

Issue 30 - November, 2020

This has been an amazing year in so many respects with Covid 19 on our doorstep! Some have been fortunate to be able to continue sport, but others have been in lockdown as transmission cases continue to be revealed.

With Government containment protocols, it has been difficult, if not impossible, to access international travel. This has had a real impact on our athletes as they prepare for the 2020 Olympic Games. Their resilience and the creative work of their coaches and NOCs has made an enormous difference in coping with these altered schedules. Well done – I am so proud of you all!

My sincere thanks to Liz Dawson, who with the ECO Executive, have kept our work moving forward during my ongoing cancer treatment.

With my best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. May you enjoy the spirit of Christmas with family and friends and look forward to good times in the New Year.

Warmest regards,

Helen Brownlee AM
Chair, ECO

2020/21 Oceania Events

5 December, 2020 virtual ONOC General Assembly & associated workshops (2/3/4 December 2020),

14 December, 2020 IOC Safeguarding Webinar

8 March 2021 International Women's Day

23 July – 8 August 2021 TOKYO 2020 Olympic Games

THE LATEST NEWS and a special INVITATION



SAMOA is one step closer to the 2021 Rugby Women's World Cup after defeating Tonga in Auckland this month. Congratulations athletes, coaches and supporters.

Safeguarding Invitation – 14 December

We invite you, your member sports and other interested parties to join the IOC Webinar on Monday 14 December 2020.

•TIME ZONES (FIJI - GMT +12) * Please check your time against Fiji*

7am	PLW, AUS (Perth)
8am	GUM, PNG, AUS (Brisbane)
8.30am	AUS (Adelaide)
9am	AUS (Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra), FSM, SOL, VAN
10am	FIJ, KIR, NRU, MHL, TUV
11am	ASA, NZL, TGA
12noon	COK, SAM

The Webinar will focus on the impact of COVID-19; in recovery, how to make sport a safe space; support for vulnerable groups; the athletes – supporting safe participation and reporting; from awareness to action strategies – sharing some good initiatives, followed by Q&A. Some excellent speakers have been selected from UN Women, the USP Research team, ONOC Athletes Commission and Child Fund AUS. **Save the date and spread the word!**

Policies: it is pleasing to note that at least 35% of Oceania NOCs now have a Safeguarding Policy in place, with others nearing completion. Records show policies have been received from AUS, GUM, NZL, PNG, SAM, TGA. Let the ECO Chair know if your NOC has a Safeguarding Policy but is not listed.

Please refer to the IOC Safeguarding Kit for advice or contact the ECO Chair for draft policies.



Opportunities, Advocacy & Promotion



Nominated by the International Modern Pentathlon Union, Kitty Chiller (AUS) won the 2020 IOC Women in Sport award for Oceania.. After competing in Modern Pentathlon at the Sydney 2000 Games (left), Kitty was appointed CdM for the Australian Olympic Team in Rio 2016.

As CEO of Gymnastics Australia Kitty has introduced a Body positive Guideline aimed at stamping out inappropriate language and body shaming – directed at young athletes. Congratulations Kitty!



VANUATU WIS organized a Travelling Picture Show (photo below), launched by the Prime Minister in July 2020, the Picture Show was broadcast live on VBTV and live-streamed to Facebook.



Vanuatu's only female referee has been appointed by the International Rugby League to a group developing the women's game around the world.

So'oletaua Motuliki ((photo left) –Vanuatu Rugby League's Secretary-General, joins head of NZL Women's Rugby League **Luisa Avaika** and international player **Tahini Booth (PNG)**. **Once again, Oceania women making a difference globally!**

Julia King (VAN) has been appointed CdM for the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Congratulations Julia!

Pleas send photos and text to the [ECO Chair](#) for future editions of the [ECHO News](#).

"STRONG WOMEN VANUATU" - YUMI MESTEM HU IA?

Kam lo Seaside Showground July 8 4 pm mo faenemaot!

ECO EXECUTIVE CONTACTS Equity Commission Oceania

Helen Brownlee - Chair
helen.brownlee@olympics.com.au

Liz Dawson
liz@forsythmorison.com

Joey Miranda
guammoc@teleguam.net

Carol Ngiraidis
Aliibelau@gmail.com

Nynette Sass
nynette.sass@gmail.com

Marcus Stephen
naurunoc@gmail.com

Emma Waiwai
emzwhy2@gmail.com

Edith Nicholas (Athletes Comm.)
enicholas669@gmail.com

We invite you to join our **FACEBOOK** page: **ECO – Equity Commission Oceania**, where you can share ideas and get up to date information on what is happening in Oceania for women and girls in sport.

Also our **INSTAGRAM** Page – Username: [ecoceania](#)