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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



OFC enjoyed another busy and successful year in 2014 with a full calendar of OFC competitions, new advances in media and communications, social responsibility, technical development, marketing, television and in the development of infrastructure, most notably at Ngahue, as we head toward the completion of the new Home of Football in east Auckland.

The OFC was represented at a host of FIFA world events with success in women's football in particular. New Zealand's Young Ferns and Junior Ferns each distinguished themselves on the global stage in their respective age-group events, as the latter reached the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Canada after notching two memorable wins in pool play over Costa Rica and Paraguay.

Papua New Guinea U-15 achieved their best ever finish of fifth at the Women's Youth Olympic Games Football Tournament in Nanjing, China, in August, a truly remarkable feat given the increased quality of participants compared to the inaugural event in Singapore four years previously.

Next year, OFC faces two major challenges — the first is the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup in New Zealand where the hosts and our own OFC U-20 Men's Championship winners, Fiji, will aim to do their best. New Zealand's Football Ferns continue to lead the way in women's football and won the OFC Women's Nations Cup in Kokopo thus qualifying for their third consecutive FIFA Women's World Cup.

We enjoyed the inaugural OFC President's Cup with six teams from three confederations converging on The Trusts Arena in a competition that exceeded my expectations in terms of marketing and relationship building with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the Confederation of North America, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF).

A special word of gratitude is due to our many sponsors and community partners but also, poignantly, to AFC President Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and CONCACAF President Jeffrey Webb. To see teams from our three regions competing in the spirit of fair play demonstrated clearly the unifying power of football to bring together people from across the world from different cultures, languages and faiths.

Off the field we enjoyed many highlights in the areas of social responsibility with our relationship with UNICEF, the evolution of Just Play soon to unfold in New Zealand after much success in Solomon Islands, Tonga and Fiji, to name just three examples.

Work continues on the future Home of Football with completion of the project likely in the latter half of 2015. This facility will be a beacon of hope for the development of football in Oceania and I remain as determined as ever to see this project through to completion.

I reserve a special remark for the OFC Technical Department whose unwavering dedication and hard work saw over 70 courses delivered all over Oceania, work that will bear fruit on and off the pitch and guarantee our competitiveness within the game in coming years.

I would like to thank all 11 Member Associations, in particular their Presidents and staff for their ongoing loyalty and support.

We look forward to 2015, a year in which I am confident OFC will continue to progress and achieve many more landmark achievements.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank FIFA and the FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter for his belief and commitment toward football development in Oceania, without his support, our region would face many hurdles in a rapidly evolving football world.

Yours in football,

David Chung
OFC President
FIFA Vice-President



2014 AT A GLANCE

Another 12 months of activities, milestones and exciting developments marked the fourth year of the OFC Executive Committee's term, with its vision for the future continuing to take shape.

The highlight came at the end of the year when an impressive Auckland City FC exceeded expectations at the FIFA Club World Cup. After beating past both the Moroccan and African club champions to qualify for the semi-final, they finished a valiant third putting both New Zealand and Oceania football on the map.

Stage One of the OFC headquarters development at Ngahue Reserve in Auckland, New Zealand was completed marking the first step in creating a long-term base for football in Oceania.

OFC Commercial continued to diversify its offerings and expand its clientele with the design and printing element keeping the department's staff incredibly busy. For OFC TV it was a year filled with change as Tukaha Mua came on board as the head of department and the team pushed themselves to deliver quality coverage of OFC tournaments and activities while also taking on work outside the organisation.

Player development took centre stage for the OFC Technical Department and OFC Member Associations with the region's first ever FIFA Player Development Seminar held in Vanuatu just a starting point. Fiji's qualification for their first FIFA tournament coupled with the success of other sides like Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and American Samoa at the OFC U-20 Championship are a reflection of the hard work that is going into youth football development around the Pacific.

Women's football is also reaping the rewards of strong development with New Zealand's U-20s, the Junior Football Ferns becoming the first women's side to progress out of the group stage at a FIFA tournament. Tonga's U-20 side secured the nation's best result against a New Zealand side in their 3-1 loss during the qualifiers, and Vanuatu's burgeoning young side showed obvious progression throughout the qualifiers.

Meanwhile the Football Ferns have become a fixture in the top 20 of the FIFA Women's World Rankings and qualified for their fourth FIFA Women's World Cup.

Futsal and Beach Soccer continued to develop with both introductory and intermediate courses being delivered around the region. The OFC Futsal Championship Invitational was another chance for the region's best to pit themselves against an Asian Football Confederation side ahead of the FIFA Futsal World Cup qualifiers and showed real advances from the participating nations.

The Just Play Programme continued to shine with new content shaping the activities for the year as implementation and evaluation of the new sessions got underway. OFC partnered with UNICEF Pacific to draw on the organisation's expertise in social development. The partnership also helped the OFC Social Responsibility department to improve its evaluation tools to be more efficient, easy to use and capable of collecting enough data to develop concrete evidence.

The first ever OFC President's Cup helped round out the year's activities. The presence of teams representing CONCACAF and AFC helped strengthen the ties between the three Confederations as well as open the door to new relationships and friendships.

Looking ahead to 2015 the calendar is once again full of events, activities, seminars, courses and workshops. The highlight for the region will no doubt be the FIFA U-20 World Cup which New Zealand is gearing up to host. The top teams from around the world will gather in Aotearoa and alongside them will be New Zealand and Fiji, hoping to represent their nations, and their region, with honour and pride.



REFLECTING ON A SUCCESSFUL TERM

The responsibility of growing all aspects of football throughout Oceania, in terms of the game as well as its unifying educational, cultural and humanitarian values, is a role the OFC Executive Committee has taken seriously since its election in 2011.

The committee set itself to work almost immediately after the Elective Congress in January as it looked at ways to promote football in Oceania.

The launch of OFC TV is one of the most visible introductions and has seen the profile of our footballers grow both in the Pacific and globally. The key strategic decision to bring all broadcast operations in-house has not only seen access to the game improve, but has contributed to the ongoing upskilling of the Member Association media officers.

Livestreaming of key OFC tournaments has been the highlight of the department's activities as they have competitions like the OFC Nations Cup, OFC Champions League and OFC U-20 Championships accessible to a global audience.

Having an in-house broadcast option has not only been of benefit to fans of Pacific football, but closer to home the OFC Technical Department has also reaped the rewards. Linking with their colleagues the technical team has been able to provide greater analysis and more in-depth technical studies as a result of the footage OFC TV has collected.

Offering an increasing number of development courses for coaches and instructors throughout the Member Associations, the OFC Technical Department now have specific, regional case studies that can assist them. It has also proved a useful tool for the technical teams in each MA as they analyse their own national teams and start identifying strengths and weaknesses on their own.

For the OFC Technical Department the past four years have been about growth.

The department has increased from a small team of three, to a thriving group of seven individuals striving to provide the best possible advice, instruction, resources and expertise across a range of areas; from futsal and beach soccer, to women's football and refereeing.

The number of courses being offered has almost doubled, as has the number of participants getting involved in growing the game in their own countries. Academies, Centres of Excellence and Development Centres have been introduced around the region and are proving a thriving pathway for talented youth to continue their football education.

The work of the technical department has reaped rewards on the international stage as we have seen teams from around the region test New Zealand's dominance at all levels of the game. From New Caledonia's victory over the higher-ranked New Zealanders in the 2012 OFC Nations Cup to Tahiti's winning of that title and subsequent journey to the FIFA Confederations Cup and on to the Football Ferns highest ever world ranking and first silverware outside of Oceania and the Tiki Toa's brave performance at the 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup we have seen our team's constantly raising the profile of football in Oceania on the international stage.

The introduction of OFC Commercial has also helped raise the profile of the game, and the Confederation. This branch of OFC has diversified from offering basic apparel and football equipment to providing the uniforms for match officials, volunteers and OFC staff during all tournaments as well as team strips for national teams.

The design and printing element of OFC Commercial has also helped professionalise these events through the provision of tournament programmes and signage. The launch of the website, ofcshop.com, has made the apparel available to a wider audience and with distribution branches planned for the Member Associations the OFC brand will only continue to grow.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS



Football Federation American Samoa (FFAS) saw the hard work that has gone into its football development programmes pay off as two sides made history on the regional stage. The U-20 team's shock 1-1 draw against Papua New Guinea at the OFC U-20 Championship in Suva in May was the first highlight. The draw halted a run of seven straight defeats for the American Samoans dating back to 15 August 1998 and was their first ever point at this level. A number of outstanding players from that tournament then joined FC Samoan Korean Baptist Church at the OFC Champions League Preliminary held in Samoa in October. Once again, a 1-1 draw with Cook Islands club champions Puaikura FC earned them their first point at this level.

Cook Islands Football Association (CIFA) bid technical director Tuka Tisam adieu as he left for greener pastures in Canada with his young family. Puaikura FC qualified for their first ever OFC Champions League Preliminary and a strong recruitment drive saw them line up as favourites however it wasn't to be with the side only able to secure the runners-up medal. A talented young side attended the 2014 OFC Women's Nations Cup and despite some tournament-ending injuries up front dampening their fire power, the side were able to pick up third place ahead of Tonga.



Fiji Football Association (Fiji FA) had a bumper first half of the year as they hosted two major tournaments on the OFC calendar in April and May. The OFC Champions League came first with the 12 top club sides competing in the Group Stage set in Ba and Lautoka. Local side Ba qualified for the semi-finals where they were knocked out of the running by Vanuatu club Amicale FC. The second major fixture was the OFC U-20 Championship which was held in the capital Suva at ANZ Stadium. The home side became the first Fijian team to qualify for a FIFA tournament and in front of an exuberant and delighted home crowd no less. Coach Ravinesh Kumar was promoted to acting Fiji FA technical director following that success while former Soccerroos' coach Frank Farina has joined the U-20 coaching staff as technical advisor as they build towards next year's FIFA U-20 World Cup in New Zealand. The team's participation in the inaugural OFC President's Cup was one step in that journey and while they finished without a win, learned some valuable lessons.





Federation Caledonienne de Football (FFC) was represented with valour by Noumea-based club Magenta at the 2014 OFC Champions League but a slow start to the Group Stage meant they were missing the three points that would have seen them leapfrog Auckland City FC into the semi-finals. The national team were among the favourites leading into the OFC U-20 Championship but again a slow start cost points. Two opening losses to Vanuatu and Fiji respectively meant the Caledonians could only secure the bronze. The crowning glory for the federation was its successful hosting of the 2014 OFC Futsal Championship Invitational. Not only was the overall event a success, but the host side showed great improvement over the past 12 months to secure themselves the silver medals. Several changes were made within the federation's administrative ranks. Jules Hmuen stepped into the role of interim President while Nicolas Guillemard became general secretary, with Olivier Dokunengo becoming his deputy.

New Zealand Football (NZF) appointed Anthony Hudson to the role of All Whites coach and the Englishman quickly set about shaping New Zealand's path to the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. The friendly 3-1 loss to Uzbekistan was Hudson's first outing in charge and with a young squad the All Whites earned a 1-1 draw with China followed by a 2-0 loss to Thailand. The Football Ferns had a busy first half of the year with ten matches played between January and July. They eased through the OFC Women's Nations Cup in October to qualify for their third consecutive FIFA Women's World Cup, before a three-match European tour against France and Norway rounded out the year. The Futsal Whites were also in action in 2014 with the annual Trans-Tasman Cup against Australia once again heading offshore after a whitewash in Wellington. The Futsal Whites then finished a credible third at the 2014 OFC Futsal Championship Invitational in New Caledonia. Auckland City FC claimed their fourth regional title in a row at the OFC Champions League and qualification for their sixth FIFA Club World Cup. Kiwi referee Peter O'Leary was joined by assistants Jan Hendrick Hintz and Mark Rule at the FIFA World Cup Brazil™ where the trio oversaw the Group F encounter between Nigeria and Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Football Federation Samoa (FFS) got 2014 off to a rough start as the passing of its President Toetu Petana in April at the age of 51 rocked the Samoan football community. Petana was a member of the OFC Executive Committee and was treasurer for the OFC, he also served on the FIFA Associations Committee and FIFA Organising Committee for Olympic Football. FFS Executive Committee member Reverend Laupama Solomona took over as acting President. Also in April, Kiwi FC made their debut in the OFC Champions League. They struggled at the next level of club football but performed with heart and determination. CEO Sarai Bareman left the FFS and Samoa behind as she returned to New Zealand and her role was filled by former FFS Executive Committee member Michael Kapisi. Samoa played host to the successful OFC Champions League Preliminary in early October with the home side Lupe Ole Soaga qualifying for the 2015 Champions League after beating off challenges from the top clubs in American Samoa, Cook Islands and Tonga.

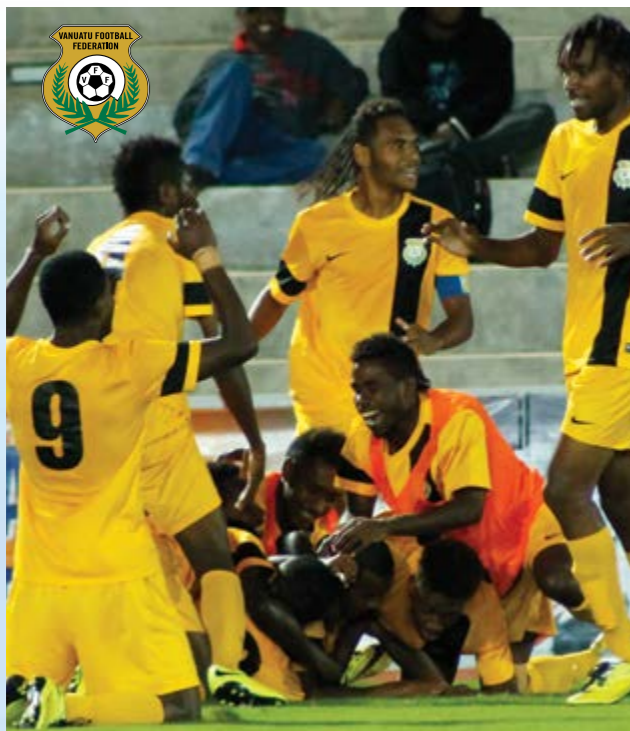


Federation Tahitenne de Football (FTF) had a busy year preparing for the future as they stated their intentions to qualify for the upcoming FIFA U-17, Beach Soccer and Futsal World Cups. A star-studded line-up of football and beach soccer internationals joined AS Pirae in their hunt for Champions League glory. After impressing during the group stage they were unfortunately ousted by eventual winners Auckland City FC in the semi-finals. A new approach on the futsal court saw the Tahiti side struggle to get the same results as 2013 at the OFC Futsal Championship Invitational. Referee Norbert Hauata attended the FIFA World Cup Brazil™ making several appearances as the fourth official. After a year-long hiatus Fenua Foot, the magazine style football television show, made a welcome return to screens in November.

Papua New Guinea Football Association (PNGFA) were runners-up in two women's tournaments as they were once again undone by the more experienced Kiwis at both the OFC U-20 Championship and the OFC Women's Nations Cup, which was successfully hosted in the East New Britain provincial capital of Kokopo. Papua New Guinea made it to the world stage in August as they made their second appearance at the Youth Olympic Games Football Tournament in Nanjing, China. In their play-off for fifth place they created history as they netted their first goal at a FIFA women's tournament and won the match to earn their best finish yet at this competition. OFC Footballer of the Century Wynton Rufer took on the role of Papua New Guinea men's coach, which started with the OFC U-20 Championship in May. The team began well but were held 1-1 by American Samoa in their second match and slowly their dreams of qualifying for their first FIFA tournament unravelled.



Solomon Islands Football Federation (SIFF) continues to rebuild after being placed in normalisation in 2013. They hosted their first FIFA Coaching Courses since 2012 with youth, women's, senior and futsal courses all held between June and September. Solomon Warriors travelled to Fiji in April to compete in the OFC Champions League, but their minds were on home as Honiara and its surrounds were devastated by flooding. The OFC U-20 Championship was the only other international appearance for a Solomon Islands team, and revealed the talent lurking in the nation as they held runners-up Vanuatu to a 1-1 draw and came close to knocking over eventual winners Fiji in their final match before going down 2-1.



Tonga Football Association (TFA) made several touring visits to New Zealand. First with the U-20 women's squad who performed outstandingly under young coach Penateti Feke. Their 3-1 loss to New Zealand remains one of their most memorable performances at this level to date. A large group of young U-13 and U15 players also headed over to New Zealand to expand their football education with matches against various Auckland schools. Lotoha'apai United made their third consecutive appearance at the OFC Champions League Preliminary and despite their experience couldn't overcome their Cook Island and Samoan opponents to finish higher than third. The Tonga women's national team travelled to Australia to take part in a club tournament where they got some top notch coaching from former Socceroos coach Rale Rasic ahead of the OFC Women's Nations Cup. After going down 16-0 to New Zealand in their opening match Tonga rallied to draw 1-1 with Cook Islands but their unfavourable goal difference saw them finish bottom of the table.

Vanuatu Football Association (VFA) saw two sides compete in the OFC Champions League in 2014, 2013 semi-finalists Amicale FC and Tafea FC. Amicale brought in a number of new signings, including coach Nathan Hall, whose guidance helped lead his side to a 1-0 win over defending champions Auckland City FC in the group stages. They won their way through to the home-and-away final but were undone at the end by Auckland City to miss out on the ultimate club prize yet again. Amicale went on to perform valiantly at the inaugural OFC President's Cup this time with yet more new signings and a new coach. They set up a repeat of the OFC Champions League final against Auckland City who once again came from behind to beat their Vanuatu rivals. Vanuatu went into the OFC U-20 Championship as outside favourites after the side performed outstandingly at the U-17 competition a year earlier. Their performances were outstanding but unfortunately results weren't on their side as they fell at the final hurdle to allow Fiji the glory on home soil. Vanuatu also played host to the first ever FIFA Player Development Seminar in March.



FIFA ORDER OF MERIT — JOSEPHINE KING

One of the highlights of the year was the award of the FIFA Order of Merit to former OFC General Secretary, Josephine King at the two-day 64th FIFA Congress.

High-ranking officials from world football's governing body, its six Confederations and 209 Member Associations attended the opening ceremony.

The nomination of Josephine King for the FIFA Order of Merit was fully embraced by the OFC Executive Committee and a quick scan over her career only serves to endorse her candidacy.

The realisation of the Oceania Football Confederation as a fully-fledged and operational member of the FIFA football community was due in no small part to her hard work.

King worked in a voluntary capacity for OFC for some years prior to 1987 while also practising as a lawyer.

She took over as OFC General Secretary on a full-time basis in 1987 succeeding Australian Keith Young following an OFC Executive Committee vote to appoint King to the role.

It was a role she would serve in for the next 17 years and during that time King helped achieve a number of key milestones in the Confederation's history.

Among those milestones was the admission of a number of new Member Associations to the fledgling Confederation, a list that included American Samoa (1998), Cook Islands (1994), New Caledonia (2004), Solomon Islands (1988), Tahiti (1990), Tonga (1994) and Vanuatu (1988).

King served under the presidency of her late father Charles J Dempsey, CBE, and while it was the Carlton-born Scotsman who won the most plaudits for driving the OFC forward, it was the hard work by his daughter in the background that kept the wheels turning.

That commitment, sacrifice and dedication to the vision of her father paid off when in 1996, FIFA commuted full Confederation status to the OFC under King's watch.

Following that key success, King contributed to more milestones toward the end of the last century.

She was actively involved in the ground-breaking new OFC headquarters that were finished and opened on 12 December 1998.

All OFC Member Associations became computerised, with e-mail addresses and had at least one full time employee working for their respective Member Associations.

The OFC under King also hosted two FIFA world events when Australia hosted the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup in 1993 and New Zealand oversaw the FIFA U-17 Men's World Cup in 1999.

She played a pivotal role in the development of club football when the Confederation launched its inaugural club competition the OFC Club Championship that would later evolve into the present day OFC Champions League.

In 2002, King launched a special task force to discuss meeting the special needs of the developing Member Associations outside of Australia and New Zealand.

She served as an instructor on FIFA's Panel of Instructors and Lecturer for Administration And Organisation, and conducted FIFA/Coca Cola Courses in seven of the OFC Member Associations.

King was FIFA's representative at the South Pacific Games in Tahiti in 1995.

In July 1999, she was a speaker at the 2nd FIFA Women's Football Symposium in Los Angeles in association with the FIFA Women's World Cup, the topic "Women's Football and the Next Millennium".

Further recognition for King came in 2004 when she was awarded the UEFA Order of Merit in ruby for services to worldwide football.

King's service to FIFA included roles as match commissioner, venue director, doping administration, ticket allocation and general administration at four FIFA World Cups from 1994 to 2002, two FIFA Women's World Cups in 1995 and 1999 and two FIFA Confederations Cup in 1997 and 2003.

NEW CONTENT TO WIDEN AWARENESS

After spending several months towards the end of 2013 writing and reworking the award-winning OFC Just Play Programme the OFC Social Responsibility department was able to introduce its new 34-session programme in March.

Just Play Project Managers and the top instructors from around the region were the first to see the new sessions during the three-day Just Play Instructors Course held in Auckland.

Working closely with partners the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission, Football Federation Australia, UEFA and UNICEF, the content more closely relates activities to the social messages.

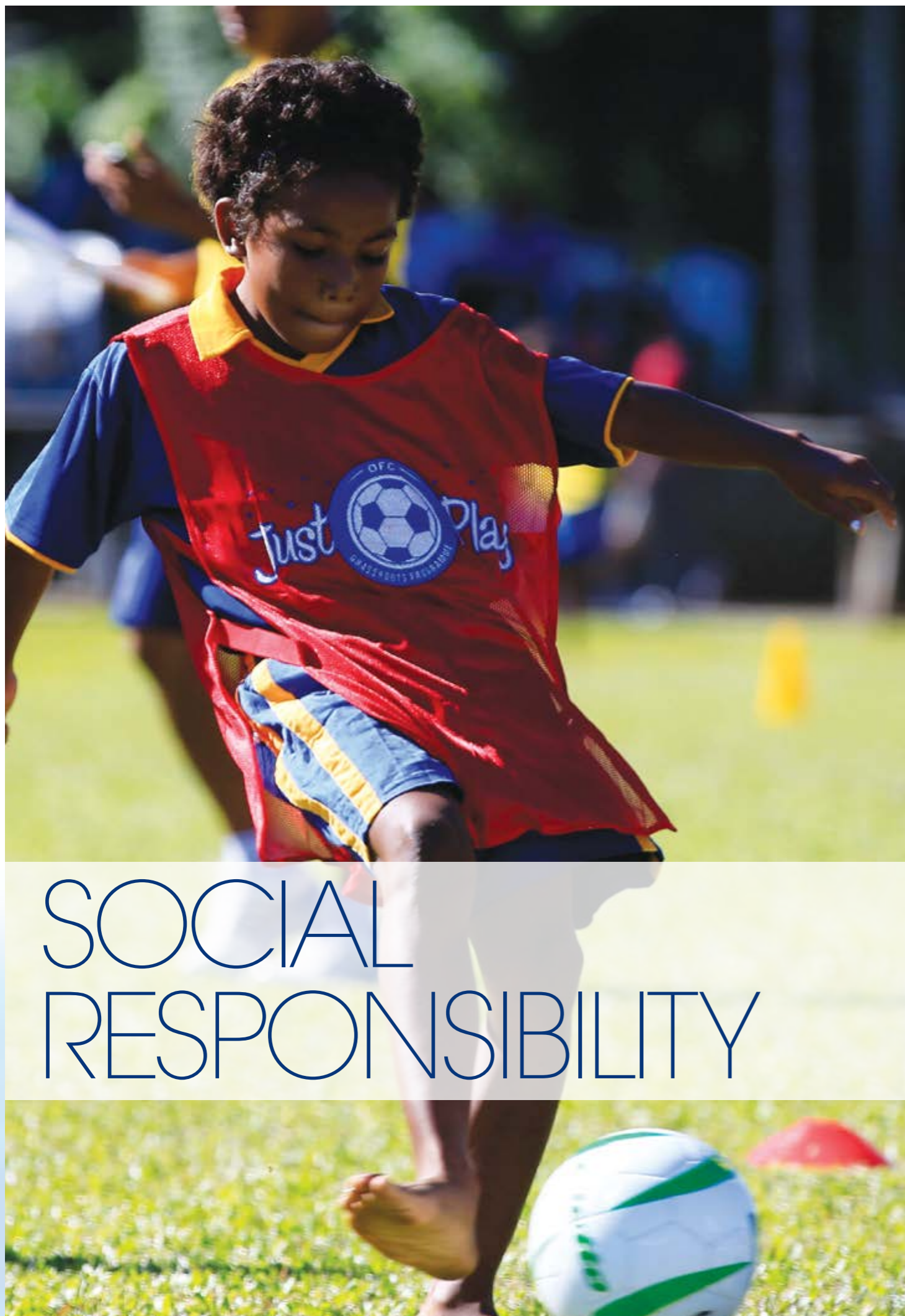
The four key social messages that underpin the Just Play Programme are awareness of non-communicable diseases, gender equality, children with a disability inclusion and child protection.

The additional sessions extends the length of the programme to nine months, providing children with a greater opportunity to participate in more regular physical activities while also being equipped with knowledge of the key social issues.

With the new content also came evaluation and monitoring of the programme, its content and the delivery methods which is undertaken by the project managers.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



UNICEF & JUST PLAY PARTNER UP

The Oceania Football Confederation and international child advocacy organisation United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Pacific office signed an important Programme Cooperation Agreement in March to collaborate on the Just Play Programme.

It proved a perfect fit with UNICEF's Sports for Development Programme, which uses sports, recreation and play to fulfil the right to play and as an avenue for participation, learning, health and protection.

The collaboration allows OFC to draw on UNICEF's extensive expertise in social development, complementing the work currently underway with the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission, Football Federation Australia and UEFA.

The idea is to work closely with UNICEF to more clearly identify the influence Just Play is having around Oceania, as the organisation assists OFC in improving its evaluation tools to be more efficient, easy to use and capable of collecting enough data to develop concrete evidence.

Helping to provide the link between the two organisations is Sport for Development consultant Melissa Palombi. Palombi has spent the past year working closely with OFC Head of Social Responsibility and International Relations Frank Castillo on integrating key messages from UNICEF Pacific's main programmatic focal areas into the Just Play programming format in order to disseminate a broader range of messages to young people across the Pacific.



OFC MASCOT JOINS THE FUN

After 48 years in existence the Oceania Football Confederation now has its own mascot, Pasifi-ika, which made its debut at the FIFA World Cup™ in Sao Paulo, Brazil in June.

Designed by Year 8 students from DAV Primary School in Ba, Fiji Islands, the classmates participated in an OFC Mascot Competition run through the OFC Just Play Programme in conjunction with partners UNICEF and the Australian Sports Commission.

Along with their entry the pupils submitted a description of their design stating: "The mascot chosen represents our rich ocean and ecosystem. It also reflects how Pacific countries treasure their marine life and mineral resources."

"The top part of the dolphin is coloured blue, yellow and green which represents the OFC logo. The light blue in the middle represents our lovely Pacific Ocean, and the golden colour represents the vast amount of mineral resources that boosts the Pacific economy.

"The brown colour represents the Melanesian group and the tapa print represents the Polynesian group. This makes our Pacific Islands unique and rich in cultural diversity."

Pasifi-ika will have a presence during all OFC activities and tournaments.



SOCIAL CAMPAIGNS ALIGN WITH FOOTBALL

OFC and UNICEF Pacific have collaborated on two major social responsibility campaigns outside of their work on the Just Play Programme over the course of 2014.

The first, aligned with the OFC Champions League in Fiji, was a campaign highlighting the dengue epidemic prevalent around the Pacific, but hitting Fiji particularly hard.

"Kick Dengue Out of Fiji" was a collaborative campaign between the OFC, UNICEF Pacific, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Youth and Sport in Fiji as well as the Fiji Football Association.

Not only was information about dengue disseminated during the tournament, including avoidance, awareness of symptoms and treatment, but OFC also supported Sport for Development and Peace Day on 6 April and World Health Day on 7 April through the promotion of physical activity as an essential component of health and well-being.

Teams participating in the competition visited local schools to promote active, healthy lifestyles alongside football.

The second campaign helped close out the year's activities during the OFC President's Cup in November. This time the focus was the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child — the most widely and rapidly ratified human rights instrument in history.

A Just Play Sports Day was organised for Thursday 20 November with 400 children from local west Auckland schools in attendance, as well as representatives from each of the competing football teams also stopping by to join the fun.



OFC MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

2014 was a watershed year for OFC Media and Communications with the Confederation's website receiving a much needed facelift after five years and the introduction of a bi-monthly magazine OFC Insider, the OFC E-Newsletter, the launch of the Oceania Football Podcast and the release of the OFC smartphone app for both Apple and Android devices among the highlights.

The OFC Media and Communications website revamp opened up the capacity to showcase more video, visual and audio content than ever before, reaching out to a wider audience while at the same time building platforms that lend itself to the reality of daily news consumption with the Oceania region itself.

The first OFC Media Workshop in two years also took place prior to the OFC Champions League group stage competition and was held at the Tanoa Waterfront Hotel in Lautoka, Fiji, from April 2-6. Keynote speakers included former Yahoo! Sports editor and Fairfax entertainment blogger and podcast producer Mike Kilpatrick, award winning sports photographer, Shane Wenzlick, and New Zealand Radio Journalist of the Year, Jason Pine.

Key strides were made in the area of social media with all platforms showing increased traffic particularly Twitter which increased followers by nearly 50%. The Oceania Football Podcast trebled downloads within six months of its launch and now features on London 106FM in England and shares broadcast space with the IRB's Total Rugby podcast with listenership averaging 20-30,000 listeners per episode. The versatility of the podcast lends itself to easy transfer on all radio platforms and is the forerunner to the development of a Football Radio show due for launch next year.

The launch of a bi-lingual version of www.oceaniafootball.com is next with the project due to start early in 2015.

COMMUNICATIONS,
MEDIA AND TV





OFC TV had a successful year in 2014 which saw the launching of its Live Stream capabilities on the official OFC YouTube Channel. This, as well as the development of the full OFC TV Outside Broadcasting capability, allowed OFC TV to further grow and extend its reach by producing great content for other sports organisations and external projects.

OFC TV continued to provide excellent coverage of all OFC competitions throughout 2014 producing highlights for the OFC YouTube channel.

The position of Head of OFC TV was taken up by Tukaha Mua, formerly of Fiji TV, whose first major project in charge the 2014 OFC Champions League.

The OFC TV team, in collaboration with local partners, was able to provide full match replays and highlights for selected matches of the OFC Champions League group stage in Fiji.

For this event OFC TV moved toward live streaming via Internet Radio with New Zealand football radio commentator Jason Pine covering all matches. Xavier Audu and Romain Painbeni provided live radio coverage in French, a regional first.

As a result of the OB-Van being at full production capacity the department was able to successfully live stream the semi-finals of the OFC Champions League while the final of the OFC Champions League was solely produced by OFC TV and streamed live worldwide for international viewers.

Another highlight for OFC TV was the OFC President's Cup. OFC TV covered the tournament successfully; live streaming was made available for all matches and select matches were packaged into highlights for Singapore and Cayman Islands TV.



2014 OFC TV BROADCAST EVENTS

OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All matches broadcast live or delayed on FBC and Fiji TV, live streaming and highlights on YouTube.

OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

Highlights on YouTube

OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL

Live streaming on YouTube

OFC U-20 MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

All matches broadcast live or delayed on FBC and Fiji TV. Live streaming and highlights on YouTube

OFC FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL

Highlights

OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PRELIMINARY IN SAMOA

Highlights on YouTube

OFC WOMEN'S NATIONS CUP

Highlights on YouTube

OFC PRESIDENT'S CUP

All matches streamed live with highlights packages distributed to Cayman Islands and Singapore

OFC RADIO

OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

All matches broadcast live or delayed on FBC and Fiji TV, live streaming and highlights on YouTube.

OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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OFC COMMERCIAL LIMITED

OFC Commercial Limited (OCL) continued to expand both the apparel and printing elements of the business throughout 2014.

Ben Chung replaced Sunny Saxena in the role of print manager, taking charge of the Epson double-head flatbed printer and the two Epson large-format printers housed in the printing warehouse. Chung's expertise soon saw the company offering printing on apparel as well as posters, signage and flags.

George Yu continued in his role as apparel store manager and business manager, overseeing orders and shipments and liaising with customers.

The website ofcshop.com continues to be a one-stop shop of football apparel from uniforms to training accessories. OFC's various departments remain loyal customers with the Competitions Department using OCL to equip the referees for all of its tournaments in 2014. The Technical Department also used OCL as its preferred supplier when providing equipment such as corner flags, cones and ball bags as well as apparel for Centres of Excellence, Development Centres and academies around the region. OFC staff continue to be the perfect ambassadors for the company, wearing the provided uniforms when attending tournaments, seminars, workshops and courses around Oceania.

Signage for events became a key part of the business with the staff creating core flute stadium signage for the OFC Champions League final, Champions League Preliminary, Women's Nations Cup, OFC President's Cup, as well as providing banners for a number of events. The programmes for a number of tournaments were also designed and printed through OCL in the first half of the year.

The high-quality banners and flags they printed at the inaugural OFC President's Cup in November, as well as the array of sponsors' boards, backdrops and vehicle printing, were an impressive display of both the design and print quality OCL now offers its clients.

While OFC remained one of the most important clients of 2014, OCL is pleased to report the number of external engagements are on the rise, with apparel sales in particular steadily increasing.

OFC HOME OF FOOTBALL



With the Oceania Football Confederation the regional headquarters for all 11 Member Associations, it makes sense to provide a hub for football activities.

Work on the OFC Home of Football at Ngahue Reserve in east Auckland, New Zealand got underway in 2013 and this year has seen the successful completion of Stage 1.

The first stage includes the installation of two international quality artificial pitches along with changing rooms and floodlights. The artificial pitches provide the opportunity to play football all-year-round, as well as the ability to get greater use out of the fields on a daily basis without being affected by the weather.

Stage 2 is set to get underway in early 2015, with plans including a building that can accommodate up to 150 people, a café, meeting rooms, a futsal hall and a gym.

The overall idea is for the facility to become a sporting hub. It's situated in an area that already caters for tennis, netball, rugby and cricket and the OFC executive believes football can build a strong base alongside these sporting codes.

Not only will the Home of Football service the local Auckland community year-round, it will provide a base for teams travelling from the Pacific in search of strong opponents as they prepare for domestic, regional and global competitions.

With the establishment of a regional base for all football activities, the profile of the beautiful game in New Zealand and its surrounding Pacific islands will continue to grow and thrive.



Concept Design for Stage 2





FIFA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



DEVELOPING OCEANIA

From overseeing the successful delivery of courses and seminars to the development of infrastructure around the region, the Oceania FIFA Development Officer has been kept busy throughout 2014.

FIFA Development Officer Glenn Turner clocked up the miles visiting all 11 Member Associations at numerous times as he carried out his duties, additionally supported by the OFC Technical Department and their FIFA instructors.

The first major event of the year was the FIFA/Interpol Integrity in Sport Conference, held in Nadi, Fiji the 26-27 February, co-hosted by the OFC, the Fiji Football Association and the Fiji Police. Each Member Association was invited to nominate five to eight candidates to attend, with at least five representing the association itself. Other candidates could come from the Ministry of Sports, law enforcement officers involved in corruption, fraud and money laundering or betting agencies.

Identifying the strategies used by match-fixers, the methods used to recognise, resist and report them and sharing best practice in protecting the integrity of sport were among the topics addressed, in addition to the importance of information collection and sharing.

The OFC Executive Committee, during its October meeting, unanimously approved the 11 point plan for anti-Match Fixing and it will be referred to the next OFC Congress for endorsement.

Once again a major event on the annual calendar for Assistant Development Officer Lyn Shirley was the FIFA Regional Course for Referee Instructors (FUTURO III) held in Samoa in early April. This course brings the top referee and fitness instructors from each OFC Member Association together with leading FIFA instructors. This year saw FIFA Refereeing Development Senior Manager Fernando Tresaco-Gracia lead the event with support from FIFA Instructors Steve Bennett of England and Toshio Utsumi of Japan, and FIFA Fitness Instructor Mark Hester.

In August FIFA Director of Member Associations and Development Thierry Regenass travelled to Papua New Guinea to attend the ground breaking of the Regional Technical Centre project in Arawa, Bougainville.

Both Turner and Shirley were present in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the FIFA/OFC/AFC Conference for National Coaches and Technical Directors — 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™. Held from 29 – 31 October the seminar provided an opportunity for participants to analyse the key characteristics of the 2014 World Cup™ campaign from both the technical and tactical points of view, while highlighting the current trends in world football.



Plenty of Goal Projects got underway or were green-lit during the 12 months of 2014. Tonga's Goal IV Project is close to completion, with the conference facilities and gymnasium fully equipped and the futsal court almost done. Vanuatu's Goal V project should see the Regional Technical Centre in Santo completed in 2015 while the rehabilitation of Solomon Islands' national academy is ready to be implemented. A number of countries received vehicles to help them go about their daily business while in the Cook Islands an innovative project has seen solar panels installed on the roof of CIFA Headquarters.

Fiji and Tahiti both had projects approved under the 2014 FIFA Revenue Generation Programme. Fiji are set to fit out the Suva national academy with a commercial kitchen and conference centre, resurface the futsal courts and add floodlights while in Ba the gymnasium is set to go in at the National Football Academy premises. In Tahiti, FTF is establishing a commercial sports distribution shop for the benefit of all their affiliated members. Under the FIFA MAs Less-Privileged Programme six associations had projects approved with many of the new projects set to provide surfaces for futsal.



FOUR YEARS AT A GLANCE

The OFC Technical Department has undergone significant changes and developments over the past four years.

From starting the term with just three employees it has grown, under the guidance of Technical Director Patrick Jacquement, to a thriving team of seven full-time technical staff, two coach-mentors and two consultants.

The introduction of the Player Development Programme has been key with a clear structure taking footballers from grassroots to youth and beyond. Nine Member Associations have Development Centres and Centres of Excellence up-and-running, with six MAs also running Girl's Centres of Excellence. There are 75 centres across the region servicing 1551 players, not to mention the 37 coaches trained to deliver the programme each year.

The Coaching Education Pathway continues to develop with the department offering the OFC B Licence for the first time in 2012, which was attended by 19 coaches. Overall, from regional courses and seminar, courses covering specific disciplines to the D and C Licences and Instructor courses, the OFC Technical Department has overseen 3,817 participants over the past four years, a number that has increased annually since 2011.

The introduction of a development officer to oversee the small-sided disciplines of futsal and beach soccer has seen a rise in the participation in these sports. Six MAs have employed futsal development officers and five of those have OFC Level 1 Instructors following the hosting of the first ever course in mid-2014. Beach Soccer has seen slower growth, though with two sides participating in the 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup and performing valiantly, it is expected to start taking off. FIFA Beach Soccer Coaching Courses and the FIFA Beach Soccer Development Regional Seminar have both assisted in providing greater awareness of this discipline.

Over the past four years upwards of 5000 new girls have taken up football thanks to new programmes and developments to get them involved in the game around Oceania. Grassroots Festivals help develop a base for girls' love of the game with FIFA-supported Youth Leagues then providing an outlet for their continuation before they start taking part in National Women's League.

The employment of a full-time referee development officer in 2014 and the development of a referee education and accreditation structure will help provide a clear pathway for aspiring referees in the region. While there have always been referees that perform strongly on a regional and international scale, the expectation is this will provide Member Associations with a solid foundation to continue that development.



OFC TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT



GRASSROOTS / PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

This year was a chance for the OFC Technical Department to solidify its Player Development Pathway with the hosting of Oceania's first ever FIFA Player Development Seminar in Vanuatu helping guide that process.

Featuring 23 technical directors and player development officers from Oceania's 11 Member Associations the goal of the seminar was to help each build a vision and strategy for the development of young players in their country.

Topics ranging from long term development pathways, optimal environments for youth players and the development of players in age group football, the benefits of futsal for young players and grassroots development were all covered by the OFC and FIFA delegation led by FIFA Instructor Hansruedi Hasler, a former Swiss Football Association technical director.

Playing a part in improving this crucial element of football development year round is the ongoing partnership the OFC has with the Asia Pacific Football Academy, with its director of football Giovanni Fernandes joining OFC as a full-time Player Development consultant.

Fernandes' extensive knowledge and expertise of youth player development has allowed Vanuatu, Fiji and Papua New Guinea to extend their programmes to include elite academies based on the APFA model.

On top of this work, five Member Associations hosted FIFA Grassroots Coaching Courses led by FIFA Instructor and OFC Head of Coach Education Didier Chambaron or coach mentor Simon Toselli, with a sixth course scheduled in Vanuatu postponed.

Nicola Demaine took on the role of Grassroots Development Officer which complements the work she is already doing at the youth level as Women's Football Development Officer. OFC put more time and resources into the Development Centres and Centres of Excellence with 75 centres fully kitted out with equipment supplied through OFC Commercial, including balls, bibs, cones, training shirts and goalkeeper gloves.



IN NUMBERS...

| MEMBER ASSOCIATION | Development Centre (10-12 years) | Centre of Excellence (13-15 years) | Total Numbers |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| American Samoa | 2 | 2 | 63 |
| Cook Islands | 1 | 2 | 46 |
| Fiji | 6 | 3 | 237 |
| New Caledonia | 7 | 3 | 361 |
| Papua New Guinea | 10 | 9 | 172 |
| Samoa | 3 | 3 | 108 |
| Tahiti | 0 | 6 | 181 |
| Tonga | 3 | 2 | 90 |
| Vanuatu | 6 | 7 | 138 |
| Total | 38 | 37 | 1396 |



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The ongoing development of coaches and instructors continued throughout 2014 with a wide-range of seminars, workshops and courses delivered across the Pacific.

The FIFA/English FA Youth National Team Coaching Workshop was the first on the calendar in late-January, bringing two well-regarded coaches to Auckland, New Zealand. Brent Hills, English FA Head of Elite Women's Development was joined by John Allpress a youth coach with English Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur.

The pair shared their insights into youth national team tournament preparation and participation with coaches from several Member Associations as they looked ahead to the 2014 event schedule and beyond.

The historic FIFA Player Development Seminar was hosted in Vanuatu in March, which gave FIFA Instructor Hasruedi Hasler a chance to give some insight into Oceania's future, stating that OFC is following the right path for developing football. This was followed by the one-day OFC Technical Directors Workshop used to update the respective candidates on their role and mission, as well as FIFA and OFC activities for the coming year.

The implementation of the OFC Technical Department's Coach Education Pathway continued under the supervision of OFC Head of Education Didier Chambaron. Across the disciplines of refereeing, women's football, futsal, beach soccer, goalkeeping, senior, grassroots and youth coaching over 45 FIFA and OFC courses were run in 2014, with dozens more C and D Licence Coaching Courses run by instructors in their own Member Associations.



The first OFC Futsal Instructor course was held in August following the second edition of the OFC Fustal Championship Invitational with players and coaches from Tahiti, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands and New Zealand taking part.

The year was rounded out with the second-ever OFC B Licence hosted in Fiji from 1-16 December and attended by 20 coaches representing five different nations. Monitoring of these candidates will continue through 2015.

ELITE PROGRAMME

The support of Asia Pacific Football Academy director of football Giovanni Fernandes drove the youth element of the OFC Elite Programme during 2014.

Fernandes, who came onboard as a fulltime consultant in charge of Elite Football in January, continued to work closely with staff in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea as they built on the success of their academies in Port Vila and Lae respectively.

He also added Fiji to his roster, working hard with Fiji Football Association staff to mould their programme around the established APFA model. Part of Fernandes' role has seen him assist with creating and maintaining a player management database, the upskilling and training of local coaches and administrators and providing ongoing support.

In 2014 the Online Management System for the Academy Programme was set up in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Fiji with Fernandes able to oversee it from his base in Auckland. The elite programme also extended to the purchase and use of Sport Code Elite Software for OFC Technical Study Groups which was implemented at the OFC U-20 Championship. This allowed the OFC Technical Department to provide full technical reports to each team with videos on players and team performances.



The mentoring element continued with Simon Toselli, who mentors in Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga and American Samoa, accompanying the American Samoa U-20 side to Fiji for the OFC U-20 Championship. This was alongside the ongoing work he does with the respective technical departments and with the delivery and assistance on FIFA and OFC Coaching Courses in those nations.

Milan Miric joined the OFC technical team as a mentor in Papua New Guinea. After working closely with the U-20 squad at the Academy in Lae, he too travelled with the squad to Fiji to oversee their campaign. He was also closely involved in the establishment and running of Development Centres and Centres of Excellence around Papua New Guinea alongside the PNGFA technical department.



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

In terms of women's football on an international scale New Zealand continued to dominate, heading to both the FIFA U-17 and U-20 Women's World Cups as Oceania's representatives in the first half of the year, before the Football Ferns outclassed their opponents at the OFC Women's Nations Cup to earn passage to their fourth FIFA Women's World Cup.

The Junior Football Ferns made history as the first Oceania team to exit the group stage at a FIFA Women's World Cup event, while the senior side continue to compete strongly with the world's top ranked sides. Papua New Guinea represented the region for the second time at the Youth Olympic Games, bettering their previous outing with a fifth-place finish and their first goal at the competition. Football Ferns captain Abby Erceg made history when she became the first New Zealander, men's or women's, to earn 100 caps for her country. The milestone arrived in New Zealand's opening OFC Women's Nations Cup match against Tonga in Papua New Guinea, with Deputy Prime Minister Leo Dion and PNGFA CEO Dimirit Mileng on hand to present the defender with a commemorative shirt to mark the occasion.



Meanwhile women's football development continued to grow with girl's festivals held around the region attracting new faces to the beautiful game. Well over 600 girls have attended festivals held across American Samoa, New Caledonia, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Samoa and Papua New Guinea.

Over 2,380 women have been playing at the top club level in ten of OFC's 11 Member Associations in 2014, with leagues ranging from 8-28 weeks in length.





FUTSAL & BEACH SOCCER

The commitment to these five-a-side disciplines didn't waver in 2014 as support for development continued courtesy of OFC's hard-working development officer Paul Toohey.

It was thanks to Toohey's determination to provide an international test for the region's top futsal players that the second edition of the OFC Futsal Championship Invitational was held in New Caledonia in August. It was an excellent opportunity to analyse the work each nation has done over the past 12 months with New Caledonia's leap from bottom of the table in 2013 to second behind AFC guest Malaysia proving hard work pays off. Tahiti, while having made movement down the ladder, has adopted a new, less defensive, approach to the game which is expected to show results in the long-term as each nation prepares for the next FIFA Futsal World Cup qualifiers.

The OFC Regional Futsal Instructor Course followed immediately after the tournament, with those not involved in the event arriving early in order to get a taste of the elite status of the game in Oceania. In all, 11 Member Association instructors were involved in this first-ever course.



Seven FIFA Futsal Coaching Courses and two OFC Futsal Coaching Courses were held with the launch of the OFC Level 1 Futsal Coaching Course a highlight. Coming on board as a futsal coach mentor was Australia-based Brazilian Juliano



Schmeling whose assistance as a member of the OFC Futsal Championship Invitational Technical Study Group and as a course instructor proved vital to improving understanding of the game throughout the region.

Tonga became the first nation to host the hybrid FIFA Futsal and Beach Soccer Coaching Course in mid-May. A new course, this provides a basic introduction to the two disciplines over five days, with Toohey the instructor for the first edition.

Toohey has had a busy year, fitting in trips to Madrid, Spain and Dubai, UAE in between the delivery of courses and leading the futsal TSG in August. The FIFA Futsal Coaching Instructors' Seminar was a four-day course held in Madrid at RFEF's headquarters at Ciudad del Futbol. Tasked with presenting the OFC Futsal Programme along with the development work and competitions that form an important part of the Member Association programmes. From grassroots to elite level Toohey was able to explain the importance of the game in the OFC Player Development Pathway.

In October Toohey was again off on a journey half-way round the world when he attended the Beach Soccer Instructors Seminar in Dubai. He was asked to present on the OFC Beach Soccer Programme and how the game is growing from grassroots through to elite.

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT



The FIFA-funded Refereeing Assistance Programme (RAP) continues to thrive under the umbrella of the FIFA Development Office with FIFA Fitness Instructor Mark Hester looking after the programme. In the latter half of 2014 he took charge of referee development in Oceania when he was appointed to the role of OFC Referee Development Officer.

Part of his role will see him implement a new referee education and accreditation pathway alongside a proposed referee assessor/instructor education and accreditation pathway. This will give aspiring referees a more comprehensive outline of the steps that must be taken in order to achieve OFC and FIFA appointments.

A busy schedule saw nine FIFA Refereeing Courses held throughout Oceania during 2014, with the addition of the FIFA Regional Course for Referee Instructors (FUTURO III). This year the course was held in Samoa and overseen by FIFA Refereeing Development Senior Manager Fernando Tresaco-Gracia with support from Hester and FIFA Instructors Steve Bennett of England and Toshio Utsumi of Japan.

Attended by 34 referee and fitness instructors from all 11 OFC Member Associations, the overall expectation is that the candidates benefit from what they learn but are also able to disseminate that knowledge in their own countries.

With so much importance placed on the development of world class match officials in Oceania it was pleasing to see so many match officials receiving recognition on the international stage for their hard work.

Two referees were present at the FIFA World Cup Brazil™ with New Zealander Peter O'Leary and his assistant referees Mark Rule and Jan-Hendrik Hintz taking charge in the Group F encounter between Nigeria and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Meanwhile Tahiti's Norbert Hauata earned six appointments as fourth official through the Group Stage and into the Round of 16.

Women's referee development also came under the spotlight with Oceania represented at the FIFA U-20 and U-17 Women's World Cups as well as the Youth Olympic Games Football Tournament. A men's trio also attended the latter event.

On top of this seven OFC tournaments were held giving a number of referees a chance to showcase their abilities at a regional level.

OFC MATCH OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION AT FIFA EVENTS

FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CANADA 2014

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Referee | Finau VULIVULI | Fiji |
| Assistant Referee | Sarah WALKER | New Zealand |
| Assistant Referee | Jacqueline STEPHENSON | New Zealand |

FIFA U-17 WORLD CUP COSTA RICA 2014

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Referee | Anna-Marie KEIGHLEY | New Zealand |
| Assistant Referee | Lata KAUMATULE | Tonga |

FIFA WORLD CUP BRAZIL 2014™

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Referee | Peter O'Leary | New Zealand |
| Assistant Referee | Jan-Hendrik HINTZ | New Zealand |
| Assistant Referee | Mark RULE | New Zealand |
| Referee | Norbert HAUATA | Tahiti |

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT NANJING 2014

| MEN'S | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Referee | Abdelkader ZITOUNI | Tahiti |
| Assistant Referee | Terry PIRI | Cook Islands |
| Assistant Referee | Paul AHUPU | Tahiti |

| WOMEN'S | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Referee | Anna-Marie KEIGHLEY | New Zealand |
| Assistant Referee | Lata KAUMATULE | Tonga |
| Assistant Referee | Nadia BROWNING | New Zealand |



COMPETITIONS



OFC U-20 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

18 – 22 February 2014
Centre Park, Mangere, New Zealand

Four teams were in the hunt for the regional title and tickets to the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Canada as the sixth edition of the OFC U-20 Women's Championship got underway in Auckland, New Zealand in February.

From the outset Aaron McFarland's side made their intentions clear with an opening 12-0 victory over the young and in development Vanuatu side. Tonga came closest to upsetting the order of things in their 3-1 loss to the Kiwis, the own goal being the only blemish on an otherwise clean record. The Junior Football Ferns expected the greatest challenge to come from rivals Papua New Guinea, and despite an inspired performance from their opponents, the Kiwis eased through to Canada 2014 with a comfortable 4-0 victory.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

| | | |
|---|------------------|-------|
| New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Vanuatu | | |
| Winners | New Zealand | (NZL) |
| Runners-up | Papua New Guinea | (PNG) |
| Third | Tonga | (TGA) |

New Zealand qualify for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Canada 2014

AWARDS

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|
| Golden Ball | Meagen GUNEMBA | (PNG) |
| Golden Boot | Emma ROLSTON | (NZL) |
| Golden Gloves | Tangimausia MA'AFU | (TGA) |
| Fairplay Award | Vanuatu | (VAN) |



FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CANADA 2014

5 - 24 August 2014

In their fifth successive appearance at this competition the Junior Football Ferns created history as they became the first New Zealand women's team to progress past the group stage at a FIFA Women's World Cup.

A 4-0 loss to European giants France was sandwiched between 2-0 and 3-0 victories over Paraguay and Costa Rica respectively, putting the Kiwis into second place in Group D and lining up a quarter final showdown against Nigeria.

Unfortunately the African's proved too big a hurdle for the Junior Ferns to overcome as they were undone 4-1 by the tournament runners-up who denied the Kiwis a chance to make further history with an appearance in the semi-finals.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTED OFC

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|------|
| Group Stage | vs Paraguay | 2-0 |
| Group Stage | vs France | 0-4 |
| Group Stage | vs Costa Rica | 3-0 |
| Quarterfinals | vs Nigeria | 1-4 |
| Final Ranking | 8 | (16) |

GOAL SCORERS

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Emma ROLSTON | (2) |
| Steph SKILTON | (2) |
| Megan LEE | (1) |
| Tayla O'BRIEN | (1) |



FIFA U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP COSTA RICA 2014

15 March - 4 April

Young Football Ferns coach Jitka Klimkova took her charges to Costa Rica knowing it would be a tough task to overcome Asian U-17 Champions Japan, UEFA runners-up Spain and Paraguay, who finished third in CONMEBOL qualifying.

The team started well with Daisy Cleverley scoring a deserved goal in the 69th minute only for Paraguay to cancel that out in the 84th minute for a 1-1 draw. The Kiwis then went down 3-0 to both Japan and Spain, two sides that made it all the way to the final, with two determined performances helping lift them above Paraguay in the Group C standings.

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTED OFC

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|------|
| Group Stage | vs Paraguay | 1-1 |
| Group Stage | vs Spain | 0-3 |
| Group Stage | vs Japan | 0-3 |
| Final Ranking | 12 | (16) |

GOAL SCORERS

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Daisy CLEVERLEY | (1) |
|-----------------|-----|





2014 OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

15 October 2013 - 18 May 2014

The eighth edition of the OFC Champions League was fiercely contested with holders Auckland City FC triumphing despite nearly being eliminated at the group stage.

The New Zealand champions flirted with defeat on numerous occasions overcoming Pirae in the semi-finals despite losing the away leg of their tie before squeezing past Amicale for the second time 3-2 on aggregate in the final.

In a thrilling first leg, Amicale and Auckland City FC drew 1-1 in front of 10,000 fans in Port Vila, before goalkeeper Tamati Williams saved a late penalty from Colin Marshall. That allowed Argentine striker Emiliano Tade the chance to snatch a late winner and hand the New Zealand side its sixth OFC club title since 2006.



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Amicale, Auckland City FC, Ba, Dragon, Hekari United, Kiwi, Magenta, Nadi, Pirae, Solomon Warriors, Tafea, Waitakere United.

| | | |
|------------|------------------|-------|
| Winners | Auckland City FC | (NZL) |
| Runners-up | Amicale | (VAN) |
| Third | Pirae | (TAH) |
| Fourth | Ba | (FIJ) |

Auckland City FC qualify for the FIFA Club World Cup Morocco 2014

AWARDS

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Golden Ball | Emiliano TADE | (AKL) |
| Golden Boot | Emiliano TADE (AKL) & Naea BENNETT | (PIR) |
| Golden Gloves | Chikau MANSALE | (AMI) |
| Fairplay Award | The Football Fans of Vanuatu | |



OFC U-20 CHAMPIONSHIP

23 - 31 May 2014 / ANZ Stadium, Suva, Fiji

History was made when host nation Fiji won the 20th edition of the OFC U-20 Men's Championship at ANZ Stadium in Suva.

New Zealand, who had dominated this competition since the departure of Australia in 2006, were absent having already qualified for the FIFA U-20 World Cup as host nation.

Fiji won their first matches with ease before playing out a dramatic 2-2 draw with closest rivals Vanuatu. That result left the host nation nervously eyeing a final day showdown with the underachieving Solomon Islands. Fiji's come-from-behind 2-1 victory set pulses racing among local fans but was enough to ensure they would line-up alongside New Zealand as one of two OFC representatives, the first team from their nation to do so and after 40 years of trying at this level.



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

American Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

| | |
|------------|-----------------|
| Winners | Fiji |
| Runners-up | Vanuatu |
| Third | New Caledonia |
| Fourth | Solomon Islands |

Fiji qualify for the FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup New Zealand 2015

AWARDS

| | | |
|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Golden Ball | Jacky RUBEN | (VAN) |
| Golden Boot | Atkin KAUA | (SOL) |
| Golden Gloves | Misiwani NAIRUBE | (FIJ) |
| Fairplay Award | Solomon Islands | (SOL) |



FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP NEW ZEALAND 2015

Preparations for next year's FIFA U-20 World Cup in New Zealand continued at pace throughout 2014 with some notable milestones reached.

The Official Mascot for the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 New Zealand was unveiled at Auckland's Santa Parade on Sunday 30 November and made an appearance during half-time at the Wellington Phoenix v Melbourne City Hyundai A-League clash.

Dave Beeche, CEO of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) said that the key drivers for the selection process of the Official Mascot were clear from the start: "We wanted to ensure our mascot was representative of the passion, colour, fun and excitement of our tournament as well being identifiable as something very Kiwi."

Indeed, once the character was identified, he was a clear fit to the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 New Zealand and confidence remains high the mascot shall be popular with both the New Zealand public and visitors alike and would prove a valuable asset to the tournament.

The release of ticket packages for the Quarter and Semi-Final tickets went on sale to those who took advantage of generous early-bird discounts and purchased venue packs for any of the seven host stadiums.

Quarter-finals have been scheduled for Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch with the semi-finals being held in Auckland and Christchurch.

Among other activities was an historic trophy tour that saw both the FIFA Club World Cup and FIFA U-20 World Cup make an appearance together at the home ground of Oceania and New Zealand club champions Auckland City FC.

The FIFA U-20 World Cup Local Organising Committee also made proactive steps to engage with the New Zealand-based Fijian community taking the trophy to the annual Bula Festival at the Vodafone Events Centre in South Auckland and lending its human resource to support the inaugural OFC President's Cup at The Trusts Arena in November.



2014 FIFA WORLD CUP™

The OFC was not represented in Brazil on the field of play but that did not mean OFC did not have a presence during the FIFA World Cup™ in June.

A trio of New Zealand referees, Peter O'Leary and assistants Mark Rule and Jan-Hendrik Hintz, were appointed for the group match between Nigeria and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Meanwhile Tahitian referee Norbert Hauata was Fourth Official for no less than six matches during the tournament including the Round of 16 encounter between Belgium and USA.

Former All Whites coach Ricki Herbert was a member of the Technical Study Group and helped produced the guide which was presented to the Asian and Oceania regions during the FIFA/AFC/OFC Conference for National Coaches and Technical Directors — 2014 FIFA World Cup™ Brazil which took place in the Malaysian capital city in October.

The three-day conference was designed to provide those participating with an opportunity to analyse the key characteristics of the 2014 World Cup™ campaign from both the technical and tactical points of view. It also highlighted the current trends in world football.

OFC President and FIFA Vice President David Chung addressed the importance of the conference for the AFC and OFC national teams regarding the qualification for FIFA World Cup™ Russia 2018.

"It is vital that we seize the opportunity to analyse the technical aspects of the 32 teams. This conference will go a long way towards enhancing the performances of the national teams of AFC and OFC teams as we work towards Russia 2018," he said.

Technical Directors and national coaches of the OFC Member Associations attended the conference.



OFC Head of Coaching Didier Chambaron highlighted the opportunity for the coaches of the region to be part of this conference.

"This conference was the opportunity to understand the development that goes on in the world of football. I think it was a real benefit for all the Technical Directors and national coaches of the OFC Member Associations to attend this conference.

"The FIFA World Cup™ is the greatest football sporting event with the best players, coaches, and teams. So we can genuinely learn a lot from this prestigious competition," he said.

New Zealand was the last OFC team to participate at a FIFA World Cup™ when they achieved three draws with Slovakia, Italy and Paraguay in South Africa in 2010.

The conference was organised in partnership with FIFA, AFC and OFC.



2014 BOY'S YOUTH OLYMPIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

15 - 27 August / Nanjing, China

Vanuatu's second foray into the Boy's Olympic Youth Olympic Football Tournament in Nanjing, China, was less successful than their first with the team swept aside during a difficult group stage that featured eventual silver medallists Korea Republic and Cape Verde Islands.

The growing stature of the competition has attracted entrants of a much higher quality than the inaugural tournament four years ago in Singapore and it looks possible that a qualifying event may be installed in all confederations to streamline the finalists.

The highlight of Nanjing for the OFC representatives was Jules Bororoa, striker against Cape Verde Islands, as he netted Vanuatu's only goal of the competition. But despite an improved showing in the fifth place play-off with Honduras, they finished sixth, beaten soundly 5-0.

| VANUATU REPRESENTED OFC | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Group Stage | vs. Korea Republic | 0-9 |
| Group Stage | vs. Cape Verde Islands | 1-7 |
| 5th place playoff | vs. Honduras | 0-5 |
| Final Ranking | | 6 (6) |

| GOAL SCORERS | |
|---------------|-----|
| Jules Bororoa | (1) |



2014 GIRL'S YOUTH OLYMPIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

15 - 27 August / Nanjing, China

Papua New Guinea created history at the Girl's Youth Olympic Football Tournament when they finished fifth in Nanjing after a stirring 3-2 win over Namibia.

They were eliminated from medal contention by highly rated Venezuela and bronze medal challengers Slovakia, but finished on a high thanks to a double from Bellinda Giada and another goal by Marity Sep. The fifth place finish was an improvement on their last outing at this event in which they finished sixth following a 0-0 draw with Trinidad & Tobago that ended in a penalty shoot-out defeat.

| PAPUA NEW GUINEA REPRESENTED OFC | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Group Stage | vs. Venezuela | 0-7 |
| Group Stage | vs. Slovakia | 0-4 |
| 5th place playoff | vs. Namibia | 3-2 |
| Final Ranking | | 5 (6) |

| GOAL SCORERS | |
|----------------|-----|
| Bellinda Giada | (2) |
| Marity Sep | (1) |



OFC FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL

12 – 16 August 2014

Arene du Sud, Païta, New Caledonia

For the second consecutive year the OFC Futsal Championship welcomed an invitational side from the Asian Football Confederation, with Malaysia accepting the challenge to take on four of Oceania's leading teams.

After New Zealand's third place finish, and Tahiti's impressive run in 2013 the weight of expectation fell on the two sides. However it was 2013's bottom side, hosts New Caledonia, who proved hard work pays off. Their opening match was a 4-4 draw with Tahiti, followed by a 6-2 walk over Vanuatu. They downed New Zealand 2-1, setting up their final match against Malaysia as a final of sorts for the round robin tournament. Malaysia's run saw them record a 4-1 victory over New Zealand, before defeating Tahiti 5-2 and Vanuatu 9-5.

Despite a valiant effort on the court in front of some vocal supporters, the hosts couldn't overcome their AFC counterparts who took the silverware home to Malaysia with a 6-3 victory in the tournament's final match.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

New Caledonia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Vanuatu, Malaysia (AFC)

| | | |
|------------|---------------|-------|
| Winners | Malaysia | (MAS) |
| Runners-up | New Caledonia | (NCL) |
| Third | New Zealand | (NZL) |

AWARDS

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Golden Ball | Tino SMITH (TAH) & Ivan POURUORO (NCL) |
| Golden Boot | Asmie ZAHARI (MAS) |
| Golden Gloves | Elias BILLEH (NZL) & Atta ELAYYAN (NZL) |
| Fairplay Award | New Zealand (NZL) |



OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PRELIMINARY

7 – 11 October 2014 / J.S. Blatter Football Complex, Apia, Samoa

For the fourth edition of the OFC Champions League Preliminary the top teams from Cook Islands, Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga gathered to battle it out for a place in Oceania's premier club competition.

Three quality performances were all it took for host Samoa's leading club to earn direct entry into the 2015 OFC Champions League for the second year running, after Kiwi FC earned the honour last year.

The side started slow with tournament veterans Lotoha'apai United, making their fourth appearance at this level, holding them to just a 1-0 victory. They followed that with a slim 3-2 win over fellow debutantes Puaikura before confirming their passage to the next stage with a 6-0 drubbing of FC SKBC in the final encounter.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Lupe Ole Soaga (SAM), Puaikura FC (COK), Lotoha'apai United (TGA), FC Samoa Korean Baptist Church (ASA)

| | | |
|------------|--------------------|-------|
| Winners | Lupe Ole Soaga | (SAM) |
| Runners-up | Puaikura FC | (COK) |
| Third | Lotoha'apai United | (TGA) |

AWARDS

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------|
| Golden Ball | Silao MALO | (SAM) |
| Golden Boot | Silao MALO | (SAM) |
| Golden Gloves | Sione FAULUPA | (TGA) |
| Fairplay Award | Puaikura FC | (COK) |





OFC WOMEN'S NATIONS CUP

25 – 29 October 2014 / Kalabond Oval, Kokopo, Papua New Guinea

The tenth edition of the OFC Women's Nations Cup was held in Kokopo, a small settlement in Papua New Guinea's East New Britain province.

Four sides took part with New Zealand's 19th world ranked side the Football Ferns the hot favourites to qualify for their fourth ever, and third consecutive, FIFA Women's World Cup to be held in Canada in 2015.

With their first match they proved themselves streets ahead of Tonga in terms of development as the Kiwis knocked 16 unanswered goals past their opponents. The match also marked Football Ferns captain Abby Erceg's 100th cap for New Zealand, with the then 25-year-old becoming the first New Zealander, male or female, to attain that honour.

Papua New Guinea were always expected to be the Ferns closest rivals, and despite having been relatively inactive over the past four years in comparison to their lofty opponents, the Gary Phillips coached side came out in search of nothing less than a win. They managed to hold off the New Zealand attack for the best part of 60 minutes before defender Rebekah Stott found herself with enough room to take a punt from distance, with goals to Amber Hearn and Annalie Longo to aid the Ferns to a 3-0 victory.

Their final match was further proof of that New Zealand deserved to represent Oceania in Canada as they did away with Cook Islands 11-0, maintaining their clean sheet for the tournament.

| PARTICIPATING TEAMS | | |
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| Cook Islands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga | | |

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|------------|------------------|-------|
| Winners | New Zealand | (NZL) |
| Runners-up | Papua New Guinea | (PNG) |
| Third | Cook Islands | (COK) |

| AWARDS | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Golden Ball | Rosie WHITE | (NZL) |
| Golden Boot | Amber HEARN | (NZL) |
| Golden Gloves | Fidelma WATPORE | (PNG) |
| Fairplay Award | Tonga | (TGA) |



OFC PRESIDENT'S CUP

17 – 23 November 2014 / The Trusts Arena, Auckland, New Zealand

The inaugural OFC President's Cup took place at The Trusts Arena in Henderson, New Zealand, and featured three teams — two club sides and an international age group team — from the OFC as they took on professional outfit Busaiteen of Bahrain, Bodden Town of the Cayman Islands and Singapore U-23.

The objective of the competition was to strengthen already solid relationships with both the AFC and CONCACAF while at the same time enabling Amicale, Auckland City FC and Fiji U-20 to get preparatory matches under their belts prior to excursions into forthcoming regional and world events.

As expected, OFC Champions League and ASB Premiership double winners, Auckland City FC dominated, with the New Zealanders defeating Amicale 2-1 in a dramatic final. The highlight of the competition for Amicale was a surprise 2-1 win over Busaiteen, arguably the best club result in Vanuatu football history. Fiji U-20 struggled to match their opponents losing all three of their games but the value added ahead of the FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 is likely to prove invaluable.



PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Amicale, Auckland City FC, Bodden Town, Busaiteen, Fiji U-20, Singapore U-23

| | |
|------------|------------------|
| Winners | Auckland City FC |
| Runners-up | Amicale |
| Third | Busaiteen |
| Fourth | Singapore U-23 |

AWARDS

| | | |
|----------------|------------------|-------|
| Golden Ball | Panagiotis NIKAS | (AMI) |
| Golden Boot | Emiliano TADE | (AKL) |
| Golden Gloves | Ramon SEALY | (BOD) |
| Fairplay Award | Amicale FC | (AMI) |





FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP MOROCCO 2014

10 - 20 December

As Oceania club champions Auckland City FC arrived in Morocco for a record sixth FIFA Club World Cup few could have predicted the dream run they were about to embark on.

Not only did they take Moroccan club champions Moghreb Athletic Tetouan all the way to a penalty shoot-out in the play-off for the Quarter-Finals, which they won 4-3, but they did it without looking out of place for even a second. Their outstanding efforts on the field continued in the quarter-finals as they outplayed African club champions Entente Sportive Setifienne of Algeria to earn a 1-0 victory and a spot in the semi-finals.

Squaring up against CONMEBOL champions San Lorenzo of Argentina, and with a final match up with footballing giants Real Madrid on offer, Auckland City came from behind to drag the CONMEBOL side into extra time. San Lorenzo capitalised early in the extra time to take a 2-1 lead and despite some decent chances, Auckland City were unable to pull them in line for a second time.

The 3rd place play-off against CONCACAF's Cruz Azul was a chance for the side to earn a podium finish and it was a challenge they accepted with open arms. Auckland City went a goal ahead late in the first half thanks to Ryan De Vries but an early equaliser in the second period meant the side was going to a penalty shoot-out for the second time in Morocco. Once again the Kiwis were able to prove their class and composure winning 4-2 to claim bronze. Adding to the celebrations was captain Ivan Vicelich being awarded the Bronze Ball.



AUCKLAND CITY FC REPRESENTED OFC

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| Play-off for Quarter-Finals | vs. Moghreb Athletic Tetouan | 0-0 (4-3 PEN) |
| Quarter-Finals | vs. Entente Sportive Setifienne | 1-0 |
| Semi-Finals | vs. San Lorenzo | 2-1 (AET) |
| Third Place Play-off | vs. Cruz Azul | 1-1 (4-2 PEN) |
| Final Ranking | 3 | (7) |

GOAL SCORERS

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| John IRVING | (1) |
| Angel BERLANGA | (1) |
| Ryan DE VRIES | (1) |

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