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As of the 25th of May 2010, the time of this report. There are 13 out of the 16 registered federations have registered to attend the *Oceania Swimming Championships*, they are as follows:

Samoa	American Samoa
Fiji	Papua New Guinea
Palau	Guam
Cook Islands	Tonga
Marshall Islands	Hawaii
New Zealand	Australia
New Caledonia	

1 With an athlete participation of:

- **Swimming** **103 swimmers** **90 Management**
- **Synchronised** **21 athletes** **15 Management**
- **FINA Technical Officials** **53**
- **Local Technical base** **58**

A total participation of 340 people involved with this event.

This is a fantastic effort in light of the economic situation and the expense involved in coming to Samoa. Palau has to travel through Japan to get to the destination of this event.

2 Facility:

The facility will be closed to the Public from the 14th June to allow final preparations to begin. During this time the pool itself will be available for any teams arriving during this week to continue training.

Water tanks has been promised by the facility, however these have not been installed and we are still hoping that this will be completed before the championships as water supply is a constant problem in this area.

The Diving Well was opened last month for public use so this has been good all round to make sure there are no problems with maintaining water levels. The facility still has to construct an attachment for the underwater speakers for the Synchronised swimming; they have assured us this will be done.

Timing System: The Chinese engineers who were here to install and run the timing system during the South Pacific Games have been here replacing the electronic components of the Timing system; we have had 2 weeks of running the programmes to check everything is in order. They will be returning to assist with the running of this system for Oceania.

3 Mapping:

All mapping of the facility will be given to all team managers and technical Officials to assist with correct use of the pool for both teams and Officials. The seating arrangements remain the same. Teams have an allocated areas but no seat allocation.

Synchronised swimming teams will be seated poolside during competition so that the allocated team areas used during swimming can be used for spectators.

4 Charges:

There will be no entry charge for this event. Government wishes to encourage as many local people as possible to attend and a no charge policy will ensure this. However there are still remaining areas “off limits” to the public and these will be enforced.

5 Technical Officials Room:

This will be the same room used for South Pacific Games and is the collection point for all information needed by the Officials. This will also house all refreshments for Officials only.

6 FINA Clinic Rooms:

This is where all Theory Clinics will be run with the exception of 2 Open Water Clinics/Technical Clinics which will be held at the venue of Open water On the days of the 5km/10km races.

Synchronised swimming will run Pool clinics every morning while Open water is taking place and every afternoon following swimming.

7 Samoa Swimming Office:

This is located directly behind the Timing system tables and will house all the Photocopying and recording requirements. This will also be the collection point for all Team managers to collect any pre event information and will be central Control.

8 Sound System:

This will remain beside the SSF Office; they will also run the synchronized swimming events from here. Synchronised swimming’s music is an area I am not sure, that they will be able to manage smoothly positioned so far away from the pool, I have had many meetings with the Sound Engineer Mr. Wang and

he assures me it will work. However Synchro has 3 training days and I am confident that we can change things quickly should need arise.

9 Open Water:

This has been well organized with the help of Alan Nilon under the supervision of John West; all things are now in place. Meet Information, Timelines have been posted to all countries. At the time of this report there is a confirmed athlete participation of:

- 21 swimmers for the 5 km, 9 female/12 male
- 10 swimmers for the 10km, 4 female/6 male

10 From the following countries:

-  Papua New Guinea
-  Samoa
-  Palau
-  Tonga
-  Hawaii
-  New Caledonia
-  New Zealand
-  Australia

Two FINA clinics will be held prior to the 5km and 10km events.

Monday 21st June an Opening programme has been planned, as is the custom of Samoa, and this event is taking place within a village, village participation is essential and this involves a 15 minute presentation by the village to all Executive attending in the form of an Ava ceremony. As the “Head of State” is a patron of swimming he may attend this opening and this involves customary protocol. We are unsure at this stage if the Prime Minister will attend this opening.

Transport to this venue will be the same as for the pool, all Teams wishing to watch will have the transport available.

11 Synchronised swimming:

An event schedule is now in place:

- Training days Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Thursday 24th June
- Competition days Wednesday 23, Friday 25th, Saturday 26th June

12 Technical Officials:

Swimming/Open Water has registered 49 out of 53 Approved officials.

Synchronised has 14 Officials.

Our budget has approved a per diem of \$100 tala per day, a total of \$600 tala per person will be given directly to all Officials when they are met and uplift their information packs.

All technical officials will be allocated 2 Official white Polo shirts to be worn for Heats/Finals.

13 Doping Control:

This has been given to our local Drug Control Agency under Oceania RADO (Regional Anti-Doping Organization) we have asked for them to test at the required International Level of 10% of competing athletes.

It was noted from the athlete profiles of all submitted forms (except Australia, they did not submit full forms) that New Zealand were the only ones with Athletes taking medication for Asthma, they have been sent the TUE forms to complete and return so that we can submit them within the required 21 day period, these were only received this week and so the deadline is fairly tight.

The Testing area will be in the adjacent Gym 1 which is located just outside the pool compound, a 2 minute walk. This is the gym used for all weight lifting competitions and they have a designated area for doping control.

We have informed all Disciplines (including Synchro) that their athletes may be selected for drug testing.

We were informed that this testing is US \$450 per test.

14 Safety Precautions:

The Samoa Police will be responsible for Traffic and crowd control at the Open Water events and to ensure that the Media and public are not permitted to enter the restricted areas these being the Official results areas, Medical Sick Bay and Doping Control Areas.

The National Hospital has been notified of this event especially Open water so that they may be well informed should we require their emergency services. They have confirmed notification.

The Red Cross will be in attendance at the Open water events for the emergency response if needed.

Doctors: We have 2 medical practitioners in attendance to cover any emergency.

A Surf Lifesaving group from Omaha, New Zealand has been invited to attend the championships as our Lifeguards for both the Open Water events and the Poolside. This is an area still underdeveloped in Samoa and because of the International standard of this Competition we addressed this issue from

overseas. They will hold some basic training sessions with the local facility staff on basic lifesaving techniques.

An indemnity form will be given to all Team Manager to sign prior to events. This covers both the Open water and pool Events.

15 Accommodation:

All Accommodation have now been booked with the majority staying at Aggie Greys Hotel in Apia.

The Marshall Island Team is the only ones staying outside the designated hotels.

There are still available rooms at the Tanoa Tusitala for any supporters/ media who have not yet booked.

Aggie Greys Hotel: Teams: New Zealand, Australia, all but 4 Technical officials.

Insel Fehmarn: 4 technical Officials

Le 'Manumea Hotel: New Caledonia

Leric Motel: Marshall Islands

Tanoa Tusitala: Teams: New Zealand & Australia Synchronised Swimming, Hawaii, Palau, Guam
Tonga, Cook Islands, American Samoa, Fiji

Hotel Millenia: FINA and Oceania Executive, Team PNG.

16 Transportation:

This is one of the biggest areas to organize to make sure that all areas are covered and that everyone gets to where they need to be on time.

We have arranged 13/15 seated buses, every country with the exception of New Zealand and Australia will be allocated a van, this applies to both swimming and synchronized swimming. Those countries with small numbers will share a van with a team staying at the same location.

Teams New Zealand, Australia and all Technical Officials staying at Aggies will be supplied with 3 buses.

Team Marshall Islands will still be allocated transport.

We are not sure how many supporters are coming and have made sure that taxis are available around the hotel areas there will be a charge of around \$10 per trip and they will have to arrange a taxi to collect them from the pool once the event has finished.

17 Medals:

We have our medals engraved for all events except Synchronised swimming as Sue Edwards was still unsure about events at the time of engraving. They arrived last week and look fantastic.

We have asked all federations to bring with them their national flag and national anthems for medal ceremonies. We are still in the process of securing additional flags should we need them, as there does not seem to be a base in this country where these necessary requirements are available.

18 Media:

We have for the last 6 weeks been advertising through the Local paper The Samoa Observer on a weekly basis the Championships and once fortnightly and article pertaining to events within the championships.

For viewing: www.samoaoobserver.ws starting Friday 9th April, Sunday 11th April, 2010

Our official programme is currently in progress.

We have managed to secure a bi-weekly advertising spot on TV3, this advertises the coming event.

We have secured TV1 with highlighting the following portions of the Competition:

- Monday 21st 5km Open water event
- Tuesday 22nd, Opening Ceremony
- Wednesday, Friday, Saturday Synchronised Swimming Events
- All finals for swimming

We are still working the budgetary details out and we are confident that TV1 will be presented as a Major sponsor for this event.

We will have banners in the Town area, at the Open water venue and the pool.

19 Website:

Karen Nelson has been in contact with Sporting pulse to get our current website uploaded for record purposes and we are still in this process, we hope to have this completed following the Championships if not before.

20 Clinics:

Attached is the clinic schedule, we have had to rearrange the Friday clinics to accommodate the Swimming Australia Luncheon now on Friday.

FINA Technical Officials/Open Water Clinic's

Date	Clinic	Time	Venue
20/06/10	John West	12:30noon-1:30pm	O/W Venue
21/06/10	Don Blew	10:30:00-11:30am	O/W Venue
	John West	11:30noon-12:30pm	O/W Venue
22/06/10	Don Blew	12noon-1pm	T/O Room
	John West	1pm-2pm	T/O Room
23/06/10			
	Don Blew	12noon-1pm	T/O Room
	John West	1pm-2pm	T/O Room
	Chris Carver	2:30-5pm	Pool
24/06/10	Chris Carver	9:30-12noon	T/O Room
	Don Blew	10:30-11:30am	O/W Venue
	John West	11:30noon-12:30pm	O/W Venue
	Chris Carver	2:30-5pm	Pool
25/06/10	Chris Carver	9:30-12noon	T/O Room
	Don Blew	12noon-1pm	T/O Room
	Chris Carver	2:30-5pm	Pool
26/06/10	Chris Carver	9:30-12noon	T/O Room
	Chris Carver	2:30-5pm	Pool
	Oceania general Congress 12 noon		
	ONOC Lunch	1:30 PM	Milenia
27/06/10	Chris Carver	9:30-12noon	T/O Room
28/06/10	Chris Carver	9:30-12noon	T/O Room

**Don Blew
 John West
 Chris Carver**

**Technical
 Open Water
 Synchronised**

21 Team Managers Meetings:

- Open Water:** Monday 21st June 13:30pm at Faleasiu, Open water venue.
- Swimming:** Sunday 20th June 5pm at the facility in the Technical Clinic Rooms.
- Synchronised:** Tuesday 22nd June 10am at the facility in the Technical Clinic Rooms.

22 Functions:

Monday 21st June, 7pm- 10pm, Tanoa Tusitala Hotel, Opening Cocktail hosted by the President, Samoa Swimming. This is for FINA and Oceania Executive, Federation Executive, Team Managers, Coaches, Technical officials. This will be a “FiaFia” event, which means trousers for men(no ties) and dress for women.

Friday 25th June 12:30pm, Bistro Tatau, a Luncheon, hosted by Swimming Australia. This is for all FINA. Oceania and Federation Executives, Team Leaders and Managers

Saturday 26th June, 12:30 pm at the Hotel Millenia, Oceania General Congress. This will be followed by a luncheon hosted by ONOC?

Saturday 26th June during and following the Finals a BBQ hosted by the Samoa Swimming Federation to say thank you to all Countries.

This is a general overview of all our preparations to date. If there are any areas that I have missed please let me know and I will cover those.

Our Funding from Government has come through and although it is not the amount we asked for, it is sufficient to work with alongside our sponsors.

This has been an enormous learning curve for me as secretary but an entirely enjoyable one and my thanks go out to you all for your continued support and direction to us all.

We look forward to a great event and I am sure that all who participate here will take away a small part of Samoa with them.

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