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OCEANIA



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WAKO IF President

Via email: Barbara Falsoni barbaraf@wakoweb.com

Dear Borislav

I am pleased to provide a report to update you on the activities of WAKO Oceania for the 2018 year to date.

As in previous years the Oceania Federation was dominated largely by events occurring in both Australia and New Zealand. Activity in the smaller Pacific countries remains constrained by logistical and financial challenges; despite this however progress is continuing albeit slowly. The development of WAKO into smaller Pacific countries should remain a focus of both WAKO Oceania and of WAKO IF.

Nonetheless, WAKO activity in both Australia and New Zealand remains strong and indeed this year a number of inroads have been made into establishing WAKO as the premier Kickboxing Federation in the continent.

During the early part of 2018 the 2nd WAKO Oceania Continental Championships were held at the Arnold Classics in Melbourne, Australia. With 7 countries in attendance competitor numbers at this event were strong, especially in comparison to other martial arts on display at the event (for example, Jiu Jitsu, Taekwondo and Fencing).



With over 220 competitors taking part in the multi-discipline WAKO competition the event was a massive success showcasing the progression of both fighters in the region and WAKO as an organisation. Mr Arnold Schwarzenegger again paid special attention to fighters in the ring and on the tatami making comment again about the important life skills that institutions such as WAKO provide to our youth.

2018 WAKO OCEANIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AMATEUR KICKBOXING TOURNAMENT
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

16 – 18 MARCH 2018

REGISTER VIA - www.myeventx.com - wako.aus@gmail.com - www.wakoaustralia.org
Ages 8-18yrs, 18-40yrs, 40yrs+ ALL Disciplines.

K1 (This is a free charity & demo event to WAKO members only- contact us to become a WAKO K1 Member)
KICKLIGHT-LIGHT CONTACT CONTINUOUS – POINT FIGHTING – MUSICAL FORMS
WAKO OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS DEMONSTRATION SPORT AT ARNOLD CLASSICS FESTIVAL,
MELBOURNE EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE

Any money received for Ring sports at this event will be donated to Starting Strong inc who is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits

GAISF Global Association of International Sports Federations
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Fair play
WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY
Starting Strong

ARNOLD CLASSIC AUSTRALIA
Starting Strong REGISTERED CHARITY

Planning is already underway for the 2019 WAKO Oceania Championships to take place in Auckland, New Zealand at the next Martial Arts expo to be held here. Dates are still to be confirmed however it is likely that this event will attract many competitors who may not have had the opportunity to compete in high level WAKO events before. Considering the strong ITF TKD base in New Zealand it is hoped that interest can be drawn from here to improve the strength of future Oceania Tatami teams.

A high number of smaller but equally important events were held across Oceania during the year. With competitions occurring across several Australian states and through New Zealand the effect of brand recognition for WAKO in the region cannot be denied. Special effort has also gone into promoting the sport for Women in the region, with the local and regional media organisations picking up on this initiative.

Family's fifth New Zealand sporting representative set to shine

JAMIE SEARLE
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Kavinda Herath / Stuff

Emma McLeay will soon be on a plane to Italy, as the fifth person in her family to represent New Zealand in sport.

Additionally, WAKO NZ this year offered regional titles to known promoters who seized upon this opportunity in contrast to the dissident organisations they would normally promote.

The effect of this has been tremendous with promoters, fighters and clubs now seeing and recognising the professionalism and global community that is WAKO. Additionally, for the first time in its history WAKO NZ held South and North Island titles for determining fighters for an inaugural WAKO NZ Title fight to be held towards the end of 2018 / early 2019.

Australia too has recently taken part in a WAKO competition in the United States, a first for the region and evidence of the growing strength of athletes in the continent.



Figure 1- 2018 New Zealand South Island K1 Title Holder Jason Mischewski

WAKO Oceania held its AGM on the 8th of July and the financial report for the Federation was lodged with the New Zealand Societies Register on the same date.

The financial report outlines the net zero position of WAKO Oceania at the end of the 17/18 year. This is due to the funding that was received from the WAKO Oceania IF Budget that was spent on the inaugural WAKO Oceania Continental Championships (see Appendix 1).

Funding and finances remain a concern for WAKO Oceania; the smaller populations of our smaller regions make it difficult afford the costs associated with International competition. The geographic isolation makes it difficult for teams to travel and indeed the IF board member from Oceania (New Zealand) finds that the maximum reimbursement from WAKO IF for flights for board meetings does not nearly compensate the cost for travel.

The personal cost of both additional time and money associated with this severely impacts and disadvantages WAKO members from Oceania. Additionally given the smaller pool of available fighters who contribute financially to national federations puts additional burden on Oceania countries to pay international membership fees.

Despite these issues which may need to be brought to the attention of the WAKO IF board, WAKO in this region continues to develop professionally with the interests of all participants for the benefit of the sport.

Pete Thompson

WAKO NZ President

WAKO Oceania President

WAKO IF Board Member

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INCORPORATED (2611635)**

**Statement of Income & Expenditure
For the year ended 31 December 2017**

INCOME	2016
	\$
Total income	8,515.82 ¹
EXPENSES	
Total expenses	8,515.82²
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Net surplus/(loss)	\$0.00
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**Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2017**

ASSETS	2016
	\$
Total assets	Nil
LIABILITIES	
Total liabilities	Nil
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Net assets (liabilities)	Nil
Accumulated funds as at 31 December	Nil
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¹ This was the total funding provided by WAKO IF for the 2017 Oceania Championships

² This was the total expenditure for the 2017 WAKO Oceania Championships

