFICER**

*Vacant*

**ATHLETE'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Judith Meauri

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022 was a year for the executive to re-examine PNGSI plans and promote an awareness of our sporting organisation and its services to our stakeholders in PNG, thus creating a sense of shared direction, mobilising the energies of our volunteers and building a wider base for our sport to grow on. 2022 saw us rebounding from being inactive for 2 years to being an active, vibrant sport setting a pathway for a bright future for our athletes, coaches and administrators. The Affiliated Clubs in 2022 were Boroko Amateur Swimming Club (BASC) and PNG Masters.

As we journeyed through 2022, we were able to celebrate for all the right reasons, working towards encompassing our vision and goals to increase, strengthen and build Aquatic Sports throughout PNG. By staying positive, our ongoing goals were realized.

We stayed true to our morals, (principles, values and standards), affiliating to FINA (now known as World Aquatics) PNG Olympic Committee (PNGOC) and Oceania Swimming Association (OSA) and abiding by all protocols, structures put in place for a safe return to normalcy.

Although it was a year that still saw the ongoing 'covid pandemic virus' causing some constraints when entering international competitions, including ongoing testing before during and after competition of athletes, coaches and officials, it has been a very rewarding one.

Through the dedicated commitment and positive drive of the PNGSI executive and the BASC to re-build the foundation of our sport in PNG, from the learn to swim programs and junior swimming, we are now, once again looking towards a positive, vibrant future for our athletes going forward. Unfortunately, the Lae Amateur Swim Club (LASC) activities were on hold for most of 2022 with no access to the LIS 25m swimming pool until June and the challenges faced in getting their account reactivated to allow them to become fully operational.

Judith Meauri received a contract from PNGSI to develop the Learn to Swim programs and to create an environment that will maximise participation in our sport.

PNGSI held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 in Port Moresby. The elected 2022/2023 office bearers were:

President: Elizabeth Wells MBE  
Vice President: Natalie Pidik  
Secretary: Carly Pini  
Treasurer: Sarenah Pini BEM  
Registrar: Beatrice Geita  
Chief Technical Officer: Susan Babao  
Athlete Representative: Judith Meauri

Our **support partners and sponsors in 2022** were:

- **FINA (World Aquatics) Olympic Aquatics Support Programme (OASP)** FINA continued its financial support of PNGSI (US\$25,000).  
(FINA, the Fédération Internationale de Natation, became **World Aquatics** following a vote at an Extraordinary Congress on the eve of the World Swimming Championships (25m) 2022. The launch of the **World Aquatics** brand arrived after a series of major reforms that saw a modern organisation ready to lead and serve athletes united by water, with a broader scope and increased engagement with participants and audiences).

- **Oceania Swimming Association (OSA)** our Continental body for funding support of the FINA World Short Course Melbourne to the 2 non funded FINA Athletes and support Gap in the FINA funded athletes Airfares.
- **Bank South Pacific**, the major sponsor of PNGSI providing PGK80,000.00 as our Naming Rights Sponsor towards the BSP National Aquatic Excellence Program, BSP/FINA Educational Clinics and the Fina World Competitions. PNGSI wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation and gratitude to the return of **BSP**.
- **PNG Olympic Committee**, for making available to NFs the educational programs through OSEP; preparation funding for Commonwealth Games and an equipment support grant.

#### Our competition sponsors:

- **Theodist Ltd** and **PNG Air Freight (FedEx)** both provided funding support of PGK10,000 respectively towards our two National Championships, held annually, providing the opportunity for our swimmers to compete and learn the fundamentals of racing in the true spirit of sportsmanship under World Aquatics rules of competition.

With the support of our sponsors and stakeholders, we were able to kick start swimming on a grander scale, developing and improving our activities throughout the year. Thank you.

**Competitions** sanctioned by PNGSI in 2022 included:

#### National Competitions:

- 1) **Theodist National Long Course Championships**, was held over the weekend of 27-29 May at Taurama Aquatic Centre (TAC) 50m pool complex in the National Capital District with some excellent performances from our fifty-nine (59) athletes who competed in their individual events. Four (4) National records were broken by senior swimmers Georgia-Leigh Vele and Ryan Maskelyne and seventeen (17) swimmers were named on the BSP Development and Target Squads at the close of the championship.

The championships, which were run under the FINA competition rules provided an opportunity for our technical officials to dust off the cobwebs and step back onto pool deck to officiate at a national competition after a two-year cancellation, under the direction and guidance of PNG Referees, Sue Babao and Sarenah Pini and FINA Starter, Albert Vigil.

- 2) **BASC Dolphin Sprint Championships**, was held over two sessions on 20 August, at the Taurama Aquatic Centre in the National Capital District, brought together fifty-one swimmers. Four (4) swimmers gained a position on the BSP Aquatic Excellence Silver Intermediate Squad.
- 3) **FedEx National SC Championships**, was held over the weekend of 1-2 October at TAC swimming pool in the National Capital District. Not since 2018 has a National Short Course Competition been held. The Championships brought together sixty (60) competitors from BASC and saw 5 National Short Course records broken: 2 Senior Records achieved by Georgia-Leigh Vele in 100 Freestyle, 50 Butterfly; 2 Masters records 40-44 age category achieved by Kobus Meulenbroeks, 100 Free and Trent Scott, 200 Freestyle and 1 Relay record in the Open 4 x 50 Mixed Free). The Championships also saw eleven (11) swimmers being named on the BSP National Aquatic Excellence Squads.

## International Competitions

- 1) 7<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Swimming Championships 2022 was held at the OCBC Aquatic Centre, Singapore from 23 June to 26 June. PNGSI took advantage of this competition and sent a team of 4 swimmers to compete under the direction of Coach/Manager Susan Babao. The swimmers representing PNG were: Female swimmers; 14-year-old Rihannah Makail and 13-year-old Jhnyali Tokome-Garap. Male swimmers; 20-year-old Nathaniel Noka and 22-year-old Josh Tarere.

The meet proved a great competition to help prepare our swimmers for future events such as the Pacific Games. It gave our swimmers a greater understanding and a taste of what is now needed to plan their race, and that hard work and perseverance in training does pay off. It is important that we instill in our young swimmers today the value of the pursuit, the commitment to training and competing, that will make sport so meaningful and rewarding as they journey forward. The friendships they make as they grow in their sport will remain with them forever.

- 2) **19th edition of the FINA World Championships 2022** took place from 18 June – 3 July in Budapest Hungary. The swimming competition took place from 18-25 June. PNG was represented by 23-year-old female swimmer Georgia-Leigh Vele who competed in the 50m and 100m Freestyle events. Travelling with Georgia-Leigh as the Coach/Manager was Rick Van der Zant.
- 3) **XXII Commonwealth Games** took place in Birmingham, England between 28 July and 8 August 2022. Representing the sport of swimming were Boroko Swim Club affiliated athletes, Ryan Maskelyne and Georgia-Leigh Vele, alongside team officials, Coach Shaun Crow and Manager Sarenah Pini. Ryan swam a PNG National Record in his 50m and 100m Breaststroke event. In the 200m Breaststroke event Ryan swam a time to place him in the Finals.
- 4) 16th **FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)** was held from the 13-18 December, 2022 at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC). The Championships provided a platform for the swimmers to showcase their prowess in the pool. PNG was represented by 4 athletes (two males: 22-year-old Josh Tarere and 21-year-old Nathaniel Noka and two females: 24-old Georgia-Leigh Vele and 14-year-old Jhnyali Tokome-Garap) under the coaching guidance of Coach Rick Van Der Zant and Manager Elizabeth Wells and Technical Official John Agovai, who officiated at the World Championships.

## Educational activities

A **FINA Coaches Certification Course - Assistant Coach Level (L1)** was held in Port Moresby at the Taurama Aquatic Centre from the 28-30 September 2022, under the direction of FINA expert, John Bladon, who has previously conducted courses and clinics in PNG in 2015,2016, 2019. The course was attended by 20 participants made up of school teachers and Boroko Swim Club members and coaches.

The year encompassed many exciting announcements and scholarship programs. These were namely:

- **FINA (World Aquatics) Scholarship Program** - 19-year-old Boroko Amateur Swim Club male swimmer Matthew Vali, joined the Thanyapura Sports and Health Resort Gold Squad Training at their high-performance training facility in Phuket, Thailand under the FINA Scholarship Program on 25 March, 2022. The Scholarships are primarily opened to athletes from the National Federations where financial support can be significant to improve the athletes' training conditions for their participation at international competitions with the purpose of enhancing the potential of the athlete.
- **International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athlete Scholarship** - The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) announced five (5) Team PNG Athletes had been awarded individual Olympic



Athlete Scholarships (OAS) under the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Olympic Solidarity program towards assisting athletes qualify and compete at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. PNGSI affiliated swimmer Ryan Maskelyne was one of the athletes named. He was nominated for the scholarships based on PNGOC's athlete tiering system policy and in consultation with their respective National Federations. The duration of the Scholarship will run from January 2022 through to the Paris2024 Olympic Games in August 2024 and can cover costs associated with preparing to qualify for Paris2024. These include training costs, competition costs, coaching costs and attending competitions and Olympic qualifiers.

- **FINA (World Aquatics) Athletes' Committee Election Results Announced** - FINA announced its inaugural elected Athletes' Committee for the 2022-2026 period, at the 19th FINA World Championships Budapest 2022. The gender and discipline-balanced Athletes' Committee, made up of athletes from swimming, diving, high diving, water polo, artistic swimming and open water swimming, will play a major role in ensuring that all voices are at the heart of aquatics are heard and represented equally. We congratulate Ryan Pini MBE for being named on the World Aquatics Athlete Committee for a second term.
- Papua New Guinea Sports Foundation (PNGSF) organised a meeting on 7 September National Federations to meet the new Minister for Sport Hon. Don Pomb Polye at the Sir John Guise Sports Precinct. PNGSF Executive Director Albert Veratau took time to share the new strategy "Go Rural to Go Global" which aligns to the Marape-Rosso Government's statement to "Leave No Child Behind".
- BORO KO Club swimmers received a visit during training on 30 June from Australian Olympian Bronte Campbell, best known for her 50m and 100m freestyle events. Bronte told her story; her earliest memories in the sport as a Club swimmer to representing Australia on the international stage at the Olympics. Thank you to the Carbine Club for providing this opportunity for the swimmers to meet Bronte Campbell.
- The Carbine Club also provided funding support to BASC Swimmer Nathaniel Noka in 2022.

PNGSI fully recognises the significance of the work carried out by all. Thank you for giving your time, your commitment and your support to our swimmers, enriching our community in many ways. Without your support, Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc and its affiliated Clubs would certainly not be where we are today.

What we learn from our journey in sport, can help us to continue to contribute and grow for the rest of our life, remembering excellence in performance and in life begins with a vision of where we want to go and a commitment to do what it takes to get there.

With the competition calendar set in place and with less than twelve months before Honiara, Solomon Islands hosts the Pacific Games in 2023, working together in team unity will provide the best environment to produce the right results we are all looking for. 2022 has set the foundation for this to happen.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the executive of PNGSI, BASC committee and coaches for their commitment in keeping our sport alive throughout the year.



*Elizabeth Wells MBE*  
*President*  
*Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

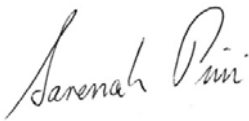
President, Elizabeth Wells, Life Members, Club Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Executive Committee of Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc, I submit the Financial Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

I would like to acknowledge Francis Del Rosario from Sinton Spence and Cherise Silvestre-Sagun for completing the audit of PNGSI's accounts for the year 2022. I would also like to express my gratitude for the Secretary's assistance in supporting me in my role as Treasurer.

The accounts indicate a profit of K45,366.08. Sponsorship of K80,000 from BSP was received in November with some of this going towards costs of international competitions. The remaining funds will be carried over to be used in 2023 for various competitions and supporting the development of our swimmers.

We received funding from Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) for preparations for the Commonwealth Games 2022. K30,860.23 covered the expenses to travel and attend the FINA World Championships in Budapest. This was on top of the funds received from FINA (K13,696.39) to assist with flights. The cost of travelling to Budapest for the World Championships was high due to the expensive airfares, transit accommodation and paying for 2 single accommodation.

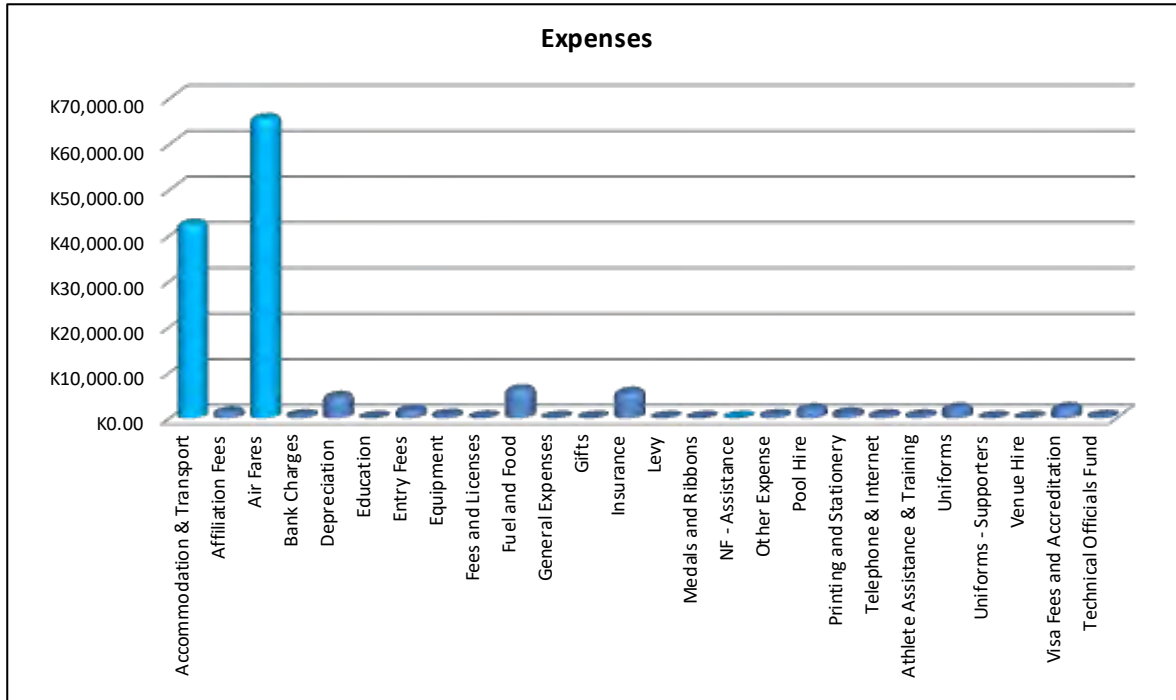
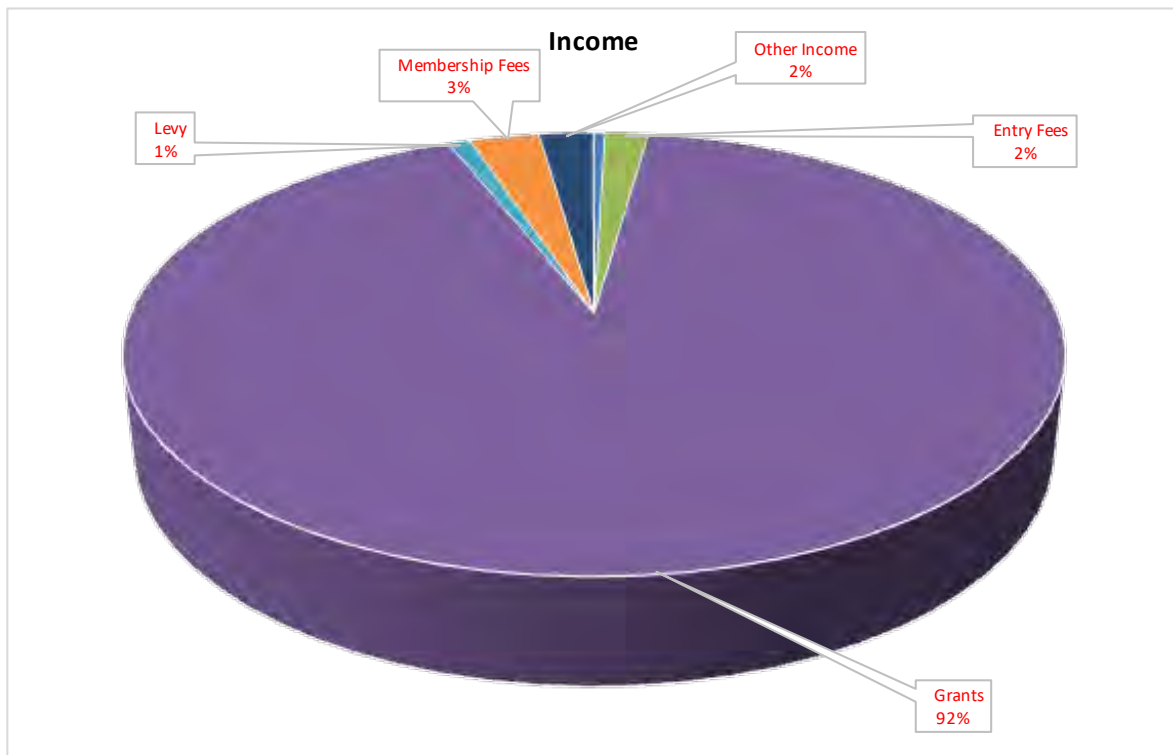
We received K65,921.44 from the FINA 2022 Olympic Aquatic Support Program (OASP) which was used to engage a coordinator to assist with coaching and the learn to swim program, and supporting the financial costs of sending our team to Singapore for the Singapore National Swimming Championships. The remainder 30% of the FINA OASP 2022 funds (K24,751.73) were received May 2023.



*Sarenah Pini*  
Secretary  
Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc.

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee of **Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc.** have pleasure in presenting the annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022.

**COMMITTEE**

The following persons served on the committee at the date of this annual report:-

Elizabeth Wells	President
Nathalie Pidik	Vice President
Carly Pini	Secretary
Sarenah Pini	Treasurer
Beatrice Geita	Registrar
Judith Meauri	Athletes' Representative

**RESULTS**

The operating surplus for the year amounted to K45,367 (2021: K21,386).

**ACTIVITIES**

The main objective of **Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc.** is to promote and encourage aquatic sports throughout Papua New Guinea.

**AUDITOR**

These financial statements have been audited by Sinton Spence Chartered Accountants and should be read in conjunction with the Independent Audit Report set out on pages 4-5.

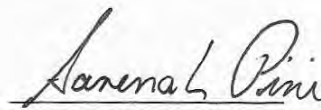
This 13th of MAY 2023

On behalf of the Committee



**ELIZABETH WELLS**  
**PRESIDENT**

Signed at:



**SARENAH PINI**  
**TREASURER**

Signed at:

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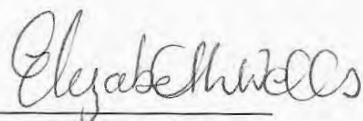
**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE**

In the opinion of the Committee of **Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc.:-**

- (a) the income and expenditure statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of the operations of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2022
- (b) the statement of financial position is drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st December 2022

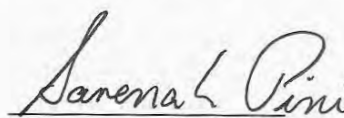
This *13<sup>th</sup>* of *MAY* 2023



**ELIZABETH WELLS  
PRESIDENT**

**Signed at:**

**On behalf of the Committee**



**SARENAH PINI  
TREASURER**

**Signed at:**

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR**

**SCOPE**

**The financial statements – responsibility and content**

The preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 is the responsibility of the Committee of the Association. The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting requirements under the provisions of the Association's Constitution.

The Committee has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Association's Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

**The auditor's role and work**

We conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report, or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than for that which they were prepared.

Our role was to conduct the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. The audit did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by the Committee.

In conducting the audit, we carried out a number of procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial statements present fairly a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position and its financial performance in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1. These accounting policies do not require the application of all International Financial Reporting Standards.

The procedures included:

- selecting and examining evidence, on a test basis, to support amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. This included testing, as required by the auditing standards, certain internal controls, transactions and individual items. We did not examine every item of available evidence,
- obtaining written confirmation regarding material representations made to us in connection with the audit,
- reviewing the overall presentation of information in the financial statements.

Our opinion was formed on the basis of these procedures.

**Independence**

As auditor, we are required to be independent of the Association and free of interests that could be incompatible with integrity and objectivity. In respect of this engagement, we followed the independence requirements set out by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants and the independence requirements set out by the Certified Practising Accountants Papua New Guinea.

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**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR**

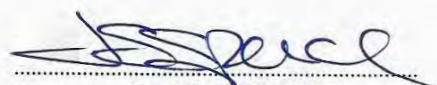
**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements of **Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc.** are properly drawn up:

- (i) so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st December 2022 and of the results of the Association for the financial year ended on that date; and;
- (ii) in accordance with the Accounting Standards adopted by the Certified Practising Accountants Papua New Guinea.

**Signed at Boroko**

This *14th* of *May* 2023



**By J.S. SPENCE**

(Registered under the  
Accountants Act - 1996)

**SINTON SPENCE**

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Affiliation fees	1,000	1,000
Entry fees	3,936	-
Grants	203,478	103,669
Levy	2,000	-
Membership fees	6,320	4,900
Supporters uniforms	90	-
Other income	4,899	-
	<u>221,723</u>	<u>109,569</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Accommodation and transport	42,459	-
Affiliation fees	1,276	1,356
Athlete assistance and training	500	12,439
Air fares	65,572	-
Bank charges	510	286
Depreciation	4,715	6,148
Entry fees	1,663	-
Equipment	675	10,000
Fees and licenses	150	-
Fuel and food	6,163	-
General	-	31
Insurance	5,621	3,873
Medals and ribbons	-	-
Miscellaneous expense	538	-
NF assistance	-	-
Pool hire	2,000	-
Printing and stationery	1,034	-
Services	38,221	44,477
Technical officials fund	315	-
Telephone and internet	556	415
Uniforms	2,154	729
Venue hire	-	8,429
Visa fees and accreditation	2,234	-
	<u>176,356</u>	<u>88,183</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>K 45,367</u></b>	<b><u>K 21,386</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	NOTES	2022 K	2021 K
<b>MEMBERS' FUND</b>			
Members' funds	4	607,821	562,454
<b>SURPLUS OF MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b><u>K 607,821</u></b>	<b><u>K 562,454</u></b>
Represented by:-			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		576,979	532,525
Prepayments and other debtors	5	-	2,030
Inventory		11,753	6,669
		<u>588,732</u>	<u>541,224</u>
<b>NON CURRENT</b>			
Fixed assets	7	19,089	21,230
		<u>19,089</u>	<u>21,230</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>K 607,821</u></b>	<b><u>K 562,454</u></b>

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	NOTES	2022 K	2021 K
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from affiliates, members and sponsorships		221,723	109,569
Payments to suppliers for goods and services		(174,695)	(82,035)
<b>NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	6	<u>47,028</u>	<u>27,534</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of fixed assets		(2,574)	-
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<u>(2,574)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		532,525	504,991
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>		<u><b>K 576,979</b></u>	<u><b>K 532,525</b></u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS ARE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:</b>			
Cash on hand		4	543
Cash at bank		576,975	531,982
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>		<u><b>K 576,979</b></u>	<u><b>K 532,525</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements comply with applicable financial reporting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements approved for use in Papua New Guinea by the Accounting Standards Board (ASB).

The fundamental accounting assumptions recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results, cashflows and the financial position have been followed in the preparation of these financial statements.

Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

**(a) Historical cost convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and have not been adjusted to take account of the current costs of specific assets or their impact on the operating results, or changes in the general purchasing power of the kina.

**(b) Recognition of revenue and expenditure**

All revenue and expenditure is taken to account in accordance with the principle of matching income and expenses.

Revenue from donations and fund raising activities is recognised only when received.

**(c) Cash**

For the purpose of the cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and current accounts in banks, net of bank overdrafts. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash.

**(d) Fixed assets**

The fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The carrying amount of fixed assets is reviewed periodically by the management to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line method so as to write off the new costs of the various classes of fixed assets during their effective working lives. Additions are depreciated from the date of purchase in the year of acquisition.

The principal annual rates in use are: -

Office equipment	15.00% to 30.00%
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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(e) Comparatives**

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to current disclosures and reclassification of balances. This has not resulted in any adjustment to the net assets or the members' funds account.

**(f) Impairment of assets**

The Association assesses impairment at each reporting date evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the receivable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing reasonable amounts incorporate key estimates.

**2 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Association's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks as follows: -

**(a) Liquidity risk**

The Association maintains sufficient cash to meet all future commitments.

**(b) Fair value estimation**

The estimated fair values of the Association's financial assets and liabilities are equivalent to their carrying values as listed in these financial statements.

**(c) Market risk**

**Foreign exchange risk**

The Association does not operate internationally and therefore is not exposed to foreign exchange risk.

**Price risk**

The Association is not exposed to significant price risk.

**Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk**

The Association has no significant interest-bearing deposits and the Association's income and operating cash flows are subsequently independent of changes in market interest rates.

**(d) Credit risk**

The Association has no significant exposure to credit risk.

**3 TAXATION**

The Association is exempt from income tax under Section 27 (b) of the Income Tax Act of Papua New Guinea 1959 as amended.

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>		
	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>		
<b>4 MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>				
Opening balance	562,454	541,068		
Net surplus for the year	45,367	21,386		
Closing balance	<u>607,821</u>	<u>562,454</u>		
<b>5 PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS</b>				
Deposit to Travel Services Limited	-	2,030		
<b>6 CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Reconciliation of operating activities cash flow and net deficit:				
Operating surplus	45,367	21,386		
<i>Non cash items:</i>				
Depreciation	4,715	6,148		
<i>Movement in working capital:</i>				
Decrease in prepayments and other debtors	2,030	-		
Increase in inventory	(5,084)	-		
Net cash from operating activities	<u>47,028</u>	<u>27,534</u>		
<b>7 FIXED ASSETS</b>				
	<b>01.01.2022</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>31.12.2022</b>
	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
Office equipment	47,297	2,574	-	49,871
	<u>47,297</u>	<u>2,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,871</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Office equipment	26,067	4,715	-	30,782
	<u>26,067</u>	<u>4,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,782</u>
<b>Net book value at 31.12.2022</b>				<u>19,089</u>
<b>Net book value at 31.12.2021</b>				<u>21,230</u>

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**PAPUA NEW GUINEA SWIMMING INC.**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Sarenah Pini, the treasurer is a shareholder in Theodist Limited. Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc made purchases from Theodist Limited during the year. The transactions were conducted on an arms length basis. In addition, bookkeeping and the preparation of the financial statements were performed by a Theodist staff member on behalf of Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc.

**9 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

At the date of this report, the committee are not aware of any contingent liabilities which would materially affect these financial statements.

**10 POST BALANCE DATE EVENTS**

The committee are not aware of any other events which occurred since the end of the financial period to the date of this report which would materially affect these financial statements.

## OCEANIA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

This year, swimming in the Oceania Region began with COVID lockdowns persisting for many but the world slowly returned to normality. The condensed World Aquatics calendar commenced with a successful World Championships in Budapest, Hungary and was the first opportunity for the Oceania Swimming family to come together after a number of years.



The second half of 2022 has allowed Oceania Swimming and FINA (now World Aquatics) to get back to providing more clarity on programmes and associated funding. With assistance from World Aquatics and OSFO, we were able to provide Member Federations funding support for an Oceania Coaches Workshop in August and for athletes to attend the World Short Course Championships in December. These were delivered by Oceania's recently appointed Development Coordinator, Haydn Belshaw and we thank him for the passion and expertise he brings.

A number of Oceania Federations were fortunate to have been visited by World Aquatics President, Husain Al Musallam, to gain a better understanding of the challenges our Federations face and how we can best coordinate programmes and resources to deliver the greatest impact. He was accompanied by Olympic Champions Cate Campbell and Ian Thorpe who were very generous with their time in talking and interacting with very excited future champions.

For the first time in more than 15 years we were fortunate to have a World Short Course Swimming Championships in the Oceania region. Congratulations and thanks to Swimming Australia and their operational team for stepping in as hosts at the last minute and delivering a truly memorable Championships in Melbourne.

Thank you for your support over the last 12 months and we look forward to working collaboratively in 2023 in delivering greater success.

*Matt Dunn*  
*President*  
*Oceania Swimming Association*

## CLUB REPORTS

### Boroko Amateur Swimming Club (BASC)



2022 was a rebuilding year for Boroko Amateur Swimming Club. A brand new committee was elected on the 23 July 2022, and with this committee, they brought a new found energy which enabled bringing back competitions and events that had been absent for several years.

The Committee organized the following events;

- AGM (July 2022)
- 4 time trials (March, May, July & November 2022)
- Dolphin Sprints (August 2022)
- Club Championships (November 2022)
- Club Presentation Day (December 2022)

The Club was also privileged to have a visit from Australian Olympic Swimmer Bronte Campbell, organized by the Carbine Club. Bronte told her story, answered the many questions asked from the swimmers, shared her Olympic Gold medal and posed for many photos.

Another surprise visit for the Club came in the form of some of the Broncos Leagues players when Bank South Pacific held their cheque presentation with PNG Swimming in October.

As mentioned, the BASC 2022 AGM was held on the 23 July 2022. A few changes of committee members and role swaps occurred shortly after the AGM, with the final Committee for the year was as follows;

**President:** Jessica Geoghegan

**Vice-President:** Meghan Toka

**Secretary:** Carly Pini

**Treasurer:** Edwin Shankar

**Registrar & Recorder:** Kylie Nunisa

**Publicity Officer:** Alice Solon

**Property Officer:** Lisa Plank

It was with great pleasure that at the end of the Club Championships held on the 27 November 2022, 3 Life Memberships were given to 3 very deserving members who have made a significant mark on BASC and without their continued hard work and commitment, the Club wouldn't be where we are today. These were:

#### **Sue Babao**

Sue started assisting BASC with officiating in 1997 and became a FINA qualified Referee in 2013. Sue has been selected to represent PNG as a Technical Official at several FINA World Championships, Pacific Games and Oceania Championships. Sue's technical knowledge has enabled her to become a great technical coach and most recently has been the Coach for the Senior and Gold Squad since 2020. Previously Sue has coached the Intermediate squads and was instrumental in the start of the Aqua Kiddies programs which commenced in 2018/2019.

Sue has also held the position of Registrar on the BASC Committee for many years.



### Joe Meauri

Joe stated coaching in 2003 just after his daughter Judith started swimming. In 2013 Joe had a small break from coaching and recommenced back up again in 2016 and is currently coaching the Club's Silver Squad. Joe has grown his career path in coaching in the sport through his children starting swimming classes. Joe has been selected as Assistant Coach with PNG Teams travelling overseas.

Joe has held the position of Property Officer and Coaching Coordinator on the BASC Committee, and for many years has been in charge of the club equipment in the gear cages.



### Sarenah Pini

Sarenah's dedication and support for this club has expanded over 4 decades and is what makes them so valuable to the Club's success. Sarenah was a Boroko committee member from 1984 to 1999 and a swim coach from 1984 to 1992 when she started coaching her own children as there were not enough coaches at the time.

In the late 80s and 90s, Sarenah was a huge drive behind raising money for the club which enabled the club to provide training equipment, purchase of training ropes and 50% of competition lane ropes. Funds raised also subsidised airfares to Far North Queensland competitions and Arafura Games and internal flights to competitions in Lae, Goroka and Rabaul. Sarenah did this with the help of her family to run the Great Relay Challenge and the Gumi Races.

She has been a Technical Official since 1984 and became a FINA qualified Referee in 2013. Sarenah officiated at her first Pacific Games in 1995 and has further represented PNG as a Technical Official at many Pacific Games and Oceania Championships, at a FINA World Championships and a Commonwealth Youth Games. Sarenah continues to officiate at National Championships and at Club Meets when available.

Sarenah was very deserving of this long overdue award. Congratulations to all of our new life members.



At the Club Presentation day held on 3 December 2022, saw the Club reintroduce the President's trophy but with a new purpose and introduced a new perpetual trophy donated by Ryan Pini. Recipients of these trophies were Josh Tarere (Ryan Pini Trophy) awarded to the onshore swimmer with the most outstanding achievements in the season, and Judith Meauri (President's Trophy) selected by the President and is given to any swimmer, coach, technical official, committee member or parent who has gone above and beyond the required effort for the club.

As we move forward into 2023, the wheels are already in motion for new Club swim caps, swim wear and shirts, and introducing Club Meets which will earn swimmer's points for end of year awards. We look forward to continuing the successes of 2022 into the new year.

Jessica Geoghegan  
President  
Boroko Amateur Swimming Club

## REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

### 19<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Budapest, Hungary – 18 to 25 June 2022*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>PNG Club</b>	<b>Australian Club</b>
Georgia-Leigh Vele	23	Boroko Amateur Swim Club	TSS Aquatics
<i>Rick Van Der Zant</i>		<i>Coach</i>	

### SINGAPORE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Singapore – 23 to 26 June 2022*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>PNG Club</b>
Rihannah Makail	14	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Nathaniel Noka	20	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Josh Tarere	22	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
Jhnyali Tokome-Garap	13	Boroko Amateur Swim Club
<i>Susan Babao</i>		<i>Coach</i>

### COMMONWEALTH GAMES

*Birmingham, England - 28 July to 8 August 2022*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>PNG Club</b>	<b>Australian Club</b>
Ryan Maskelyne	23	Boroko Amateur Swim Club	Rackleys
Georgia-Leigh Vele	23	Boroko Amateur Swim Club	TSS Aquatics
<i>Shaun Crow</i>		<i>Coach</i>	

### FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m)

*Melbourne, Australia – 13 to 18 December 2022*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>PNG Club</b>	<b>Australian Club</b>
Nathaniel Noka	21	Boroko Amateur Swim Club	-
Josh Tarere	22	Boroko Amateur Swim Club	-
Jhnyali Tokome-Garap	14	Boroko Amateur Swim Club	Sommerville Aquatics
Georgia-Leigh Vele	24	Boroko Amateur Swim Club	TSS Aquatics
<i>Rick Van Der Zant</i>		<i>Coach</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Wells</i>		<i>Manager</i>	

## PNGAX SQUADS for 2022

PROGRESSIVE PNG SQUADS & SUMMARIES OF ACHIEVEMENT BY SWIMMER						
Surname	First Name	Club	Level Achieved	Promotions /Additions	Competition Achieved	#
Maskelyne	Ryan	Boroko	PLATINUM TARGET	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	1
Noka	Nathaniel	Boroko	GOLD TARGET	Promotion	as at Singapore June 2022	1
Tarere	Josh	Boroko	GOLD TARGET	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	2
Vele	Georgia-Leigh	Boroko	GOLD TARGET	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	3
Tokome-Garap	Jhnayali	Boroko	SILVER TARGET	Promotion	as at World SC Dec 2022	1
Chen	Joanna	Boroko	BRONZE TARGET	New addition	as at Saints LC Prep Meet 2022	1
John	Holly	Boroko	BRONZE TARGET	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	2
Makail	Rihannah	Boroko	BRONZE TARGET	Promotion	as at Singapore June 2022	3
Maeda	Sena	Boroko	GOLD INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	1
Shankar	Ioana	Boroko	GOLD INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	2
Bonei	Teesh	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	Promotion	as at Club Champs Nov 2022	1
Cakaukevuyyu	Talei	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Club Champs Nov 2022	2
Constantinou	Achilleas	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	Promotion	as at FedEx SC October 2022	3
Constantinou	Georgina	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	4
Kane	Elizabeth	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	5
Kirarock	Allana	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	6
Lee	Joseph	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	7
Makail	Colin	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Dolphin Sprints Aug 2022	8
Mase	Rosemary	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Club Champs Nov 2022	9
McConnell	Siboney	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	10
Murray	Fernie	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Dolphin Sprints Aug 2022	11
Nen	Jeremiah	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	12
Pidik	Rhys	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Dolphin Sprints Aug 2022	13
Scott	Seiji	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	14
Sigamata	Jolanda	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Dolphin Sprints Aug 2022	15
Thompson	Lillian	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	16
Wen	Zimo	Boroko	SILVER INTERMEDIATE	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	17
Kahn	Madison	Boroko	GOLD JUNIOR	Promotion	as at Club Champs 2022	1
Kirarock	Roxanne	Boroko	GOLD JUNIOR	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	2
Pidik	Aria	Boroko	GOLD JUNIOR	Promotion	as at FedEx SC October 2022	3
Baker	Alan	Boroko	SILVER JUNIOR	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	1
Geoghegan	Joshua	Boroko	SILVER JUNIOR	New addition	as at Theodist May 2022	2
Murray	Bernelle	Boroko	SILVER JUNIOR	New addition	as at FedEx SC October 2022	3

## TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

### 16<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m) Melbourne – 13 to 18 December 2022

PNG Technical Official, Mr John Agovai was invited to officiate on pool deck at the FINA World Championships (25m) Melbourne through an invitation from FINA Technical Committee member Ryan Arblaster. A wonderful opportunity for John Agovai to not only further his skill and expertise officiating on pool deck but being given the opportunity to represent Papua New Guinea at an international event of World status.



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS

### Theodist National Swimming Championships

Port Moresby - 27 to 29 May 2022



The 2022 Theodist National Swimming Championships was held over the weekend of 27-29 May at Taurama Aquatic Centre 50m pool complex in the National Capital District.

There were some excellent performances from our fifty-nine (59) athletes who competed in their individual events with four (4) National records taken.



- Female swimmer, Georgia-Leigh Vele took the 50m Butterfly record for Senior and Open swimming a finish time of 30.00. Previous record time of 30.05 was held by Tegan McCarthy set in 2015.
- Male Swimmer, Ryan Maskelyne took home the 100m breaststroke Senior record in a finish time of 1:06.49. Previous record time of 1:06.56 was set in 2017 by Ryan. He also set a new Senior record in the 200m Breaststroke clocking 2:22.40 which was previously held by Ryan 2:27.26 set in 2017.



As swimmers raced towards swimming personal best times, they also raced towards a time to place them on the 'now active' BSP Kundu National Aquatic Excellence Squads which include: the Junior Silver and Gold squad, the Intermediate Silver and Gold squads and the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Target Squads.

Seventeen (17) swimmers were named on the BSP PNG Development and Target Squads at the close of the Championship. It was an exciting weekend of competition, enjoyable and rewarding for all who attended after such a long spell.

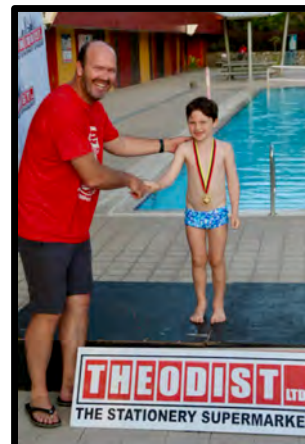


The Championships, which were run under the FINA competition rules provided an opportunity for our technical officials to dust off the cobwebs and step back onto pool deck to officiate at a national competition, under the direction and guidance of PNG Referees, Sue Babao and Sarenah Pini and FINA Starter, Albert Vigil.

“Swimmers came to the Theodist National Championships ready to compete and win. After 2.5 years of Covid-19 effecting every opportunity, this competition ignited in a fire in our swimmers, which it’s not only inspiring, but exciting to watch,” said Vice President Natalie Pidik.

The organizers of the event; host club BASC alongside PNGSI, received many pleased reports as the competition came to a close for another year.

“As a parent of a 14-year-old female swimmer and a member of Boroko Amateur Swimming Club (BASC), I must congratulate the organisers, swimmers and Theodist Limited for the sponsorship and successful event,” said Colin Makail. A sentiment that rang true by many who attended.



## FedEx PNG National Championships (25m)

Port Moresby – 1 to 2 October 2022



It was an amazing feeling for the executive of PNGSI and host Club Boroko Amateur Swim Club (BASC) to once again be able to hold the 2022 FedEx National SC Swimming Championships over the weekend of 1-2 October at the Taurama Aquatic Centre swimming pool in the National Capital District. Not since 2018 has a National Short Course Competition been held.

PNGSI sincerely thanks FedEx for providing the necessary financial support to make it a success for our promising athletes taking part.

This important event brought together sixty competitors from as young as 5 to the Open and Masters categories from the Boroko Swim Club for a weekend of exciting competition held over three sessions. The FedEx Championships saw many personal best times swum and 5 National Short Course records broken.

The new records were set by:

1. Georgia-Leigh Vele set a new Senior Record in the Female 100m Freestyle clocking 1:01.13 previously held by Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane in a time of 1:01.28 set in 2009
2. Georgia-Leigh Vele set a new Senior Record in the female 50m Butterfly clocking 31.11 previously held by Tegan McCarthy in a time of 31.77 set in 2015
3. Kobus Meulenbroeks set a new Masters Record in the Male 40–44-year category in the 100m Freestyle event clocking a finish time of 1:06.09 previously held by James Kruse in a time of 1:09.09 set in 2008
4. Trent Scott set a new Masters Record in the Male 40–44-year category in the 200m Freestyle event clocking a finish time of 2:50.21 previously held by Brendan Raftery in a time of 2:56.18 set in 2007
5. 4 x 50 Free Mixed Relay set a new Open Record 1:46.97 set by swimmers Nathaniel Noka, Georgia-Leigh Vele, Jhnyali Tokome-Garap and Josh Tarere. The previous record 1:49.22 set in 2015 was held by swimmers Ryan Pini, Georgia-Leigh Vele, Eboney Tkatchenko and Ben Cross



It also provided a great competition and opportunity for swimmers to realize their dreams, and secure a place on the BSP National Aquatic Excellence Squad. Eleven swimmers swam times to be awarded a place on the BSP National Aquatic Excellence Squad, they were:

- Silver Junior: Bernelle Murray.
- Gold Junior: Roxanne Kirarock, Aria Pidik.
- Silver Intermediate: Achilleas Constantinou, Elizabeth Kane, Allana Kirarock, Joseph Lee, Siboney McConnell, Jeremiah Nen, Seiji Scott, and Zimo Wen.



At the close of the event a team of four swimmers were selected to compete in the FINA World Championships (25m), to be held in Melbourne, 13-18 December 2022. They were: Josh Tarere, Nathaniel Noka, Georgia-Leigh Vele and Jhnyali Tokome-Garap.

The running of the FedEx National Championships in an efficient way was made possible by the co-operation of our many volunteers. PNGSI expresses its sincere gratitude to all the volunteers involved over the weekend to help in the preparation and running of the competition to ensure its success.

Our technical officials under the direction of PNG Referees Sue Babao and Sarenah Pini allowed the competition to be run in a professional manner under FINA competition rules.

Through events of this standard, we are now seeing our athletes once again developing and growing through competition. There was an exciting atmosphere of competitiveness throughout the weekend by all who attended.





## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION REPORTS

### 19<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Budapest, Hungary – 18 to 25 June 2022



Budapest held the 19th edition of the FINA World Championships 2022 from 18 June – 3 July in Hungary. The swimming competition took place from 18-25 June at the Duna Aréna. Papua New Guinea was represented by 23-year-old female swimmer Georgia- Leigh Vele. Travelling with Georgia-Leigh was Team official Coach/Manager Rick Van der Zant.

Georgia-Leigh competed in her individual events of 100m Freestyle on Wednesday 22 June and 50m Freestyle on Friday 24 June. Her result times were 100 Freestyle 1:01.73 and 50 Freestyle 28.46.

The FINA Championships was a preparation competition for Georgia-Leigh leading into the Commonwealth Games, Birmingham from the 28 July to 8 August.

#### ***A coach's insight by Rick Van Der Zant***

*FROM a coaching perspective I was privileged to represent PNG at the World Swimming Championships which was part of the world aquatics competition which also included the disciplines of water polo, diving, artistic swimming and open water swimming.*

*My focus was on the pool competition attending all the heats and finals sessions with the exception of the final night which allowed me to venture out to the artistic swimming and water polo.*



*Despite all the setbacks with Covid swimming continues to provide the highest level of competition. During the competition I witnessed several world records, the men's 100m backstroke and 200 m butterfly as well as the mixed 4 x 100 freestyle relay.*

*Incredible to see so many younger swimmers making their mark on the world stage. It is exciting for swimming worldwide to see the youth of our sport coming through the ranks, competing, celebrating the outcome, and growing from the experience.*

*As a Coach from a PNG swimming perspective, it was important to have representation at the FINA Congress, and the Oceania Swimming meeting. The FINA Worlds provides a great networking for a coach to learn and grow leading into the end of this quadrennial being the Paris Olympics and an opportunity to work with and catch up with the many colleagues from the Pacific Nations.*



Swimmer	Event	Heat Time	Placing
Georgia-Leigh Vele	50m Freestyle	28.46	58/82
	100m Freestyle	1:01.73	45/63

## SINGAPORE NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singapore – 23 to 26 June 2022



THE 7<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Swimming Championships 2022 was held at the OCBC Aquatic Centre, Singapore from Thursday 23 June to Sunday 26 June, conducted under the Rules and By-laws of FINA.

Members of other Federations affiliated to FINA who met the entry qualification standards and held a valid clearance from their Federation were invited to compete. Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc took advantage of this competition and sent a team of 4 swimmers to compete under the direction of Coach/Manager Susan Babao.

Results from 2022 Singapore National Swimming Championships:

Swimmer	Event	Heat Time	Placing
Rihannah Makail	50m Breaststroke	39.02 <b>PB</b>	49/76
	100m Breaststroke	1:29.67 <b>PB</b>	51/63
	200m Breaststroke	3:21.05 <b>PB</b>	47/48
	50m Freestyle	35.75 <b>PB</b>	142/144
Nathaniel Noka	50m Freestyle	25.35 <b>PB</b>	39/197
	100m Freestyle	57.29 <b>PB</b>	57/176
	200m Freestyle	2:18.37 <b>PB</b>	94/120
	50m Butterfly	27.21 <b>PB</b>	33/150
	50m Breaststroke	33.98 <b>PB</b>	61/108
	200m Ind. Medley	2:33.25 <b>PB</b>	61/84
Josh Tarere	50m Freestyle	24.90	31/197
	100m Freestyle	57.71	61/176
	50m Butterfly	28.46	63/150
	50m Backstroke	30.71	34/78
	50m Breaststroke	34.02	62/108
Jhnyali Tokome-Garap	50m Freestyle	31.33 <b>PB</b>	97/144
	100m Freestyle	1:08.19 <b>PB</b>	78/117
	200m Freestyle	2:36.44 <b>PB</b>	68/83
	50m Butterfly	34.49 <b>PB</b>	66/84
	50m Breaststroke	40.71 <b>PB</b>	61/76
	50m Backstroke	37.25 <b>PB</b>	80/93
	200m Ind. Medley	2:59.85 <b>PB</b>	71/79



The swimmers representing PNG were: Female swimmers 14-year-old Rihannah Makail and 13-year-old Jhnyali Tokome-Garap. Male swimmers 20-year-old Nathaniel Noka and 22-year-old Josh Tarere.

“The competition was a great success for our swimmers who were representing PNG for the first time internationally,” said Team Coach/Manager Susan Babao.

“The Championship was held over 4 days, which included 8 sessions. Forty-four (44) swim teams from Singapore and internationally took part with over 500 competitors competing from as young as 10 years old,” said Babao. “The results of our swimmers were very pleasing with personal bests being recorded

from their times set at the recent Theodist National Championships. The swimmers concluded the event, satisfied and thirsty for more competitions at this level.”

The meet proved a great competition on an international stage to help prepare our swimmers for future events such as the Pacific Games. It gave our swimmers a greater understanding and a taste of what is now needed to plan their race, and that, hard work and perseverance in training does pay off.

It is important that we instil in our young athletes today the value of the pursuit, the commitment to training and competing, that will make sport so meaningful and rewarding as they journey forward. The friendships they make as they grow in their sport will remain with them forever.

Thank you, Singapore National Swimming Championships organizing committee for the invitation to attend.



## XXII COMMONWEALTH GAMES

*Birmingham, England - 28 July to 8 August 2022*



TEAM PNG was represented at the XXII Commonwealth Games that took place in Birmingham, England between 28 July and 8 August 2022.

Representing the sport of swimming were Boroko Swim Club affiliated athletes, Ryan Maskelyne and Georgia-Leigh Vele, alongside team officials, Coach Shaun Crow and Manager Sarenah Pini. Both athletes competed in fine form, with Ryan swimming personal best times in 50m and 100m Breaststroke and a seasonal best in the 200m Breaststroke events with PNG National Records being recorded in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke events. Georgia-Leigh swam a personal best in the 50m Freestyle event.

### *Report by Coach Shaun Crow*

The Commonwealth Games were an amazing experience. After a long but comfortable flight we arrived in Birmingham, United Kingdom where we had heard many stories about the long wait in the covid testing area, but we were lucky and were on our way to the village after an hour. The Village was in the beautiful residence of Birmingham university. In the middle was a lake with all accommodation surrounding. There were 3 dining halls, a gym, an entertainment centre and an enormous screen playing the games events throughout the day.



We quickly settled in and realised the food was amazing and we needed lots of self control.

Having Sarenah's experience, knowledge and being so organised made everything easy for me and the swimmers. It was when the whole team went to an inspirational and moving Kibung that it really hit how special it was to be with team PNG.

The Aquatic centre was unbelievable with a large seating area for spectators and a 6 x 50m warm up pool. We had the opportunity to get about 5 sessions in the pool prior to the competition where we refined our starts and pacing work.



### **Day 1 of Competition:**

Georgia-Leigh had the 50m Breaststroke where she won her heat with an amazing start. Then Ryan had his main event the 200 Breaststroke, he swam an amazing race making the final. Even though it wasn't a PB he did extremely well working with a shoulder injury and heavy university commitments. The final was very exciting with a loud crowd but also it was great to have PNG represented in a final at this Commonwealth Games.

### Day 2 of Competition:

Georgia-Leigh who had competed at the FINA World Championships five weeks earlier had her main event the 50m Freestyle. Confident after her 50m Breaststroke she swam a 27.80 the first time under 28 and .5 quicker than at World Championships. She followed the race plan perfectly and all her hard work had paid off.

Ryan had his 100m Breaststroke, after the excitement of the night before I was worried, he would not be able to perform again that morning. I was wrong, with Ryan doing a great PB with an amazing 2nd 50m winning his heat from lane 8.



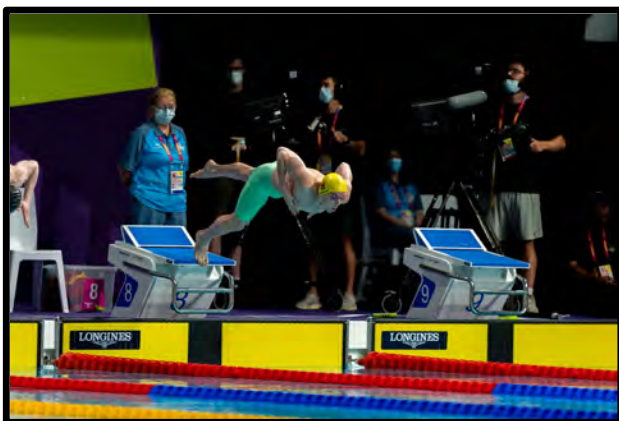
### Day 3 of Competition:

We only had one swim that day with Georgia-Leigh having the 50m Butterfly where she continued her improvement doing a 30.34 and she was staying on track to achieve her goal of beating all her World Championship times.

### Day 4 of Competition:

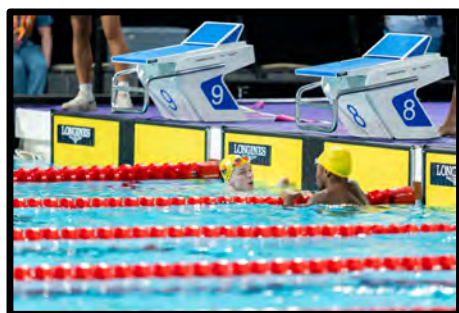
Ryan had a 50m Breaststroke where he had not done a PB in a long time so after the great 100 he was excited to swim fast. He did a .32 PB with an impressive time of 29.53.

Georgia-Leigh had the 100m Free where she changed her race plan by doing the first lap longer and sprinting more in the second. It worked, and she swam an amazing 2nd 50m to do a better time than she did at the World Championships clocking 1.01.60.



We were now finished with our section of the meet but with 2 days of swimming left we could go in and enjoy watching the rest of the wonderful swims.

I am always impressed how the Pacific Islands support and encourage each other to do their best. It is always easy working with disciplined and mature athletes like Ryan and Georgia-Leigh so thank you for your cooperation. A big thank you to Sarenah who is so supportive and her knowledge and experience is invaluable to the success of our swimmers.



## 16<sup>th</sup> FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m) Melbourne, Australia – 13 to 18 December 2022

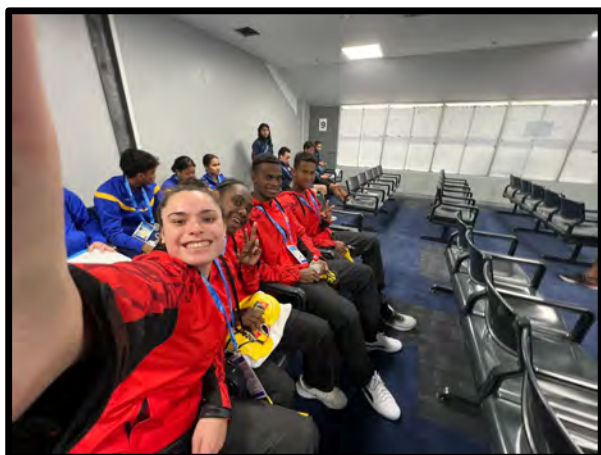


THE 16th **FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)** was held from the 13-18 December, 2022. The event was held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), staged over 6 days with heats in the morning sessions and the semi-finals and finals in the evening session.

The Championships provided a platform for the athletes to showcase their prowess in the pool. Papua New Guinea was represented by 4 athletes (two males: twenty-two-year-old Josh Tarere and twenty-one-year-old Nathaniel Noka and two females: twenty-four-year-old Georgia-Leigh Vele and fourteen-year-old Jhnyali Tokome-Garap) under the coaching guidance of Coach Rick Van Der Zant and Team Manager Elizabeth Wells.

A great week of competition was had with many personal best times swum. First day of competition, Tuesday 13 December, saw Nathaniel Noka take to the water in the Male Open 50m Butterfly heat event. This being the first time for Nathaniel to compete on the world stage he swam a competitive race clocking a finish time of 26.85 which was a personal best time. Team mate, Georgia- Leigh Vele a seasoned swimmer on the international stage, having competed recently in 2022 at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, also took to the water in competition in the Female Open 50m Butterfly heat clocking a finish time of 29.81 a personal best.

The mixed Open 4 x 50 Medley Relay heats were the first event on day 2, Wednesday 14 December, saw our swimmers, Josh Tarere swimming the backstroke leg (29.64), Nathaniel Noka swimming the breaststroke leg (31.70), Georgia-Leigh Vele swimming the butterfly leg (30.32) and Jhnyali Tokome Garap anchoring with freestyle (29.19). A solid performance was displayed throughout the event with a finish time of 2:00.85. This was followed with the Female and Male 100m Freestyle heat events which saw Georgia-Leigh Vele swim a season's best time of 1:00.93 and Josh Tarere clocking a finish time of 54.13.



Day 4, Friday 16 December, brought our swimmers back to the competition pool feeling excited to be competing in the Mixed Open 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay heats. A brilliant swim was had with the swimmers clocking an individual 50m time of Josh Tarere (24.36), Nathaniel Noka (24.88), Jhnyali Tokome-Garap (28.74), and Georgia-Leigh Vele (27.48) stopping the clock with a finish time of 1:45.46. The youngest member of the swim team, 14-year-old Jhnyali Tokome-Garap swam her first individual race of the championships, the Female Open 50m Freestyle heats. Jhnyali clocked a finish time of 28.84 seconds, a personal best time. While team mate Josh Tarere swam in the Male Open 50m Freestyle heats stopping the clock with a personal best time of 24.35 seconds. This concluded the competition racing events for Georgia-Leigh and Josh Tarere. Talking about his experience at the Championships, Josh was very impressed with the warm-up pools not being crowded and a great environment to warm up successfully. "It has been a great

experience and although the competition was of a high level and very tough, it has allowed me to refocus on my goals and weaknesses and provided an incentive that I must work hard towards my preparation for the Pacific Games 2023 and not waver.”



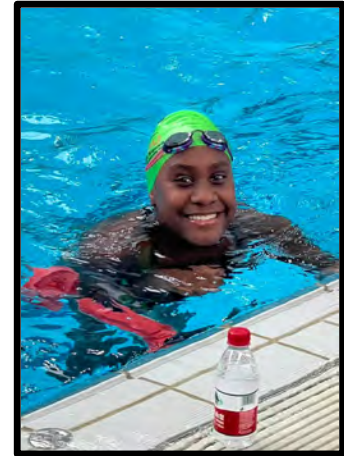
Day 5, Saturday 17 December, Nathaniel Noka took to the water in the Male Open 50m Breaststroke heats swimming a personal best time, clocking 31.62 seconds. A great swim for Nathaniel to finish his competition events at the FINA World Championships. Nathaniel commented, “Being my first competition at this level, I was nervous coming into the championships but after competing in my first event, the 50m Butterfly, I was excited to swim again. It has certainly given me an insight to what is needed to be competitive at this level and having the opportunity to watch others from around the world compete has been very inspiring.”

To close the championships for our PNG swimmers on day 6, Sunday 18 December, Jhnyali Tokome- Garap, our youngest member took to the water with great gusto competing in the Female Open 200m Freestyle heats. Her finish time of 2:24.23 was a personal best time.

“The world short course championships in Melbourne provided a world class competition for our four PNG swimming hopefuls.” “Our experienced campaigners, Georgia-Leigh Vele and Josh Tarere were instrumental in leading the team sharing their knowledge mentoring new comers Jhnyali Tokome-Garap and Nathaniel Noka.” “All four swimmers are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour and commitment to their best possible results,” said Coach Rick Van Der Zant. “Their home coaches, families can all be extremely proud of their achievements here in Melbourne.” “This competition will be the platform to build on their experiences to return home with a renewed enthusiasm to pursue further excellence in this great sport of swimming.”

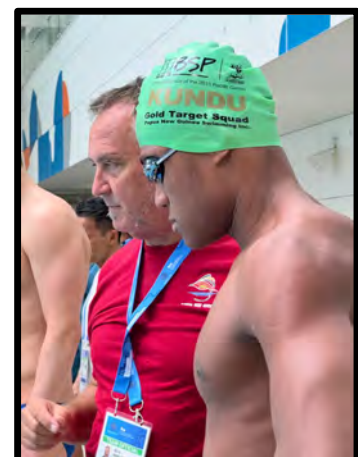






A new era of aquatic excellence was announced during the FINA Congress prior to the FINA World Championships. The new name for FINA will be **‘World Aquatics’** which will come into effect January 1 2023. The name was chosen to represent the 6 disciplines, 5 Continents, 209 National Federations, 1 Global Federation. ‘Together we will compete, we will Grow, we will learn, we will thrive. We are the global home of aquatic sports, from learning to swim, to the highest level of competition. We are World Aquatics, united by Water,’ announced the President of FINA.

Swimmer	Event	Heat Time	Placing
Nathaniel Noka	50m Butterfly	26.85 <b>PB</b>	58/66
	50m Breaststroke	31.62 <b>PB</b>	55/61
Josh Tarere	50m Freestyle	24.35 <b>PB</b>	61/78
	100m Freestyle	54.13	74/84
Jhnyali Tokome-Garap	50m Freestyle	28.84 <b>PB</b>	45/58
	200m Freestyle	2:24.23 <b>PB</b>	35/35
Georgia-Leigh Vele	50m Butterfly	29.81 <b>PB</b>	35/42
	100m Freestyle	1:00.93	54/63
Josh Tarere Nathaniel Noka Georgia-Leigh Vele Jhnyali Tokome-Garap	Mixed 4 x 50m Medley Relay	2:00.85	28/32
Josh Tarere Nathaniel Noka Jhnyali Tokome-Garap Georgia-Leigh Vele	Mixed 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay	1:45.46	23/27



## RECORDS

### PNG Long Course Records

PNG RECORDS SET AT MEETS 2022								
Event	Type	Name	Age	Time	Old Time	Prev Holder	Club	Year
<b>Theodist PNG National Championships – 27 to 29 May 2022</b>								
100m Breaststroke (Snr)	PNGR	Ryan Maskelyne	23	1:06.49	1:06.56	Ryan Maskelyne	BASC	2017
200m Breaststroke (Snr)	PNGR	Ryan Maskelyne	23	2:22.40	2:27.26	Ryan Maskelyne	BASC	2017
50m Butterfly (Snr)	PNGR	Georgia-Leigh Vele	23	30.00	30.05	Tegan McCarthy	BASC	2015
50m Butterfly (Open)	PNGR	Georgia-Leigh Vele	23	30.00	30.05	Tegan McCarthy	BASC	2015
<b>Commonwealth Games, Birmingham – 29 July to 8 August 2022</b>								
50 Breaststroke	PNG	Ryan Maskelyne	Snr	29.53	29.85	Ryan Maskelyne	BASC	2019
50 Breaststroke	PNG	Ryan Maskelyne	Open	29.53	29.85	Ryan Maskelyne	BASC	2019
100 Breaststroke	PNG	Ryan Maskelyne	Snr	1:03.31	1:03.89	Ryan Maskelyne	BASC	2020
100 Breaststroke	PNG	Ryan Maskelyne	Open	1:03.31	1:03.89	Ryan Maskelyne	BASC	2020

### PNG Short Course Records

PNG SHORT COURSE RECORDS SET AT MEETS 2022								
Event	Type	Name	Age	Time	Old Time	Prev Holder	Club	Year
<b>FedExPNG National Championships (25m) – 1 to 2 October 2022</b>								
100m Freestyle (Snr)	PNGR/A	Georgia-Leigh Vele	23	1:01.13	1:01.28	Anna-Liza Mopio-Jane	BASC	2009
50m Butterfly (Snr)	PNGR/A	Georgia-Leigh Vele	23	31.11	31.77	Tegan McCarthy	BASC	2015
4 x 50m Free Mixed Relay	PNGR/A	Nathaniel Noka Georgia-Leigh Vele Jhnyali Tokome-Garap Josh Tarere	Open	1:46.97	1:49.22	Ryan Pini Georgia-Leigh Vele Ebony Tkatchenko Ben Cross	BASC	2015

### PNG Masters Short Course Records

PNG MASTERS SHORT COURSE RECORDS SET AT MEETS 2022								
Event	Type	Name	Age	Time	Old Time	Prev Holder	Club	Year
<b>FedExPNG National Championships (25m) – 1 to 2 October 2022</b>								
100m Freestyle	PNGR/A	Kobus Meulenbroeks	40-44	1:06.09	1:09.09	James Kruse	BASC	2008
200m Freestyle	PNGR/A	Trent Scott (44)	40-44	2:50.21	2:56.18	Brendan Raftery	BASC	2007

## FINA SCHOLARSHIP



Nineteen-year-old Boroko Amateur Swim Club male swimmer Matthew Vali, affiliated to Papua New Guinea Swimming Inc. departed PNG shores on Thursday, 24 March, 2022 for Phuket, Thailand.

Matthew joined the Thanyapura Sports and Health Resort Gold Squad Training at their high-performance training facility under the FINA Development Training Programme.

During his stay at Thanyapura, it is a requirement that Matthew will participate at international swim competitions, the first being, the Thailand Age Nationals in April 2022.

The FINA Scholarships Programme has successfully increased the chances for athletes from small National Federations to qualify for major international events over the years, as was seen at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games when 62 Scholarship athletes became Olympians, Papua New Guinea was represented by PNG swimmer Judith Meaurio, a FINA Scholarship recipient from December 2019 - June 2021.

With a total of 140 Scholarships available for three of FINA's aquatic Disciplines - swimming, diving and open water, this edition will record the highest number of scholarships since its creation in 2015.

The Scholarships are primarily opened to athletes from the National Federations where financial support can be significant to improve the athletes' training conditions for their participation at international competitions.

It was announced late in 2022 that his 1 year scholarship would be extended until the 31 August 2023.



## EDUCATION



### FINA COACHES CERTIFICATION COURSE – Level 1 *Port Moresby, 28 to 30 September 2022*

A FINA Coaches Certification Course - Assistant Coach Level (L1) was held in Port Moresby at the Taurama Aquatic Centre from the 28-30 September 2022. The course was attended by 20 participants made up of school teachers and Boroko Swim Club members and coaches.

The included: John Agovai (*St Joseph's International School*), Gilbert Camillus, Stephen Kome, Peter Kuwe, Lawrence Poiyer (*Koroboro International School*), Avaireso Enoch (*Port Moresby International School*), Rolland Isaiah, McKenzie Koea (*Gordons International School*), Jacklyn Lahari, Clement Sam, Mathew Wedom, Wape Zilling (*The Ela Murray International School*), Julius Magei (*Boroko Primary School*), Holly John, Carly Pini, Trent Scott, Haoda Seri, Alice Solon, and Vincent Tubuyavulina (*Boroko Swim Club*).



Taking time off from his busy role as the Director of Swimming for the City of Sydney, FINA expert, John Bladon accepted the invitation from FINA to come to Port Moresby to conduct the 3-day level 1 FINA coaching course.

He has previously visited PNG in **2015**, **2016** FINA Development Coach and Teacher Clinic, and **2019** FINA Coaching Certification L1 Course). "I always love coming to PNG and working with the coaches." They are very responsive to learning and improving their knowledge," said John.

The learning outcomes from the Swim Coach Level One accreditation course included the role of a swimming coach, legal aspects, structure of swimming and its programs, coaching behaviours, evaluation action and planning, exercise physiology, principles of training (planning and periodisation), swimming skills and technique, session planning and evaluation, plan delivery and evaluation, and roles and responsibilities.

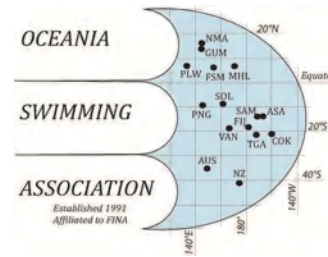
John Bladon has over 35 years of experience in the aquatic industry in learn to swim and coaching and has coached at international level for Australia and has been the NSW Head coach at numerous camps and competitions over the past 25 years. His experience as an aquatic expert coach and a sport scientist was a great source of information for the PNG coaches.

“The feedback from the coaches at the completion of the course was extremely rewarding.”

“I look forward to returning and seeing the progress being made by all who attended.”



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