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Message from our President

Kia Orana Cook Islands Badminton family, 2019 has been a formidable year which I'm sure you will all agree.

Since taking on the role of President, this year for the first time we were beginning to really see the fruits of our labour from competing at our first Junior Oceania Championships to winning our first medals at the AIMS Games Championships.

It was definitely a combined effort beginning with an awesome committee who shared a common dream and worked hard to make it come true

Our players for their commitment and respect, along with their parents for having faith in our player pathway and trusting us with their children.

To all those who supported the association from the sponsors, stakeholders families and friends and the community — Meitaki maata. Lastly thank you to Julie Carrel and your fantastic team, Robbie, Nadia, Lynne & Tom at Oceania Badminton you inspire me everyday to do & be more and aim higher.

And the journey continues with so much to look forward to in 2020 and again sharing it with you all.

Regards
Thomas Mereana-Ngauru





Message from our Patroness

Kia Orana, It is with great pride that I write these few words for the 2019 Cook Islands Badminton Annual Report.

First of all, the present longstanding Cook Islands Badminton Committee and Coaches are to be congratulated for their initiative and commitment to the youth of this sport. Without this support team the current results would not have been achieved.

CIBA has gone from strength to strength with such a blossoming of talent and improvement in performance that it is hard to credit that only 6 years has passed since our initial Player Performance Pathway Workshop was held in 2014 in Auckland, New Zealand.

The blueprint produced by Thomas Ngauru, Eric Gamez and myself with the help of Geraldine Brown President Badminton Oceania at that Workshop has been the foundation of today's teams who now compete in National and International Tournaments.

Our young players have achieved some wonderful results in these tournaments and are great cultural and sporting ambassadors for the Cook Islands

Gail Eraio



Nanning, China known for its name 'The green city' on the Southern part of China, was the host for this year's 80th BWF AGM, OCEAN-IA AGM and BWF Members Forum. It was a prestigious honour for Vice President Ngaoa Ranginui and Secretary Makiroa Mataio for representing our country (Cook Islands) at these influential gatherings. The importance of sharing and exchanging knowledge with other Member Associations, in strengthening and building awareness and resilience within our own country is the reason why these events are paramount within our Badminton Family (BWF).

Also, during the BWF AGM, it saw the introduction of the new outdoor game 'Air Badminton' which can be played outside with specialised shuttle's that can only be used with slight wind and low tensioned rackets, with room for up to 4 players each side. With badminton limited to a suitable playing venue and being one of our major obstacles for delivering badminton into our communities in our country. This platform will provide a prefect solution to pushing badminton out more to the Outer Islands and making badminton accessible abroad



On behalf of CIBA we would like to say a big meitaki maata to BWF and BOC for your continuous support and friendship that we have gain over the years, and to all the many friends we have made during this journey, thank you abundantly

Mr Makiroa Mataio





Being on the Oceania Badminton Board

When Mama Gail became a Badminton Oceania Executive Board member she provided information from BOC to the Cook Island Badminton Association and was able to keep in touch with what is happening in our badminton family around the Pacific region.

After two years, Mama Gail's term was up for reelection. A year later I thought it will be a great opportunity for a CIBA member to become involved again as a member on the Executive Board.

I was interested, and so my journey began asking questions such as my badminton experience and involvement. I wondered if I had experience in commercial, sporting, and management and what *myself. I was overjoyed when Thomas advised that I had been elected.

After that wore off, I began to doubt whether I could do the job or not. During my first year as a Board member there would be face to face meetings and via tele-conference where we would discuss matters arising from expenses and allowances and many more issues.

I was a little uncomfortable the start of the first year, but towards the second year I became more in tune with discussing matters be it face to face through email or via tele-conference. During my two years on the board my member associates were considerate, encouraged me to talk more, and to ask questions even if I thought a question might not be appropriate.

The staff of the BOC were wonderful, always there to help me be it my travel arrangement or accommodation or updating the members of the board.

It was my learning experience of the two-year term, and the support of staff and fellow board members that made me decide to re-apply for another 2 years. There was, and is, a sense of belonging to the badminton family.

Mrs Ngaoa Ranginui

























Victor Oceania Championships Melbourne, Australia

The first Cook Islands Junior Badminton team to ever compete in an Oceania Junior Under19 Badminton Championship travelled to Melbourne Australia and returned with some excellent results.

The first four days was the individual knockout event where all 8 players competed in Singles, Doubles and mixed doubles. And despite being drawn against top seeded players from Australia and New Zealand they were competitive gaining respect from their opposition and other players and coaches. Being the youngest players in the competition did not discourage them either and going into the team event they were hungry for a win.

Each tie in the team event consists of 5 matches. (Mens & Ladies Singles, Mens & Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles). Each player can play a maximum of 2 matches and the team to win 3 or more matches is the winner. The Cook Islands was pooled with No.1 seeds NZ, Tahiti & Tonga where they managed an outstanding 3rd spot after beating Tonga in round robin competition. They continued their winning streak with a clean sweep of Samoa (4th Pool B) during the semi-finals only to then settle for 6th placing overall after being unable to repeat their win against Tonga in the finals for 5th & 6th.









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It was an extraordinary experience for our players who are now looking forward to the next Junior Oceania Champs in 2021. The Cook Islands badminton committee are extremely proud of our players and are ready for the next four years of more junior development which involve the AIMS Games in Tauranga, World Junior Badminton Championships and the World Youth Olympics in 2022

Cook Islands Badminton would like to thank all the players and their families here on Rarotonga and those who came to support the team in Melbourne. Meitaki maata to our sponsor Horra Ltd to Jean-Luc and your family and to everyone for their encouraging words and support

Junior Mixed Team Results Round Robin (Pool A)

NZ 5 vs Cook Islands 0 Tahiti 5 vs Cook Islands 0 Cook Islands 3 vs Tonga 2

Semi-finals

Cook Islands 5 vs Samoa 0

Finals (5th & 6th)

Tonga 4 vs Cook Islands 1

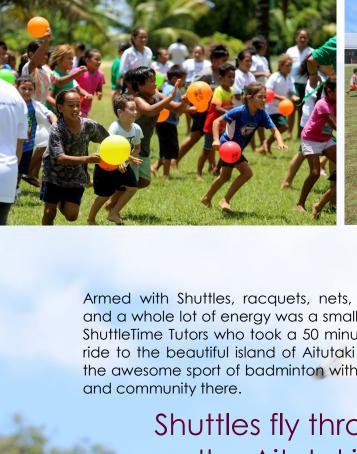
Final Overall Standings

1st Australia 2nd New Zealand 3rd Tahiti 4th New Caledonia 5th Tonga 6th Cook Islands

> 7th Fiji 8th Samoa









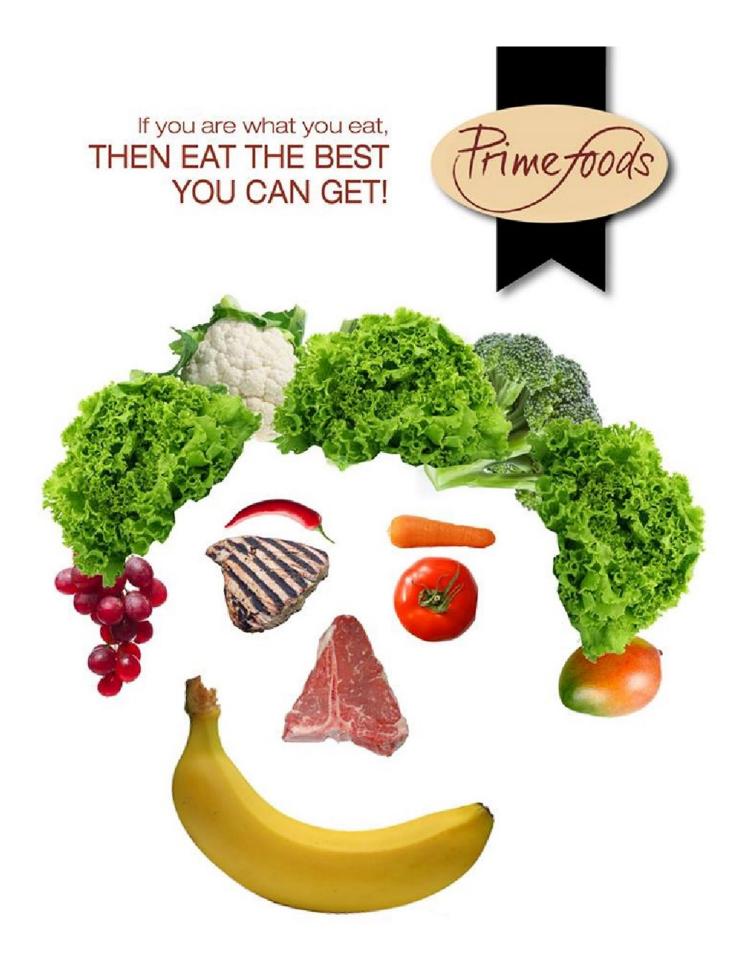


Armed with Shuttles, racquets, nets, balloons and a whole lot of energy was a small team of ShuttleTime Tutors who took a 50 minute plane ride to the beautiful island of Aitutaki to share the awesome sport of badminton with children

Lead by Coach John Taulu we were able to visit the 3 Primary schools on the Island beginning wth Tekaaroa Adventist School before finishing off the first day of classes with the Teachers and students of Araura Primary School.







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Tournament results Year 4

Boys Champions:

Avarua Sch - Claude Simpson & Leo Nand Boys Runner IIo:

Boys Runner Up: Akatemia Sch - Eric Newbigging & Ethan Short Girls Champions:

Avarua Sch - Tungane Tearii & Terii Tuakana Girls Runner Up:

Nikao Sch - Rosa Kureta & Tui Ponia

Year 5

Boys Champions:

Akatemia Sch - Alandis Pin Willie & Elijah Rani Boys Runner Up:

Avarua Sch - Eliakima Webb & Aaron Hioe Girls Champions:

Nikao Sch - Darlene Kureta & Arihoia Marsters Girls Runner Up:

Arorangi Sch - Lana Aperau-Toa & Tangi Tangapiri **Year 6**

Boys Champions:

St Joseph Sch - Kaiyin Mataio & Joshua Ravuaceva Boys Runner Up: _____

Avarua Sch - Aporo Williams & Nooroa Tetauru Girls Champions:

Avarua Sch - Casonya Bates & Raetea Rongo Girls Runner Up:

Arorangi Sch - Hiriaterau Pitomaki & Danielle Arona

Overall Champions

1st Apii Avarua 146 points 2nd St Joseph Sch 126 points 3rd Nikao Sch 118 points

















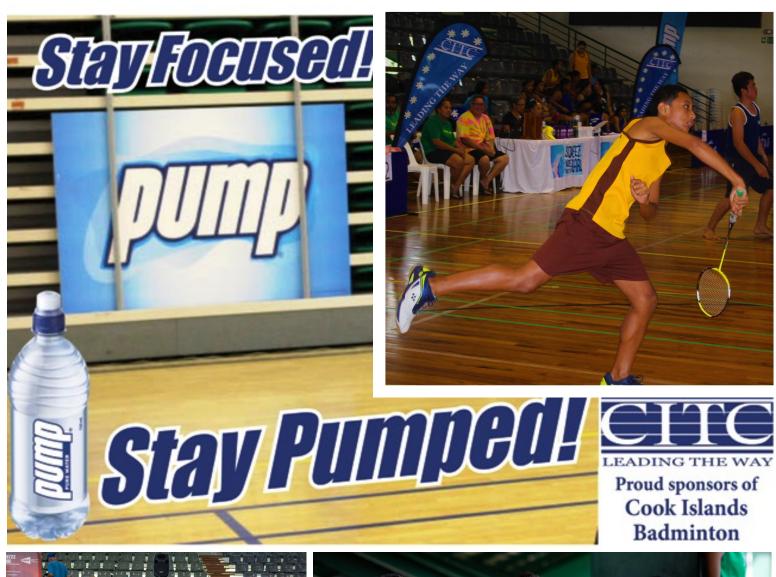


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AIMS Games

This year Cook Islands Badminton was proud to have 14 students represent the country from Nukutere College, Apii Avarua, Apii Nikao, St Josephs & Papaaroa School at this year's AIMS Games Badminton event. The students had been training well and expectations were high with the hopes they would bring back a medal – and they did!

Singles Competition!

Each of the players were placed in groups of 5 to 6 players and after a 2-day round robin competition were then placed in Divisions according to how well they did in the group. Tereapii Akavi, Te Pa Tupa, Loureina Kureta, Emanuela & Daniel Akavi successfully made it through to division one after topping their groups.

Tereapii Akavi played an extraordinary match knocking out Number 2 seed Veronica Xia of Pinehurst Junior School 31-29. The whole arena was watching in anticipation practically hanging on every shot that was played – it wasn't funny at all. Unfortunately, Tereapii was unable to continue her winning streak losing to Helen Cao of Tauranga Intermediate in the Quarter finals. Te Pa Tupa also made it through to the Quarters losing to number 1 seed Lilian Cao of Murrays Bay Intermediate.

But the accolades did not end there with Tuaanaore Mitchell and Tehani Matapo reaching the finals of Divisions 3 & 2 respectively. Tuaanaore went up against Chloe Eng of Sommerville Intermediate School and after some close points Tuaanaore took out the match 31-27

Tehani Matapo was actually runner-up to Chloe Eng last year in Division 3 and has managed one better making it to the finals of Division 2 against Caroline Chen of Bucklands Beach Intermediate. It was a closely fought match with Tehani unfortunately going down 31-19

But the biggest was to come when Nukutere Colleges Tereapii & Te Pa Tupa won bronze in the Girls Singles Team event. It is the first ever medal won by any school from the Cook Islands and it wasn't the last.

Doubles Competition!

Nukutere College doubles pairing of Tereapii Akavi and Tehani Matapo topped their group making it into division one and all the way to the Girls Doubles Final. It

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began with a nailing biting semi-final against number one seeds Helen Cao & Brittany Jerkins of Tauranga Intermediate which they had to fight for to win 31-29. Then in the final the pair put up a valiant performance but had to settle for second place against number 3 seeds Coco Zhu & Gianna Lee of St Cuthbert's 21-14 21-12 and a Silver medal!

Overall it was the most successful trip since first participating in 2016 and we would like to thank the Principals, Parents, Supporters, Bank of the South Pacific, CITC Supermarket & Primefoods for your support and we look forward to working with you in the future

Results Boys Singles

Emanuela Mataio - Division 1 Round 1
Daniel Akavi - Division 1 Round 2
Setephano Vakatini - Division 2 Quarter-finals
Te Pa Kelly - Division 2 Round 1
Kaiyin Mataio - Division 2 Round 1
Zarrian Heather-Rau - Division 3 Round 2
Maeva Kirkava - Division 4 Round 1
Girls Singles

Tereapii Akavi - Division 1 Quarter-finals
Te Pa Tupa - Division 1 Quarter-finals
Loureina Kureta - Division 1 Round 2
Tehani Matapo - Division 2 Runner-Up
Josephine Kureta - Division 2 Quarter-finals
Chiann Naslund - Division 2 Round 2
Tuaana Mitchell - Division 3 Winner

Singles Team Event

Tereapii Akavi & Te Pa Tupa - Bronze Medal

Boys Doubles

Emanuela Mataio & Daniel Akavi
Division 1 Round 1

Zarrian Heather-Rau & Maeva Kirikava
Division 2 Quarter-finals

Te Pa Kelly & Agataoto Esera
Division 2 Semi-finals

Kaiyin Mataio & Setephano Vakatini
Division 4 Winners

Girls Doubles

Tehani Matapo & Tereapii Akavi
Division 1 Runner-Up - Silver Medal
Te Pa Tupa & Tuaanaore Mitchell
Division 1 Quarter-finals
Josephine Kureta & Loureina Kureta
Division 2 Winners
Chiann Naslund & Mieka Miller
Division 3 Winners













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Pacific Development Squad

Cook Islands U15 Badminton Squad consisting of Vaitoti Tupa, Daniel Apii Jnr, Eleanor Wichman and Tereapii Akavi and their coach Ngaoa Ranginui arrived back from a successful week long camp and competing in the TUI Medical Under 15 Waikato Open in Hamilton New Zealand.

Despite a nervous start from all the players they were all able to play at their best and produce some great results. Standout performances came from Vaitoti Tupa who won his first-round main draw singles match before going up against number 1 Lucas Mitchell and eventual Singles competition winner who is also a member of the NZ Junior Badminton Team.

But the best result came in the boys doubles who after a disappointing loss in the first round of the main draw, Vaitoti & Danniel managed to pick themselves up and fight their way to the doubles plate finals. It was a close and nerve wracking match with the pair unable to seal the win going down 21-17 21-17

Unfortunately, injury struck the team which saw Eleanor Wichman unable to compete in the Girls and Doubles competition.

During the camp our players underwent umpiring training which they all successfully passed and received their bronze BOC Pacific Junior Umpire Award. Part of their training was to umpire some of the finals which was huge feat and honour for our junior players.











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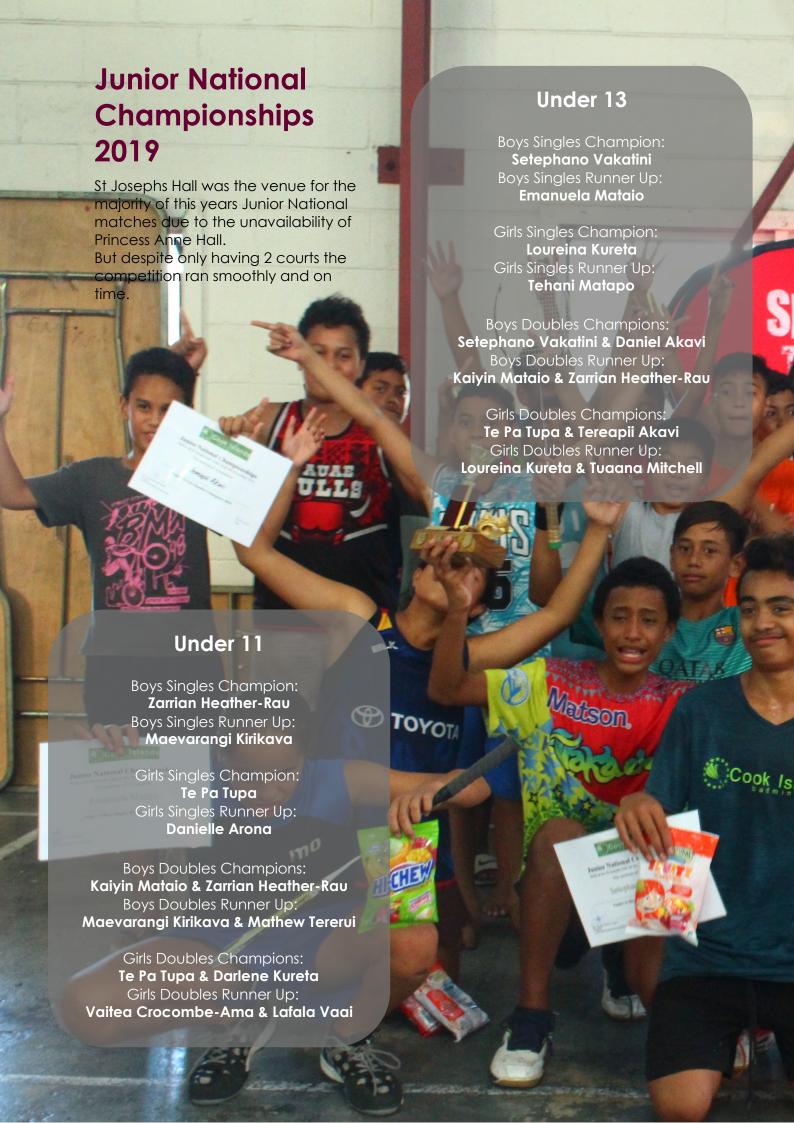
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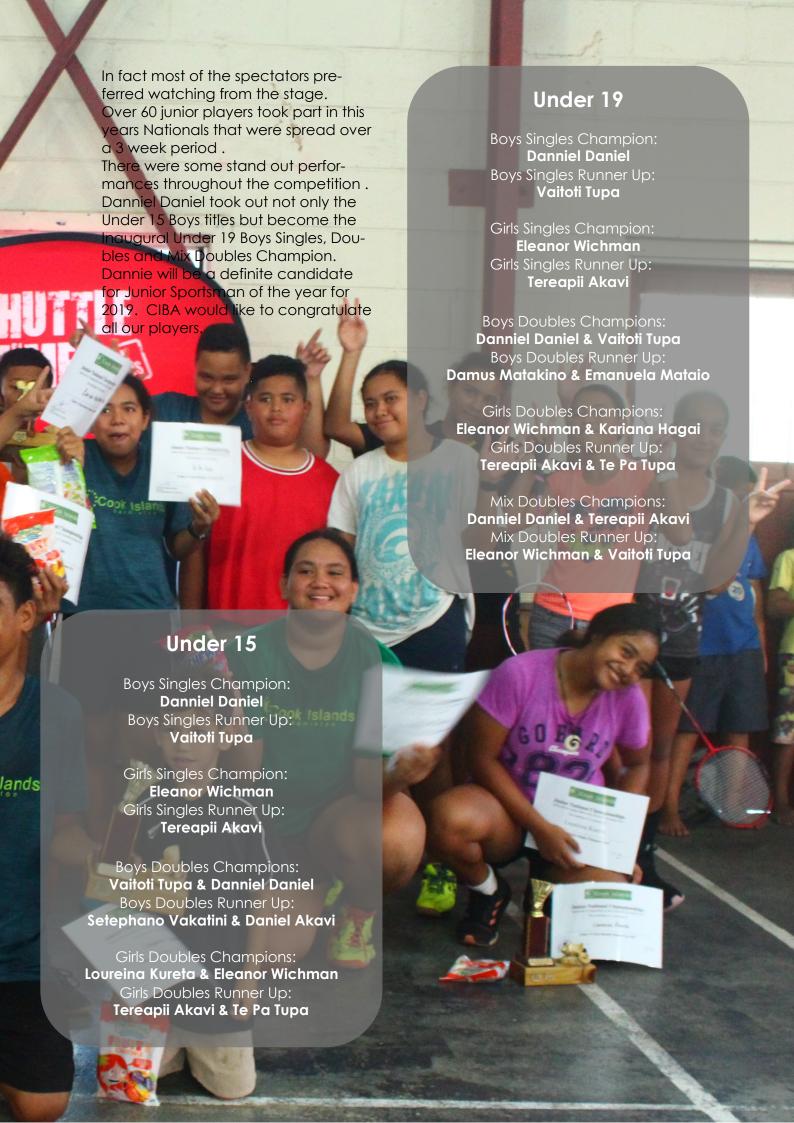
Level One Coaching

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Senior National Championships 2019

St Josephs Hall was again the place to be to witness the 2019 Senior National Champs. Over 4 days of intense competition seniors players competed in Singles, Doubles and Mix Doubles. The event was the last competition on the badminton calendar.

Congratulations to all our players, families and supporters for making the event a success. The event concluded with a prizegiving and shared dinner at St Josephs Hall.





Results

Men's Singles Champion:
Alex Cheah
Men's Singles Runner Up:
Danniel Daniel

Womens Singles Champion:
Kariana Hagai
Womens Singles Runner Up:
Loureina Kureta

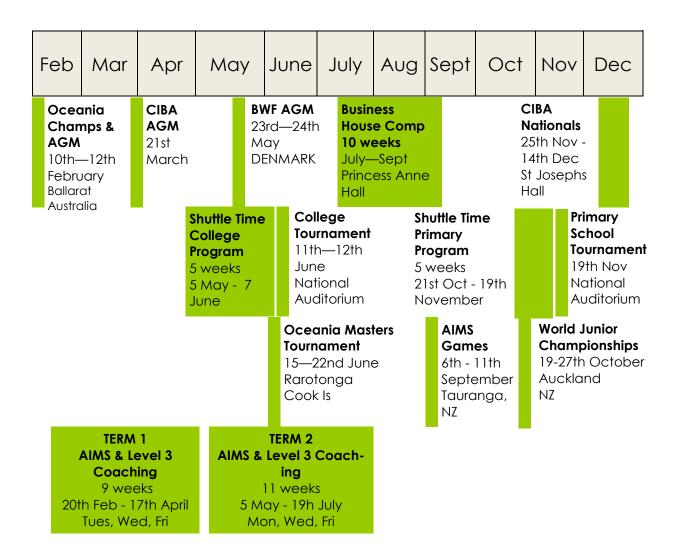
Mens Doubles Champions:
Vaitoti Tupa Jnr & Stephen Cuthers
Mens Doubles Runner Up:
Danniel Daniel & Setephano Vakatini

Womens Doubles Champions:
Kariana Hagai & Ngaoa Ranginui
Womens Doubles Runner Up:
Loureina Kureta & Tereapii Akavi

Mix Doubles Champions:
Gillene & Steve Underhill
Mix Doubles Runner Up:
Danniel Daniel & Tereapii Akavi



Cook Islands Badminton Association Calendar of Events for 2020



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Cook Islands Badminton Association Financials

SUMMARY 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019

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01-Jan-19	Opening Balance	\$	12,568.96
Income			
	Allsports Funding	4,000.00	
	BWF Photography Grant	461.47	
	Badminton Oceania Executive Subsidy BOC AGM 2020	1,204.00	
	Badminton Oceania 2020 Admin Funding	12,000.00	
	Badminton Oceania 2020 ShuttleTime Funding	2,000.00	
	Badminton Oceania Pacific Development Squad Coach Subsidy	1,000.00	
	Badminton Oceania AIMS Games 2019 Subsidy	2,000.00	
	AIMS Games Player Contributions	18,435.00	
	Oceania Champs U19 Player Contributions	6,158.00	
	Player Development Squad Player Contributions	5,064.80	
	Oceania Champs 2020 Player Contributions	5,658.76	
	Sponsorship	5,594.00	
	Fundraising	600.00	
	Annual report Sales	50.00	
	Equipment Sales	1,113.00	
	Sports Awards	200.00	
	Court Fees	985.50	
	Tournament Fees	415.00	
	Players Fees	570.00	
	Interest	4.05	
	TOTAL		67,513.58
Expenses	Admin Officer Expenses	7042.00	
,	ShuttleTime Expenses	1969.14	
	Oceania Champs U19 Expenses	12600.31	
	AIMS Games Expenses	25295.67	
	Oceania Champs 2020 Expenses	12468.14	
	Pacific Development Squad Expenses	6353.32	
	College Tournament Expenses	187.00	
	Primary School Tournament Expenses	828.00	
	BWF Photography Grant Expenses	300.00	
	Hall Hire	2980.00	
	Hosting	117.00	
	Waterstation Expenses	187.50	
	Equipment	61.00	
	Advertising	43.60	
	Printing	501.40	
	Fundraising Expenses	602.50	
	Nationals Prizegiving Expenses	328.90	
	Per Dium	120.00	
	Ci Sports Awards tickets	540.00	
	Visa Fees	140.00	
	Wharfage Customs Fees	290.80	
	Tornament Fees	300.00	
	Audit Fees	200.00	
	Bank Fees	141.89	
	TOTAL		73,598.17
31-Dec-19	Bank Balance	\$	6,484.37
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CIBA would like to thank the following key stakeholders and sponsors for their contributions in 2019

Badminton World Federation
Badminton Oceania Confederation
Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee
Tereora College (Princess Anne Hall
Papaaroa Adventist Hall
St Josephs Community Hall Committee
Rarotonga Primary Schools & Colleges
Te Kainga O Pa Taunga
Vaiakura Holiday Homes
PHAB Pharmacy

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Tarita & Tiri John

CI News

The Salon

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