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WELCOME to hopefully what will be a great year in our sport through development programs, training and competition events, both nationally and internationally.

It is so important that we continue looking at building and growing our foundation; not wavering from our purpose of not only providing a life skill but providing a healthy and strong sport through which our Club programs and educational activities will thrive.

By doing this, we will see our sport teaching and growing leadership qualities, maintaining teamwork, displaying team spirit and building confidence in all our members both in sport and outside of sport. With confidence on our side, we are motivated to give our best.

2023 started well, generating a positive drive towards involving all National Federations in future developments happening in the PNG Sports Foundation (PNGSF) and PNG Olympic Committee (PNGOC) towards building pathways for our athletes, and growing sport in the rural areas. The PNGSF catchword for 2023 "Go Rural to Go Global" "leaving no child behind".

The first National Federation's meeting with PNGSF concentrated on the belief that communities that participate in sport and recreation develop strong social bonds, are safer places and the people who live in them are generally healthier and happier than places where physical activity isn't a priority.

The benefits of participating in sport go far beyond learning new physical skills. Sport helps children develop better ways to cope with the highs and lows of life. It provides a sense of belonging to a sport family.

Sport cannot function effectively without the support of sponsors, and in saying that, PNGSI thank very much the support given by

## WADA ATHLETE CHAIR

**PNG Swimming Inc. would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ryan Pini MBE on his appointment to the WADA Athlete Council and being nominated as the Chair and an Executive Committee Member of WADA.**

**We wish Ryan all the best moving forward.**

*(Please see inside story)*

- Bank South Pacific, as our major sponsor of our educational and development programs including the National Aquatics Excellence Programs;
- THEODIST Ltd - National Long Course Championship sponsor and PNG Air Freight - Short Course National Championship sponsor;
- World Aquatics for their funding support of our National Federation and programs;
- PNGOC for its support through Equipment Grants and Preparation Grants to Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games.

Sponsorship allows our sporting organization to provide programs and competitions to help grow our sport, athletes, coaches and technical officials.

Looking forward to a successful 2023 in the pool.

**Enjoy swimming on.....**

## SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS

**2023**

29-30 April  
Theodist National  
Championships  
Port Moresby, PNG

14-30 July  
World Aquatics  
Championships  
Fukuoka, Japan

4-11 August  
Commonwealth Youth  
Games  
Port of Spain, Trinidad  
and Tobago

9-10 September  
FedEx National  
Championships  
Port Moresby, PNG



November 19-  
December 2  
Pacific Games  
Honiara, Solomon  
Islands

Oceania  
Championships Date  
to be advised in 2023

**2024**

2-8 February  
World Aquatics  
Championships  
Doha, Qatar

July 26-August 11  
Olympic Games  
Paris France

**2025**

Date: TBA  
World Aquatics  
Championships  
Singapore



## National Aquatic Excellence Squad Members



NAME	CLUB	LEVEL ACHIEVED
Ryan Maskelyne	Boroko	Platinum Target
Nathaniel Noka	Boroko	Gold Target
Josh Tarere	Boroko	Gold Target
Georgia-Leigh Vele	Boroko	Gold Target
Jhnayali Tokome-Garap	Boroko	Silver Target
Joanna Chen	Boroko	Bronze Target
Holly John	Boroko	Bronze Target
Rihannah Makail	Boroko	Bronze Target
Matthew Vali	Boroko	Bronze Target
Sena Maeda	Boroko	Gold Intermediate
Ioana Shankar	Boroko	Gold Intermediate
Achilleas Constantinou	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Georgina Constantinou	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Elizabeth Kane	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Allana Kirarock	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Joseph Lee	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Colin Makail	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Siboney McConnell	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Fernie Murray	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Jeremiah Nen	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Rhys Pidik	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Seiji Scott	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Jolanda Sigamata	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Lillian Thompson	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Zimo Wen	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Teesh Bonei	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Talei Cakaukeivuva	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Rosemary Mase	Boroko	Silver Intermediate
Madison Kahn	Boroko	Gold Junior
Roxanne Kirarock	Boroko	Gold Junior
Aria Pidik	Boroko	Gold Junior
Alan Baker	Boroko	Silver Junior
Joshua Geoghegan	Boroko	Silver Junior
Madison Kahn	Boroko	Silver Junior
Bernelle Murray	Boroko	Silver Junior



**THE  
CARBINE  
CLUB spirit,  
celebrates  
the sporting  
endeavour  
of our PNG  
Athletes  
through its  
Community  
sport  
sponsorship  
program**



IT is with a great source of pride for our two swimmers from the Boroko Amateur Swimming Club, Nathaniel Noka and Josh Tarere to be recipients of a Carbine Club PNG community sport sponsorship. PNG Swimming are very thankful for the support.

The Papua New Guinea Carbine Club have stepped in to help financially support the two swimmers in their endeavour to be the best they can be in the chosen sport of swimming. (Nathaniel Noka received a sponsorship in September 2022 which continued into 2023 while Josh Tarere received a sponsorship in March 2023).

President of the Carbine Club of PNG, Greg Rudani said "It is with great pleasure that the Carbine Club of PNG continues to identify sporting talent in this country and sponsor them accordingly."

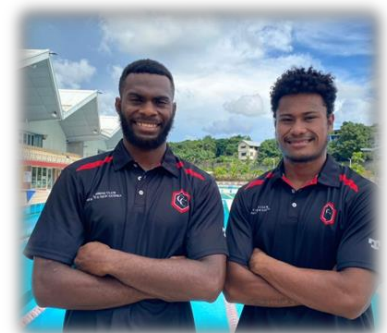
The Carbine Club was established in 1961 in Victoria-Australia and raises funds for various sports charities. Members of the Carbine Club are bonded by a couple of simple but very significant affections: for sport and for good fellowship. Those sentiments were the essence of its foundation, and the spread of its associated clubs around Australia and internationally. In 1990, Papua New Guinea became a member Club.

The spirit of the Carbine Club extends far beyond the boundaries of the turf, where the Club's name honours a race horse, it is a spirit, which celebrates sporting endeavour ... and thus recognises that winning is important, but grace and courage also matter.

It is hoped, through the extended arm of the Carbine Club financially

supporting the day-to-day training expenses of the two swimmers we will see a positive drive in their progression to be the best they can be in the sport of swimming. Their main focus in 2023 will be on representing PNG competitively at the Pacific Games in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The PNG Carbine Club has 40 members with sporting achievements such as PNG gold medallist swimmer – Ryan Pini and Derek Hunter (PNG squash gold medallist).



# Focus on Future Development

Providing a frame-work & pathway for advancing youth athletes



PNG Olympic Committee (PNGOC) held 'Youth Athlete Development' (YAD) Workshops in the four (4) main regional centres around the country from 21st to the 28th January, 2023. The first workshop was held in the National Capital District and saw PNGSI Secretary Carly Pini and PNGSI Athlete Representative Judith Meauri attend.

The purpose of the expert-delivered workshops aligns with the PNGOC Team PNG Performance Strategy 2021-2024 which has a key focus on talent identification and development under its development pathways to help its member and affiliate national federations build their talent pool whilst providing a framework and pathway for progression into the elite representational levels of Team PNG across the three respective games movements it serves.

Part of the sustained success of Team PNG for future generations involves planning for the future with close collaboration from key stakeholders being the PNG Sports Foundation sports through High Performance Sports PNG and the National Sports Institute and members and affiliates of the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee.

*(Courtesy of PNGOC press release)*

## PNGOC puts EDUCATION at the FOREFRONT of DEVELOPMENT

THE Oceania Sport Education Programme (OSEP) which also includes MISO (Managing in Sport Organizations) and MOSO (Managing Olympic Sports Organization) diploma, is an innovative Pacific-led sport education programme that has transformed and complemented capacity and capability development within the sports sector in the Pacific region.

PNG Olympic Committee under the expert guidance and direction of Training and Development Coordinator, Alurigo Ravusiro OBE, (OSEP National Coordinator, IOC Diploma ASMC / MOSO Programme Director), will see the MOSO course begin in 2023 after being put on hold because of the pandemic happening in 2020.

It is a pre-requisite to be eligible to participate in the MOSO III that participants complete MISO (Managing in Sport Organizations), to qualify for the MOSO Diploma programme.

OSEP was created to address a gap within the sport education space as identified in the key findings of the Pacific Sporting Needs Assessment conducted in 2004 by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), and subsequently constructed through the collaborative efforts of the Australian Sports Commission the Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) and the Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO).

The establishment of OSEP as the regional sports education programme offers a cost-effective solution to build the capacity of Pacific based coaches, administrators and trainers utilising a regional approach of collaboration. It is currently being delivered across 15 Pacific Island countries.

Visit website:

[Oceania Sports Education Program \(OSEP\) | ONOC \(oceanianoc.org\)](https://www.oceaniasporteducation.org/)



# BRINGING A NEW FOCUS TO SPORT

## LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND

PNG Sports Foundation (PNGSF) CEO Albert Veratau presented the "Go Rural to Go Global" strategy plan to the National Federations at Taurama Aquatic Centre on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. A Strategic intervention to 'leave no child behind'.

The government minister for Higher Education Research Science & Technology and Sports, Hon. Don Pomb Polye was in attendance alongside the PNG Olympic Committee (PNGOC) represented by Auvita Rapilla Secretary General and President Sir John Dawanincura Kt OBE.

At the completion of the presentation the Minister Hon. Don Pomb Polye gave the floor to National Federations for open discussion to hear and learn about their concerns around the development of their sport. PNGSI was represented by President Elizabeth Wells and Secretary Carly Pini.

The meeting certainly provided a very positive and healthy direction ahead for sports with the first of hopefully more meetings to come in 2023.

PNGSF, the PNG Government's agency for sport was established by the PNG Sports Foundation Act in 2006 in direct implementation of the National Sports Policy 2004,

**"Go Rural to Go Global" sports development strategy**  
 A Strategic Intervention to "Leave No Child Behind"

**Vision**  
 Creating Sporting Success in Every Child

**Mission**  
 Giving Every Child the opportunity to succeed in Sport through the Rural Village Sports Nursery

**Mechanics of Rural Sports Nursery**

**SELECTION OF SPORT**  
 Sport to be selected by Ward Member & WD Committee but must have a;

- ✓ Professional pathway opportunity
- ✓ Gender inclusive
- ✓ Common sport played in ward now
- ✓ Basic facility like open space is available
- ✓ Presence of retired players, coaches, volunteers, eg. Ex rugby league , soccer, basketball, cricket, AFL etc

replacing the PNG Sports Commission.

Its policy goals seek to capture the development benefits of sport participation itself, by strengthening the sports system and increasing access to and participation in good quality sport situations in communities across PNG and by offering opportunities and sporting pathways to develop sporting excellence, and also to harness the power of sport as a vehicle and entry

point to address development challenges, including health, HIV, education, life skills, gender issues, crime, violence, inclusiveness, government and community development generally.

It is hoped that with the Physical Education programs being revived in all Schools in Papua New Guinea and national sporting federation working with schools we will see the catch phrase "Leave no Child behind" being implemented.



# MALAYSIAN OPEN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Four Day Competition

MALAYSIAN Swimming extended an invitation to all World Aquatics Member Federations to take part in the **65th Milo/Pram Malaysia Open Swimming Championships 2023**.

The event was held from the 11th to 14th March 2023 at the National Aquatic Centre, Kuala Lumpur Sports City, Bukit Jalil.

PNG swimmer, Matthew Vali was part of the Thanyapura World Aquatics Team competing in the competition.

“Although not satisfied with my results, my head coach reassured me that it is not something that will happen over night and overall, he was happy with my progress”, said Matthew. “I have the 2023 Thailand Age Group Swimming Championships coming up 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April so I’m hoping to build on what I’ve done here”.



### Matthews results:

- 400 Freestyle 5:16.69 PB
- 100 Breaststroke 1:22.35 PB
- 200 Ind. Medley 2:48.23 PB
- 100 Freestyle 1:03.16 PB
- 50 Butterfly 33.58 PB
- 200 Freestyle 2:24.37 PB
- 50 Breaststroke 36.76 PB
- 50 Freestyle 28.57 PB





# WADA - RAISING THE GAME OF UNITING THE WORLD TOWARDS A WORLD OF DOPING-FREE SPORT

WADA published the complete membership of the 20-member Athlete Council (effective 1 January 2023), which is composed of athletes' representatives chosen by athletes and grouped as follows:

- **Group 1:** Five athletes appointed by the International Olympic Committee's and International Paralympic Committee's Athlete Commissions;
- **Group 2:** Eight athletes elected by the Athlete Commissions of International Federations (IF's); and
- **Group 3:** Seven other athletes, to be selected by the Athlete Council Appointment Panel made up by a majority of athletes, to fill skills and diversity gaps.

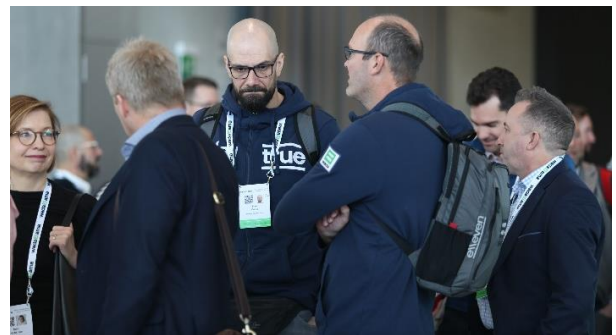
"We are pleased to share that the Council's members, more than half of which are women, hail from 19 countries from six continents, represent 17 sports, including five Paralympic sports, and come from a wide variety of educational and professional backgrounds. We look forward to working with the Council to Raise the Game for athletes around the world," said WADA President Witold Bańka

The seven, Group 3, athletes selected by the Appointment Panel are listed below in alphabetical order by last name.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. AHRENS, Gaby     | Sport: Shooting, Country: Namibia   |
| 2. ESCOBAR, Adriana | Sport: Rowing, Country: El Salvador |
| 3. GOMEZ, Iñaki     | Sport: Athletics, Country: Canada   |
| 4. O'LEARY, Patrick | Sport: Paracanoe, Country: Ireland  |
| 5. OYEDEJI, Olumide | Sport: Basketball, Country: Nigeria |
| 6. PINI, Ryan       | Sport: Swimming, Country: PNG       |
| 7. TAN, Yuhan       | Sport: Badminton, Country: Belgium  |

The WADA 2023 Annual Symposium was held in Lausanne, Switzerland from March 13-15 which provided the opportunity for the Athletes' Council to meet.

(See separate article)





UNDER the theme '**United Towards a World of Doping-Free Sport**' the two-day 2023 WADA Annual Symposium (March 13-15) was held.

The 17<sup>th</sup> WADA Annual Symposium brought together anti-doping practitioners from International Federations, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations and Major Event Organizations, as well as athletes, Governments, WADA-accredited laboratories, Athlete Passport Management Units, service providers, researchers, and international media.

The program included informative and interactive sessions on a wide range of topics, including: raising awareness of decision makers regarding the importance of intelligence and investigations in the protection of clean sport, human rights and its intersection with anti-doping policy, Athlete Biological Passport, the Athletes' Anti-Doping Ombuds Program, education, privacy, and governmental accountability.

President of WADA, Mr. Baňka's stated "*What we have to do now as a global anti-doping community is to keep raising the game for athletes.*"

*We must innovate to find new and more effective methods, both in the areas of detection and prevention. For this to happen we must be united and work together for the common goal. We are constantly developing new strategies and tools for our daily work. However, there is still much to be done. The only way to do that is by joining forces and working closely together. We need to be united as one 'Play True' team."*

WADA Director General Olivier Niggli noted WADA will continue to ensure that athletes remain at the core of everything we do, as demonstrated through initiation of a Human Rights Impact Assessment, the Athletes' Anti-Doping Ombuds Program, and the formation of a new 20-member Athlete Council, which met in person for the first time in Lausanne on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

WADA Vice-President Ms. Yang stated that Education remained the best long-term solution to protect the values of clean sport. It is a critical component of the global anti-doping system. More and more, we are seeing the real results that education delivers in preventing doping and

supporting athletes in their efforts to compete clean throughout their careers. This is a key part of our mission to be athlete centered.

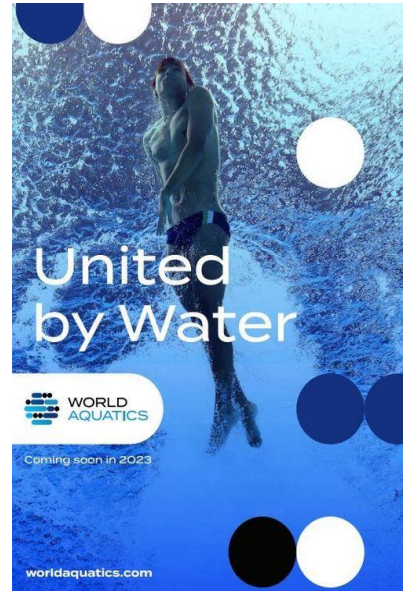
*"All athletes can be vulnerable, and they must be provided with the right tools while they are still young in order to protect themselves. With some high-quality, values-based education behind them, they can proceed with confidence, feeling supported and proud that they are doing their bit to keep sport clean. However, education is not limited to athletes – we must also consider the role of their entourage. By educating the entourage, the values of clean competition will filter down to the athlete. WADA is tasked with protecting athletes from the unscrupulous forces that may surround them, while also helping them identify dishonest behaviours and push back against coaches who do not prioritize their welfare. We must continue to commit resources to bringing dishonest coaches and doctors to justice under the World Anti-Doping Code and preventing the entourage from having a negative impact on athletes' lives."*







# WORLD AQUATICS



WATER IS OUR WORLD

**WORLD Aquatics Swimming Officials List 22**, valid from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2026, is now available on the World Aquatics website: Link <https://www.worldaquatics.com/swimming/officials>

Papua New Guinea Technical Official John Agovai, who officiated at the World Aquatics World Championships (25m) in Melbourne in December 2022, has been listed as a World Aquatics Referee on the said List. PNG Swimming Inc congratulates John on his achievement.



## World Aquatics announces the competition schedule for the World Aquatics Championships Fukuoka 2023

FUKUOKA returns as a focal point of elite aquatics athletes and championship events, with the city set to host its second World Aquatics Championships this July after having successfully holding the event in 2001.

World Aquatics and the local organizers stated that the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of World Aquatics Championships will begin on 14 July.

Fukuoka 2023 will start with artistic swimming and diving on the day of the Opening Ceremonies, 14 July. Open water swimming competitions will start on 15 July, while the Men's and Women's Water Polo Tournament will get underway on 16 July in the first week.

Swimming returns to its customary spot of anchoring the second half of the World Aquatics Championships starting on Day 10 (23 July).

PNG's inaugural participation in a FINA World Championships was in 2001 in Fukuoka with Breaststroke swimmer Xenia Peni and her coach Elizabeth Wells travelling to Japan for the occasion.



## CHANGES to WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REGULATIONS

ON behalf of the Bureau, a comprehensive set of **Competition Regulations** has been developed that now replaces the old regulations for all aquatic disciplines, as well as the following old rules and policies:

- General Rules
- By-Laws
- Facilities Rules
- Medical Rules
- Swim ear and Equipment Rules
- Advertisement and Signage

The competition regulations approved by the World Aquatics Bureau on 21 February 2023 shall take effect immediately.

## WADA ATHLETE COUNCIL and NADO EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP ELECT

### CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIR MEMBERS TO SIT ON THE FOUNDATION BOARD

THE World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is pleased to announce that its Athlete Council and National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) Expert Advisory Group (EAG) have completed their establishment by electing their Chairs, Vice-Chairs and other key positions.

WADA President Witold Bańka said: "I would like to congratulate WADA's new Executive Committee and Foundation Board Members elected by and from the Agency's Athlete Council and NADO Expert Advisory Group. The Agency is strengthened significantly by embedding more athlete and NADO representation into our governance structure and decision-making process. I look forward to welcoming our new Members around the table and benefitting from their valuable insight as we lead our global collaborative mission for doping-free sport."

#### Athlete Council

As part of a series of governance reforms signed to strengthen athletes' representation within the Agency, WADA's new 20-member Athlete Council has elected its Chair (who will sit on the Executive Committee); its Vice-Chair; and two members to sit on the Foundation Board, including one seat reserved for a para-athlete, as follows:

1. **Ryan Pini** (Swimming, Papua New Guinea): Athlete Council Chair and Executive Committee Member
2. **Gaby Ahrens** (Shooting, Namibia): Athlete Council Vice-Chair and deputy to the Chair on the Executive Committee
3. **Patrick O'Leary** (Paracanoe, Ireland): Foundation Board Member
4. **Yuhan Tan** (Badminton, Belgium): Foundation Board Member

Visit: [WADA Athlete Council and NADO Expert Advisory Group elect Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members to sit on the Foundation Board | World Anti Doping Agency \(wada-ama.org\)](https://wada-ama.org)

#### Elected members of the Athlete Council on the Executive Committee



**Ryan Pini**  
(Swimming, Papua New Guinea)  
Athlete Council Chair  
and Executive Committee Member



**Gaby Ahrens**  
(Shooting, Namibia)  
Athlete Council Vice-Chair and deputy  
to the Chair on the Executive Committee

## CHANGES to WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Some of the substantive changes that were made are:

#### Sports Nationality:

3.1. Affiliation and Eligibility to represent a World Aquatics Member

3.1.1 An Athlete shall be eligible to compete at an International Competition representing a World Aquatics Member if he/she is affiliated to a sole World Aquatics Member and is a citizen of the Country that the Athlete represents by virtue of:

- being a citizen of the Country by birth; or
- being a citizen of the Country through naturalization and having uninterrupted residence in the Country for at least **three years prior to his/her first International Competition**;

3.1.2 In the event an Athlete is a citizen of a country or Sport Country, but does not meet the requisites mentioned under I.3.1.1, he/she shall be eligible to compete at International Competitions for a World Aquatics Member by requesting World Aquatics' approval, which will be granted under the following conditions:

- the Athlete shall observe a waiting period of **three years** during which he/she shall not be entitled to represent a World Aquatics Member at International Competition(s);
- the Athlete shall be able to demonstrate by the end of the waiting period at the latest, that he/she has a genuine, close and established link to the country or Sport Country he/she will represent.

The document can be viewed and is accessible online:

[www.fina.org/rules/competition-regulations](https://www.fina.org/rules/competition-regulations)