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Annual and Operations Report 2021

Preface

The Oceania Taekwondo Union (OTU) was established on 16th of July 2005 in Sydney, Australia during the staging of the first Oceania Taekwondo Championships.

In 2017, OTU rebranded to World Taekwondo Oceania (WTO).

In 2019, OUT was rebranded again to Oceania Taekwondo (OT)

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Message of the President 2021



The 2021 year continued to be another challenging year as a result of the covid pandemic. As was the case in 2020, we were again unable to host our normal scheduled events for our MNA's and our athletes.

However, the Tokyo Olympics saw 8 Oceania athletes chasing their dreams which included one Para athlete, Janine Watson who became Oceania's first Para - Taekwondo Olympic medallist winning the Bronze Olympic medal.

2021 was the year of governance review and our constitution together with that of all continental unions was restructured in a significant way. One third of our newly elected council now comprises of female councillors resulting in greater diversity and gender balance to our council and committee structures.

We expect that 2022 will provide much needed relief to our ability to engage with our MNA's and to finally host scheduled events, which are now scheduled to take place in Tahiti in November 2022.

We have recently been advised that the 2022 World championships that were scheduled to take place in April 2022 in Wuxi, China have again been cancelled due to the pandemic and will no longer take place in China.

World Taekwondo (WT) is now calling for expressions of interest from MNA's to host the world championships in the last quarter of 2022 (September – December 2022). Hopefully, details of the Word championships will be finalised soon.

We have been advised by WT that our CU development funds will be reduced by 62% in 2022. This decision will significantly impact on our ability to meet our strategic objectives in 2022 and to host the events that we had planned to host. I will continue to advance our concerns about this decision with WT and seek their agreement to review this unfortunate decision.

Following 2 years on lockdowns and no events or programs as a result of the pandemic, Oceania requires development funds and significant financial assistance from WT to rebuild post the pandemic and not reductions in our allocated funds.

Of significant concern is the continued absence of any consultation with continental unions about decisions that affect CU's in a significant or detrimental way. I will be making representations to the development committee of WT seeking that our pre-existing levels of funding be maintained and not reduced so that we are able to meet our objectives for Oceania in 2022.

I look forward to meeting our Oceania family members face to face in 2022 and I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2022 year.

Review and Restructure of Oceania Statutes 2021

In 2021 WT sent to all CU's model statutes that it wanted all CU's to adopt with some modifications to suit the specific needs of each CU's.

The process of redrafting our statutes and negotiating the final draft for Oceania took many months and a final draft was negotiated in August 2021.

A special general meeting was then called for 23 July 2021 of all MNA's, and the new statutes were unanimously approved.

The end result was the adoption of statutes that are consistent for all CU's and the requirement to have more gender balance on our council and the formalization of our athletes committee.

It is envisaged that in 2022, we will work with each of our MNA's to assist them in reviewing their own statutes, which will result in greater alignment with Oceania and WT statutes.

2021 Oceania Taekwondo Elections

The Oceania Taekwondo elections were held on 24 September 2021.
Congratulations to the following new council members that were elected.

President:

- Mr John Kotsifas (Australia) Elected



Senior Vice President:

- Mr Daniel Trenton (Australia) (Olympian / Silver Medallist) Elected



Vice Presidents:

- Mr Alfred Lai (French Polynesia) Elected



- Mr Henri Jouanno (New Caledonia) Elected



- Ms Malia Paseka (Tonga) (Olympian) Appointed



Secretary General:

- Mr Stuart Lee (Australia) Elected



Treasurer:

- Mr Colby Au (Australia) Elected



Ordinary Council (Female):

- Mrs Mehzameen Khan (Fiji) Elected



- Ms Bronwyn Kanainiu (Solomon Islands) Elected



- Mrs Linda Pace (Australia) Appointed

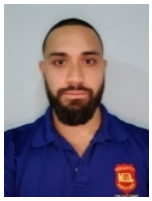


- Ms Janine Watson (Australia) (Olympian / Bronze Medallist) Elected

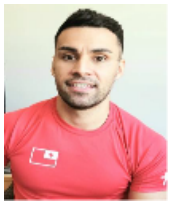


Ordinary Council (Male):

- Mr Kaino Thomsen (Samoa) (Olympian) Elected



- Mr Pita Taufatofa (Tonga) (Olympian) Appointed



Three Oceania representatives were also elected / appointed to the WT council following the WT elections held in October 2021:

- Maher Magableh (Aus) – appointed



- Hasan Iskander (Aus) – elected



- Jamie Lee Carpenter (NZ) - elected



All three WT councillors are also now ex officio members of our Oceania Council and it is hoped that they will use their best endeavours to advance the cause of Oceania Taekwondo and to promote and support our MNA's and athletes.

Oceania is proud of the fact that we now have:

- ✓ six (6) female council members one (1) of which is a Vice President.
- ✓ five (5) Olympic athletes as part of our council, two (2) of which are Olympic medallists. No other WT Continental Union has achieved this.

There was one other nomination from Mr Tae Ho Uhm purportedly from Vanuatu.

Mr Uhm is an Australian citizen and has not lived in Vanuatu and clearly did not meet the eligibility requirements to be able to nominate for the WT Council but despite this, the WT Electoral Committee accepted his nomination.

The Vanuatu NOC intervened as did Oceania Taekwondo and his nomination was finally withdrawn.

2021 2nd Oceania Taekwondo On-Line Poomsae Championships

Following the success of the 1st Oceania Open Online Poomsae & Para Poomsae Championships held between 12 – 14 July 2020, with over 500 entries from more than 50 countries participating across 46 divisions, we decided to again host a similar event in 2021.

Oceania Taekwondo Online Poomsae Championships in 2021 were held during the chaotic times surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Championships were able to motivate hundreds taekwondo Poomsae players not just from the Oceania region but also from all over the world to stay active and compete on an international forum.

May 30 heralded the conclusion of the second (2nd) Oceania Taekwondo Online Poomsae Championships. This was the first time that an online Poomsae event contained a G2 ranking sanctioned by World Taekwondo, and the first online event to include the National Para players in the teams.

In combining the 2021 Oceania Taekwondo G2 Poomsae/Para Poomsae Championships (G2 All National Teams Poomsae Championships) and the Oceania Open Online Poomsae, mixed Poomsae, Para - Poomsae, Para free style and flying side kick events provided for an all-inclusive competition for players from around the world of all grades and all skill levels.

The introduction of Para free style in an Online Poomsae Championships was a world first. The event allowed Para free style athletes no restrictions on the taekwondo techniques performed, as long as the athlete's techniques were within the boundary of taekwondo, contained music, and was between 20 and 60 seconds long.

2021 Oceania Taekwondo Online Poomsae Championships was aimed at motivating as many players as possible by including Para sport classes for the very first time. Participating from the safety of their own home and by focusing on their favourite sport, taekwondo, kept their minds away from the uncertainties happening around the world.

We were able to do this by modifying the rules of the competition to elevate the fun elements of the sport and dropping the intensity but still adhering to the rules of taekwondo Poomsae judging.

All international Poomsae referees that were engaged were given a crash course of intense training with the brand-new online competition system created for the new realm that is online Poomsae competition.

It was quite overwhelming to see so many competitors participating with enthusiasm as could be seen by their performances. The venues used for the video recordings of the competitors' performances ranged from indoors in the comfort of their lounge or dining rooms, car garages, driveways, even rooftops and open parklands.

Entries for the virtual event come from countries ranging from India to the United States through to smaller nations such as Venezuela and Guam.

RESULTS – 2nd OCEANIA OPEN ONLINE POOMSAE & PARA POOMSAE CHAMPIONSHIPS 15-30 MAY 2021

Results from all categories can be seen here:
https://worldtaekwondooceania.org/events/

2021 Olympic Games and Para Olympic Games Tokyo Japan

We are so proud that eight Oceania athletes represented Oceania nations at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Ms Janine Watson – AUSTRALIA – K44 W+58 KG Ranked 4 87.06 Points



BRONZE MEDALLIST

Mr Safwan Kalil – AUSTRALIA – M-58 KG Ranked 11 125.76 Points



Mr Jack Marton – AUSTRALIA – M-80 KG Ranking 15 117.10 Points



Ms Rebeca Stewart – AUSTRALIA – W+67 KG Ranked 27 75.59 Points



Ms Stacey Hymer – AUSTRALIA – W-57 KG Ranked 50 52.61 Points



Ms Malia Paseka – TONGA – W-62 KG Ranked 54 36.36 Points



Mr Pita Taufatofa – TONGA - M+80KG Ranked 70 22.68 Points



Mr Tom Burns – NEW ZEALAND – M-63 KG Ranked 72 34.36 Points



2021 World Para-Taekwondo Championships Istanbul Turkey

The 2021 World para championships were held in Istanbul Turkey. There were no Oceania athletes competing at this event because of covid travel restrictions and quarantine requirements.

Mr Denzil Ray Oceania's Para Chairman & and WT/WTO Educator was selected as an international referee to officiate at this important event. Congratulations to Denzil on a job well done.







WTO Education

Mr Denzil Ray ran several zoom sessions for Solomon Islands which were conducted for Coaches, Referees and Kyorugi Athletes / Para Athletes starting from early June to the first week in August. Sessions were coordinated with Derick Afu and Nelson Ramoi.

Both Para athletes training for the Tokyo Olympics, including the rest of all Solomon Island's Taekwondo Officials, Referees, Coaches and Kyorugi Athletes. Two of the Zoom sessions were also used for simulations and assisting the Solomon Islands Coach Derick Afu attain his L1 WT Coaching Accreditation in the lead up to Derick Afu's L2 WT online Course just prior to the Tokyo Olympics.





2021 Financial and Auditors report

The accounts for 2021 are currently being audited by independent auditors and are for the period January – December 2021. WTO financials operate on a per calendar year basis.

2022 Oceania Events

The following events are scheduled for 2022 and are tentative. We live in uncertain times given COVID, however WTO will continue to plan and offer world class events within the Oceania region, subject to travel and other restrictions that maybe placed upon it from time to time.

MONTHS	DATES	2022 EVENTS	PLACE	WHAT	SANCTIONED
July	TBC	3rd WTO Open Poomsae Championships	Online	Poomsae	WT G2
November	3	Presidents Cup	Tahiti	Kyorugi	WT G2
November	4	WTO Oceania championships	Tahiti	Kyorugi/ Mixed Team	WT G4
November	4	Oceania coloured belts championships	Tahiti	Kyorugi/ Poomsae	WTO
November	4	Oceania Open Para	Tahiti	Kyorugi	WT G4/G2
November	5	Tahiti Open	Tahiti	Kyorugi	WT G2
November	5	WTO Poomsae championships	Tahiti	Poomsae including Para Poomsae	WT G4

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