



Vanuatu Amateur Sports Association & National Olympic Committee

1. GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION

- The National Sports Review Program and the rebuilding of the new VASANOC Haus were the main focus of VASANOC in 2004 and by the beginning of 2005, the VASANOC Haus was on its way to completion.
- By April 2005 VASANOC staff had moved into their new VASANOC Haus and by October, provisional approval had been granted by the International Olympic Committee on their draft Constitution, the main catalyst for the implementation of the Review.
- Also, the passing on of the first President of the Vanuatu NOC, Mr Kalman Kiri within the first few months of 2005, was a setback to VASANOC. Mr Kiri had been Vice-President of VASANOC at the time of his death.
- VASANOC moved its offices out of the Department of Sports in April 2005, and into the new VASANOC Haus.
- Apart from Mary Estelle Mahuk and Henry Tavoa who were fulltime employees of VASANOC, VASANOC Haus provided spaces for the National Tennis and Table-Tennis Development Officers, Jerome Rovo (from September, Costa Itiknou) and Anolyn Lulu to join the Basketball DO, Peter Izono as auxiliary staff in the nucleus of what is to become a Sports Development Unit.
- VASANOC's application for an AYAD Pikinini Pleiplei Development Officer was granted and in March Ms Philippa Kehoe joined the VASANOC staff.
- Acknowledgements to the support shown by the Director of Sports, Ture Kailo and his staff for keeping VASANOC in their premises from May 2002 (after the Fire) to April 2005.

2. NATIONAL FEDERATIONS SUMMARY

ARCHERY

This sport still merits the status of being the first and (so far) the only sport that has qualified an Athlete on merit to participate in the Olympic Games which was the Sydney Games.

2005 saw the reemergence of their activities when a plot of land became available for the Federation to use on a weekly basis.

Also VAA President, Antoine Bourdier also participated in a FITA Oceania Training course in Australia.

At the time of this report, negotiations are underway to have a FITA expert visit the country and meet with VAA and VASANOC officials.

ATHLETICS

Developments in 2005 included:

- The Interim Committee of the Federation appointed by Bill Bailey of IAAF and Lorraine Morgan of OAAA towards end of 2004 was formally established through elections to become the new Vanuatu Athletics Federation early in 2005.
- The placement of Moses Kamut under a Scholarships at the HPTC in New Zealand.
- Through NODS, Moses Kamut participated in the South Pacific Mini-Games with distinction, winning the Gold in 100m and Silver in the 200m and setting new national records in both events in the process.

BASKETBALL

- A Vanuatu Basketball Federation was formally elected with MP Roro Sambo taking on from Miki Leong as President and with Rosemary Leona as Treasurer and Willie Toama as Secretary General.
- Stuart Manwarring's visit in May resulted in the reestablishment of the VBF Executive Committee.
- Jon Hoyle's visit was in October and apart from conducting sessions in Vila, he also traveled to Santo with Peter for the same purposes.
- One of the sport's strength was the commitment of their National Basketball Development Officer, Peter Izono, who is still very active with his development programs.
- Participation of Peter Izono and Gloria Lango in a Basketball Administration Course in New Zealand.

BOXING

- The whole NODS program for Boxing was put on hold in 2005, due to a greater energy being focused on the internal conflicts within the Vanuatu Amateur Boxing Association leadership.
- VABA, under the leadership of Jack Mariango, becomes the first NF to put a Court Order against VASANOC in an attempt to order VASANOC to work

only with them and not with the other boxing group lead by former VABA President, George Faerua. That Order was quashed by the Court, but nonetheless, it did result in VASANOC appearing as an Interested Party and submitting a Sworn Statement in the Case between the two parties.

- VABA also becomes first NF to attempt to use the basis of a Court decision to order VASANOC to release funds to fund the participation of Vanuatu in the 2005 Oceania Boxing Championships in PNG. This also was unsuccessful.
- The more devastating results was upon the Boxers themselves who were not able to participate in the 2005 Oceania Championships.
- At the time of this writing, Boxing has been excluded by VASANOC from participating in the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

CRICKET

Major developments in 2005:

- Continued assistance by NSW Cricket in the placement of AYAD Officer, Ms Nicole Hore in Vanuatu.
- Successful hosting of the EAP Pacific Cup by VCA in Vila. This was the first international sports competition in Vanuatu that saw the national teams of Japan and Indonesia also participating.
- Successful participation of Vanuatu Team in the EAP competition that saw them come 3rd overall making it The Sports Team of 2005.
- Andrew Mansale again makes it onto the EAP Team.

FOOTBALL

- FIFA's Goal Project and Football Academy opens in August.
- FIFA first Women's Coaching Course is held in Port Vila.
- The Province Of Origin competition of Port Vila Football League assists in bringing back some life to the sport in the capital.
- Futsal starts competitions for Women in Vila.
- Approval of it's new Constitution that restructured it's association to six by putting the Port Vila Football League and Luganville Football Association under their respective provincial associations ie. Shefa and Sanma Football Associations.

JUDO

- Visit by Oceania Development Officer to Vanuatu.
- Visit by OJF President to Vanuatu.

KARATE

- Election of Noel Lango as VKF President.
- Participation in Oceania Championships in Fiji.

- Production of first DVD on Kata and Kumite of the Shitoryu style by Jean Pierre Bourdet.
- Participation of Karate leaders, Geordie McKenzie and Jean Pierre Bourdet in courses in Australia.
- Shitokai Karate Club continues to grow due to regular exchange programs and competitions with clubs in New Caledonia.

NETBALL

- Placement of Netball AYAD Officer with VNA.
- Visit of U16 Team to Australia.

RUGBY UNION

- Participation in the Play-Offs for the Rugby WC Tournament that saw Vanuatu playing Solomon at home and PNG in PNG.
- Organized U16/17 Competition for first time after holding regular U21 annually for sometime.
- At the time of this report, negotiations are underway to have a Development Officer in place.

SAILING

- Formed a Federation and became Member of VASANOC.

SHOOTING SPORT

- Shooting Sport is formed and becomes Member of VASANOC.

SWIMMING

- Submitted letter to form a Federation.

TABLE-TENNIS

Major developments in Table-Tennis in 2005 included:

- The continued employment of Anolyn Lulu as their Table-Tennis National Development Officer.
- The continued assistance of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in their Table-Tennis Exchange Scheme by providing Technical Coaches for the National Team. This year the replacement for the outgoing Liu Min Zong was Sun Hongyi.
- The participation of Anolyn Lulu in an EAD Coach Training Workshop for Table-Tennis in Melbourne.
- The Visit of Alois Rosario for a National Solidarity Course in March.
- The visit of Anolyn Lulu and Alois Rosario to North Pentecost to promote the sport in the schools there.
- Drafting of a 4 year development plan for VTTF by Alois and Anolyn and VTTF.
- The participation of the "Golden Girls" in the South Pacific Games in Palau that saw them defend their Gold medal in the Team Event.
- Priscila Tommy makes her mark in the South Pacific Mini Games by winning Silver in both the Doubles

and Singles events!

- Participation of Vanuatu in the Oceania Cadet Challenge Championships in Fiji with a Team consisting of Coach, Sun Hongyi, Manager, Anolyn Lulu and Players, Yoshua Shing and Priscila Tommy.
- Priscila Tommy and Yoshua Shing are selected to Oceania Cadet Team that participated in the World Cadet Championships in San Dominica in October.
- Yoshua Shing catches the attention of the ITTF officials because of his age and personality and receives the Fair Play Award from ITTF. ITTF has also granted him an ITTF Butterfly Scholarships.
- The inclusion of Table-Tennis in the National Secondary School Games in Santo.
- The granting of an Olympic Coaches Scholarships to Anolyn Lulu. This saw her participate as a Trainee Assistant Coach of the Oceania Cadet Team to the World Cadet Championships in San Dominica. She underwent an internship with the Team in China before they departed for San Dominica. It also enabled her to participate in the ITTF Hello Future Women's Coaching Seminar in Linz, Austria.

TAEKWONDO

- Increasing in popularity in Vila.

TENNIS

- Jerome Rovo is still keeping the sport alive with his schools programs.
- Election of Cyrille Mainguy as new VTF President taking over from Evelynne Jacobe.
- At the time of this report, new Development Officer is Costa Iatiku.
- Participation of Costa in Level 1 Coaching Course in Fiji.
- Cindy Thomas continues to excel in her tennis and studies in the US.

VOLLEYBALL

- Beach Volleyball organizes itself into an Association and becomes the only active department of the VVF.
- Port Vila Beach Volleyball Association successfully apply and host the country's first FIVB Beach Volleyball Course in Vila.
- At the time of this report, the President of VVF, Johnson Vora, the only remaining member of the Executive Board that was elected in 2001, had submitted his resignation as President and requested VASANOC to take over the national running of Volleyball affairs in Vanuatu until such times as a new Executive is formed.

3. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF 2005

www.oceaniasport.com/vanuatu

VASANOC continued to make use of their website which was regularly updated making it one of the most active sites of the region.

We acknowledge the financial contribution of ONOC and Sportingpulse that has enabled us to have an online presence.

VANUATU OLYMPOCEANIA PROJECT

The building of VASANOC Haus began on 1 September 2004 and the actual building was completed in January 2005, the retention period ended in July.

Since April 2005, VASANOC has already begun working from it, and at the time of this report, funds for the first phase have been accounted for and VASANOC has proceeded to apply for the second phase of this Project.

VASANOC is sincerely grateful to the International Olympic Committee, the Olympic Solidarity Department, Daimler Benz International and ONOC for this immense show of support to the sports family of Vanuatu.

PIKININI PLEIPLEI

This was without doubt the highlight of the development programs of VASANOC in 2005.

It instantly became a hit with the children and schools when it was launched on 24 July – Children's Day.

The implementation of this was coordinated by Philippa Kehoe, AYAD Officer and her counterpart, Mary Estelle Mahuk and by the end of 2005, they had conducted 3 Trainer's Workshops and 6 Games Festivals.

It has become VASANOC's key Kids Sport Program and at the time of this report, negotiations are underway to have the PPP Manuals used as reference tools for the putting together of ideas for the drafting of a National Primary School Sports Curriculum.

The establishment of such a Program was the result of a Sports Needs Analysis Assessment Report carried out by the Australian Sports Commission and VASANOC is grateful to them for their financial support in seeing this through.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOPS

These were held in April and included participants from all the Federations. Sessions included Olympic Solidarity, The Game Plan (VASANOC's Development & Strategic Plan), VASANOC Draft Constitution, Sportingpulse & Websites and Sports Insurance. Expert that was present was Brian Minikin of ONOC.

OSEP MEETINGS

VASANOC played host to the OSEP Consultations in August. At the time of this report, VASANOC has just undergone the Pilot Sessions for this new program that saw participants from a wide range of organizations and not just from the NFs.

WIS FORUM

With assistance of IOC WIS Commission and Olympic Solidarity, VASANOC was able to organize a Women In Sports Forum in Vila. The last one was held in 1999. Participants were brought in from around the country and the expert invited to this was Fanny Miller from the Fiji WIS Commission.

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

As the Commonwealth Games Association of Vanuatu, VASANOC was privileged to play a main role in the journey of the Baton through Vanuatu.

Communities around the main island of Efate, Santo and Tanna also had that unique experience of having the Baton in their areas.

The success of this Relay in Vanuatu, would not have been possible without assistance of the Melbourne 2006 CG Organizing Committee, Australian Government through the High Commission in Vila, State Government of Victoria, Tourism Australia, Vanuatu Tourism Office, the Vanuatu Post, Sportscover Insurance and the Vanuatu QBR Committee headed by Mark Stafford.

OLYMPIC DAY FUN RUN

VASANOC's plans to organize this as a curtain-raiser for the official opening of the new offices, did not work out as the opening of the VASANOC Haus is yet to be decided.

REPRESENTATION IN ONOC & ANOC

One highlight of 2005 was the reelection of VASANOC President, Joe Carlo into the ONOC Executive and moreso into the Executive of ANOC (Association of National Olympic Committees).

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL GAMES

2005 was the year of these Games that were held in August in Luganville, Santo. VASANOC's involvement was mainly in the technical and some equipment support from their Sports Equipment Grant.

USP ALL-ROUNDER SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

VASANOC was grateful to the University of the South Pacific for this initiative launched in 2005.

Out of a total of more than 10 applications supported by VASANOC, the successful candidates were, Seimata Chilia, Joseph Namariau and Koko Alick from Football, Polinda Lango from Basketball and Sam Kaiapam from Athletics.

To date, these students are already at the Laucala Campus in Fiji to begin their studies.

VASANOC congratulates the current Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tarr and the sponsors of this program in giving our athletes an opportunity to utilize education to build a future through sports.

OVERSEAS MEETINGS/EVENTS

VASANOC participated in the following:

- 2006 EAD COACHING CLINICS, MELBOURNE: Represented by Mary Estelle Mahuk and Anolyn Lulu.
- ONOC SG's MEETING AUCKLAND, NZ: Vanuatu was represented by Henry Tavoia, VASANOC CEO.
- IOC ATHLETE'S FORUM, SWITZERLAND: Mary Estelle Mahuk represented the Oceania Athlete's Commission.
- ONOC WIS MEETING, AUCKLAND, NZ: Eileen Nganga and Mary Estelle Mahuk represented Vanuatu.
- ONOC AGM, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA: VASANOC President, Secretary General and Treasurer represented Vanuatu. Also present was Mary Estelle Mahuk as Oceania Athlete's Commission rep.

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- National Sports Federations Executive, Staff & Athletes
- The Australian Sports Commission
- The Media agencies: Daily Post, Independent, the Ni-Vanuatu and VBTC

VASANOC looks forward to making 2006 another successful year!

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