

THANK YOU BRISBANE – IT WAS GREAT !!

The 2013 Oceania Senior, Junior and Youth Championships held in Brisbane at the Chandler Complex on July 10-14 turned out to be a sensational event. Great battles, records, big crowd, magnificently organised and a record number of lifters. The Championships combined with the Australian Senior and Junior Championships became the biggest tournament in the numbers of lifters taking part in this region in the history of the sport.



The victory ceremony of the 69Kg category with H.E. Baron Waqa President of the Republic of Nauru presenting the medals.

Just over 300 entries were registered. However due to visa problems with some of the Island countries the numbers came down to 246 competitors. This was still an enormous number for only four days of competition. Many of the men's categories needed to split in to A and B groups with some even having to have a C group.

The four day tournament attracted an enthusiastic crowd of 4,500 people. The venue was the Chandler Complex – Sleeman Theatre which was the same venue built for the 1982 Commonwealth Games. It had everything. Meeting rooms, anti-doping rooms, weigh-in rooms, VIP room, saunas, training hall etc. . All of these facilities were under on roof. The warm up area was excellent.

Over 100 technical officials, managers and coaches were in attendance over the four day tournament. Many VIP's attended the championships including His Excellency, Baron Waqa, President of the Republic of Nauru. Other highlights of the championships included the webcast produced by Bowen Stuart where 68 countries tuned in. These Championships were originally to be held in Wallis & Futuna Islands. However due to lack of suitable accommodation in Wallis, the Australian Weightlifting Federation came to the rescue and agreed to host the Oceania Championships in Brisbane in conjunction with the Australian Senior and Junior Championships.



Dika Toua – PNG, 53Kg wins best female lifter of the championships. David Katoatau –Kiribati 105Kg wins the male best lifter.

The OWF wishes to express its sincerest gratitude to the Australian Weightlifting Federation and in particular the Queensland Weightlifting Association for their outstanding organization in staging this magnificent event.

Finally special thanks must go to the many volunteers who assisted in running the event and in particular the competition Directors Mr. Ian Moir, the Executive Director of the Queensland Weightlifting Federation and Mr. Michael Keelan the CEO of the Australian Weightlifting Federation.

The best lifters on sinclair formula in the senior, junior and youth were:

MEN SENIOR

David Katoatau- KIR 105Kg Cat.

MEN JUNIOR

Stephen Kari –PNG 94Kg Cat.

MEN YOUTH

Fred Oala – PNG 56Kg Cat.

WOMEN SENIOR

Dika Toua –PNG 53Kg Cat.

WOMEN JUNIOR

Rachel Goodman –AUS 63Kg Cat.

WOMEN YOUTH

Rachel Goodman– PNG 63Kg Cat.

TEAM CLASSIFICATION

MEN SENIOR

1st Place: AUSTRALIA
2nd Place: NEW ZEALAND
3rd Place: SAMOA.

MEN JUNIOR

1st Place NEW ZEALAND
2nd Place: AUSTRALIA
3rd Place: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MEN YOUTH

1st Place: NEW ZEALAND
2nd Place: AUSTRALIA
3rd. Place: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

WOMEN SENIOR

1st Place: AUSTRALIA
2nd Place: NEW ZEALAND
3rd Place: PAPUA NEW GUINEA

WOMEN JUNIOR

1st Place AUSTRALIA
2nd Place: PAPUA NEW GUINEA
3rd Place: MARSHALL ISLANDS

MEN YOUTH

1st Place: AUSTRALIA
2nd Place: PAPUA NEW GUINEA
3rd. Place: AMERICAN SAMOA

THE 2013 OWF CONGRESS

The 2013 OWF Congress was held in Brisbane on the 10th July. Seventeen countries were in attendance. Apart from the usual reports other highlights of the meeting was:

- Life membership given to Mr. Bruce Cameron from New Zealand. Bruce was the Vice President of the OWF from 1980 to 1982 and then he became General Secretary from 1982 to 1992.
- With regards to the 2014 Oceania Championships and Olympic Youth Qualification, Fiji withdrew from hosting the event. And after the matter went to a vote, it was awarded to Samoa.



The President of the OWF the Hon. Marcus Stephen presents The OWF Life membership to Mr Bruce Cameron –NZL



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- The second year of the OTIP program was launched during the Congress. Every country in attendance praised this project. And it was pleasing to see that quite a few lifters who attended the OTIP training camp at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute last year, were this year competing in the Championships in Brisbane.
- All countries attending were very pleased with the way the Oceania Institute is working. It was highlighted that the institute is at full capacity currently with 13 countries having their top weightlifters in residence and the Institute now has a waiting list for countries who want to send their lifters to train at the Institute.



The Oceania Weightlifting Federation Congress in Brisbane- Australia on July 10,2013

NEW APPOINTMENTS

During the successful Tuvalu Games held in the month of June weightlifting was one of the highlight sports of the games, During the Games new elections were held for the Tuvalu Weightlifting Federation. Mr.Talavai Iona is now the new President,whilst the General Secretary is Ms. Kaie Luenita. The Vice President elected was Mr Uluaio Lauti.

PACIFIC MINI GAMES



The Pacific Mini Games scheduled to be held from the 2nd to the 12th September in Wallis & Futuna has attracted 17 countries in weightlifting with just over 100 lifters competing. In numbers of country participation weightlifting has the highest number equal to track & field.

ZKC EMAIL INTERNATIONAL CLUB TOURNAMENT

The ZKC Email International Club tournament is scheduled for this weekend 26th – 28th, with all entries to be in by the end of July.

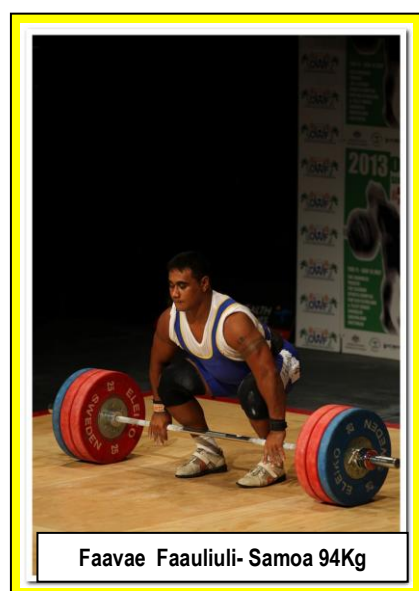
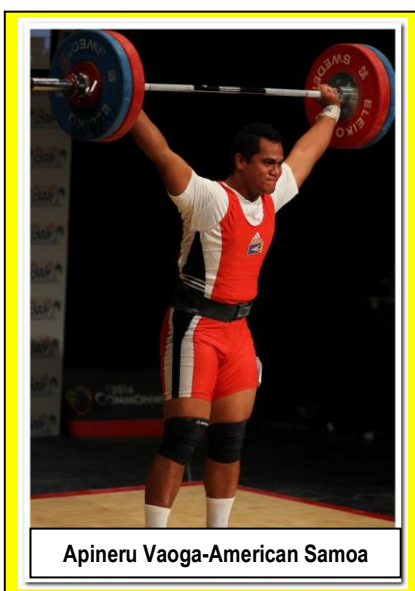
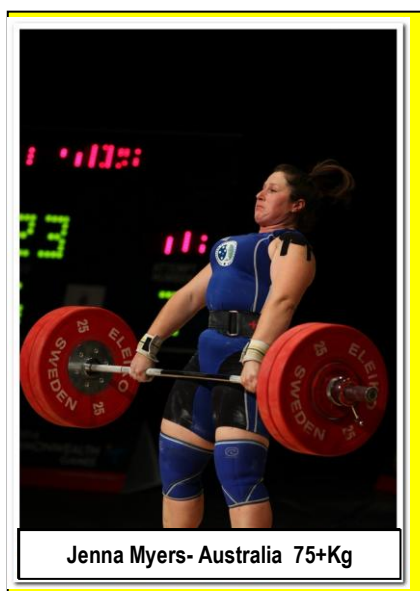
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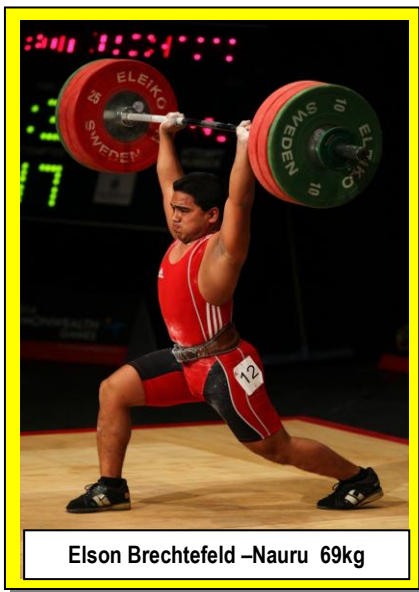
It is indeed very sad to lose another member of the weightlifting family within a short period of time in the Oceania region. Mr. Andrew Nori, President of the Solomon Islands Olympic Committee and President of the Solomon Islands Weightlifting Federation passed away on 9th July. Our deepest sympathies go to his family, the Olympic Committee and the Weightlifting Federation of the Solomon Islands.



Paul Coffa MBE
OWF GENERAL SECRETARY

Highlights from Brisbane





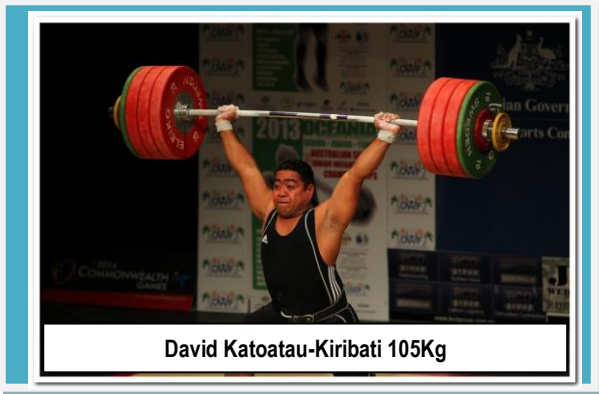
Elson Brechtefeld –Nauru 69kg



Damon Kelly –Australia 105+kg



Guba Hale –PNG 69Kg



David Katoatau-Kiribati 105Kg



Deborah Aason- Australia 75+Kg



Dika Toua- Papua New Guinea 53Kg



Peter Enoch –Marshall Islands 62Kg



Louisa Peter –Cook Islands 75+kg



Mary Opeloge -Samoa 75kg



Suliana Fate -Tonga 75+kg



Danny Nemani –Niue 105+kg



Toua Udia- Papua New Guinea 77kg



Nevo loane –Samoa 62kg



Lomina Tibon –Marshall Islands 53kg



Jenly Wini- Solomon Islands 58kg



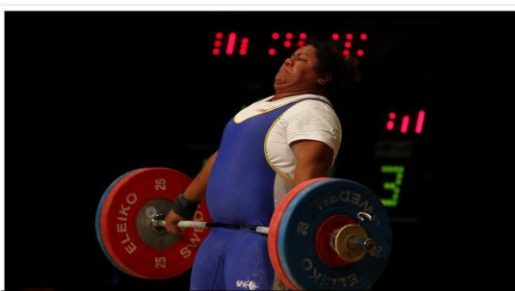
Petelo Lagicula- New Caledonia – 105Kg



Vanessa Lui –Samoa 69Kg



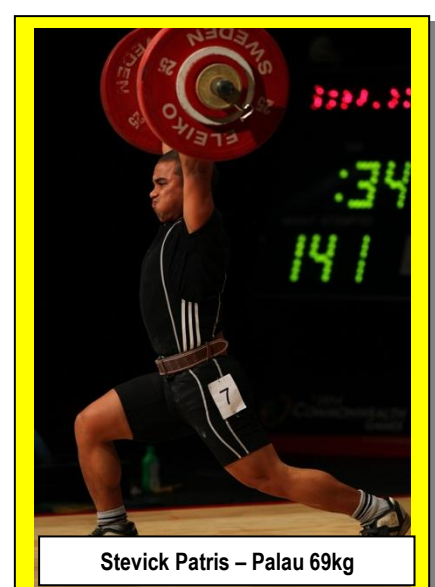
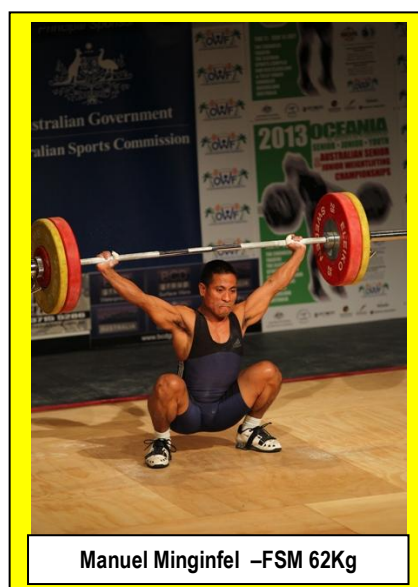
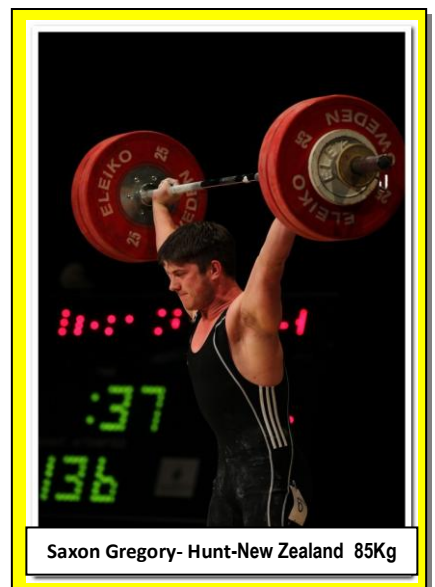
Tracey Lambrechts- New Zealand 75+kg



Ele Opeloge -Samoa 75+kg



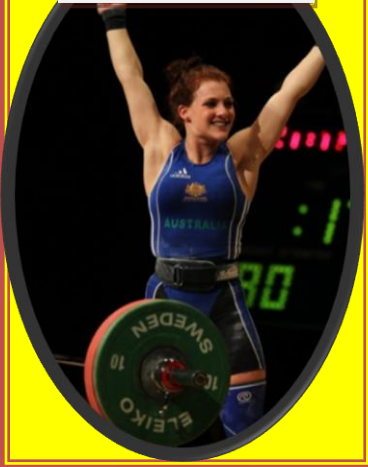
Jack Feleti –Niue 77Kg



Excitement

Photos courtesy of Action in Focus -Photography

Rachel Goodman



Nevo Ioane



Elson Brechtfeld



Mathew Madsen



Steven Kari



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Mary Opeloge



David Katoatau



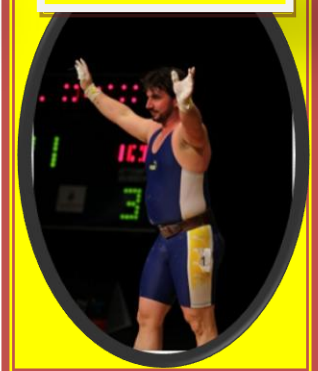
Phillipa Hale



Luisa Peters



Andrew Ciancio



Dika Toua



Lapua Lapua



Paea Wolfgramm Boxing Olympic Silver medallist enjoying the lifting

Deborah Acason

