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## PACIFIC NETBALL SERIES

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Our friends in the Cook Islands are working hard with preparations to host the Pacific Netball Series 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The tournament will be an event not to be missed, with teams in contention to qualify for the World Netball Championships in Singapore 2011. Good luck to all the teams competing!

### DRAW:

Date	Time	Match
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	4:30pm	Samoa vs FIJI
	6:45pm	Cook Islands vs PNG
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	4:30pm	Samoa vs PNG
	6:45pm	Cook Islands vs Fiji
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2:00pm	Fiji vs PNG
	4:15pm	Cook Islands vs Samoa

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The Cook Islands are also hosting the Oceania AGM:

Date: Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
Time: 9.00am  
Venue: Telecom Sports Arena, Rarotonga

Country delegates who would like assistance sourcing accommodation in Rarotonga for the AGM or Pacific Netball Series should contact Patsy Hockin (Cook Islands Netball Association President), Email: [puehilton@oyster.net.ck](mailto:puehilton@oyster.net.ck).

## DELEGATES WELCOME DINNER

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The Cook Islands would like to invite Country Presidents who will be attending the Pacific Netball Series and AGM, to dinner:

Date: Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010  
Time: 6.30pm  
Venue: TBC

Country Presidents should contact Patsy Hockin (Cook Islands Netball Association President), Email: [puehilton@oyster.net.ck](mailto:puehilton@oyster.net.ck), to confirm their attendance for catering purposes.

## OCEANIA FUNDING APPLICATION

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The Oceania Executive will be submitting a net effects funding application to IFNA in the June funding round. The application will be submitted to:

1. Assist Oceania to form a Pacific Umpire Squad (PUS) which will consist of 3 or 4 New Zealand Badge Oceania umpires who have been selected to develop further, with a view to progressing to International Umpire Appointment in the next 2 years
2. Assist selected Oceania umpires (PUS) to attend NZ events to further develop their skills and qualifications
3. Assist selected Oceania umpires to attend Upper North Island Secondary Schools tournament in Auckland during the first week of September. The intention is to bring these selected umpires one week earlier to undergo further training and assessment prior to the tournament
4. Assist selected Oceania Coaches to attend the NZ National Championships to undertake the Apprentice Coach programme in Auckland, during the first week of October
5. Assist selected Oceania Bench Officials to attend NZ events to further develop their skills and qualifications

Further information regarding the above development opportunities will be sent once we receive confirmation from IFNA as to whether our funding application has been successful.

## PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

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The Oceania Netball Federation and Netball New Zealand have formed a partnership with the Australian Government & Netball Australia to develop netball in the Pacific.

Members have been invited to apply for assistance via the Pacific Partnership programme and 2 countries will be selected from the applications received, to take part in Year 1 of the four year development programme.

This is an exciting opportunity for the Oceania Netball Federation and its members, we look forward to working selected members over the next four years to develop netball in the community.

Our thanks to the Australian Government for their outstanding funding contribution to the sport we all love! Thanks also to Tina Browne and Netball New Zealand who have been pivotal to discussions with the Australian Government and Netball Australia, to progress this partnership agreement over the last 10 months.

## OCEANIA TEAMS TRAVELLING TO NZ

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A reminder that all International squads (including U21 and age groups) who intend travelling to NZ for tournament (whether the tournament is organised by Netball NZ or another organisation) should notify Netball NZ and Oceania Liaison of their intended travelling plans **as soon as they become aware of the 'intention' to travel.**

This is common courtesy and also ensures that Oceania Liaison and Netball NZ are able to support the teams with immigration requirements through the NZ government agencies and that correct protocols are followed in line with IFNA requirements.

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES - DELHI

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Congratulations to our Oceania members who have qualified to compete in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India:

1. Cook Islands
2. Papua New Guinea
3. New Zealand
4. Samoa

Our commiserations to Fiji, who were unfortunately suspended from the Commonwealth, we understand your disappointment at not being able to compete.

It is a great achievement as a region, to have 5 Oceania members qualify for the Commonwealth Games, and we should all be very proud of these members and our region.

We wish all our Oceania members good luck and safe travels to and during your stay in Delhi.

# RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

As in previous years, the New Zealand netball community has very kindly donated pre-loved uniforms. These will be distributed to Oceania members in June 2010.

Those Oceania members interested in receiving uniforms should email Briar Martindale, Oceania Liaison by **12<sup>th</sup> May 2010**.

In 2009 Air NZ kindly agreed to freight the resources to Oceania countries free of charge! We wish to thank Air NZ for their generosity and below are photograph's of the uniforms being distributed in Oceania countries.

We will approach Air NZ again this year to ask for their support, should approval be given, Air NZ would like to receive photos of the resources being delivered to Oceania netball community members. **So, a condition of receiving the resources will be on the understanding that you will send Briar photo's of the resources being delivered to your netball communities.**

Our sincere thanks once again to Air NZ for their generosity!



**Safe travels and look forward to seeing you  
all in Rarotonga in June!**