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Tournament Committee

Ian Williamson (Chair)

Presidents Report

It seems only yesterday that we met during the hugely successful Thomas Uber Cup/ Oceania Championship in Auckland in 2006. Our guest then, Paisan Rangsikitipho Chair of the BWF event Committee carried back into the BWF messages of Oceania on the move, good teamwork, growth, development and excellent competition.

The year has been a very active one in which we have sought to consolidate the structure of the new organisation and promote the development concept of the sport in the minds of our key partners, BWF and the Oceania National Olympic Committee.

Key priorities have been

- Building the networks in the region with non members
- Providing Equipment based on grants from BWF
- Securing our financial base with BWF
- Protecting our Events structure
- Ensuring that Samoa gets the support it needs for the SPG
- Creating the environment within BWF that allows the French Territories to become BWF Members/Associate Members
- Ensuring the key Committees are able to work
- Establishing the Office as a viable and visible operation.

Attendance at the ONOC General Assembly by this time the Secretary General and the Development Officer was a plus, building on our presence the previous year by myself and the Development Officer. The opportunity this has given to create the networks within the region and maintain them is slowly bearing fruit with more and more Oceania NOC's expressing interest in the sport.

The new image in BWF bore fruit with the region receiving increasingly larger volumes of equipment support which is being distributed on a targeted basis. 2007 will see more equipment become available than ever before. After substantial debate within the BWF the Oceania Grant was maintained at

its current level for the rest of the quadrennial. The proposal was for a significant decline in support, in line with the declines being imposed on the other Confederations. Whilst the level does not guarantee prosperity it does ensure we can maintain our operations.

Oceania was able to respond very quickly to the changing structure of the IBF, now BWF and follow suit with its name change to Badminton Oceania. However the key area of interest too us in the changing framework of the BWF were the provisions that have been included in the new Constitution that allow the French Territories to apply for Associate Membership without losing their French connection. That should allow New Caledonia for instance to take full role in Oceania events without question. I expect that to include the Thomas Uber Cup preliminaries. New Caledonia has commenced the process towards membership.

The activities that we have promoted to build Oceania teams and players into events such as the AYOF, the June Bevan and hopefully others to come, has been a positive promotion for the region. It is all working towards building up a profile of the sport in the region and establishing our credibility in the international scene.

The events during the year have certainly gone a long way towards cementing the sport in each of the member countries. Samoa held its first ever International Tournament. I attended that event on behalf of Oceania and BWF and would like to compliment Samoa on its conduct. We were to arrange additional external able sponsorship for the Fiji International. The event was a resounding success and attracted a lot of media attention in Fiji. The external sponsor was very pleased. We are grateful to Dato Sri Andrew Kam and his KL Racquet Club for the financial support and the encouragement of top players to come to the Oceania tournaments. For 2007 the opportunity to put the 4 events together, NZ Equinox, Australian International, Samoan and Fijian Internationals is the start of a process to make events down under very attractive to players from Europe and Asia.

Our concession with respect to the number of international events allowed to be held in

the region is continually being scrutinised. Two attempts to remove the concession have been able to be argued to finality. Oceania does however now have more opportunities with the growth of the Samoa and Fijian events, the New Caledonia International should also become a solid part of our calendar. I expect that within 2 years we need to look at moving to the same structure as is applied to other confederations. That means looking to improve the status of all events if we are to be conscious of world ranking points.

The Commonwealth Games in Melbourne were a resounding success and Badminton Australia is to be congratulated in terms of their involvement. Whilst it was disappointing that Samoa were not allowed to field a team in the end, representation from Fiji, New Zealand and Australia did set a very high standard. All Commonwealth countries should be starting to think New Delhi now.

The work that was done to support Samoa in getting the requisite number of teams to ensure badminton is on the SPG calendar has been considerable. Congratulations to all involved, including Fabien who rounded up the French Territories. Hopefully we will see Tahiti amongst our numbers shortly.

I have been very buoyed up by the work that Ian Williamson has put into the calendar, he is to be congratulated. I would hope that it will not be long before the calendars in the region are very intertwined. If we are able to move ahead with a ranking system as proposed by Corinne there will significant benefits to us.

Peter Cocker has also provided considerable support to the organisation. His role as Technical Officials convenor has been largely directed at co-ordinating the international program. We have seen Jane Wheatley elevated to International Referee status, and Richard Bramlev came on board as a new umpire. I am also seeing more and more line judges attending BWF events overseas. We need to find more people to train towards the international jobs. They are rewarding but equally they don't happen overnight. Succession planning is very important in this area.

During the year we renegotiated the contract for the Development Officer, Lynne Scutt.

Lynne has put a lot of good work in during the year and has built a good reputation in New Caledonia and Fiji. Whilst her resignation came as a surprise it has given us the opportunity to think of different development models and start to explore other ways of carrying out the functions that Lynne performed. We wish her well for the future.

The Office in Melbourne has been functioning very effectively. Whilst Corinne is notionally Secretary General two days a week, she has always been available for people and that is starting to show through in the communications that have been rebuilt with many of our "inactive members". That continuina presence and Corinne's commitment to the job has helped build our profile considerably. Her attendance at BWF meetings has not only educated her, but has been a factor in establishing in the BWF minds that Oceania is one of the Olympic Rings and is to be taken seriously.

I started off with mention of the event in Auckland in February 2006. That event demonstrated to us that there was considerable talent not only in New Zealand and Australia but in the other Members. I would also like to close on a positive note. During the year BWF redeveloped its Olympic selection criteria to promote the possibility of getting 50 NOC's to Beijing, up from 32 in Athens. In part that increases the possibility of singles players from Oceania to get to the Olympics. It is now clear that with an effort, Fiji and Samoa have a girl each who could get to Beijing. A lot of effort and time is going into making that happen. Should this occur, it will have a very substantial impact on our image as a sport in the region.

All the best for the New Year.

Robin Bryant President

Secretary General

Overview

This year has been very busy especially balancing two jobs which at times are both full time! The main task was to make the Oceania office as professional as possible and consolidate on the new structure that was formed in 2005. The other task was to create networks and improve on the ones already established.

With great sadness I have to report that the badminton community in Australia is mourning the loss of one of its most significant figures after Roy Ward OAM passed away on Tuesday 19 December in Frankston. Roy Ward is survived by his wife of 57 years Mrs Joan Ward, his daughter Julie and son Greg. Roy Ward was a school teacher, journalist, union organizer, <u>Member of Parliament</u>, sports administrator and community leader and a tireless volunteer and leader in Australian badminton.

Robin Bryant, President of Badminton Oceania spoke about Roy recently

"HR Ward OAM, Roy, was one of those bluff enigmatic personalities who made a positive impact wherever he went. It is a tribute to him that wherever I go in the world or who I speak to in the sport, you only have to mention his given name, Roy, and everyone knows who you are talking about.

Roy was to badminton what the carburettor was to a car. He breathed air and ideas into the organisations he was involved with and fuelled their power to achieve.

As I sit here having advised the world of badminton of Roys' sad passing the tributes flow back in which attest to his popularity and contribution.

Vidya Lakhan representing the Pacific Games Council says Roy will be missed by his friends and colleagues in the Pacific region but his contribution to the sport of Badminton n the Oceania region will long be remembered. Warren Yee and Lorraine Marr from Fiji also point out that Roy was instrumental in setting up Oceania Badminton and his legacy will live on in Fiji with the secondary schools in Fiji competing

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annually for the Roy Ward Shield, a Shield he donated some years ago. Leao Akeripa Toalepaialii reminds us that he has many friends in Samoa because of his work.

Internationally the tributes flow in from Kang Young Joong President of the BWF, Council Members and former colleagues.

Jeff Robson, a very special friend and fellow member on the IBF Council remembers Roy was a Council member of the IBF from 1976-1979 and was elected to Vice President of the IBF in 1979 until his retirement in 2000.

He was a very valuable member of the IBF Council with considerable administrative skills. He was also a forward thinking member and he was the main leader in the formation of the Court Officials Committee, the IBF Hall of Fame and the Oceania Confederation. Roy received the highest honours, the Herbert Scheele award in 2000, and on his retirement made an Honorary Life Vice President.

Roy's contribution to the National Sport was significant. He was involved with Badminton Victoria, becoming a Life Member, then Badminton Australia, also being elected Life Member in As President he ensured the key structures were put in place and worked the organisation to achieve a full professional footing when funding became available in the early 90's.

He had many other interests including the Red Cross, Art and Sculpture and Lawn Bowls. In fact he reported on bowls in a leading Melbourne paper - the AGE He was a keen competition cyclist in his youth and came close to international selection.

I remember meeting Roy for the first time at an Annual General Meeting of Badminton Australia in 1988 where he was presiding, had been for a number of years and was to be until 1996. Roy presented a bluff image, but behind that exterior I soon came to learn that he was a quiet person behind the scenes in many areas of the sport. Always cuddling people along, assisting them achieve their goals and commanding respect. He was instrumental in the setting up of our first professional office and as can be seen in the tributes, a person who carried that through into the international and

regional level.

Roy was also intent on getting the job done, in the way he thought was best. Whilst we had many arguments, a feature of life that was not unusual for many people, we all remember fondly the spirit Roy approached the task, the depth of knowledge and experience he brought to arguments and in the end the genuineness he exuded. All was forgiven over the dinner table with a good bottle of red.

Badminton has become richer because of his involvement; many people have been touched by his generosity, his humour and his insights. Joan, his wife contributed with her own personality and ideas and complemented Roy in a way that made them a very special couple in the sport.

To Joan and their children, Julie and Greg our thoughts are with you. Roy will be remembered for what he has done and who he has touched. There can be no single greater achievement.

New Brand and Image

Badminton Oceania was pleased to announce the introduction of the new visual identity for its organisation. These changes resulted from over two years of consultation and development after the organization moved head office from New Zealand to Australia in 2005.

Along with the introduction of the new logo, the term Oceania Badminton Confederation or OBC will no longer be used to represent the organisation.

Changes to the logo include the changes from Oceania Badminton to Badminton Oceania, the logo design, along with a stylized version of the Oceania lettering providing a pacific/ocean feel to the design.



The two prominent blue and green colours have been used to reflect the ocean colours. The new logo will be used on a myriad of items from promotional products, staff uniforms and in newsprint media. To mark the occasion the logo will be launched at the 2007 Annual General meeting to be held in Sydney, Australia in January.

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Staff Activity

Lynne Scutt our development officer has done a tremendous amount of work particularly with Fiji, Samoa and New Caledonia this year.

She had her first trip to Wallis Fortuna this year one of the French Territories.

Unfortunately Lynne resigned from the position of Development Officer and finishes her position on 19 January 2007 we will be looking for a replacement.



Committees

We have formed Committees along the lines of the BWF

Committees. There has been a good amount of work done by the technical officials committees this year. A little more work and energy is needed to entice volunteers onto the other less active committees.

Finances

We are very grateful to our two partners Badminton World Federation and Oceania National Olympic Committee for continued funding, and the decision not to decrease the funding year by year.

Costs for our Development Officer to fly to our members are on the increase and is approximately \$11,000.00 per annum.

It needs to be recognised, that no matter how small the organisation is, there are some base level costs that need to be met. And the above costs show that just one trip to all our members each year by our development officer costs around \$11,00.00 each year in just travel.

We need to work very closely with ONOC and BWF to secure continued funding to develop the sport in the confederations region and ideally move to the goal of having each member represented at the Olympics. With the new BWF rules, that is a goal that can be realised.

Website

Our website www.oceaniabadminton.org

is now fully operational and provides a good medium for communicating in the region. Oceania has its own domain name. An upgrade to the site will happen during 2007.

Communication with our members

Skype and email is proving the most cost effective way for us to communicate with our members. And I would encourage all our members sign up for the free Skype service (www.skype.com)

OSFO (Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania) & ONOC (Oceania National Olympic Committees)



Lynne and I attended the OSFO and ONOC meetings in May in Fiji. Badminton Oceania have recently become

members of a group called OSFO. OSFO aims to unite regional sports federations to:

- Promote sport in the Pacific
- Protect common interests
- Cooperate together to share knowledge and resources
- Coordinate development to maximise the cost effective use of resources
- Collect and distribute relevant information
- Support one another and respective activities
- Maintain the authority and autonomy of members

ONOC and OSFO intend to organise joint meetings annually and our presence at these meetings is vital for information sharing and membership growth.

Information Technology

Most of our members have Tournament Planner now and we are looking to make it mandatory for all Oceania Badminton Circuit Tournaments.

To improve the image



and presentation of the game. I tried a dry run this year of all 7 Oceania tournaments

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who used the tournament planner the unofffical results can be seen on page 12.

Website – Below is a list of page requests from our Badminton Oceania site during 2006

Feb	6,833
March	4,165
April	3,941
May	5,200
June	4,100
July	5,846
August	7,113
September	19,444
October	12,967
November	9,009
December	11,381

Tournaments

It is the hard work that Lynne Scutt has put in this year that has given us a first. All members participated in the **Thomas and Uber Cup Preliminaries**



for the first time, we made special

Thomas and Uber Cups Continental stages

arrangements for New Caledonia to play some unofficial matches against NZ also. Back to back events saw the **Oceania Championships** and Thomas/Uber Cup played one after the other in Auckland, NZ in February (results on page 11 & 13)

South Pacific Games

SPG recently received BWF sanction, a first for the region Securing Badminton as a sport in the South Pacific Games was a lengthy task. With a minimum of six needed, Lynne Scutt and Fabien Kaddour did a marvellous task of getting seven teams entered. Seven teams are entered;



Fiji, Samoa, New Caledonia, Tuvalu, American Samoa, Tahiti, Wallis Fortuna

Samoa International held this year in Apia was a BWF event held for the first time, to mark the occasion Robin Bryant, President of BOC attended the tournament.

Fintel/KLRC Fiji International was sponsored this year by two organisations (KL Rackets Club and Fintel) it was a very successful event. Thanks must go to Dato Sri Andrew Kam for his sponsorship of this event.

Major Events

Commonwealth Games, was

a success held in Melbourne, Australia, NZ, Australia, Fiji and Samoa all entered teams. That took a lot of hard work to make that happen. Fiji acquitted itself well as did players from NZ and Australia. The NZ mixed doubles pair



took a silver medal in the individuals.

New BWF Tournament Structure

The tournament structure had not changed for many years. In today's commercial world it is more important than ever to change to fit into today's commercial development.

BWF knew they had a good product, but they needed to market it in a



more attractive and professional way. Their aim is for the players to be globally recognised in order to rejuvenate badminton and bring it into people's lives and households.

The idea behind using different platforms, or levels of tournaments, is to try to brand each level into recognised circuits which would ultimately improve the image of the whole game. By branding each level it would provide the organisers with a selling point and encourage the organisers of each level to work together.

BWF first priority was to define a top elite level and once that is running successfully, the impact should be felt on the other levels of competitions to benefit all. Ultimately this top-level will bring more TV air-time, whether this just be news slots, but to bring badminton to people around the world so they can regularly follow what is happening in the world of elite badminton. The other objectives are to guarantee top players in the elite series, which will attract more sponsors and subsequently the prize money would increase. With more global awareness our players they can become

icons. In turn, we hope to increase the number of countries who are producing top players and this can be achieved through the hierarchical levels benefiting organisers of each level.

So to summarise the objectives:-

- Bigger awareness of badminton as a commercial sport
- More co-operation between organizers
- Higher tournament standard (players participation and presentation)
- More global television coverage
- More prize money
- Long term strategy to gain global market share.
- Need International/global product
- Need branding of all tournament levels
- Co-operation, synergies and conceptualisation

A diagrammatic picture can be shown above for the new tournament structure. Badminton Oceania will be responsible for Level 4 tournaments.

Oceania Circuit ranking system

We are looking at the possibility of setting up our own ranking system for 2007 in line with the tournament software system. As used by Badminton Europe also.

Equipment Allocation

As part of the membership to BWF they supply each continental confederation with a supply of badminton equipment, it is then up to the Confederations to decide what is the best use of them. The list below shows which countries received some equipment from Badminton Oceania this past year, rackets, nets and shuttles, for development purposes.

All countries applying for equipment had to tell us what they were to use them for. Most cases they were being used for school groups, club badminton or school competitions. Member Associations who applied are:-

American Samoa, Northern Marianas Tuvalu, Fiji, Tahiti, Wallis and Fortuna New Caledonia, Soloman Islands, New Zealand, New Caledonia and Australia

Awards

IOC Women in Sport Award - Lorraine Mar

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded its world Women and Sport Trophy for 2006 at a gathering in Swizerland earlier in the year where Argentinean tennis player Gabriela Sabatini was the main guest of honour and won the world Women in sport trophy. The official ceremony was held at the headquarters of the International Labour

Organisation (ILO) in Geneva (Switzerland).

As well as the world trophy, five continental trophies were



presented, to Albertine Barbosa Andrade (Senegal/Africa), Charmaine Crooks (Canada/America), Elisa Lee (Korea/Asia), Dominique Petit (France/Europe) and Lorraine Mar (Fiji/Oceania). The 2006 winners were selected by the IOC Women and Sport Commission, chaired by IOC member Anita L. DeFrantz, from dozens of candidatures submitted by the National Olympic Committees and International Federations of Olympic sports.

A life devoted to badminton

Lorraine Mar (pictured on the far right in the photo) the winner for Oceania, is a role model in developing the participation of girls and women in badminton, both nationally and regionally. After a sports career spanning more than 10 years in badminton and tennis, during which she was voted Fiji Sportswoman of the Year in 1984, Lorraine Mar joined the Fiji Badminton Association in 1995 as Treasurer and Secretary. She has also been Office Manager of the NOC since 1998. Thanks to her enthusiasm, dedication and determination, women's badminton has developed strongly in terms of participation, and some of the under-19 players discovered by Lorraine Mar are now in the national elite squad. She also ensures that a coach from the Oceania Badminton Federation is regularly available to run training programmes for women and girls.

Distinguished Service Award - Warren Yee

Executive Member Warren Yee - Fiji was during 2006 awarded FASANOC 50TH ANNIVERSARY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD for his contribution to badminton in Fiji.

Warren's leadership,guidance and contributions have had a huge impact on the development of badminton in Fiji. His contribution has seen the sport move into the regional and international arenas and through this exposure the standards of Fiji players has continued to rise

Although Warren is no longer at the helm of Fiji Badminton, his influence is still felt and experience still called upon.

Fiji Badminton nominated Warren for his significant contribution to Badminton over the years.

AYAD

We were able to get badminton included in the Australian Youth Aid Development Fund program run by the Australian Sports Commission and Ausaid. Our first project was to target people for work in Samoa. Regrettably we were unable to find a person to take up this post for 6 months. Nevertheless we will continue to try to utilise this program for development, not only in Samoa but in other NOC's

Training and Courses

- Junior Umpire courses in New Caledonia and Fiji, Bronze and Silver Awards
- Umpire Level 1 courses held in Fiji and Samoa
- Australia is hosting a Referees course in early 2007 for Pacific countries
- Olympic Solidarity course to be held in Australia June 2007, Event Management, Coaching, Assessing and Presenting courses
- NZ Coaching Conference, Feb 2006

Looking Forward

World Junior Championships (Biminatara Cup) is coming to Oceania region for the first time ever in 2007. New Zealand (Auckland) are hosting the event in November. This is a first for the Oceania region so we look forward to an amazing event.

The Australian Youth Olympic Festival is held in Sydney every four years. This is the fourth Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF) which promises to be the biggest and most spectacular yet. From 17 - 21January 2007, in Sydney, over 1600 athletes aged 13 - 19 years will represent each continent across 16 Olympic sports

Teams entered into the badminton are China, England, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Oceania.

Oceania has a team in the developing



category with Fiji, NZ 2 and Australia 2.

Major events to look forward to next year will

be newly organised **PACIFIC GRAND SLAM** event of four events Fiji, Samoa, NZ Grand Prix and Australian International held back to back from 16-27 May 2007.

Firstly in conclusion I wish to thank the Lynne, who has been at the cold face of Badminton Oceania for the last two years. She now hands on the position to a new development officer, I wish her luck with whatever she chooses to do next. I hope she keeps in touch with us all.

Secondly, Robin and Geraldine for your significant contribution to the organisation throughout the year, they are always at the end of the phone or email.

Thirdly, to the BWF staff, which I contact on a regular basis it was a significant year for them with the Head Office moving to Kuala Lumpur. One of which was never going to be a seamless process but I would like to thank all the staff for the manner in which they have embraced the challenges and always have time to help out the Oceania office. I firmly believe the vision and ideas which we are now just starting to see, of leader Punch Gunalan will no doubt be far reaching. To the new BWF General Manager, Ganga Rao, I wish him luck in the new role and look forward to working with him.

Corinne Barnard Secretary General

Development Officers Report

2006 was a busy and interesting year with no doubt my highlights were being in the Fiji Commonwealth Games team in March and also being involved in the very successful Oceania Championships in February.

A lot of work was put in behind the scenes in making the Oceania Championships and Thomas/Uber Cups in the Auckland region a great and memorable event. It was then, a huge success for BOC to have 5 teams participating in the Oceania Championships, the biggest yet, and it showed that all the hard work paid off. We learnt a lot from this event and have hopefully put in place templates and structures to make the next event even bigger and better.

I spent quite a number of weeks leading up to the Commonwealth Games in Fiji and assisting and training their team, this included organising overseas players to travel to Fiji to train with the team. This was again a huge learning curve for me being involved in a completely different system and culture. While in Fiji I was also able to continue with my normal duties and also development work in Fiji.

In this position a lot of my time is spent communicating with contacts around the Oceania region and trying to assist them where I can. I send hundreds and hundreds or emails and only get replies to a very small percentage, those I then can follow up on.

I was happy and relieved to see all the entries for the SPG, this being such an important and vital event for the Pacific. This is a major event for most of the countries in our Region and when visiting the countries I have realised that we also must do all we can to support and assist all the teams and countries that participate.

Also this year with the added sponsor for the Fiji International I was able to assist with communication and liaise between them. This involved many phone calls and emails. I was also then responsible for all arrangements for the players from KLRC and made sure they were happy. This was a lot of work but very rewarding and a good experience to be involved with these players and helping the organisers of the tournament.

A major part of this role is networking and making contacts within each NOC, regional group or committee and important people in each country. Its clear that badminton is now very highly regarded in this region and now have some valuable contacts that have been great support for me and I'm sure will continue to be for years to come. This has taken time to re-establish contacts and get a structure in place. It's been great for me to have Corinne in the office to have the support and bounce ideas off and together we definitely have moved Badminton Oceania ahead.

I have put together a twenty four page badminton manual for BOC to be able to send this resource to the islands to assist with information for new players, teachers and coaches.

Country Update

American Samoa

American Samoa currently plays badminton in a few schools. Earlier this year BOC sent rackets, shuttles and nets to assist with their programme. The rackets have ready been dropped to the Manumalo Baptist School where most of the badminton is played. They are starting a competition and hopefully this will extend to more schools in the future.

Cook Islands

I have spoken with David Lobb of the CISNOC. They have such a small population that unless there is someone in the Cooks that is willing to take on the responsibility of badminton then the sport will not work. I have offered equipment and support to the NOC. I have had no further communication.

<u>Fiji</u>

Fiji have had a very productive year with participation in the Thomas / Uber Cup prelims, Oceania Championships and then a team in the Commonwealth Games and then hosting a very successful International tournament. I spent a lot of time in Fiji in the first couple of months training



Commonwealth Games team and also assisting with other development work. All travel and

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accommodation for me was covered by Fiji. I also organised a group of 3 players to come to Fiji to assist the team with training (Ben Walklate (aus) Michelle Chan (NZ), Renee Flavell (NZ). This was a very successful training week for the team and all players made the most of their visit. The Fiji also made the most of their trip to NZ in February with me organising a training camp to prepare for the Oceania Champs. This was a big success and I suggest it for future tournaments that they attend in NZ or Australia. I have offered assistance to find players for future training trips.

It took a lot of money to get this team to all of these events and put other programmes in Fiji to the back burner until all of the costs were paid off.

During my visits I still managed to assist with junior clinics, junior squad coaching and other administration work for them.

They have a small group of people led by Lorraine Mar that keep badminton ticking along in Fiji. They have limited access to facilities and costs for these are very high. I have no doubt a local development officer would be beneficial in Suva to promote badminton and have more junior and school programmes. BOC have sent rackets to assist with their schools programme.

There is a chance that Karyn Whiteside could qualify for the Olympics and needs support on and off the court for this to happen.

Fiji has also entered a team in the AYOF in 2007.

More active volunteers and the availability of a cheaper facility would help Fiji Badminton. As previously mentioned Lorraine Mar is the success of Fiji badminton, I have enjoyed meeting and working with Lorraine, her dedication and commitment to the players and badminton in general is unbelievable and was delighted to see Lorraine received the IOC award.

I have learnt a lot and made a lot of friends in Fiji and I thank them for their hospitality and friendliness they have shown each time I visit.

Federated States of Micronesia

I have been in contact with Lestly Ashby, Sports development officer in the Federated States of Micronesia. She will now enquire on the prospect of starting badminton in the schools. Again we have offered equipment and resources to assist. With earlier communication it is hoped to get badminton into the Micronesia Games in the future. This may be possible, but will require a lot more communication.

Nauru

Badminton is still very active in Nauru – Carmen Wallis who was our main contact in Nauru has now moved overseas and now I trying through their NOC to establish another contact to see how BOC can assist Nauru Badminton. We have offered through the NOC free equipment.

New Caledonia

New Caledonia is by far the most organised country in the Pacific outside NZ and Australia. They



have eleven clubs throughout the country with approx 500 members (senior & junior). The majority of their funding comes from the French Government, but the day-to-day running of the League and its members is down to a very active group of people. They are very lucky with their facilities and now hope to have a larger stadium built over the next few years. They desperately need more coaching to assist their national squad and increasing junior squads. They have a



lot of talented players to work with. New Caledonia juniors are making up the team that will represent

Oceania in next years AYOF in Sydney. This will be great experience for the players to not only play against top players but to watch them and learn. The players are funding themselves to participate as all funding was spent on another junior trip during the year.

This year during my visits I have completed a beginner coaching course, junior/ beginner bronze and silver umpiring courses, of which it was nearly 100% pass rate. This has been a challenge for me with the language difficulties but I was assisted by Fabien Kaddour by doing a lot of translation and a few of the players who speak English.

It is hoped that New Caledonia will soon be an associated member of BWF to enable them to compete in more events including the Thomas & Uber Cups in 2008. This will give them another opportunity to compete against better and more experience opposition. Their main aim for the next 12 months is to focus on the SPG2007 in Samoa and carry on from their great success of last time.

Thanks to Fabien Kaddour and the New Caledonian committee for being so organised and making my 2 visits there very productive and beneficial to all. Their willingness to be included in Oceania programmes and qualifications is great to see. They have a great group of players that are very committed to improve themselves and badminton in New Caledonia.

Norfolk Island

I have been in contact with the Norfolk Badminton players. They are a very small group and are just casual players. We have offered support and equipment Norfolk Island are still are member of IBF. They hope to utilise our offer of free equipment and get badminton going in some of the local schools to try to establish a club and more interest.

Palau

Myers Techitong, Corporate Administrator, Palau National Communications Corporation, has contacted me in regard to helping with equipment and information for a tournament. They are also trying to start a club in Palau. Since the first few emails and information sent I haven't had any further correspondence with this contact.

I have recently been contacted by someone else telling me of their badminton club and asking for assistance. I have emailed back asking for details and more information about their club.

Saipan

This is one of the Northern Mariana Group stretching northwards from Guam. Jonathan V.



Perez, a sports reporter from the Marianas

Variety, and a number of badminton enthusiasts in Saipan started a badminton association in February 2006.

They have since had tournaments and received equipment from BOC.

The club there seems to be very active and I'm sure will continue to develop and maybe soon become a member of BWF.

I have been in regular contact with Jonathan and have assisted where possible with information and knowledge.

Samoa

With the Pacific Games scheduled for next year this will be a busy time for Samoan Badminton. We have offered our assistance to them and to SASNOC to ensure all relevant information is given. With badminton now confirmed in the games with 7 entries plans are well underway for the big event next year.

It was great to see Samoa entered in the Oceania Champs and Thomas / Uber Cup prelims in February. But also disappointing for the players that there wasn't a team entered in the Commonwealth Games.

This year Samoa held an International tournament with a few players from Australia attending. This was a test event for the SPG and should now give a indication on what they need to focus on for the event.

With a few communication issues it created a number of difficulties for me, but over the last year I still managed to do a number of things for Samoa Badminton including communicating and organising for many of their players to compete in Auckland (Thomas/Uber), working with Ausaid for an AYAD development officer. A lot of time was given to organising a referee for their tournament and communicating with the players that participated from overseas. I have worked a lot with Hesiti and her family with her progress throughout the year. I hope that the SPG in 2007 is successful and it's a good spectacle for Oceania Badminton.

<u>Tahiti</u>

Tahiti badminton is now a registered club and has also entered in the SPG. We have sent them equipment to them to assist with their club.

With Tahiti being a French colony our support is limited, however Fabien will be working with them to see if they are able to become an Associate member. All communication is through Fabien Kaddour because of the obvious language issues.

Solomon Islands

There is quite a large contingent of players in the Solomon Islands. They have now established a club in the Solomon Islands. I am in constant contact with someone in the Solomons who I met in Fiji at the OSFO meeting. He is involved with many sports and works for their NOC. He has advised that they are in the early stage of developing badminton, but they have indicated the need for equipment, which we have offered once they complete the necessary forms. The have said that the moment they receive the equipment they will go to schools, send them out to provinces, and also conduct basic comp as part of our development plan next year. Currently the Chinese community there is also conducting their social competition every week.

Tuvalu

The Tuvalu National Badminton Association (TNBA) has just been established about 5 months ago and is now the newest member of BWF. There has been on-going communication with Robert and offer of assistance where possible. To date Tuvalu has been sent free equipment to assist with promotion and development of badminton. Im sure if they are able to get the use of their indoor facility then badminton will take off even further in the region. Tuvalu has entered the 2007 SPG, which is great news for the event and will assist Robert and his team where we can.

Vanuatu

I have been in contact with Peter King over the last 12 months regarding badminton in Vanuatu. Recently they have lost their facility due to conflict with the Sports council and the government. However, Peter is working with the ministry of education to try to get them to start badminton through the schools.

Vanuatu is at very early stages of badminton, but with the help of Peter I am sure there will be progress over the next 12months.

Peter advises that in the last couple of months we have managed to start up badminton on Sunday morning again. Our problem however, is that local in Vanuatu will not come along on Sunday morning, as they are all going to church. Other times, during the weekend, or in the evenings are still not available. We are desperately in need of another venue, but there is nothing suitable as yet.

So Sunday mornings you will see Chinese, Japanese, Indonesian, UK, Australian citizens playing.

Wallis & Futuna

Fabien Kaddour has been working hard with Wallis to offer support to them. We are



happy to have their entry for the Pacific Games and have sent equipment to assist their club and promotion of badminton. I

recently visited Wallis to assist the club, team and casual players wherever possible. This is the first ever visit by a representative of BOC, we were able to split the costs with BOC covering the airfare from New Caledonia. They do require further assistance to keep badminton alive in Wallis. We have supplied equipment to them. All communication is through Fabien Kaddour

All countries have advised they would like assistance and help from the development officer but many don't have the funds to assist with the huge costs of travel and accommodation.

AYAD - Samoa Development Officer

There has been a lot of work put into this over the last couple of years. I did think we had someone interested and even had him filling out the application form but that has come to nothing. I have had discussions with AUSAID and this will be the last chance of securing someone for this position as AUSAID have advised that after 5 attempts the position has been unsuccessful and they will not re-advertise this position. We did communicate regarding another applicant, but recently this has been declined. The application will now be taken off the AUSAID intakes.

This is disappointing as I'm sure the person would have been a huge benefit to Samoa badminton.

<u>SCHOLARSHIP – Prince Equipment</u> <u>Scholarship</u>

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Once again I organised with Prince NZ some equipment for the scholarship. Nomination forms were sent out to all the island countries and were received back from Samoa, Fiji and New Caledonia. Corinne. Geraldine and myself



read through the names and all voted on Hesiti Mafaufau to receive the scholarship. It was awarded at the Fiji International. Hesiti was very excited and happy to receive the equipment and will put it to great use. This is the 2nd year BOC have offered this equipment scholarship and I think it should be continued if funds are available.

UMPIRES COURSES

With assistance from Peter Cocker I was able to introduce the Junior award series bronze, silver and gold level of umpire course into the islands this year.

I would recommend changing the name from Junior Awards to just a general award as there are many players, students etc old and young, who are very new to the game and enjoyed learning with this programme and taking the exam. It was an excellent way to get people to read up on the rules

The first country to adopt this was New Caledonia with great enthusiasm and results. Thanks to Fabien Kaddour who translated the information and exams into French. I also have introduced the Bronze level in Fiji and was going to continue with this when I returned back there – but

unfortunately haven't gone back This should definitely be continued. I have had a lot of communication



with Peter Cocker regarding Oceania qualifications for umpires, this is a great direction to go with a qualification that can be used anywhere in the pacific and recognised throughout the region.

<u>WEBSITE</u>

A lot of hours go into updating the website each week. I totally rely on countries and people sending me articles for the website, otherwise I have to create all of them myself. There was initial work done to update the website but was extremely difficult to do by phone or email so hopefully this can be done in 2007 now that we have the new name and logo all finalised. Lately it has become more user friendly and I have added many more pictures and information from the year. I am in constant contact with Edwina from Sporting pulse who is very helpful and supportive. I am happy to add things to the website at different times throughout the year if needed.

COACHING COURSE

I have developed a suggested coaching course outline for 2 levels of coaching. Introduction to badminton is the first and the 2^{nd} is level 1. It is more aimed at coaching in the islands and how to adapt with the facilities and conditions.

The course outline has been written for the first stage and conducted the course in New Caledonia during the year.

I have had many discussions with people around the Oceania region on these papers and would hope that these can be continued and developed.

It is more beneficial to only have the first two levels available for an Oceania certificate at the moment and to develop more coaches at this level. If there are suitable coaches for level 2 I suggest they attend the Australian or NZ courses. The introduction course has been translated to French.

AYOF

In 2007 6 teams will participate from the Oceania region. 2 teams each from Australia and NZ and one from Fiji and Oceania.

Although I know this will be a good experience for the players of Fiji and New Caledonia, I still don't advise for this to be made a priority for the pacific island countries in the future. Most of these countries only have enough support and funding to cover one junior event per year. I think that June Bevan (if it's in one air ticket distance) is of far more value to the player and for the development. They are able to have more games of their level and have time to watch and mix with players they will compete against in the Oceania Region for years to come.

The Oceania Team this year will be made up of players from New Caledonia. Six players and a manager will travel to Sydney. I was able to do some work with these players on my last visit to New Caledonia.

FIJI INTERNATIONAL

It was mentioned early that the Fiji International would receive sponsorship from KLRC. I then assist Fiji with the plans and



preparation of this event to make sure the sponsor was happy and it was a successful tournament.

Manv hours

were put into communication with players, sponsors and Fiji Badminton. I had to follow up on many requirements and Lorraine was fantastic and always willing to oblige.

My duty during the event was to make sure that all the KLRC players were looked after and all of their needs taken care of. This again was a lot of work but very enjoyable.

In the future for smaller tournaments in areas like Fiji, there needs to be someone to assist the country with all the demands of a large sponsor.

I enjoyed being involved at assisting with this event and again I learnt a lot and met some very nice people.

For tournaments of this level attracting a high level of player, there does need to be a player liaison and also transport assistance. Fiji Badminton did a fantastic job in hosting

this International event and I wish them well for future events.

EQUIPMENT ALLOCATION

BOC received equipment from BWF – during the year I put together an application form for countries, associations and clubs to apply for this equipment. The reason for the form was so each country wasn't just handed out equipment as previous years and we have records of their programmes and what equipment has been sent.

Most countries have taken up this offer for free equipment including Tuvalu, American Samoa, Fiji, Tahiti, Wallis & Futuna, New Caledonia. All contacts in the region were given sent the forms, some more than once. At the end of 2006 we still have a number of rackets in the office so just recently I have also offered rackets to Australia and NZ for them to apply for their development programme (NZ has already applied). BOC at this stage have paid for costs of shipping the equipment to the islands.

Country		Shuttles	
	Racquets	<u>each</u>	<u>Nets</u>
		10	
American Samoa	52	10	10
Northern Marianas	45	6	4
Tuvalu	50	6	4
Fiji	50	10	8
Tahiti	50	6	4
Wallis and Fortuna	50	6	4
New Caledonia	50	6	
New Zealand	50		
Australia	50		

THOMAS/UBER CUP / OCEANIA CHAMPS

After all the preparation work done by Corinne and myself late 2005 there was a still quite a number of things to do for the Thomas/Uber cup and Oceania Championships in Auckland. There were a lot of very long days leading up to and during these 10 days but as far as I'm concerned was all worth it. I was also able to work with BNZ to organise a team to play against New Caledonia during the Thomas / Uber Cup playoffs. Although one coach from another team was apposed to it, everyone else saw the benefits and all players enjoyed it.

We did learn a lot of things during the organising and running of the events and will put plans into place to help for next time. Both venues at Auckland and North Harbour were excellent, the hosts and staff were fantastic and made our roles much easier. The crowds were great and I think nearly everything went to plan. All players were very co-operative as were most officials. Was disappointed however that we had to change the presentations for the individuals so that one team could go out to dinner.

I used a number of my contacts to get some product and give aways – in particular Geoff Bellingham and Nicole Gordon.

RESOURCES

I have created a 24 page manual which I'm sure will be useful and also updated existing resources with the new scoring system and now our new logo. These are available to all members and interested badminton players. Soon all will be available on the website

NEW CALEDONIA JUNIOR TRIP

This was arranged for September, New Caledonia had funds left that had to be spent on junior training or tournament. 6 junior boys and a manager travelled to Auckland for training trip. I organised most of their trip





accommodation, transport and also the training with a weekend training session with BNZ junior Development Squad and local coaches. I stayed with the team at Alpers Lodge (at their cost) to make things easier. They trained at Auckland Badminton Stadium. Very successful week and it was good education for the players. I gave feedback on future trips, players and what they should look at getting out of the funds

TRAINING CENTRES

After the initial full communication last year from WBF regarding the training centres and players who attended them this year has been very quiet.

Stuart Gomez was initially selected for the training centre in Saarbrucken that would continue training through to the Olympics, but later declined.

Michelle Chan was then accepted into the Guangzhou training centre, but with obvious problems and lack of participation this was closed down after 4 weeks. Michelle was then offered a place in Saarbruken but also declined.

I have had no further information on training centres from BWF.

South Pacific Games 2007

It is great news that there have been seven entries received for the tournament in 2007. A lot of the credit must go to New Caledonia and Fabien Kaddour, his work and constant emailing to Wallis and Tahiti guaranteed their entries.

The only team or country that I haven't had any contact with is Guam and I have just heard from their NOC that in fact they cannot confirm an entry and will contact Samoa NOC directly. All other teams seem to be on track. This is the biggest event for the Pacific Islands and all teams and players are aiming to participate and also win medals in September.

I'm not sure what involvement BOC has with this event in Samoa, but have requested information on technical officials attending.

Good luck to all the players and I look forward to seeing the results.

As this will be my last report as Badminton Oceania Development Officer I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone I have worked with over the last 2 and half years. I have learnt a lot, met some great people and seen things that I will remember forever. Thanks to everyone's hospitality and kindness, I have made some great friends.

Thanks to Robin and Geraldine who have worked with me from the start in 2004, there have been a lot of changes and structures put in place and I think I'm leaving this position and BOC in a far better state than when I started.

Special thanks to Corinne who has had to work with me for the last 18months and listen to my ideas and frustrations every week. I'm proud of the contribution I have been able to give to BOC and enjoyed seeing it grow. I wish the new development officer all the best and will assist with information and help when requested.

Lynne Scutt Development Officer

BADMINTON OCEANIA

Member Country Reports

New Zealand

In many respects 2006 proved to be a mirror image of 2005 in that it was



extremely busy and challenging. This is due in no small manner to New Zealand's desire to lift its standing globally and be "world class in all we do". It would be easy to take the easy option and ignore what is happening outside of our own small patch but the consequences would be felt very early in the piece and do our sport no good at all.

Possibly one of the most pleasing aspects of the 2006 year was New Zealand's World participation the Junior in Championships in Korea. This signalled a first for New Zealand with a full team being sent and was a key objective following on from the joint New Zealand, Australia and Canada initiative in establishing the Tri Nations Under 19 competition back in 2004. To a certain extent the results were irrelevant but clearly a benchmark has been established for the future. The World Juniors is where Daniel Shirley commenced his rise to fame and with Sara Runesten Petersen he has established a blueprint for your young athletes to follow.

2006 proved to be difficult in terms of staff turnover. Svend Sorensen returned to Denmark in April, Martin Andrew's contract expired at the end of June, Carla Dunne resigned in October and Cliff Freeman's role was dis-established. Finance played some part in this turnover and it certainly put Head Office under severe strain. However, the outlook is looking very positive. The employment of Mohan Subramanian as Director of Coaching and High Performance is a real coup for badminton in New Zealand given his experience and global standing. Simon Maister is now based in Head Office in his new role as National Development Manager and applications have closed for the position of Event's Manager. A funding application has also been lodged for a Coach and, if successful, National Badminton New Zealand will be well placed to move the sport forward to new levels. It would be remiss of me not to note the immense contribution made by the staff members who have moved on. They should feel very proud of the contribution they made which were often under very difficult circumstances.

Another highlight of the 2006 year was the staging of the Equinox New Zealand Open. Chong du Cheng honoured his 2005 promise and the tournament was upgraded to 2 Star status. The increase in prize money to US\$50,000 saw the number and standard of athletes rise significantly and it signals a real challenge to those in Oceania to be able to compete with those now enticed to our shores. A clear benefit arising from the Equinox New Zealand Open, and our ability to run such a tournament, has been the awarding of the 2007 World Junior Championships to New Zealand. In particular Chong, Julie Carrel, Carla Dunne and a large number of volunteers can feel very proud of the part they have played in proving that a country of our size is well capable of making an impact on the sport globally.

2006 was of course Commonwealth Games year and a competitive team and large band of supporters ventured to what is a magnificent sporting city in Melbourne and to an extremely well run badminton event. Unfortunately for New Zealand and John Gordon the latter suffered a horrific injury just prior to the Games and there is no question this impacted on our medal tally. However, we should very proud of the team's performance and, although it came as no surprise, Daniel and Sara's silver medal in the Mixed Doubles. Unfortunately, the fact they lost to the Olympic silver medallists was lost on the New Zealand media who would rather extol the performances of others who excelled in less demanding sports.

As is always the case the completion of the Commonwealth Games saw a number of retirements in the form of Sara Runesten Petersen, Nicole Gordon, Rebecca and Geoff Bellingham and Lianne Shirley. They have contributed significantly to our

successes in recent times with Sara (pictured) being our most successful athlete ever in winning four Commonwealth



Games medals to go with her 2005 World Championship bronze. However, the retirements open the door for others to follow and repeat those successes.

Other playing highlights from 2006 included qualification for both the Thomas and Uber Cups in Japan, the winning of the Oceania Team's Championships and our Northern Region's teams winning effort at the CP Maddern tournament.

2007 will continue to throw up challenges and one of these will likely never go away and that is in the area of finance. Badminton New Zealand is currently limited to three main streams of income:

- Affiliation fees
- Gaming Trust funding and
- Government funding through SPARC

Our newly drafted Strategic Plan will likely see a clear message being sent to member Associations that affiliation fees need to increase but at the end of that day it is those members who will determine whether this does happen and the path we should be following heading into the future.

One must always look for competitive advantages and what sets one apart from others and in the sporting arena in New Zealand that is the passion held for badminton by the Asian community both locally and offshore. Badminton New Zealand must work hard in ensuring this advantage is communicated to all and sundry for the benefit of the sport.

On the International scene 2006 was a significant year with the BWF Head Office now functioning out of Kuala Lumpur. This was never going to be a seamless process but one can only applaud the efforts of Punch Gunalan and his small team for the manner in which they have embraced the challenges. Punch is a man of vision and Badminton New Zealand has no doubt the benefits of his leadership will be far reaching. It was New Zealand's pleasure to have Punch visit us back in May, 2006.

The revitalisation of what is now the Badminton Oceania Confederation (BOC) was seen working very well at the staging of the 2006 Thomas and Uber Cup preliminaries plus the Oceania Championships in Auckland. Corinne Barnard's and Lynne Scutt's contribution to the tournaments was significant in their roles of Secretary General and Development Officer respectively. Badminton New Zealand is sad to see Lynne move on but at the same time we are sure she will continue to contribute to badminton in our region. New Zealand is looking forward to an exciting year in 2007 for all members of BOC including our newest member Tuvalu.

Peter Dunne Executive Director

<u>Australia</u>

2006 was a year of consolidation after a year of change in the high performance area and junior



development. Claus Poulsen's appointment in November 2005 as National Coach bought the preparation for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games into sharp focus. Changes to the High Performance Program (HPP) in late 2005 enhanced confidence in the management and administration of the sport in the eyes of our major funders and submissions for new funding in 2006 resulted in a substantial boost to financial support for talent identification and development for the period 2007 - 2010. The end of the 2006 saw BA preparing submissions to the Victorian Government to financially support bids for major international events from 2008 -2011.

The Commonwealth Games was the highlight of the year. This 'home game' for badminton provided



valuable visibility for the sport, a terrific venue with world class presentation. Whilst Australia did not medal in Melbourne, the review and changes to the HPP that took place in 2005 provided a better outcome overall with some notable performances on court. Legacies for the event in Melbourne included an increase in qualified technical officials, event volunteers / managers and a legacy of badminton equipment including eight top quality courts / mats and net posts for the use of events in Australia.

The post Melbourne 2006 period saw a number of retirements from the sport and

the establishment of a second tier Elite Squad. The National Squad training moved from Altona to Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre and now utilise six top quality mats on wooden sprung floors for training. The next major focus is the



start of the Olympic qualifying period 1 May 2007 and preparation for Beijing 2008.

Some of our athletes, Susan Dobson, Tania Luiz, Erin Carroll continued to provide administrative support for the office/sport on a part time basis, sharing the significant administrative workload. This included 1) general office administration tasks, 2) supporting the administration of the HPP, Junior Programs and NCAS coach accreditation, 3) servicing member's needs, 4) coordinating the registration processes for the three international tournaments and 5) the administration involved in the recruitment of volunteers and technical officials for Melbourne 2006. Donna Millington continued to provide financial reporting services on a monthly basis.

Badminton Australia launched a new website in March 2006. The new sight has much more information for Members, our badminton community and other stakeholders than previous editions. In the 10 months up to the end of 2006, the website had received more than **5 million** *hits,* **95,000 visits and more than 500,000 page impressions.**



Badminton Australia continues to work closely with our State/Territory badminton associations in the development of the sport. BA ran a series of coaching workshops in late October 2006 with Kenneth Larsen, expert coach

educator from Denmark. BA is adapting / adopting the age based coaching resources

Kenneth has developed over many years of coaching badminton. We will see Kenneth back in Australia for part two of the series.

Badminton events in Australia in 2006 continued to keep our staff busy with the three internationals, four national carnivals and the Pan Pacific Junior Invitational in Brisbane - a terrific success for this third edition. We look forward to being in New Zealand for the 2007 Invitational.

BA continued its links with the Badminton World Federation with Robin Bryant, BA's President and BWF Vice President being very active throughout 2006. BA had a number of observers at the BWF Council meeting in December – Stuart Borrie, National Executive Director and Loke Poh Wong, BA Board Member were in KL to understand more fully the workings of the

international body and to build stronger links with individuals on the Council as well as other observers.



Don Stockins, OAM become a Life Member of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association – a great honour for Don and for the sport. Don has had a long history with the Commonwealth Games and badminton.

In late 2006 the sport lost one of its icons with the passing of The Honourable (Hector) Roy Ward OAM on 19 December. For those who did not know Roy well, it was only at his funeral that one began to realise the scope and depth of Roy's contribution to sport, the arts, community and government. Roy was a significant person in badminton - in Australia, in Oceania and with the International Badminton Federation.

2007 promises to be a very active year with an expansion of the HPP and the establishment of a new junior talent squad. In late 2006 BA advertised for an Assistant National Coach who will start in the role in February. The three



international tournaments in Australia, four national carnivals, the 2007 Australian Youth Olympic Festival in January and an IOC

Solidarity funded National Course will keep our administrators, staff and volunteers very

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge our Principal Sponsor, the Australian Sports Commission and to acknowledge the significant support BA received from the Australia Commonwealth Games Association and the Australian

Olvmpic Committee. Finally I wish to thank our Board for their support, and our staff -Susan, Tania, Erin, Corinne, Claus - and other coaching staff Rhonda, Murrav and Andrew for the significant contribution to the successes of 2006.



Stuart Borrie National Executive Director

Norfolk Island

Following 3 quiet years, Badminton is again being played on Norfolk Island by a small but enthusiastic group.

Senior Badminton is played on Monday evenings with a fair standard of

core players.

There is currently a schools program in action as part of their sports curriculum. Twenty to thirty students across a wide age spectrum

play at the community hall on Thursday afternoons, from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. This is run by the school P.E. teacher and is enjoyed by all

the kids.

Badminton is played in Rawson Hall, the community's old island hall. It is big enough for only one court and many players constantly hit the roof. We believe the island is lacking an indoor sports complex where not only badminton can be played, but volleyball, basketball etc. This will be holding back many sports where the traditional outdoor sports thrive.

Considering Norfolk has a small population:-1,500 persons including approximately 300 children, badminton is well represented. Norfolk also boasts some 35 - 40 sporting and recreational clubs including archery, kayaking, golf, scrabble etc. It is intended to keep the school programme moving throughout 2007 and also the Monday evening play.

Jo and Jonno Snell

New Caledonia

The first highlight of the year was the participation of New Caledonia squad to Oceania Championships in February, in Auckland. On this occasion, nine players contested the team event which was a disappointment, with a 4th rank out of 5 In the individuals. several teams. encouraging 1/4 final spots were reached by Marc Antoine DESAYMOZ in men's singles. Johanna KOU and Magali BAK in ladies doubles. Florent MATHEY/Marc Antoine DESAYMOZ and Fabien KADDOUR/Arnaud FRANZI in men's doubles.

In margin of this event, New Caledonia was confirmed by Oceania Badminton in the organisation of the 6th Oceania Championships edition in February 2008. Later in the year, New Caledonia joined New Zealand to suggest new dates for this event. It was suggested to B.O. to organise the event in July 2007 instead of February 2008. Many reasons for this:

- to permit "island countries" to get valuable BWF points in the goal of being seeded for the SPG in September,
- to give a boost to the oceanian countries looking for BWF points, in the goal of getting better rankings early in the Olympics qualifications,
- given SPG are in September 2007, island countries (Fiji, Samoa, Wallis, Tahiti, Tuvalu) will have important funding to prepare them, it means they could easily travel to Noumea to contest Oceania Champs. Easier than in 2008 where the funds will be low. To maintain Oceania Champs in 2008 would create the risk to have only 3 or 4 (NZ, Australia and Caledonia) New countries competing because of the funding. 2004 Oceania Champs in Waitakere, proved this.

Unfortunately, this suggestion was refused by the President of B.O. and Australia.

Thanks to the B.O Development Officer, Lynne SCUTT, several badminton clinics

were held in 2006 in Noumea and Kone, in the North province. Three sessions of Junior Umpires Bronze Level saw a total of 29 successful candidates in May and October. The only session of Junior Umpires Silver Level counted a total of 11 successful candidates in October. New Caledonia intends to develop its court official staff in the goal of facing the next important events in the region like South Pacific Games or Oceania Championships in Noumea, or further others. Lynne SCUTT also run a course about introduction to badminton coaching in May. All of the 12 candidates succeed. This year the D.O. focused on the clinics in New Caledonia.

One of our representative, Thommy SARGITO, attended the coaching conference in Christchurch in February.

As part of the development of the local U18 squad, six players took part to a training camp in Auckland, during eight days in September. They were helped by some New Zealand national squad, Lynne SCUTT and Richie MAR. New Caledonia is really grateful to BNZ to have permitted this organisation.

Later, in October, New Caledonia continued the preparation of its national squad for the 2007 South Pacific Games, by lining up ten players at Fiji International in Suva. This permitted to the New Caledonian players to compare to their future rivals for the SPG. Some good performances were got with a runner-up spot in men's doubles for Fabien KADDOUR pairing with Kiwi Jo WU, Johanna KOU/Marc Antoine DESAYMOZ were semi-finalists in mixed doubles, as Johanna KOU in ladies doubles with the Gabriella WONG. Fiiian These performances were satisfactory given the strong line up for this tournament supported by KLRC.

By the end of the year, because of the new BWF Constitution, it was asked by the President BRYANT to the Ligue de Badminton de Nouvelle Caledonie to find a way to be affiliated to BWF, in the goal of being still included in Badminton Oceania. After discussions with New Caledonia Olympic Committee, Badminton French Federation, President BRYANT, Development Officer Lynne SCUTT and Ligue de Badminton de Nouvelle Caledonie, it was agreed that New Caledonia will apply for a position of associate member to BWF. This would mainly allow New Caledonia to be considered as a full member in Badminton Oceania according to the BWF Constitution, and to compete in continental qualifications for the BWF events. The ball is now in the BWF's camp.

To show the interest New Caledonia has for Oceania, six New Caledonian players will make the Oceania team at Australian Youth Olympic Festival of Sydney, in 2007 January. It is the second time New Caledonia takes part to this event after 2003. Lynne SCUTT will be their manager during the competition, seconded by a New Caledonian coach, Dario MARTOREDJO.

The Ligue counted in 2006, 551 registered players from 11 clubs all around the country against 420 in 2005. Figures show that 50% of the players are under 18 years old.

To conclude, the Ligue de Badminton de Nouvelle Caledonie wanted to express its sadness to see the B.O. Development Officer, Mrs Lynne SCUTT resigning from her job. It is with great regrets that New Caledonia will have to cease working with Lynne. She was really appreciated at home, always available, competent and helpful. We will miss her. Once again, New Caledonia wanted to thank Lynne for all she did these last years in the country and in the region.

Fabien KADDOUR

<u>Samoa</u>

2006 is marked as one of the busiest year for Badminton and indeed, all the sports associations in Samoa as they prepare for the 13th South Pacific Games in Samoa from 25th August to the 8th September 2007. In terms of results Team Samoa has to improve dramatically if we hope to be in medal contention for the SPG in Apia.

In February Samoa competed with Fiji, New Caledonia New Zealand and Australia in the Thomas/Uber Cup Preliminaries and then the OBC Championships in Auckland and North Harbour respectively. Samoa's top ladies and men's team participates with some mixed success in these tournaments. It was a good chance for some our our upcoming players to witness firsthand the intense international competition in badminton. Our top ladies pair of Heseti Mafaufau and A'e Wilson performed very well in these tournaments, and hopefully they can improve their combination further.

In the local scene we hosted Viva Stanford from June 23 to 27 conducting a Court Officials Course for our line judges and umpires. This attracted 23 participants, and three out of the fifteen that sat the exams passed with credit for further practical test to be accredited for their umpire certificates. We would request a follow up in 2007 so that we have adequate line judges and umpires for the SPG in August this year.

The one week coaching clinics and schools visits were conducted by Vaiola Vaeau, a Samoa working as Junior Development officer for the Wellington Badminton Association in New Zealand. It was a great opportunity for our local player to be coached by an experience coach, and showed how Samoa desperately needed a full time coaching staff if we are to promote and excel in badminton.

The staging of the Samoa International Open is undoubtedly the highlight of 2006 calendar. SBA was able to host players from Fiji -one player, one from Scotland, two from Australia, and our own local players. We were very disappointed by the turn up from overseas countries especially Fiji who sent only one player, and New Caledonia and New Zealand who did not send even one player. Hopefully we can make up for this year during the South Pacific Games. However, the standard of Badminton provided by the visiting players was a real eye opener to a lot of our people, especially our players who did not have a chance to go overseas or witness first hand top badminton competition locally except on television.

The mens final between Alistair Casey of Scotland and Jeff Tho of Australia was a fitting highlight to a successful first time international badminton championship in Samoa

On the positive side we were very privileged to host our Oceania President Mr Robin Bryant and his lovely lady Ondra during the tournament. We wish to thank also to OBC for assistance to Mr Fred Stanlake of Australia who was the referee of the tournament.

South Pacific Games in Samoa 25th August - 8th September 07

Despite our concern right up to the time of closing of entries for the sports from participating countries last year, in case Badminton will not have six countries with entries to compete in the games, the lates and final entries posted on 17th January have eight (8) countries competing in Badminton. See attached list of countries and athletes.

Programme of Badminton competition.

Venue: National Gymnasium at Apia Park

Dates: Monday 3rd - Friday 7th September.(morning & evening sessions)

Courts: Four courts using 4 Taraflex courts from Gerlor Melbourne - (new ex-Commonwealth Games)

Training Venues: EFKS Hall Mulinuu, National University Gymnasium- Vaivase

Shuttles: Xumax X1

Countries Participating: (8) American Samoa, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, Samoa, Tahiti, Tuvalu, Wallis Futuna

Competition: Mens and Ladies Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Team Event

Organising Committee:

Tournament Director : Faafetai Ah Kuoi, Assistant: To'ala Pule Risale Referee : Viva Stanford Assistant Referee: to be confirmed Umpire/ Line Judges: Sese Matautia, Falefata Tuaniu

All other subcommittees are now being appointed and trained.

Contact: www.samoa2007.ws

IBF & OBC

SBA wish to note our disappointment in the involvement of our designated non Development Officer, Lynne Scutt in the promotion and development of Samoa Badminton. It was noted that the funding was the main factor she decided not to operate from Samoa as was originally planned. At the same time she did not visit Samoa once in 2006. The proposal for sourcing some funding for development officers in our individual island countries is vital now for Samoa if we are ever going to maintain badminton in the country. There was a strong effort in recruiting and Australian Young Ambassador in this country's volunteer programme, but that feel through after two years of trying. As a result we are finding extremely difficult to entice some of our older players to help with coaching without any incentive or some form of assistance to cover their travelling and incidental expenses.

Acknowledgement

SBA acknowledges with kind appreciation the following for their support during the year:

- The government of Samoa through Ministry of Education Sports and Culture, South Pacific Games Authority and all their ministries who helped during the year
- SASNOC
- IBF
- Oceania Badminton Confederation
- The Peoples Republic of China and Chinese Embassy in Apia
 SameaTel Management and CEO Mr
- SamoaTel Management and CEO Mr Mike Johnstone.
- The ANZ Bank of Samoa
- Mr Frankie Cai and Molesi Samoa
- Iko Memorial Trust
- Viva Stanford & Vaiola Vaeau
- All the Primary schools and Secondary schools who participated Badminton tournaments
- SBA Executive , parents , volunteers and supporters for 2006

Ruby Slade Secretary

<u>Fiji</u>

Overview

Membership consists primarily of individuals

ranging from juniors, development squad players, national squad players and social players. However, there are groups of



players who play together as a club at a few centres in Suva and in 2007 a concerted effort will be made to formally register these clubs with Fiji Badminton.

Objectives & Major Achievements for the Year

Objectives:

Organize competitions drawn up on 2006 badminton calendar

Strengthen junior development programme, through visits by Oceania Development Officer

Assist coaches upgrade coaching skills

Arrange Training camp in Auckland to help prepare for the Oceania Championships, Thomas/Uber Cup preliminaries and Commonwealth Games

Participate in Oceania Championships and IBF Thomas and Uber Cup Preliminaries

Participate in 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games

Prepare U19 Team for Australian Youth Olympic Festival 2007

Select and prepare training squad for 2007 South Pacific Games

Major Achievements

Continued junior development throughout the year through weekly coaching clinics and school holiday coaching academies in May and August and holding of regular junior tournaments

Completion of a successful training camp in NZ from 4-6 February, 2006

Winning the Bronze medal in the team event of the Oceania Championships held in Auckland, New Zealand from 13 – 16 February, 2006.

Participation at Melbourne Commonwealth Games 2006 with competitive performances, particularly by Karyn Whiteside

Successful coaching clinics by Lynne Scutt, Oceania Development Officer

Through Badminton Oceania, securing of international sponsor, the KLRC Racquet Club Berhad

successful Very staging of 2006 FINTEL/KLRC Fiji International Championships at the



which drew a record 26 international entries including players from Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, Italy, Canada, New Caledonia and Samoa

Attendance & Results at International / **Regional Tournaments**

4-6 February, 2006 Fiji Squad Training Camp. Auckland. NZ

The camp was organised to help prepare the Fiji squad for the Oceania Championship and Thomas and Uber Cup preliminaries ultimately Melbourne and the Commonwealth Games. The squad of Burty Molia, Filivai Molia, Damien Ah Sam, Ghee Ming Fong, Karyn Whiteside, Alissa Dean and Andra Whiteside were joined in Auckland by NZ based players Ryan and Geraldine Fong. Team manager was Barry Whiteside and the coach, Lynne Scutt.

included on-court Sessions training drills/routines, footwork, Swiss ball strength and conditioning, technical and match practice against the NZ junior squad. Coach Scutt managed to secure sessions with Martin Andrew (Badminton NZ high performance Manager), Svend Sorernson (BNZ coaching coordinator/ Reserve Squad Coach), and John Rennes (BNZ strength and conditioning Coach). During all sessions the Fiji squad were very committed to learning and improving their skills. It was important to have a variety of players available to train with the squad and give them more experience against different styles of players. On seeing the results in the tournaments following the training camp it was felt the whole exercise was excellent preparation for the squad.

8 - 16 February, 2006, IBF Thomas and Uber Preliminaries/ Cup Oceania Championship, Auckland, NZ

The Thomas and Uber Cup matches and Oceania Championship were played over consecutive weeks and the Fiji teams comprised those players that attended the above Training Camp. The Fiji men's and women's teams performed creditably in their respective Thomas and Uber cup ties behind NZ and Australia and taking third place

ahead of Samoa. In the Oceania Championship the Fiji combined team played solidly to beat out Samoa and arch rivals New Caledonia, to claim the Bronze medal behind NZ and Australia. There were some excellent performances from Karyn Whiteside, Burty Molia and the young partnership of Alissa Dean and Andra Whiteside, which would serve them well for the Commonwealth Games in March. A major disappointment was the archilles injury to Damien AhSam which forced him to withdraw from the Commonwealth Games team.

15 - 26 March, 2006, 18th Commonweath Games, Melbourne, Australia

The Games was obviously the highlight for Fiji Badminton in 2006 and the focus of all our preparations.

The team chosen for the Games comprised: Karyn Whiteside, Alissa Dean, Andra Whiteside, Burty Molia, Filivai Molia, Ryan Fong and Ghee Ming Fong with Lynne Scutt as Coach and Barry Whiteside as Manager. The players participated in a team event as well as individual events.

In the team event Fiji was pooled with Malaysia (#1 seed), Sri Lanka (#5/8 seed) and Northern Ireland. While we lost all three matches there were some close games. Karyn did beat the Northern Ireland #1 Player.

In the individual events our aim for the Games was to better our Kuala Lumpur



Commonwealth Games record where we did not win a game in competition. We feel our target was more than achieved and is indicative of what

is possible with more overseas competition. The following outlines highlights from our performances:

Three of our doubles pairings reached the round of 16, while in the singles Karyn and Alissa moved to the round of 32 (2nd round) with good early wins.

Karyn won her first match against Kerian Quan Chee of Trinidad & Tobago (21/9, 21/12) and played exceptionally well against Tania Luiz (Australian #1) in the next round before losing 17/21, 21/17, 10/21 (2nd round)

Alissa comfortably won her first match against Anna Nganga of Kenya (21/7, 21/6) before losing to Trupti Murgunde of India (2/21, 8/21) in the 2nd round)

Burty and Karyn had a good win in the mixed doubles over Seychelles (21/15, 21/15) before losing to the Scottish tournament 5th seeds (10/21, 10/21) in the round of 16 (3rd round)

Burty and Ryan defeated the Seychelles mens doubles pair (21/12, 16/21, 21/16) before losing to the NZ #1 pair (13/21, 9/21) in the round of 16 (2nd round)

Filivai and Ghee Ming moved to the 2nd round by virtue of a walkover against the



Uganda pair before losing to the Welsh combination In other matches our players went out in the first round, but not

before posting some good scores against class opponents:

Burty vs Anup Sridar (India #1) 7/21, 11/21 Ghee Ming vs Brinsly Kumarupperuma (Sri Lanka) 4/21, 14/21

Andra Whiteside vs Erin Carrol (Australia #3) 6/21, 14/21

Karyn/Alissa vs Reid/Nichol (Canada #1 ladies doubles) 10/21, 6/21

Competitions Conducted in 2006

LOCAL: How many districts/centres conducted local competitions:

Predominantly Suva, although Natabua High School conducted its own competitions as well.

NATIONAL: Number and type of National tournaments held, number of districts/clubs and athletes took part.

Junior tournaments were held regularly with major event being the JR White Secondary Schools Championship

held at the Yat Sen Hall from 28 – 30 July. Participating schools included Natabua High School, Yat Sen Secondary School, Marist Brothers High School and St Joseph's Secondary School. Natabua High School won the Boys Team event while Yat Sen Secondary retained their Girls Team event title. This tournament served as a trial for the selection of 6 players to participate at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in January 2007.

6 – 8 October, FINTEL KLRC Fiji International, Included 26 internationally ranked players from Malaysia, Italy, Scotland, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, as well strong contingents from New Caledonia and Samoa. We were privileged to host the 2002 Commonwealth Games Ladies Doubles Gold Medallists, Pek Siah Lim and Li Peng Ang of Malaysia at this tournament. It was also an honour to have had Mr Fred Stanlake of Australia officiate as Tournament Referee.

Unfortunately the National Junior and Open Championships which had been scheduled in December were postponed to early 2007 due to the political unrest that occurred.

Activities in Junior Sport Development

Our iunior development programme continued to be our most consistent activity throughout the year. Coaching clinics for various levels of juniors were conducted on a weekly basis at the Yat Sen Hall in Suva. These clinics catered for learners, advanced learners and development squad players. Scutt, Oceania Badminton Lynne Officer Development also conducted coaching clinics during her visits throughout the year. Burty Molia has been the mainstay of our coaching programmes, particularly at the advanced level and the FBA acknowledges his sterling efforts in keeping the squads focussed and training.

South Pacific Games 2007

2006 saw the selection of the National Training Squad for the 2007 South Pacific Games and appointment of Barry Whiteside

as Section Manager and Burty Molia as Acting National Coach. With Burty (see picture) being our top male player, he will not be able



to hold the position of Coach as well and a Coach will need to be identified. The National Training Squad are: Men – Damien Ah Sam, Ahmed Ali, Shivneil Chand, Ghee Ming Fong, Ryan Fong (Auckland based), Burty Molia, Filiva Molia (Auckland based), Alika Cooper, Gardiner Whiteside, Steven Wong and Devarisi Sharma.

Women – Alissa Dean, Andra Whiteside, Danielle Whiteside, Karyn Whiteside, Gabriella Wong and Aushia Keil

Australian Youth Olympic Festival 2007

Through FASANOC, Fiji Badminton was invited to participate in this U19 event. A training squad was named after the JR White Secondary Schools Championship and following a final trial at the end of November the following were named as the team for the AYOF: Devarisi Sharma, Steven Wong, Gardiner Whiteside, Gabriella Wong, Andra Whiteside and Danielle Whiteside.

Financial Overview

Funding for FBA's programmes and activities throughout the year were received from:

Coaching clinic levies

Social badminton levies

Tournament sponsorship – JR White, FINTEL and the Kuala Lumpur Racquet Club Berhad

Tournament proceeds and fundraising

Acknowledgements

The FBA sincerely thanks and acknowledges the following for their support during the year:

- FASANOC
- Badminton World Federation
- Badminton Oceania
- Chinese Education Society venue owner of the Yat Sen Hall
- FBA Patron Vidhya Lakhan
- FBA Rep to Badminton Oceania Warren Yee
- Major Sponsors FINTEL, JR White and the KLRC Berhad
- Secondary School Championship teams: Marist Brothers High School, Natabua High School, St Joseph's Secondary School, and Yat Sen High School
- Lynne Scutt, Volunteer Coaches, Supporters and Friends of FBA
- The Vickers Family, Terry, Meari, Hayden and Brandon, for their support to Fiji Badminton. We sadly farewelled the Vickers in December on their return to New Zealand.

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Barry Whiteside President

Technical Officials Report

2006 has been a very busy year for our Technical Officials with attendance at the following

- Thomas and Uber Preliminaries in New Zealand
- Oceania Championships in New Zealand
- Commonwealth Games Australia (Referee, Umpires, Line Judges and Volunteers)
- Thomas and Uber Finals (G Vellacott umpire, J Bhat, G Jones Line Judges)
- Singapore International (Aus and NZ umpires)
- Macau International (T Gubb and M Wright umpires)
- International Events Aus and NZ (Umpires and Refs)
- World Championships (P Cocker, R Bramley umpires, N Henderson Line Judge)
- Junior World Championships (L Nixey, S Taylor Umpires R Denton BWF Assessor)

Training

The junior umpire training program was used widely throughout the year and became a true Oceania training initiative with the running in New Caledonia and Fiji thanks to Lynne Scutt for organising this and to Fabien for the translating work.

An umpires training course was held in Samoa thanks to Viva for her work on this. Oceania funded a referee / trainer to go to the internationals in Fiji and Samoa to referee the events and do some training work with officials we had a good outcome from Fiji but the lack of interest in Samoa was disappointing and will require more work before the South Pacific Games.

Oceania level assessments were held at the Equinox in New Zealand and Kelly Hoare and Mike Wright were successful in gaining their Oceania Certificated Level and Gail Davison her Oceania Accredited Level.

Plans for this year

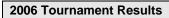
An Oceania Level Referee training program is to be run at the Equinox tournament this is

for the high level (national) referee. Australia will be running a level 1 referee course early in the year and all nations are invited to send people to this course this is for new referees and will cover all the basics for people interested in going down the referee pathway. If interested contact Oceania Office.

We will also continue to explore all avenues to get international exposure for our high level officials to assist in their goals of attaining international qualifications.

My thanks to Yogen Bhatnagar, Rob Denton, Lynne Nixey and Viva Stanford for their work throughout the year. Oceania called for nominations for the Tech Officials Committee and my hope is that we will end up with some members on the committee from nations apart from NZ and Aus. Also my thanks to the Oceania Office, especially Corinne for all the help and support during the year. Also with the change of name it would now be an appropriate time to change this committees name to Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee.

Peter Cocker Chair OBCOC

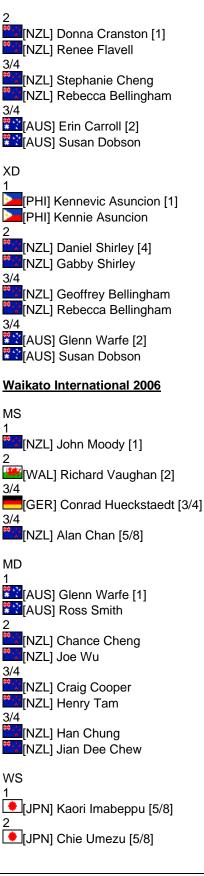


2006 Equinox NZ Open



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SIN] Hendri Kurniawan SAPUTRA [1] SIN] Yujia LI 2 SIN] Hendra WIJAYA [4] [SIN] Fan Frances LIU 3/4[NZL] Geoff BELLINGHAM [NZL] Rebecca BELLINGHAM 3/4 [AUS] Glenn WARFE [2] [AUS] Susan DOBSON **Babolat North Harbour International** MS 1 [NZL] John Moody [1] ENG] Nicholas Kidd [2] 3/4 [AUS] Jeff Tho 3/4 [AUS] Stuart Gomez [3] MD 1 [NZL] Daniel Shirley [NZL] Craig Cooper 2 [NZL] Henry Tam [NZL] Joe Wu 3/4 [AUS] Ashley Brehaut [MAS] Muhamad Hashim 3/4 [NZL] Delius Tang [NZL] Dean Nuttall ws 👯 [AUS] Chia-Chi Huang [NZL] Rachel Hindley [1] 3/4 [PHI] Kennie Asuncion 3/4 [NZL] Vina WD 1



[NZL] Rachel Hindley [NZL] Kimberly Windsor



Men's Singles

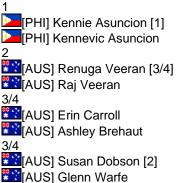
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[MAS] Muhammad Bin Hashim 3/4

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Mixed Doubles

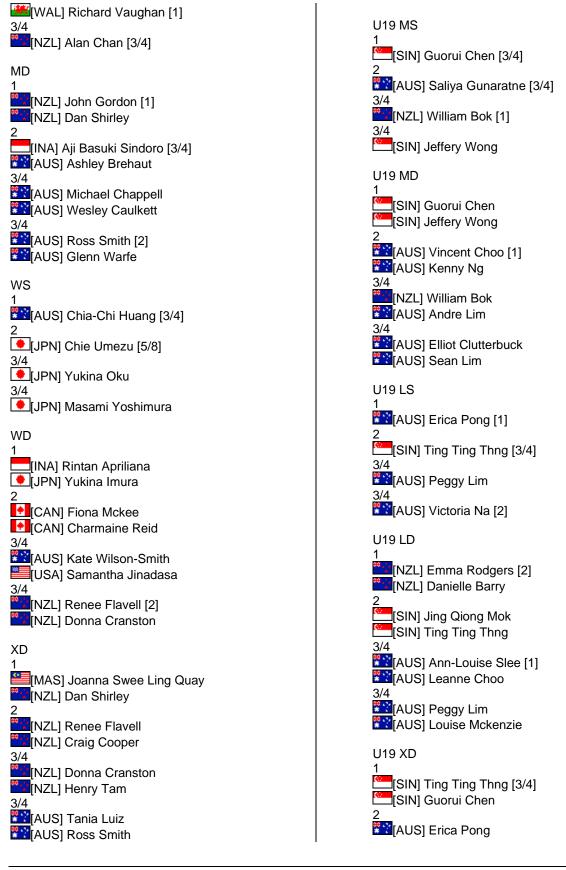


Australian International & U19 Australian Championships 2006



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[AUS] Einstein Tanaka 3/4 [SIN] Valerie Wang SIN] Jeffery Wong 3/4 [2] [AUS] Ann-Louise Slee [AUS] Sean Lim

Victorian International 2006

MS

[WAL] Richard Vaughan [3] 2 [IND] Nikhil Kanetkar [7] 3/4

[TPE] Chun Ken Chao 3/4

[GER] Conrad Hueckstaedt [2]

MD

1 [IPE] Yu Hsun Chien [2] [TPE] Shih Chung Huan [TPE] Chia Hung Lin

[TPE] Wei Hsiang Lin 3/4

[NZL] Chris Lee [NZL] Joe Wu

3/4 [AUS] Ashley Brehaut [MAS] Aji Basuki Sindoro

WS 1

3/4

[AUS] Chia-Chi Huang (Aus) [NZL] Rachael Hindley [1]

[NZL] Vina 3/4

[JPN] Chie Umezu

WD

[NZL] Donna Cranston [NZL] Renee Flavell

[AUS] Kellie Lucas [1] [AUS] Kate Wilson-Smith 3/4

[NZL] Danielle Barry

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[NZL] Emma Rodgers 3/4 [AUS] Erin Carroll [2] [AUS] Susan Dobson XD 1 [NZL] Renee Flavell



[AUS] Susan Dobson [1] [AUS] Glenn Warfe

[AUS] Tania Luiz [AUS] Ross Smith

3/4

[NZL] Donna Cranston [NZL] Craig Cooper

Oceania Championships

MS 1 [NZL] Geoffrey R. BELLINGHAM [1] [NZL] John MOODY [2] 3/4 [AUS] Stuart BREHAUT [3] 3/4 [AUS] Stuart GOMEZ [4]

Men Doubles

3/4



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[AUS] Tania LUIZ [3]

Women's Doubles



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3/4

[NZL] Sara RUNESTEN-PETERSEN [2] [NZL] Nicole GORDON

[NZL] Rebecca BELLINGHAM [3] [NZL] Rachel HINDLEY

3/4 [AUS] Kellie LUCAS [1] [AUS] Kate WILSON-SMITH 3/4

[NZL] Renee FLAVELL [4] [NZL] Donna CRANSTON

Mixed Doubles

[NZL] Daniel SHIRLEY [1] [NZL] Sara RUNESTEN-PETERSEN

[AUS] Travis DENNEY [2] [AUS] Kate WILSON-SMITH

[NZL] Henry TAM [NZL] Lianne SHIRLEY

3/4

[NZL] Craig COOPER [NZL] Renee FLAVELL

Oceania Team Championships Robson Shield February 2006

1st New Zealand 2nd Australia 3rd Fiji 4th New Caledonia

5th Samoa

Oceania Circuit Tournaments

- FINTEL KLRC INTERNATIONAL
- 2006 Australian International
- 2006 Waikato International
- 2006 Equinox New Zealand Open
- Victorian International
- Babolat North Harbour International 2006
- Ballarat Eureka International

Unofficial Oceania Rankings 2006

Men's singles			
Rank	Player		Points
	Tments		
1	[NZL] John Moody	320	4
2	[AUS] Jeff Tho	300	7
3	[AUS] Stuart Gome:	z 260	6
4	📴 [NZL] Alan Chan	190	5
5	[NZL] Chance Cher	ig110	4
6	[NZL] Joe Wu	100	4
7	[AUS] Stuart Breha	ut 60	1
7	[AUS] Hung Pham	60	3
7	[NZL] Henry Tam	60	2
10	[NZL] William Bok	50	2

Women's singles

Player	Ρ	oints
Tments		
[AUS] Chia-Chi Huang	540	6
[NZL] Rachel Hindley	300	5
[AUS] Tania Luiz	220	5
[NZL] Maggie Chan	170	5
[AUS] Eva Ratanasena	140	6
[NZL] Vina	100	3
[NZL] Renee Flavell	90	3
[AUS] Erin Carroll	80	6
👫 🕄 [AUS] Erica Pong	80	3
[AUS] Foong M Cheah	80	2
	Tments [AUS] Chia-Chi Huang [NZL] Rachel Hindley [AUS] Tania Luiz [NZL] Maggie Chan [NZL] Maggie Chan [NZL] Vina [NZL] Vina [NZL] Renee Flavell [AUS] Erin Carroll [AUS] Erica Pong	Tments [AUS] Chia-Chi Huang 540 [NZL] Rachel Hindley 300 [AUS] Tania Luiz 220 [NZL] Maggie Chan 170 [AUS] Eva Ratanasena 140 [NZL] Vina 100 [NZL] Renee Flavell 90 [AUS] Erin Carroll 80 [AUS] Erica Pong 80

Men's doubles

Rank	Player		Points
	<u>Tm</u> ents		
1	[AUS] Ross Smith	330	6
1	[AUS] Glenn Warfe	330	6
3	[AUS] Ashley Breha	ut320	5
4	[NZL] Joe Wu	310	5
5	[NZL] Dan Shirley	300	4
5	[NZL] Craig Cooper	300	5
7	[NZL] Henry Tam	260	5
8	[NZL] Christopher Le	ee130	4
9	[NZL] Ryan Fong	120	4
10	[NZL] Chance Chen	g110	3
Women's doubles			
Rank	Player		Points
	Tments		
1	[NZL] Renee Flavell	290	5

1		5
3		6
3	[AUS] Susan Dobson 260	6
5		5
5		5
7	[AUS] Kate Wilson-Smith180	3
8	[NZL] Maggie Chan 170	5
8	ESAM] Hesiti Mafaufau 170	5
10	[AUS] Eva Ratanasena 140	3

Mixed doubles			
Rank	Player Tments	Points	
1	[AUS] Glenn Warfe 360	6	
1	[AUS] Susan Dobson360	6	
3	[NZL] Renee Flavell 310	5	
4	[NZL] Dan Shirley 290	4	
4	[NZL] Craig Cooper 290	5	
6	[AUS] Eva Ratana. 260	5	
7	[NZL] Donna Crans. 190	5	
8	[AUS] Ross Smith7 170	4	
8	[AUS] Tania Luiz 170	4	
10	[AUS] Ben Walklate 160	4	

Thomas & Uber Cup Preliminary Round

Thomas Cup 1st New Zealand 2nd Australia 3rd Fiji 4th Samoa

Uber Cup 1st New Zealand 2nd Australia 3rd Fiji 4th Samoa

2006 Commonwealth Games Results

Men's Singles

Medal	Country - Name
🔮 gold	MAS - LEE Chong Wei
SILVER	MAS - WONG Choong Hann
😻 BRONZE	IND - ANAND Chetan

Women's Singles

Medal	Country - Name		
🐠 GOLD Jayne	ENG - HALLAM Tracey		
SILVER	MAS - WONG Mew Choo		

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Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2006

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Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Statement by Members of the Committee For the year ended 31 December 2006

In the opinion of the Committee the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements:

- 1. Presents fairly the financial position of Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. as at 31 December 2006 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Robin Bryant

Corrine Barnard

Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Committee's Report For the year ended 31 December 2006

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. for the financial year ended 31 December 2006.

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Robin Bryant Corrine Barnard Warren Yee Fabien Kaddour Geraldine Brown Nigel Skelt Alan McKenzie

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were the development of Badminton in the Oceania Region.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
31 December 2006	PrevYearEnd
Aus \$	Aus \$
10,140.91	40,735.19

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on :

Robin Bryant

Corrine Barnard

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc., being the Statement by Members of the Committee, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2006. The Committee is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. as at 31 December 2006, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Signed on 16 January, 2007:

Anthony K,W Thornton, FCPA Thornton Davies Pty Ltd Suite 8/828 High Street, East Kew, Melbourne, Australia

Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 December 2006

	2006	2005
	Aus \$	Aus \$
Income		
IBF Development Grant	78,999.11	82,597.21
ONOC - Regional Development Program	14,744.48	12,675.18
New Caledonia	-	3,500.00
Fiji	1,175.00	2,607.00
Australia	325.00	-
Samoa	150.00	-
Fiji	200.00	-
Miscellaneous income	536.00	-
Sponsorship	1,939.77	-
IBF - Thomas Uber Cup	26,825.91	-
Interest received	3,764.87	2,405.02
Total income	128,660.14	103,784.41
Expenses		
Annual Leave	517.73	790.91
Audit fees	1,281.82	-
Bank Fees And Charges	717.23	170.99
Bookeeping Fees	1,242.50	981.10
Coach Development - Shuttles	1,078.68	-
COD - Administration	-	45.45
Depreciation - other	283.00	-
Employee expenses	418.41	-
Equipment <\$300	45.02	145.45
General expenses	24.65	-
Internet	174.55	409.00
Marketing costs	2,295.27	-
Meetings - Airfares	8,199.06	-
Meetings - Accomodation	2,806.60	-
Meetings - Meals	1,376.71	-
Meetings - Taxi Hire costs	259.20	-
Meetings - Administration	338.18	-
Membership	302.96	-
ONOC & IBF - Airfares	-	1,821.49
ONOC & IBF - Accomodation	-	679.09
ONOC & IBF - Taxi	-	32.90
Postage	863.69	453.87

Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 December 2006

	2006	2005
	Aus \$	Aus \$
Printing & stationery	87.70	45.40
Reginal Development - Contractor	30,826.57	33,619.46
Regional Development - Airfares	4,000.31	1,136.73
Regional Development - Accomodation	2,424.95	549.53
Regional Development - Travel other	468.35	190.32
Regional Development - Shuttles	(900.00)	832.13
Regional Development - Bus/Car Hire	-	1,610.17
Regional Development - Uniforms	-	2,006.59
Regional Development - Entry Fees	-	982.00
Regional Development - Other Costs	902.11	772.97
Regional Development - Insurance	501.57	507.32
Regional Development - Administration	952.25	917.02
Staffamenities	13.79	-
Superannuation	1,663.97	628.76
Telephone	363.57	754.15
Travel, accom & conference	1,429.52	571.40
Wages	18,489.78	7,304.11
Website Design	-	5,090.91
Worksers compensation insurance	472.50	-
Tournament costs - Software	254.62	-
Tournament costs - Thomas Uber Cup	25,238.66	-
Tournament costs - Bus Hire	397.10	-
Tournament costs - Venue Hire	2,925.00	-
Tournament costs - Accomodation	839.38	-
Tournament costs - Court Hire	259.88	-
Tournament costs - Meals	73.23	-
Tournament costs - Travel	185.86	-
Tournament costs - Trophies & Prizes	1,057.60	-
Tournament costs - Other	218.33	-
Tournament costs - Administration	592.49	-
TOD costs - Airfares	2,554.88	
Total expenses	118,519.23	63,049.22
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	10,140.91	40,735.19
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	-	-
Net profit attributable to the association	10,140.91	40,735.19
Total changes in equity of the association	10,140.91	40,735.19

Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 December 2006

	2006	2005
	Aus \$	Aus \$
Opening retained profits	87,203.91	46,468.72
Net profit attributable to the association	10,140.91	40,735.19
Closing retained profits	97,344.82	87,203.91

Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Balance Sheet As At 31 December 2006

Note	2006 Aus \$	2005 Aus \$
	99,553.00	97,375.53
4	-	122.18
5	19.58	571.60
6	134.00	134.00
-	99,706.58	98,203.31
7	1,170.64	-
-	1,170.64	-
-	100,877.22	98,203.31
8	2,223.76	803.58
	-	8,776.15
9	1,308.64	1,419.67
-	3,532.40	10,999.40
-	3,532.40	10,999.40
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Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 December 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	125,017.45	101,123.21
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(117,828.70)	(61,397.57)
Interest received	3,764.87	2,405.02
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	10,953.62	42,130.66
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	10,953.62	42,130.66
Cash at the beginning of the year	88,599.38	46,468.72
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	99,553.00	88,599.38

Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 December 2006

 2006	2005

Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

ANZ Cheque Account	8,839.58	(8,776.15)
ANZ Cash Management	90,513.42	97,275.53
Petty Cash	200.00	100.00
	99,553.00	88,599.38

Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Net Profit

Operating profit (loss) after tax	10,140.91	40,735.19
Depreciation	283.00	-
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
(Increase) decrease in other assets	-	(134.00)
(Increase) decrease in fixed assets	(1,453.64)	-
(Increase) decrease in trade and term debtors	122.18	(122.18)
Increase (decrease) in trade creditors and accruals	1,420.18	803.58
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	(111.03)	1,419.67
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	552.02	(571.60)
Net cash provided by operating activities	10,953.62	42,130.66

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act Victoria.

The financial report covers Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. as an individual entity. Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. is an association incorporated in Victoria under the Association Incorporations Act 1984.

The financial report of Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. and the controlled entity and Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. as an individual parent entity comply with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in their entirety

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(A) Basis of Preparation

First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. has prepared financial statements in accordance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) from the 1 January 2006.

In accordance with the requirements of AASB 1: First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards, adjustments to the company's accounts resulting from the introduction of IFRS have been applied retrospectively to 2005 comparative figures excluding cases where optional exemptions available under AASB 1 have been applied. These accounts are the first financial statements of Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. to be prepared in accordance with Australian equivalents to IFRS.

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented. The entities have however elected to adopt exemptions available under AASB 1 relating to AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation, and AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. Refer the Notes for further details.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

(B) Accounting Policies

Income tax

The Association is a non-income tax paying entity in Australia.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

a) Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining the recoverable amounts.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. includes the cost of materials, direct labor, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation reserve in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the income statement and depreciation based on the assets original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

b) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the committee members review the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the assets fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash out flows to be made for those entitlements.

Provisions

Provision are recognised when Oceania Badminton Confederation Inc. has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that the outflow of economic benefit will result and that the outflow can be measured reliably.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks or financial institutions, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Goods and Service Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

a) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and internally.

Key estimates - Impairment

The committee members assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the group that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

2006	2005

Note 2: Revenue

Operating Activities:

Other sales revenue	124,895.27	101,379.39
Interest revenue	3,764.87	2,405.02
	128,660.14	103,784.41

Note 3: Profit from Ordinary Activities

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:

Charging as Expense:

Depreciation of non-current assets:		
- Other	283.00	
Total depreciation expenses	283.00	-

Note 4: Receivables

Current

Trade debtors		122.18
	-	122.18

Note 5: Tax Assets

Current

GST payable control account	19.58	571.60
	19.58	571.60

	2006	2005
Note 6: Other Assets		
Current		
Other	134.00	134.00
	134.00	134.00
Note 7: Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment:		
- At cost	1,453.64	-
- Less: Accumulated amortisation	(283.00)	-
	1,170.64	
Note 8: Payables		
Unsecured:		
- Trade creditors	2,223.76	803.58
	2,223.76	803.58
Note 9: Provisions		
Current		
Employee entitlements*	1,308.64	1,419.67
	1,308.64	1,419.67
* Aggregate employee entitlements liability	1,308.64	1,419.67

There were 1 employees at the end of the year

Provision for Employee Entitlements

A provision has been recognised for employee entitlements relating to annual and long service leave for employees. In calculating the present value and future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria for employee benefits has been included in Note: Statement of significant account policies.

	2006	2005
Note 10: Auditors' Remuneration		
Remuneration of the auditor of the company for:		
Auditing or reviewing the financial report	1,281.82	-
Other services	<u> </u>	
	1,281.82	-

Note 11: Association details

The Oceania Badminton Confederation is an Incorporated Association with the registered office and princial place of business being Unit 5/8 Techno Park Drive, Williamstown, Victoria, Australia.