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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

CHRISTINE WALTON



Welcome to the Annual Report for Sport Matters.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Sport Matters, it is my pleasure to introduce the Annual Report for 2018-19.

Sport Matters continues to deliver innovative development projects together with our partners harnessing the power of sport for transformative change.

This past year has seen a powerful step up in regional advocacy efforts ensuring the sport has a seat at the decision-making table and a representative voice speaking up for civil society in the policy space.

Our contribution to the 2019 Pacific Sports Policy Roundtable, in conjunction with the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games, demonstrates a very strong example of that transformative space in action.

I am pleased to report that throughout this year, we have been able to extend our support from the mountainous region of Nepal through to communities across the Pacific with extremely positive outcomes.

I would like to recognise and acknowledge the commitment of, and extend our gratitude to our diverse range of Australian and International partners: in particular we have worked very closely with the Oceania National Olympic Committees, the University of the South Pacific, and the UNESCO Office of the Pacific States. I also take this opportunity to convey our appreciation to the ACFID Code of Conduct team for the additional support, advice and guidance to Sport Matters when required this year.

Our team works diligently behind the scenes, as well as in the programs, to ensure that the organisation manages its obligations and continues to navigate towards its goals. I thank Jackie Lauff, the backbone of Sport Matters, and the leadership team for the contributions of time and energy towards the organisation's governance

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." (Phil Jackson)

We are living through a very challenging period of global change and the value of sport and physical activity will continue to strengthen us, as individuals, families, communities and nations.

Christine Walton
Acting Chair

EXECUTIVE REPORT

JACKIE LAUFF



Sport is recognised as an important enabler of sustainable development and Sport Matters is recognised as a leading voice on Sport for Development and Peace in Australia.

Our advocacy efforts have reached far and wide and we have made a targeted effort to raise the profile of sport as a policy priority in our region, particularly in the areas of disability inclusion, human rights and youth empowerment. We celebrated the 6th International Day of Sport for Development and Peace with our partners and friends around the world and in 2019 we had an opportunity to share interviews with leaders in the Olympic, Commonwealth and Paralympic Movements.

Sport Matters works closely with international partners and in 2019 we joined the Commonwealth Secretariat's Open-Ended Working Group on Model Indicators for Sport and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our research in the Pacific is becoming increasingly referred to as an "early early adopter" of the model indicator framework and one of the first research projects analysing the contribution of sport to national development. Our research efforts expanded with the addition of a new project assessing the socio-economic impact of the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games hosted in Apia, Samoa, in July 2019.

Working directly with partners to deliver programs using sport to improve lives is at the core of our strategic direction. We worked together with UNESCO and the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Fiji to pilot a new national approach to youth empowerment with the Youth Champions for Change initiative. Sport Matters delivered capacity building and stakeholder consultation workshops in Fiji, Samoa and Nepal. We worked closely with the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee, Fiji Paralympic Committee, and The University of the South Pacific to deliver key development messages to hundreds of people in Fiji, and given rugby is very popular sport in Fiji, a number of those events capitalised on the 2019 Rugby World Cup.

Regional policy and advocacy efforts culminated in the formation of a Pacific Regional Sports Taskforce in April, and this was closely followed by the hosting of the 2019 Pacific Sports Policy Roundtable in Samoa, ahead of the 2019 Pacific Sports Ministers' Meeting. The Roundtable is a powerful new platform for civil society to engage directly with policy makers and the outcomes of the Roundtable were tabled with Sports Ministers.

It's a pleasure to work with our organisations around the world and build lasting relationships with their management, staff and members. I also acknowledge the efforts of our dynamic team who meet every challenge, overcome regular travel and time zone constraints and deliver a high-level of service to enable Sport Matters to continue to make a difference in people's lives using sport as a tool for sustainable development.

I look forward to continued growth and diversity as we maximise our impact year after year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Lauff', written in a cursive style.

Jackie Lauff
CEO

WHO WE ARE

Sport Matters uses the power of sport for more than sport



Our Vision

More sport. Less poverty.



Our Mission

To make a positive and long-lasting impact on development in Australia and developing countries with a focus on the Pacific, Asia and Africa through Innovation, Measurement, Partnerships, Advocacy, Capacity-building and Technical assistance.

Our Values

Sustainability - a long-term commitment to social change

Participation – building communities through active participation of individuals and families

Opportunity – creating opportunities for individuals, communities and nations through sport

Respect - and learning from the values & culture of people we work with

Tenacity - in advocating for human rights through a relentless belief in the power of sport

In developed countries, most people take for granted the lessons, opportunities and the education that comes from participating in sport. In developing communities where people often have limited access to health care, education and employment, sport can play a significant role in improving quality of life and uniting communities.

Access to sport and physical activity is a fundamental human right. Sport is well recognised internationally as a low-cost and high-impact tool for development and a powerful agent for social change. It is a culturally accepted activity that brings people together and unites families, communities and nations.

Using a rights-based approach Sport Matters combines sport and play with other non-sport outcomes to achieve specific development goals. These goals might be in the areas of health, education, economic development, social inclusion, peace and the environment and Sport Matters tailors solutions to meet community needs.

Sport Matters is an Australian-based NGO, and an independent registered charity with no religious or political affiliations. We believe that everyone should have the choice and opportunity to participate in sport, for life!

WHAT WE DO

1. ADVOCACY

We spread the word about the power of sport

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace – April 6

To celebrate the 6th International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) on April 6, Sport Matters hosted an online social media campaign connecting with partners, colleagues and friends all over the world and promoting the global hashtags for IDSDP2019 of #Sport2030.

Sport Matters captured key images and video interviews during the 2019 Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) Annual General Assembly hosted in Nadi, Fiji, in March. The event brings together regional and international sporting stakeholders from the Olympic Movement, Pacific Games Council and Organisation of Sports Organisations in Oceania (OSFO). As part of our celebration for IDSDP 2019 we shared interviews with International Olympic Committee (IOC) Director of Olympic Solidarity, James Mcleod, International Paralympic Committee President, Andrew Parsons, and Commonwealth Games Federation President, Louise Martin. Interviews were conducted by ONOC Athletes' Commission Chair Karo Lelai (PNG), Pacific Games Council Athletes' Representative Ryan Pini (PNG), and Fiji Association of Sport and National Olympic Committee (FASANOC)



Sport Matters
April 3, 2019

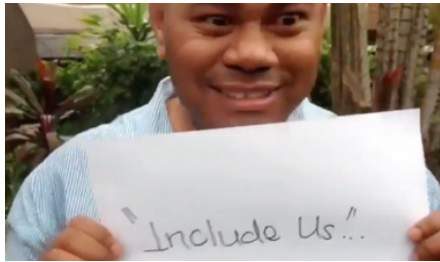
Excitement is building for the 6th International Day of Sport for Development & Peace on April 6! 🌟 Sport Matters will be celebrating with a social media campaign with our partners & friends all over the world. Only 3 sleeps to go! #Sport4SDGs #Sport2030 #IDSDP2019



International and Domestic Advocacy Activities

Pacific Disability Forum – Suva, Fiji

Sport Matters joined the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) regional conference hosted in Nadi to advocate for the role of sport and its application in the Pacific region to promote the rights of people with disabilities. Sport Matters delivered three presentations at the Pacific Disability Forum Conference in Nadi at the Tanoa Hotel: (i) a panel session at the Youth Forum with para-athlete Leslie Tikotikoca, Paralympian Mere Roden and Rowan Fajerman from the Oceania Table Tennis Association (ii) a presentation during the research symposium on the Pacific regional sports research project with case studies of Fiji and Samoa (iii) joined a panel session on regional cooperation on behalf of ONOC to speak on regional sport policy. One of the key outcomes of the youth panel was the production of a music video that showcases the ability of Pacific youth with disabilities and delivers their key messages. The 'Pacific Ability Shines' video was presented by young para-athlete Leslie Tikotikoca during the closing session of the PDF conference.



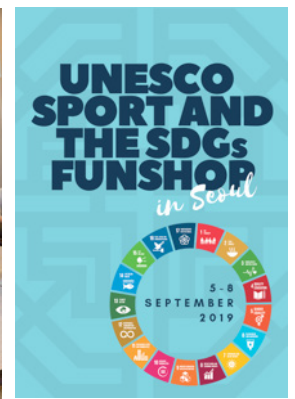
Promoting Human Rights in and Through Sport – New York, USA

Sport Matters was invited to contribute to an advocacy video produced by the UNESCO Chair Project Manager at the University of Tralee in Ireland and presented at the Convention on the Status of Women in New York in March. The video features high-level spokespeople from international sporting organisations, including Sport Matters CEO, Jackie Lauff, promoting the key message "Let's act for human rights in and through sport."



UNESCO Youth and Sports Funshop – Seoul, Republic of Korea

Sport Matters joined the 2nd UNESCO Sport and SDGs Funshop hosted in Seoul, Republic of Korea in September. The three-day event was specifically designed to advance the capabilities of youth activists using sport as a tool for sustainable development and peace in the Asia-Pacific region and was supported by UNESCO and the Lee Seung-Yuop Baseball Foundation. Sport Matters CEO, Jackie Lauff, joined the opening panel session sharing insights on governance, partnerships and influencing change.



2. PROGRAMS

We work with partners to use sport to improve lives

Youth Champions for Change – Fiji

Sport Matters designed a new youth project in Fiji called Youth Champions for Change delivered in partnership with UNESCO and the Fiji Ministry of Youth and Sports with funding from UNESCO. The first workshop was completed in November with 20 selected youth champions (aged 15 – 35) from across Viti Levu. Youth champions were connected with local mentors and a second peer-learning workshop was held in Suva in April 2019.

YOUTH CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE

“Sport is like an outlet where young people use to find peace and happiness regardless of the negativity around them. Whether it be professional or for fun, it helps one to be a better person, not only just physically but also mentally; it helps one to love themselves.”

Mele Nabola,
Nasinu, Fiji



YOUTH CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE

“Sports is a tool where you awaken the self-belief, talents and abilities within you. Facing down and ploughing forward to reach the best of your potential and to achieve your dreams.”

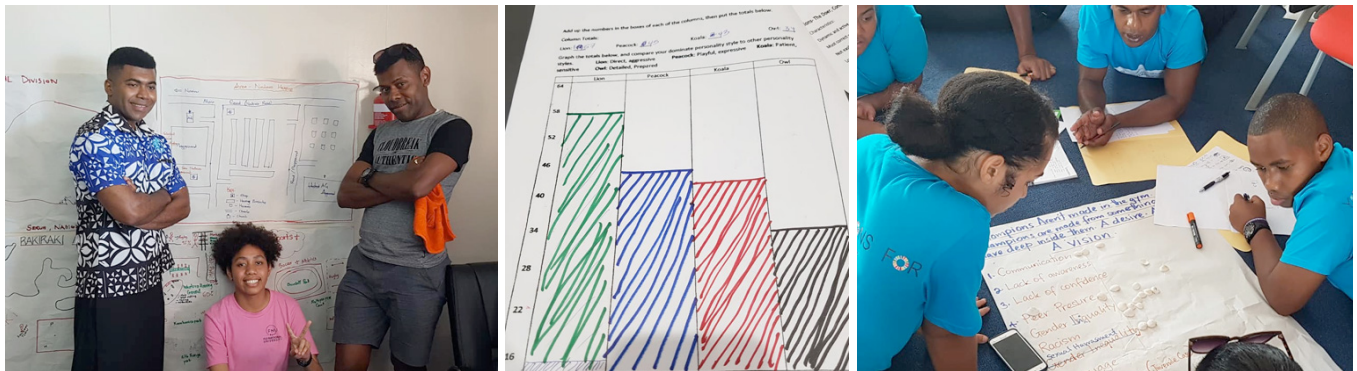
Leslie Tikotikoca
Vuna, Taveuni, Fiji







The first capacity building workshop centred around the exploration of social inclusion and diversity, and assisted youth in gaining the essential planning skills needed in order to mobilize youth in community building activities through sport. Importantly, youth champions were introduced to national initiatives that have existing programs and services available to youth in their communities, and possible resources and entry points that can be accessed to support their action plans for sport in their own communities. A team of 12 mentors was recruited including sport administrators and development officers, public servants in sport and human resources, athletes and policy advisers who served as mentors for the youth champions for 9 months to support the local implementation of community action plans across Viti Levu, the main island of Fiji.



The final peer learning workshop took place at Albert Park in Suva in April 2019 facilitated by Sport Matters CEO, Jackie Lauff, where youth leaders presented their local project impacts, filmed advocacy messages for district and national policy makers, and evaluated the Youth Champions for Change initiative.



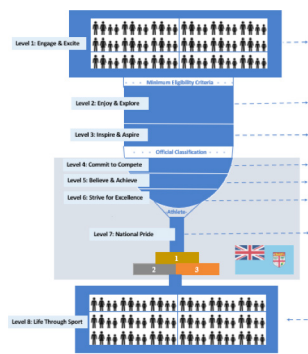
Playing for All Pokhara – Nepal

Sport Matters delivered a scoping visit to Nepal in January 2019 to assess the capacity of potential in-country partners, consult with project beneficiaries, identify target communities and assess local sporting infrastructure and capacity. Over 30 stakeholders were consulted for the design of a new inclusive sport for all project in Pokhara, Nepal in partnership with the Independent Living Centre (CIL) in Pokhara. The scoping visit included site visits to a number of sporting venues in Pokhara and a rapid access audit along with situational analysis of district-level disability and sporting service provision in the Kaski District of Nepal. The findings and recommendations were captured in a Scoping Visit report presented to project donor and in-country partners.



Fiji Paralympic Committee Stakeholder Engagement Workshops - Fiji

Sport Matters delivered a series of Stakeholder Engagement workshops in the northern and western divisions of Fiji in February and March 2019 with the Fiji Paralympic Committee. The workshops were funded by the British High Commission through its “Enabling Fund” with a view to enabling the Fiji Paralympic Committee to strengthen its partnerships with national federations and contribute to the development of a more equitable society through sport. The first workshop was conducted in Suva at the British Legion Club and the project was officially launched by H.E. Melanie Hopkins, British High Commissioner in Suva.



Stakeholder consultation workshops were conducted in Labasa and Savu Savu in the Northern Division, and Lautoka in the Western Division of Fiji. The sessions covered human rights, identifying local strengths and stakeholders, understanding the lived experience of disability, prioritizing local challenges, and national federation programs and pathways. One key outcome was the development of a Fiji Inclusive Sports Framework that captures participation in sport, physical activity and physical education across the lifespan from grassroots participation in sport, physical activity and physical education, through to international representation and life after sport. The Framework provides guidance for the Fiji Paralympic Committee, national federations and other key national stakeholders towards creating stronger and sustainable participation and pathways for people with disabilities in Fiji to enjoy and succeed in and through sports.



Paralympic Sports Exhibition - Fiji

Sport Matters provided technical assistance to the Fiji Paralympic Committee for the design and delivery of a Paralympic Sports Exhibition event held in Nadi, Fiji, in conjunction with the inaugural visit to Fiji from the International Paralympic Committee President, Andrew Parsons. The event featured 'come and try' activities across seven Paralympic sports and was attended by over 40 children and adults with physical disabilities and a visiting delegation from the Oceania Paralympic Committee.



Olympic Day Launch - Fiji

Sport Matters partnered with the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee (FASANOC) in the planning and delivery of the launch of Fiji's Olympic Day Run celebrations in Lautoka, Fiji, on 15 June 2019. The inclusive public event brought together over 500 people with disabilities and their families at Churchill Park in Lautoka for a lap of the athletics track followed by a 'come and try' day featuring seven sport stations.



Sport, Innovation and Human Rights Forum – Fiji

Sport Matters partnered with The University of the South Pacific and UNDP to host a forum on Tackling Innovation and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through sport in conjunction with the Rugby World Cup. Fiji rugby legend Seremaia Bai was the chief guest and presentations were also delivered by UNDP, UNOHCR, FASANOC's Voices of the Athletes Program, Oceania Rugby, Fiji Deaf Rugby, NRL Fiji and Japan Sports Council. The event included a consultation on sport and human rights as part of a global consultation under Kazan Action Plan Priority Area 1. A roundtable on Sport and Human Rights was also held at the Office of the United Nations of High Commissioner for Human Rights in Suva to explore national data collection, reporting timelines and stakeholder coordination.



Rugby World Cup School Activation – Fiji

Sport Matters designed and delivered the first Campus and Community Engagement Activity at The University of the South Pacific in conjunction with the finals of the Rugby World Cup. Almost 200 primary school students from six Suva primary schools participated in the event which was supported by Vodafone Fiji. The students enjoyed a day of sport-based learning activities with hip-hop dancing, a panel session with Fiji rugby legends, and activity stations with the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee's Voices of the Athletes' Program, Fiji Association for the Deaf, and Sport Matters.

3. SERVICES

We strengthen the capacity of others to do effective sport and development

Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC)

Sport Matters continued to provide technical assistance to the regional efforts in the Pacific to progress sport policy, research and advocacy through the leadership of the Oceania National Olympic Committees. Sport Matters CEO, Jackie Lauff, delivered a workshop session at the ONOC Annual General Assembly in Nadi, Fiji, in March together with the late ONOC Executive Director Dennis Miller and ONOC Vice President Baklai Temengil. The ONOC Annual General Assembly approved the formation of an ONOC International Relations Commission which shall continue the work of the Pacific Sports Compass Working Group.



Sport Matters CEO, Jackie Lauff, delivered a report to the Non-State Actor (NSA) Executive Meeting at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in Suva, Fiji, in November 2018 and provided a progress update on the decision of the Forum Economic Ministers Meeting to establish a Pacific Sport, Physical Activity and Physical Education Action Plan. Jackie Lauff also joined ONOC Executive Director, Dennis Miller, to host a stand at a showcase event at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat to promote the outcomes of the Raising the Voice for Sport in the Pacific project to the European Union and its partners in the Pacific.

Three sport representatives were selected to attend the 2019 Regional Civil Society Organisation Forum hosted in Suva, Fiji at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat – Makarita Lenoa (Fiji), Chris Amini (PNG) and Asita Molotii (Tuvalu). The regional dialogue informed formal policy engagement with Forum Economic Ministers.

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

A new Pacific Regional Sports Taskforce was formalised in April 2019 following the endorsement of Finance Ministers at the Forum Economic Ministers Meeting in 2018. The Taskforce will provide guidance and oversight of the development and implementation of the Pacific Sport, Physical Activity and Physical Education (SPAPE) Action Plan 2019 – 2030. The inaugural meeting of the Taskforce took place on 16 & 17 April 2019 at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Sport Matters provided technical assistance to PIFS for the planning and implementation of the first Taskforce meeting.

UNESCO Office for the Pacific States

Sport Matters provided technical assistance to UNESCO for the planning and implementation of the 2019 Pacific Sports Policy Roundtable that was hosted in Apia, Samoa, in conjunction with the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games. The Roundtable is the second of its kind and brought together Ministers, officials and representatives from sport, civil society, regional organisations, UN agencies and development partners, and a welcome reception sponsored by the Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organization (ORADO). The outcomes of discussions were submitted as recommendations for endorsement by the Pacific Sports Ministers during the Ministerial Meeting on Saturday 6 July, 2019.



The University of the South Pacific

Sport Matters provided technical assistance to The University of the South Pacific to coordinate sport-based research, teaching and collaboration at USP. A research grant was secured to assess the socio-economic impacts of the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games hosted in Apia in July 2019. A new research team was formed, stakeholder consultations were conducted at the Ministry of Finance, and a team of research assistants from USP's Alafua Campus in Samoa conducted 860 interviews with visitors and residents during the Pacific Games at competition venues and the airport.

In the area of Learning and Teaching, work is already underway to develop new undergraduate courses at USP to enable students to major in Physical Education by 2021. Dr Dean Dudley from Macquarie University visited USP in August 2019 to begin stakeholder consultations, course design and curriculum development. The first three recipients of the Pacific Regional Sports Research Scholarships (PRSRs) from Fiji, Tuvalu and Kiribati have begun their research at USP on sport sociology, sport policy and physical education. Sport Matters also joined the Commonwealth Secretariat's Open-Ended Working Group on Model Indicators for Sport and the SDGs and participated in the first meeting via video conference.



4. ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY

We are a well-resourced, well-managed and happy organisation

Sport Matters continues to be a small and agile organisation and together with in-countries partners the organisation harnesses the power of sport to make a positive and lasting impact in the communities we work. The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) featured Sport Matters in a Spotlight to the Code video series in 2019 showcasing Sport Matters rights-based approach as part of Spotlight on Quality Principle 1 of the ACFID Code of Conduct. Director Shirley Randell represented Sport Matters at the ACFID annual conference hosted at the University of New South Wales.



Sport Matters values partnership and has established strong, multi-year partnerships particularly in the Pacific region. This year Sport Matters joined hands with the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) to farewell the late Dennis Miller who sadly passed away in June, supported the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee at the Fiji Games in April and presented medals at the archery competition, and joined the Diwali celebrations with the team at the Research Office at The University of the South Pacific.



GOVERNANCE

Governance Structure

Sport Matters is a Company Limited by Guarantee registered in NSW (ACN: 153 389 676), is a recognised Public Benevolent Institution with the Australian Taxation Office and endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient.

Board of Directors

Our board met three times during the reporting period to provide strategic advice and direction to the Company. Jade Dixon resigned from the board during the reporting period on 04/04/2019 and Professor Shirley Randell joined the board.



Christine Walton

Christine Walton is a professional in the Disability and Community sector with over forty years' experience in Australia and overseas. From 2008 to 2013, Christine was the Executive Officer of the Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC). Within this role she led a coalition of organisations in advocacy, leadership and capacity building in disability inclusive development and was amongst the first members of the Australian Disability Reference Group. Christine then managed the Disability Inclusive Development Department of CBM Australia, worked within the corporate sector as a Subject Matter Expert within the Partnership and Business Development Department and is presently the Managing Director of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Australia. She holds a Masters of Health Science (Disability Services), a Graduate Diploma in Education, is a Registered Nurse and Civil Celebrant and has almost completed a Doctorate in Business Administration. She is a life-long fan and member of the Collingwood Football Club, a surf life saver and has volunteered as a Race Administrator for the Portsea Swim Classic for over eighteen years. Christine has been a supporter of Sport Matters since its inception and lives on the fringe of the Yarra Valley on the outskirts of Melbourne.



Prof Shirley Randell

Prof Shirley Randell AO, PhD is a highly experienced board and committee member of government and non-government-organisations across Australia, the Pacific, Asia and Africa. Professor Randell is internationally renowned for her work advancing the status and rights of women, with many years of distinguished service to international relations through education, public sector and institutional reform particularly in Bangladesh, Rwanda and the Pacific. She is a recognised patron, ambassador and academic awarded for demonstrating significant influence globally, contributing to driving positive change in Australia and contributing to economic empowerment of women in the community and Ambassador of FairBreak Global and Women's International Cricket League. Shirley is based in Sydney and has a strong passion for women's cricket and rowing.



Jackie Lauff

Jackie Lauff is a sport and development practitioner who has worked in various roles within local, national and international sport organisations in Australia, Fiji, Germany and China. Jackie has an undergraduate degree in Occupational Therapy, a Master of International and Community Development from Deakin University and a Master of Adapted Physical Activity with the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences. She has coordinated international seminars on Sport in Post-Disaster Intervention and Sport Leadership, and lectured at the Australian College of Physical Education in Inclusive Coaching. Jackie is a member of the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) International Relations Commission, the Commonwealth Secretariat's Open-Ended Working Group on Sport and the SDGs, and the Special Advisory Group of the International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement (under the auspices of UNESCO). Currently, Jackie is CEO of Sport Matters and is based in Sydney.



Jade Dixon

Jade Dixon is a Partner in the Outsourced CFO team at PwC. Her previous positions include Chief Financial Officer of the Riversdale Group and Tax Manager of the Ports Business at Asciano Limited. Jade is a graduate of the Australian School of Business at the University of NSW and is a Chartered Accountant. She currently Chairs the Sydney Societal Relevance Executive at PwC. Jade is passionate about all sport - whether it be watching it, playing it or talking about it. She is a huge rugby league fan, and based in Sydney's Northern Beaches, has been a Manly Warringah Sea Eagles fan since she can remember.

Principal Activities

The purpose and objectives of the company are to relieve the poverty, distress, helplessness, disability, disadvantage and misfortune of individuals and communities in Australia and in developing countries.

The strategies for achieving these objectives during the year included:

- (a) developing, implementing, coordinating, managing, monitoring and evaluating projects and initiatives that:
 - (i) incorporate the fundamentals of best practice based on integrity, transparency and accountability;
 - (ii) draw upon the spirit, power and love of sport to drive development goals;
 - (iii) are sustainable and innovative;
 - (iv) are underpinned by principles and practices of consultation and inclusion; and
 - (v) properly consider and incorporate the specific and unique circumstances and culture of the individuals and communities the company aids;
- (b) collaborating with communities, organisations, business, government and international bodies to further the company's purpose;
- (c) increasing the awareness of individuals, communities, business and government about the processes for and benefits of using sport in development;
- (d) conducting research into the use of sport in development (including Australian-based and international research); and
- (e) doing all other things necessary for or ancillary to the fulfilment of the purpose and activities of the company.



Accreditation & Membership

Sport Matters is a full member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct which demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice and public accountability. Sport Matters is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC).

Auditor

Sport Matters appointed Ken Wright of Meagher, Howard and Wright in Bondi Junction as the company auditor for the year ended 31 October 2019.

Remuneration

In accordance with section 11.3 (a) of Sport Matters' Constitution, Directors will not receive any payment for acting as a Director. No payment was made to any director for acting as a Director. Remuneration paid to the Chief Executive Officer was \$31,600 during the financial period ended 31 October 2019.

Complaints

Sport Matters is committed to transparency and integrity in its actions. Complaints can be lodged via:

Our office: Level 32/1 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000 AUSTRALIA
Phone 1800 388 859 Fax +61 2 8076 8605 info@sportmatters.org.au
Our CEO: jackie.lauff@sportmatters.org.au

For further information on ACFID or to report alleged breaches to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee, please contact ACFID directly:

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 Phone +61 2 6285 1816 | Fax +61 2 6285 1720 | www.acfid.asn.au

FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Directors Report

The Board of Directors present their report on the financial report of Sport Matters for the company's financial year for the year ending 31 October 2019.

Board of Directors

The Directors in office during the financial period and until the date of this report are:

Director	Position	Experience/Professional Background
Christine Walton	Acting Chair (Appointed 27/04/2017)	Managing Director of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Australia
Prof Shirley Randell AO, PhD	Deputy Chair (Appointed 04/04/2019)	International development expert
Jacqueline Lauff	CEO, Secretary & Public Officer (Founding Director)	CEO Sport Matters
Jade Dixon	Non-Executive Director (Resigned 04/04/2019)	Partner, Outsourced CFO at PwC

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- (e) doing all other things necessary for or ancillary to the fulfilment of the purpose and activities of the company.

Significant Changes

There was no change in the nature of these activities during the year.

Operating Results for the Year

The operating result for Sport Matters for the year was a surplus of \$13,922 (2018: deficit of \$9,681). Although the financial year was one of low core activities, it should be noted that the organisation was engaged to manage projects on behalf of partner organisations that included contributions from The University of South Pacific, Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC), and Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture in Samoa (MESCS).

Significant Events after the Balance Date

Up to the date of this report, there have been no significant events after the balance date that should be included in this financial report.

Indemnification and Insurance of Directors

The company held Directors and Officers Liability cover during the financial period. The amount of the cover is reviewed periodically.

Director's Meetings

The Board met two times during the reporting period (04/04/2019) and (03/04/2020) and the AGM was held on 03/04/2020.

The number of meetings attended by each Director is set out in the following table:

Director	No. Meetings Attended	No. Meetings Eligible to Attend
Christine Walton	2	2
Jacqueline Lauff	2	2
Shirley Randell	2	2
Jade Dixon	0	1

Limitations of Members Liability

Sport Matters is a Company Limited by Guarantee. In accordance with its Constitution, the liability of its Members is limited to \$1 per person in the event of the company being wound up.

Auditor's Independence

The Directors have received an independent declaration from the auditor of Sport Matters, Meagher Howard & Wright.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Christine Walton
Chair



Jackie Lauff
CEO

AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

This declaration is made in connection with our audit of the financial report of the company for the year ended 31 October 2019 and in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 October 2019, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.


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Ken Wright
MEAGHER HOWARD & WRIGHT

Dated: 3/4/20
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 October 2019

	2019	2018
Income		
Donations & Gifts – Monetary	0	0
Donations & Gifts – Non-monetary Revenue	57,951	58,026
Donations & Gifts	57,951	58,026
Asian Sports Partnership	0	0
Other Australian	2,199	840
Other Overseas	40,297	58,366
DFAT	0	0
Total Grants	42,496	59,206
Fundraising - O/S Specific	0	0
Fundraising - Aust Specific	0	0
Fundraising – Aust Non Specific	0	0
Subscriptions	0	0
Other Income		
TOTAL INCOME	100,447	117,232
Expenditure		
International Aid & Development Expenditure		
Funds to International Programs	0	0
Program Support Costs	0	0
Community Education	0	0
Fundraising Costs	0	0
Accountability & Admin Costs	22,848	55,110
Non-monetary Expenses	57,951	58,026
International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Program		
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL AID & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	80,799	113,136
Domestic Aid & Development Expenditure		
Funds to Domestic Programs	0	0
Program Support Costs	0	0
Community Education	0	0
Fundraising Costs	0	0
Accountability & Admin Costs	5,726	13,777
Domestic Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Program		
TOTAL DOMESTIC AID & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	5,726	13,777
Excess/(Shortfall) of Receipts over Payments	13,922	(9,681)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Statement of Financial Position

As at October 2019

	Notes	2019 \$ AUD	2018 \$ AUD
Current Assets			
Cash	3	234	2,422
Trade and Other Receivables		14,944	0
Current Tax Liabilities/Refunds		5,067	3,876
Other		0	0
Inventories		0	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		20,245	6,298
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment		54	54
Trade and other receivables		0	0
Intangibles		0	0
Other non-current assets		0	0
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		54	54
TOTAL ASSETS		20,299	6,352
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables		2,125	2,100
Provisions	6	2,100	2,100
Borrowings			0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,225	4,200
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions		0	0
Payables		0	0
Borrowings		10,500	10,500
Other			0
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		10,500	10,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES		14,725	14,700
NET ASSETS		5,574	(8,348)
Equity			
Reserves		0	0
Retained Earnings		(8,348)	1,333
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		13,922	(9,681)
TOTAL EQUITY		5,574	(8,348)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Statement of Cash Flows

For the period 1 November to 31 October 2019

	Notes	2019 \$ AUD	2018 \$ AUD
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Bequests		0	0
Grants		0	0
- Asian Sports Partnership		0	0
- Other Australian		2,199	840
- Other Overseas		25,353	58,366
Fundraising		0	0
Donations Received		0	0
Other		0	0
Disbursements/Payments		(29,740)	(72,151)
Interest Received		0	0
NET CASH PROVIDED/(USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(2,188)	(12,945)
Cash Flow for Financing Activities			
Payment for Property, Plant & Equipment		0	0
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES			0
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		0	0
Net Increase in Cash Held		(2,188)	(12,945)
Cash at the Beginning of the financial year		2,422	15,367
Cash at the end of the financial year	10	234	2,422

Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial period as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Cash at Bank	3	234	2,422
Other Financial Assets		0	0
Cash at the end of the financial year		234	2,422

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 October 2019

	Notes	Retained Earnings \$ AUD	Reserves \$ AUD	Other \$ AUD	Total \$ AUD
2018					
Balance as at 31 October 2018		1,333	0	0	1,333
Excess of Revenue over expenditure		0	0	0	0
Shortfall of Revenue over expenditure		9,681	0	0	9,681
Transfer to reserves		0	0	0	0
Balance at 31 October 2018		(8,348)	0	0	(8,348)
2019					
Balance as at 31 October 2018		(8,348)	0	0	(8,348)
Excess/Deficit of Revenue over expenditure		13,922	0	0	13,922
Shortfall of Revenue over expenditure		0	0	0	0
Transfer to reserves		0	0	0	0
Balance at 31 October 2019		5,574	0	0	5,574

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes To and Forming Part of the Financial Report

For the year ended 31 October 2019

NOTE 1: Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Corporations Act 2001 and the ACFID Code of Conduct Implementation Guidance available at www.acfid.asn.au.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the balance sheet as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Sports Matters receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the balance sheet, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in the income statement.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service.

Revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(d) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(e) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

NOTE 2: Corporate Information

The financial report of Sport Matters for the year ended 31 October 2019 was authorised in accordance with a resolution of Directors on 3 April 2020. Sport Matters is a Public Benevolent Institution for the purposes of Australian taxation legislation and the company is registered for GST. Sport Matters is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

NOTE 3: Cash at Bank

	2019	2018
	\$ AUD	\$ AUD
Transactional Banking Account		

NOTE 4: Operating Income

Sport Matters is a non-profit organisation operating in Australia and overseas and working in the field of international aid and development.

	2019	2018
	\$ AUD	\$ AUD
Donations & Gifts-Monetary	0	0
Other Income		
Fundraising	0	0
Grants & Donations	42,496	59,206
Investment Income		
Interest Received - Bank	0	0
Total Monetary Revenue	42,496	59,206
Total Non-monetary revenue	57,951	58,366

NOTE 5: Operating Expenses

Operating profit before income tax is arrived at after charging the following items:	2019 \$ AUD	2018 \$ AUD
Funds to International Programs	8,643	5,979
Fundraising Costs	0	0
Advertising	0	0
Audit Fees	2,100	2,100
Bad Debts	0	0
Bank & Merchant Charges	118	49
Staff Amenities		264
Sundry Events	0	0
Insurance	3,183	7,751
Interest	0	0
Legal, Compliance & Statutory Fees	0	0
Printing & Stationery	1,530	2,526
Consulting	4,182	31,453
Promotional Items	0	0
Office Expenses		3,361
Seminars & Conferences	0	0
Subscriptions	1,916	1,696
Telephone, Fax & Internet	1,210	313
Travel & Promotion	4,803	3,027
Sundry expenses	878	10,368
Website & Computer	11	0
Total Monetary Expenditure	<u>28,574</u>	<u>68,887</u>
Total Non - monetary expenditure	57,951	58,026

Sport Matters values the contribution of volunteers and that contribution is included in this financial report to provide the reader with a better understanding of the company's activities, and have been estimated according to the Australian pay rates outlined in DFAT's Recognised Development Expenditure (RDE) guidelines available at http://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/rde_notes.pdf. The contribution of volunteers and non-cash gifts is estimated to be a total of \$57,951.

NOTE 6: Provisions

	2019 \$ AUD	2018 \$ AUD
Remuneration of auditors	2,100	2,100

NOTE 7: Subsequent Events

No events have occurred after balance date that require disclosure or inclusion in the financial statements.

NOTE 8: Members Equity/Retained Earnings

The company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company winding up its operations, the members have guaranteed to contribute a maximum amount of \$1 per member.

NOTE 9: Management Personnel

As per section 11.3 (a) of Sport Matters' Constitution, Directors will not receive any payment for acting as a Director. In the year ended 31 October 2019 no payment was made to any director for acting as a Director. Remuneration paid to the Chief Executive Officer was \$31,600 during the reporting period.

NOTE 10: Statement of Cash Flows

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of the operating profit/(loss) after tax to the net cash flows from operations		
Operating profit/(loss) after tax	13,922	(9,681)
Depreciation/Write off	0	0
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(14,944)	540
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets	(1,191)	(3,054)
Increase/(Decrease) in sundry creditors	25	(750)
Net Cash Flows from/used operating activities	<u>(2,188)</u>	<u>(12,945)</u>

DIRECTORS DECLARATION

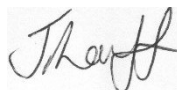
The Directors of Sport Matters declare that in the opinion of the Directors:

- a) the accompanying financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial position of Sport Matters as at 31 October 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct Financial Standards, and comply with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as applicable.
- b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed this 3rd April 2020 in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Christine Walton
Chair



Jackie Lauff
CEO



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Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Sport Matters

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Sport Matters, ("the Entity"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 October 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Entity is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 31 October 2019 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, which has been given to the Committee, would be in the same terms if given as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and the Committee for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Regulations 2013* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits*

Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Committee are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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Partner

3/4/20
Dated:

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Fiji Paralympic Committee (FPC)
Fiji Rugby Union
Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC)
Pacific Disability Forum
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
The University of the South Pacific
UNESCO
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Our Memberships & Affiliations

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ACFID Small Member Working Group
Australian Disability and Development Consortium
Commonwealth Secretariat Open Ended Working Group on Model Indicators for Sport and the SDGs
Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities – Physical Activity & Sport Task Force
International Council of Sport Sciences and Physical Education
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