



WAO News

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Dear WAO Member Associations,

Welcome to another edition of the WAO News, to keep you all informed about what is happening in World Archery Oceania. My gratitude goes to our Development Officer, **Mr Robert Turner**, who has provided the content for this issue.

Enjoy the read, but we would love for you to contribute to the content as well.

Please feel free to contact the Secretary General (secretary@worldarcheryoceania.org) if there is anything from your Member Association that you would like others to know about.

Kind regards to you all

Susanne Womersley
President



Niue joins World Archery

The World Archery Congress brought great news for Oceania, the addition of our newest member: **Niue**.

The small island that can be found between Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands is new to the sport of archery. A small but dedicated group have started the archery organisation, and even though it took some time, with perseverance and the help of our Development Officer they fulfilled the requirements to become a member of World Archery and consequently World Archery Oceania.



Plans are already underway with our Development Officer for a mission to the island to help them with coaching skills and to continue to grow the sport into the future. We welcome them to the sport and are excited to see more archery happening in our region.

Kiribati removed from World Archery

In other news from World Archery Congress, **Kiribati** will no longer be a member of World Archery. This is due to the federation not paying WA membership fees. It should be noted that Kiribati were given multiple warnings about this during the last year.



Kiribati will be able to become a WA member again but will need to undergo the application process to ensure that the organisation is being run in a fair and consistent way. Our Development Officer has already been in touch with them around this issue, and we hope to see them back in the future.

Busy international season comes to a close

With the recent WA 3D World Championships coming to a close, it brings to an end one of the busiest outdoor competition seasons (northern hemisphere) we have seen. There were so many events that at some times multiple events were held over the same period of time.



Events that had attendance from Oceania Archers were:

- World Cup 3 TUR
- World Para Championships and World Championships NED
- World Cup 4 GER
- World Youth Championships SPA
- Universiade ITA
- Trans- Tasman NZL
- Pacific Games SAM
- Tokyo Test Event JAP
- Asia Cup 2 and 3 TPE and PHI
- World Archery 3D champs CAN

As usual for our region, attending international events can be difficult given our geographical position and level of competition. Yet we would like to say a very big congratulations to all Member Associations who put in the serious effort to attend these events.

Some strong results were had in many events. Results of major international events can be found on the following website <http://www.ianseo.net/>



But not only Oceania competitors appeared on the world stage, some of our judges also were appointed to world events. International Judge Candidate **Alison Hagaman** (AUS) officiated at the Para World Championships and World

Championships in the Netherlands, and International Youth Judge **Logan Andrew** (NZL) was one of the judges at the World Youth Archery Championships in Spain.





International Judge **Susanne Womersley** (AUS) was appointed to officiate at Stage 4 of the World Cup Series in Germany, but unfortunately had to withdraw at the last minute. However, she will be Chair of the Tournament Judge Commission at the Indoor World Cup event in Sydney in January next year.

Australia and New Zealand secure quota spots for Tokyo 2020

Two Oceania nations earned the first quota places for the 2020 Olympic Games this past international season.



Australia won a full men's team quota at the World Championships by finishing a credible 5th. The Australian men showed they are again a team to watch going into the Games by winning the very stressful 1/8 round in a dramatic shoot off against the higher ranked Turkish team. This hopefully bodes well for the AUS team who won Bronze in Rio in 2016.

New Zealand also won a mixed pair 2020 Olympic position in dramatic fashion. They took the 2 spots (one male, one female) in a shoot off against their Trans Tasman rivals, AUS at the recent Pacific Games. The see-sawing match saw NZL take their first Olympic Quota spots with a near perfect shoot-off since 2004.



Other chances to earn Olympic spots will occur in the WAO Championships next year, as well as in the last chance qualifier at the Berlin World Cup. AUS and NZL have set out their Olympic selection processes and we wish all involved the very best.

Archery Australia earn first 2020 Paralympic quota position

At the recent Para World Championships Archery Australia brought one of the strongest Para teams in its history. The event showed that Para archery results worldwide continue to grow with some very high scores and tough competition.



Rio Paralympic Games Bronze medallist **Jonathon Milne** shot very well across the event and was able to secure a men's compound place for Australia. Nations still have a chance to win more quota positions which WA has explained in the following articles

<https://worldarchery.org/news/169110/beginners-guide-paralympic-qualification-process-tokyo-2020>

<https://worldarchery.org/news/169124/23-countries-collect-toyko-2020-paralympic-quota-places-world-championships>

2019 Pacific Games: the best yet

Samoa hosted the recent Pacific Games where archery was one of the best events we have seen. We saw a very diverse number of nations, bow types and genders, and we believe this is set to grow in following Games.

The addition of AUS and NZL to the CQT also brought a new level of competition and importance to the Games. WA and WAO have been actively pushing for the inclusion of all nations to see the games take on a higher importance in the region.



WAO have already been in talks with the Pacific Games Council post event to discuss making improvements and additions that will develop the archery event even more in upcoming Games.

The event didn't go off without a hitch. There were some issues with field direction and targets. Additionally, some heavy rain made for some tough going for the archers and field crews, but in true archery fashion they found solutions and made the event a successful one.

We would like to thank the Organisers, judges, and archers for their attendance and well done to all medallists.

WA did put out a news item on the Games which can be found here: <https://worldarchery.org/news/172508/leotas-win-fiji-two-golds-and-three-medals-pacific-games-samoa>

For a full list of results be sure to see <http://www.ianseo.net/> and <https://www.samoa2019.ws/games/archery/>

Australian youth come away with World Youth Champs medal

At the recent World Youth Archery Championships held in Madrid, Spain **Australian** Compound Cadet Duo consisting of **Rory Blake** and **Alyssa Mollema**



won a fantastic Bronze medal against the heavily favoured Denmark team. The pair showed their skill in early matches and only lost the semi-finals by only one point with a near perfect score of 148. This medal shows there is a great potential for these young archers and we look forward to seeing more of them in the future.

Australia win medals in Asia Cup

In the past few years Archery Australia and other nations have been sending teams to compete in the Asia Cup series. This series is a great idea for our Member Associations to consider as they take place much closer to our region and this reduces the costs for our nations. The level of competition can be of a very high calibre as well.



In both Taipei and Philippines **Archery Australia** were able to secure medals in the Women's recurve team event (Taipei) and men's team compound (Philippines).



Well done to these teams for the great results, and for those wanting to watch the matches have a look at World Archery Asia's Facebook page for the videos:

https://www.facebook.com/WAAsiaofficial/?_tn=%2CdkC-R&eid=ARBA2wtezv95fOnYlpp6VsHHE0teW6wA-Lz9pY6ZBCmG9FVklMvGqRpbKoL-PlwePczAk3TZ0t6ICicL&hc_ref=ARS3zykRo9VnvSLck_klXaWREmNE4nPG-0PLy7HzFBQZT3M1kJFvVj7w-Ldq-u330II

Elizabeth Randle makes the top 8



Women's Compound in the Oceania region has not seen a strong individual performance on the elite stage for some time. This young shooting star, originally of Roturua New Zealand, and now based in Brisbane, Australia has shown she can shoot with the best.

The good result is no accident though, Elizabeth won the Australian Open in convincing style earlier this year and has attended a range of World Cups and senior events. She has moved her way up from the youth scene where she has attended multiple world youth championships.

Keep up the good work Elizabeth, and we look forward to seeing you continue to improve.

New Website

As part of its renewed look into how it is managing the sport, the WAO Executive have been working towards a new website. Currently only some small changes have occurred, but we are hoping to see some major changes by the end of the year.



We would like to thank our Vice-President **Ms Catherine Gougeon** and WAO Development Officer for the work done so far. For the news article on this topic see here: <http://www.worldarcheryoceania.org/single-post/2019/08/30/WAO-to-re-launch-its-Website>

Development mission to Solomon Islands

In July our Development Officer spent a week in Honiara (capital of the Solomon Islands) to help the National Federation in their coaching skills and start a project to engage more youth in the country. The project saw a range of equipment brought to the island as well as purchased on the island to teach them how to make their own PVC bows.

The Solomon Islands have been successful in gaining the 2023 Pacific Games which will have archery as one of the sports. Given the future Pacific Games event, a series of meetings also took place with sports management in the country to better understand how we can help them to be ready for the Games and grow archery as well.



World Archery produced a great article about this mission which can be found here: <https://worldarchery.org/news/175270/solomon-islands-launches-archery-schools-programme-across-capital-honiara>

Our Development Officer has asked us to remind all those Member Associations who are also interested in growing youth archery, or looking to have a similar project in their nation to please contact him: rturner@archery.org.

Judges for the 2020 WAO Championships

Our Judges Coordinator **Mr Brian Hagaman** has made a call to all our nations for any interested judges who may want to attend. For more details please see the following article.

<http://www.worldarcheryoceania.org/single-post/2019/09/10/A-call-for-Judges-for-2020-WAO-Championships>

With the closing date set as 30 October, selected judges will be notified mid November.

Barebow to make its first ever appearance in WAO 2020 Championships

With WA recently accepting the Barebow category also for outdoor Target archery, WAO have been fast to follow suit with the addition of Barebow into the next WAO championships, to be held in Suva, Fiji 2020.



This time around, the Barebow category is considered a test event for WAO with archers shooting a target round only. Following the event, WAO plan to evaluate the Barebow event and potentially look to add matchplay as well in the future.

WAO would like to thank World Archery Fiji for their flexibility and positive manner in which

they took on this new category, and we can't wait to see Barebow archers fighting it out for Oceania Championship medals. To see the news item please see the article:

<http://www.worldarcheryoceania.org/single-post/2019/08/28/WAO-Champs-Fiji-2020-Special-Announcement>

Archery New Zealand announce General Manager

WAO would like to formally welcome the newest member of the Archery New Zealand team, **Mr Phil Vyer** to the role of General Manager, and we are excited to work together in the future. For the news article about the new role please see

<https://www.archerynz.co.nz/news/welcome-philip-vyer/>



WAO Executive Committee plans to meet annually

Taking advice from WA on how to better manage and run the sport, WAO have moved forward on plans to meet in person on an annual basis.

WAO have almost exclusively met digitally (online video, phone and email) or in person at the WAO Congress. This mode of communication will of course continue into the future, yet to keep growing the effectiveness of the WAO Executive Committee and move forward on more projects we agreed to meet in person (for the next 4 years as a minimum) once each year as well.

The first meeting is set for November 2019 and will focus on a wide range of tasks,

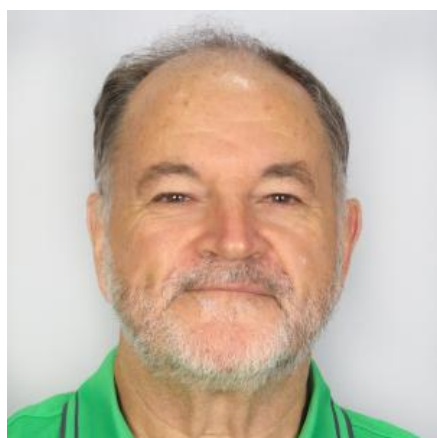
- Governance: continuing the constitutional changes begun at the last WAO Congress; long term strategic planning to 2024 and beyond
- Management: improving WAO policy and procedure; improve WAO Executive Committee file sharing; budgeting for WAO and projects;

election of new Treasurer and Athlete Representative to WAO Executive Committee

- Development: work with WAO Development Officer on future judging, coaching, events management and development projects
- Media Management: new website development; regional news to showcase the sport and region; social media platforms and newsletter improvement

We will try and keep our Member Associations updated on these meetings and look forward to more efficient workings of WAO.

WAO treasurer resigns



WAO would like to officially announce the recent resignation of our Treasurer, **Mr Jim Larven**. Jim was the Technical Delegate for the recent Pacific Games and has been a key player in the sport for decades. Mr Larven is now focussing his efforts on the upcoming Indoor World Series event for which he is the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee as well on his local club and business. We are sure that you will join us in thanking Mr Larven for his service to the sport and region and wish him all the best with his upcoming endeavours.

For anyone interested in taking on the role of Treasurer, elections will take place at the 2020 WAO Congress. Nomination forms will be distributed to all Member Associations and placed on the website together with all other Congress documents in due course.

Upcoming events

The **Archery Australia National Championships** are set to take place in Morwell, Victoria at the beginning of November. The Morwell Club is well known for holding multiple large-scale national events and even recently a TT event. The event will have a 1440 Target event, Field event and 900 rounds. All Oceania Member Associations can enter.

See here for details:

<http://www.archery.org.au/Tournaments/National-Tournaments/2019-National-Championships>

Archery Australia announce their 2020 National Matchplay series to include a leg in NZL

The NMS series has been running in Australia for many years and the 2019/20 series looks to be one of the best yet. Connecting with large state events and even sending a leg to the NZL Nationals (dates TBD) will no doubt bring some tight competition for the finals (to be shot at the AUS Open). Details:

<http://www.archery.org.au/Tournaments/National-Tournaments/2020-National-Matchplay-Series>

Archery Australia Indoor Archery World Cup Series festival.

Despite being in the middle of our “outdoor season” this is a very exciting event. This is the first World Cup event to ever be shot in the Oceania region and will see some of the best international level archers in our region fighting it out for the top spot. The event is open, meaning anyone can enter, and the organisers have added a range of other events around the World Cup competition, to really make it an archery festival.

<http://www.archery.org.au/Tournaments/International-Tournaments/Sydney-Indoor-Archery-Festival-250>

<https://www.archeryworldcup-sydney.com.au/>

Please contact the Secretary General with dates for your National Championships, so that they can be included in the next edition.