



SOL2023 PACIFIC GAMES MASTER PLAN PRESENTED TO PACIFIC GAMES COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION

The National Hosting Authority of the 2023 Pacific Games addressed the Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Games Council at the recent 2019 Pacific Games held in Apia, Samoa.,

The presentation was conducted by Martin Rara- President of NOCSI, Mr Christian Nieng- Deputy Secretary to the Prime Minister who had been delegated the authority by the Secretary to Prime Minister, Dr Jimmie Rodgers, to oversee the work of the NHA Secretariat as its Caretaker Executive Director, and Mr Clint Flood Senior Adviser to the NHA and Sol 2023 Games.

Chairman Jimmie Rodgers was not able to attend. However, his message to the PGC was delivered through a recorded a video message that was played during the meeting. While some of this information has been released already in Solomon Islands, the presentation in Apia provided the first opportunity for the NHA and NOCSI to share the master plan of the Sol2023 Games to the other countries and their delegates.

The Master Plan highlighted the culmination of the intensive work achieved by the NHA since it inaugural meeting in December 2018. Importantly the work of the NHA was greatly assisted by the recommendations of the Pacific Games Taskforce and the Cabinet Subcommittee on Pacific Games that were handed to NHA for its deliberation at its inaugural meeting in December 2018.

SPORTS INCLUDED IN THE 2023 PACIFIC GAMES

A total of 24 sports had been approved by the Pacific Games Council to be included in the 2023 Pacific Games. These are as follows.

1	Archery	9	Hockey	17	Swimming
2	Athletics	10	Karate	18	Table Tennis
3	Basketball	11	Netball	19	Taekwando
4	Beach	12	Power Lifting	20	Tennis
5	Body Building	13	Rugby 7	21	Triathlon
6	Boxing	14	Rugby League 9	22	Vaá
7	Football	15	Rugby Touch	23	Volleyball
8	Golf	16	Sailing	24	Weightlifting

Solomon Islands has commenced the process to seek the inclusion of Futsal and Beach Soccer to the approved sports for the 2023 Pacific Games. The process involves a request originating from the Solomon Islands Football Federation (SIFF) to the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) requesting OFC to formally endorse the request and then make a formal submission to the Pacific Games Council for its consideration at the next meeting of the PGC to include the two sports in the 2023 Pacific Games.

The Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) Executive Committee Members endorsed the inclusion of Futsal and Beach Soccer at the 2023 Pacific Games to be held in Solomon Islands at its meeting held on 21st October 2018.

The NHA and NOCSI is now working with SIFF and the OCF to formally submit a request to the PGC for its consideration to include Futsal and Beach Soccer to the approved Sports for the 2023 Pacific Games.

PROPOSED SPORTS VENUES.

Following extensive consultations with key stakeholders identified by the Pacific Games Taskforce and the Cabinet Subcommittee on Pacific Games, NHA has now narrowed down the venues for all the approved sports for the 2023 Pacific Games (including Futsal and beach Soccer) to 6 Sports Precincts shown in the table and the map below.

1	Maranatha Hall Sports Precinct	4	SINU Kukum Sports Precinct
2	KGVI – Panatina Sports Precinct	5	Matanikau Sports Precinct
3	SINU Ranadi Sports Precinct	6	Lawson Tama – HCC Sports Precinct



SPORTS PROGRAM BY PRECINCT

1. The Marantha Hall Sports Precinct

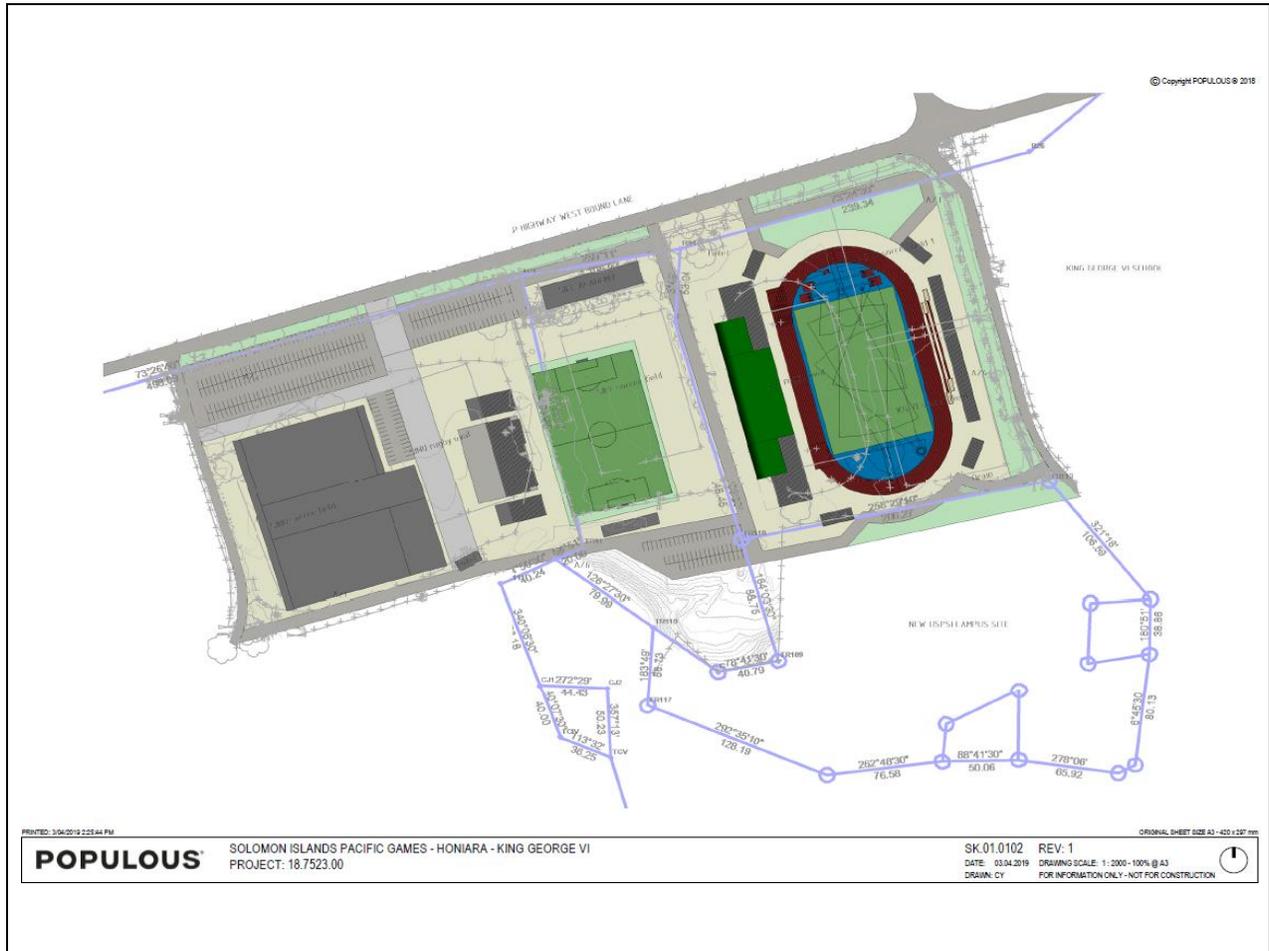
The Marantha Hall Sports Precinct will host a total of 5 Sports over the 2 weeks competition as follows:

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| i | Body Building | iii | Power Lifting | v | Weightlifting |
| ii | Karate | iv | Taekwando | | |

2. The KGVI – Panatina Sports Precinct

The KGVI – Panatina Sports Precinct will host 10 of the 24 sports. It will also be the venue for the Opening and Closing ceremonies of the games. The KGVI – Panatina Sports Precinct comprises 5 sporting venues – the National Sports Stadium, the SIFF Football Stadium and the two huge multipurpose halls at SINU Panatina,

the Golf Course and the KGVI East Fields. The schematic of 3 of the Sports venues within the KGVI-Panatina Sports Precinct is shown in the diagram below.



The KGVI – Panatina Sports Precinct will host the following events over the 2 weeks competition

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| i Archery | v Football | ix Rugby League 9 |
| ii Athletics | vi Futsal | x Volleyball |
| iii Basketball | vii Golf | |
| iv Boxing | viii Rugby 7 | |

3. The SINU Ranadi Sports Precinct

The SINU Ranadi Sports Precinct will host 4 of the 24 sports

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| i Sailing | iii Triathlon |
| ii Open Water Swimming | iv Va’a and Kayaking |

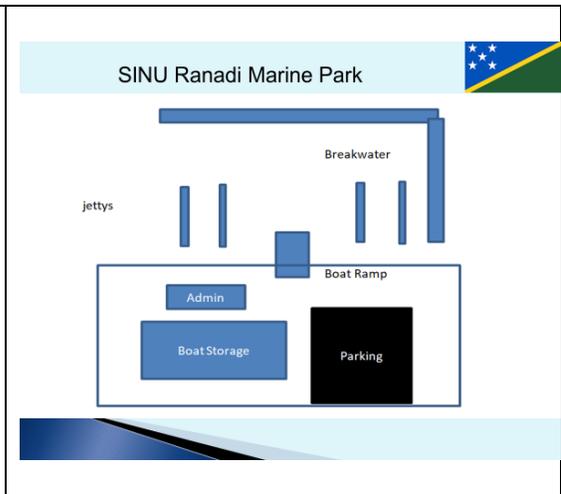
The SINU Ranadi beachfront will be developed as a Marine Park to host the four events. Following schematic shows current plans to develop the Venue.

SINU Ranadi Marine Park



Hosting

- Sailing
- VAA
- Triathlon
- Open Water Swimming



4. The SINU Kukum Sports Precinct

The SINU Kukum Sports Precinct will host 4 of the 24 sports.

- i Hockey
- ii Football
- iii Rugby Touch
- iv Tennis

A large undeveloped part of the SINU Kukum Campus has been identified by SINU to be developed for the SINU Kukum sports precinct. Following schematic shows current plans to develop the Venue.

SINU Kukum Sports Park



Hosting

- Football
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Hockey



5. The Matanikau Sports Precinct

The Matanikau Sports Precinct is designed around having a sports and recreation areas in the central business district of Honiara that people and families can enjoy after the games. This is the legacy underpinning the recommendation by the Pacific Games taskforce and Cabinet Subcommittee’s recommendation to Cabinet to secure the site for the Green Aquapark to host the swimming pool complex and other sports for the Pacific Games.

The Matanikau Sports Precinct will host 4 of the 24 sports for the 2023 Pacific Games

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| i | Basketball [3 by 3] | iii | Beach Volleyball |
| ii | Beach Football | iv | Swimming |

Following schematic shows current plans to develop the Venue.

	<p>Matanikau Sports Pak Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 50-metre competition pool ➤ 25-metere training and leisure pool ➤ 4 x beach volleyball and beach soccer courts [2 courts lit for night play] ➤ Green family area for legacy mode ➤ Administration support building
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6. The Lawson Tama – HCC Sports Precinct

The Lawson Tama – HCC Sports Precinct will host 3 of the 24 sports as follows;

Sports	Venue
1 Football	Lawson Tama
2 Netball	HCC Multi-Purpose Hall
3 Table tennis	HCC Multi-Purpose Hall

REPLACEMENT SPORTS FIELDS

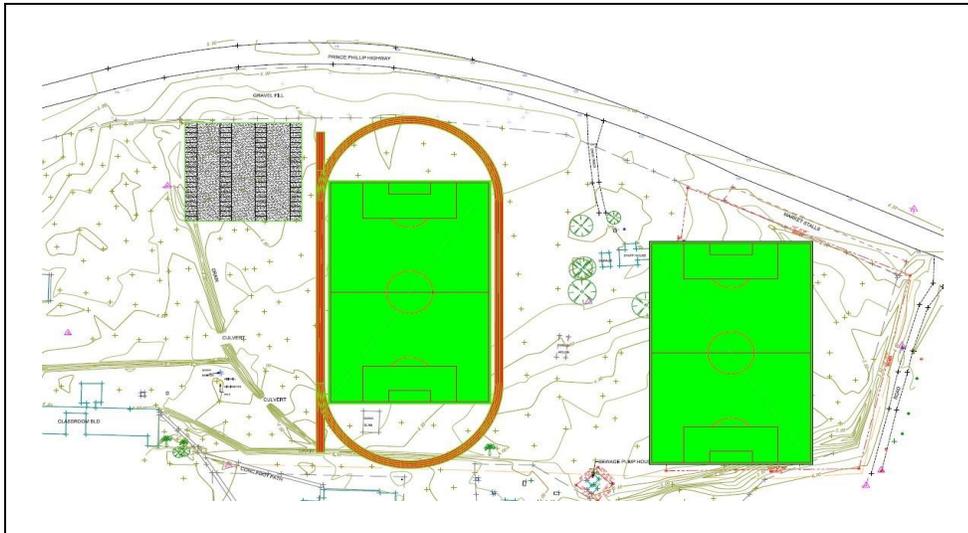
It is anticipated that the current KGVI soccer and rugby fields will be closed for the building of the new national sports stadium by 31 March 20120. Similarly, the SIFF Football field and the SINU Panatina rugby and football fields will also be closed to construction work sometime in 2020.

A total of 5 sports venues will be developed and / or upgraded by the NHA in collaboration with key stakeholders between September 20219 and June 2020 to ensure sporting activities will continue during the construction phase of the facilities at the KGVI-Panatina Sports Precinct. These 5 sports venues include:

- i. Kobito Sports Field

- ii. Naha Sports Field
- iii. Kukum Sports Field
- iv. White River Sports Field
- v. KGVI East Sports Field

The KGVI East Sports Field (opposite Tongs Hardware) will ensure students at KGVI are not be deprived of sporting facilities during the construction phase of the national sports stadium on their current sports fields. It will have two fields one with all-weather running tracks to for athletics training. The fields will be designed to enable field events training and competition. The sports complex will be supported by an administrative building, small stadium seating and carpark.



SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Rationale for sports development programs

The key to good performance by athletes is dedicated and disciplined training programs. New Caledonia, Fiji and Tahiti have excellent sports facilities backed up by sports development programs to develop and nurture their athletes. Papua New Guinea and Samoa have both demonstrated the importance of dedicated sports development programs in the past 2 Pacific Games held in PNG and in Samoa.

At the 2015 Pacific Games held in PNG, PNG came 1st in the medal tally, New Caledonia came 2nd, Samoa came 5th and Solomon Islands came 8th.

At the recent (2019) Pacific Games held in Samoa, New Caledonia came 1st, PNG came 2nd, Samoa came 3rd, and Solomon Islands dropped to 13th.

Need to step up sports development programs

The NHA believes and will invest in Sports development training in the next four years to ensure Solomon Islands can compete for the a top-four finish at the 2023 Games.

The NHA has put together in consultation with NOCSI and the sports federations an ambitious sports development program that combines overseas training for selected elite athletes and a much broader sports development program to be run and supervised at a new Solomon Islands National Institute of Sports (SINIS) that will run under the name Solomon Islands Sports Leadership Institute (SISLI).

Starting point

Currently Solomon Islands does not have any formal sports development program. All the national federations are run by enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about their sports but mostly on voluntary basis. Apart from Soccer and Rugby, none of the other Federations have offices to work from. There is no formal sports education in schools and very limited sports education scholarships (4 annually). This is the baseline we must develop from.

What is needed

To do well in sports, Solomon Islands must have a change in mindset. Sports development needs to be mainstreamed into our education and sporting programs. Sports development must combine educational, mental and physical development. We need to invest in a sports development program that has the basic facilities in Solomon Islands and supplemented by overseas training to sharpen discipline and skills through overseas training and competitions.

Mainstream Sports development into Education

The NHA believes that sports and education must go together. The Solomon Islands National Institute of Sports /Solomon Islands Sports Leadership Institute [SINIS/SISLI] is a long-term sports development program that will combine classroom and field training at the national level supplemented by overseas training for elite athletes. It goes beyond just preparing for sports competitions. It is a Buto for life-long learning in and development of sports in the country for all Solomon Islanders.

The Solomon Islands National Institute of Sports (SINIS) that will run under the name Solomon Islands Sports Leadership Institute (SISLI).

The SINIS/SISLI will be the first official sports development program in the country and is home grown and owned by the Solomon Islands Government. Its' primary role is to support athletes, coaches and elite sports men and women of Solomon Islands who compete at international competitions, including sports that represent Team Solomon at the major multi-sport events.

The SINIS/SISLI programs and services will directly support:

- the identification of emerging athlete and coach talent;
- the optimization of the athlete and coach talent through development programs;
- the coaches and managers through progressive development programs, workshops & professional development opportunities to enhance their knowledge & skills capabilities;
- the athlete wellbeing & lifestyle performance through a whole person approach to holistic development & life skills to assist the person in life through dual career, transition planning for life after sport & personal life;
- the athlete, coaches and administrators through a range of leadership & governance programs to meet the demands of the different roles they play both in & away from sport,

- the development of Specialized Sports Rural Training (RTC) as a ‘Centre of Excellence’ for sports training and development in Solomon Islands in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Human Resources development,
- the MEHRD to reinvigorate the inter-school sports events similar to the annual Cola games in Fiji to develop and nurture sports talents at institutional levels

SINIS/SISLI will provide career opportunities for those that undergo training in many areas of sports development including:

Coaches	Sports and Exercise Scientists
Sports Development Officers	Sports Trainers
Physical Education Specialists Teachers	Massage Practitioners
Community Sport and recreation Officers	Sports events Officers
Gym Supervisors and personal trainers	Officials / Referees
Allied Health Practitioners – Mental Health, Sports Nutrition	Fitness Instructors
Sports Medicine Practitioners	Trainer of Trainers
Rehabilitation Therapists	Sports Psychology

Over the next 4 years leading up to PG2023, the NHA through the SINIS/SISLI in collaboration with MEHRD, SINU and other partners plan to train and certify up to 150 coaches, 60 sports managers, and relevant numbers of strength and conditioning personnel, coach developers, sports performance and events management officers, sports psychologist, sports nutritionists, and sports development officers.

The SINIS/SISLI will offer training programs across ten streams

Athlete Wellbeing	Life skills
Sport & Event Management	Coaching
High Performance	Leadership
Strength & Conditioning	Sports medicine
ORADO/Anti-Doping	Sports Science

Establishment of the SINIS/SISLI

The NHA is at the final stages of negotiation with the National Provident Fund to procure the former Telekom recreation fields at Ranadi as the location of the SINIS/SISLI. The NHA will issue a tender to commence the redevelopment of the site as soon as agreement is reached with the SINPF for this historical development of national significance that will transform sports development in Solomon Islands.

The NHA would like the work on the site to commence in September 2019 to ensure the new institute is ready to open its doors for business by June 2020.

The primary goal for the SINIS / SISLI in the next 4 years is very simple - We want to prepare our athletes to win the most medals possible. To do this, we must:

- provide the best training possible in-country and overseas

- develop excellent coaches
- provide opportunities to compete nationally, regionally and internationally
- support our athletes and coaches with financial support

The Solomon Islands Government will embark on the most ambitious Sports Development Program ever to be undertaken in the history of sports in Solomon Islands to develop our athletes and Coaches in partnership with our national stakeholders (NOCSI, Sports Federations, MEHRD, MNPDC, MWYCFA etc.) and our development partners

	<p>SINIS / SISLI – Sports Development Program</p> <p>Phase 1 – Sept 2019 – June 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Construct large GYM / Multi-Purpose Hall with office complex for High Performance Centre ➤ Realignment of fields for high performance training <p>Phase 2 – July 2020 – December 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Construct a 2,000 square meter office complex to accommodate staff surge in 2022-23 to implement games and provide long-term home for sports for all sports federations post PG2023.
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The NHA is currently in discussions with the MEHRD and the Ministry of national Planning and Development Coordination to support the implementation SINIS/SISLI sports development training program with the view to transform it into a specialized sports development RTC in the long term.

PG2023 ACCOMMODATION PLAN

The key rationale for Games village accommodation is that they must be within 10 – 15 minutes bus ride from sports venues. The NHA has had preliminary consultations with the MEHRD and other educational institutions in Honiara with the view to using educational institutions to accommodate athletes and officials during the 2-week period of the games. Based on a survey undertaken by the NHA in December 2021, we have adequate accommodation for athletes and officials in the following institutions for the 2023 Pacific Games.

Betikama Adventist College
Burns Creek School
Honiara High School
King George VI School

SINU Panatina Campus
SINU Ranadi Campus
SINU Kukum Campus
St Nicholas School

St John’s School
St Joseph’s Tenaru

The NHA will continue to consult with the relevant education authorities with the view to enter into formal agreements with each institution over the next year. The agreements will also detail the amount of renovation and refurbishment work the NHA will meet between June 2022 and June 2023 to have the facilities ready for the athletes to use in July 2023.

PARTNERS IN THE 2023 PACIFIC GAMES PROJECT

Effective Partnership is key to making the 2023 Pacific Games successful. The NHA will need to work with many partners at the national, regional and international levels to ensure Solomon Islands host a successful Pacific Games in 2023.

The key partners at the national level include:

Government Ministries and agencies	Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Finance and Treasury (Inland Revenue, Customs), Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination, , Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Surveys, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour and Immigration, Ministry of Education, & Human Resources Development, the Ministry of Health and Medical services, the Ministry of Women, Youth and Children Affairs, The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management, The Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services, The Attorney General Chambers, The Honiara City Council and the Guadalcanal Provincial Government.
Sports Bodies	National Olympics Committee of Solomon Islands (NOCSI), National Sports Council and National Sports Federations
Institutions	Solomon Islands National University, University of the South Pacific – Solomon Islands Campus, Education Authorities of the respective schools earmarked for accommodation
SOEs	Solomon Islands Water Authority, Solomon Islands Electricity Authority (SolPower), Solomon Islands Ports Authority, Solomon Islands Airlines
Other Entities	National provident Fund, Solomon Islands Submarine Cable Company
Private Sector	SICCI and private sector businesses
Churches	SICA and SIFGA churches
Community Groups	NGOs, Not-for-profit entities such as Rotary, and Community groups

At the regional level the NHA continually consults with the Pacific Games Council for guidance.

At the international level the NHA through the government consults with development partners on financing support for the games and importantly for support to the ambitious sports development program aimed initially to enhance our chances to secure more medals at the 2023 Pacific Games.

SUMMARY

Since its inception in December 2018, the NHA has made tremendous progress with a total of two full time staff and 3 part-time staff in its Secretariat. It has developed a PG2023 masterplan of venues, and events. It has commenced the process to seek funding for the major sports venues. It has developed an ambitious

sports development program aimed at putting Solomon Islands at the top-four category in medal hauls at the 2023 Pacific Games.

Much of the success achieved by the NHA is attributed to the commitment and the leadership provided by Mr Christian Nieng, deputy Secretary to Prime Minister, who was delegated the role as caretaker Executive Director for the NHA Secretariat since the establishment of the NHA by the Secretary to Prime Minister, Dr Jimmie Rodgers. Without Mr Nieng's leadership and commitment Dr Rodgers said, the NHA would not have achieved much of what it had been able to do over the past 8 months. Credit also goes to Mr Nieng's small support team, senior adviser Mr Clint Flood and sports development adviser Mr Aaron Alsop.

Over the next 5 months (August – December 2019) the NHA hopes to:

- i. Finalize necessary legislative changes to the PG2023 Act
- ii. Secure all land requirements
- iii. Sign the final agreement on the construction of the national Sports Stadium with the Government of Taiwan ROC;
- iv. Finalize and sign the agreements for all venues with the landowning stakeholders,
- v. Commence the construction work on the new SINIS/SISLI facility
- vi. Commence the construction work on the five replacement sports fields
- vii. Establish the Facility Committee,
- viii. Establish the Sports Development Committee,
- ix. Finalize and sign funding agreement for the SIFF Football stadium and the two large Multipurpose Courts at the KGVl Panatina sports precinct with the government of the Republic of Indonesia,
- x. Finalize and sign funding agreement to support PG2023 with the Government of Papua New Guinea
- xi. Firm up funding arrangements for all Games venues,
- xii. Discuss and agree with Australia the scope of its support to Solomon Islands on the 2023 Pacific Games including provisions for training of elite athletes in Australia
- xiii. Discuss with other partners including New Zealand and Japan on the scope of their possible support to the government's 2023 Pacific games project.
- xiv. Recruit additional staff to drive and sustain the increasingly expanding work of the NHA Secretariat.

GOING FORWARD

The 2023 Pacific Games project is a major commitment by the Solomon Islands Government. It is a project of national importance that had the potential to transform our youths, our people and our country.

The investments into empowering the nation to host the 2023 Pacific Games will live long beyond the games. The games will be a very important catalyst for the longer-term development of sports in the country and the added benefits of a healthier population.

The NHA seeks the support of the nation to help in the preparatory work over the next four years to ensure we host our first Pacific Games in 2023 the Solomon Way.

Pacific Games Council CEO Andrew Minogue expressed satisfaction with the Pacific Games master plan and progress of Sol2023 to date. “It is very gratifying that the Prime Minister of Solomon Islands, Honorable Manasseh Sogavare and the Government as a whole is committed to the Games. A lot of work has gone into the planning this year to date, and in the next 6 months we would expect that the next phase of actually moving into construction planning will commence. Sol2023 has got a good team led by Dr Rodgers, and we expect that our next update in a few months will provide further evidence that the 2023 Games are on track”

The plan for the sports to be played at each location was provided along with a draft schedule commencing July 14 and finishing July 28, 2023.

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