

## The History of the Oceania Weightlifting Federation

The OWF was established on November 6th, 1980, in Melbourne, Australia. At the time the Inaugural Meeting was attended by the then General Secretary of the IWF, Dr. Tamas Ajan.

The first President elected was Mr. Les Martyn from Australia and the first General Secretary was Mr. Bruce Cameron from New Zealand. Since 1980 with the exception of 1983, 91 and 95, annual championships have been held.

In 1993 in Nauru the first South Pacific Championships were held together with the Oceania Championships. Ever since the two Championships have been held simultaneously.

The biggest Oceania and South Pacific Championships so far was held in Nauru in 1998 where the President and General Secretary of the IWF, the President and General Secretary of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation and the President and General Secretary of the OWF were all in attendance.

For the first time in its history, the Championships were telecast live throughout the Pacific by SPN.

In 1997 the first Oceania and South Pacific Junior Championships was organised in Melbourne, Australia.

In 2010 the first Oceania and South Pacific Youth Championships was organised in Suva – Fiji.

The office bearers of the Oceania Weightlifting Federation have been:

Term of office	President	General Secretary
1980 to 1983	Mr. Les Martyn MBE (Australia) <b>3 years</b>	Mr. Bruce Cameron (New Zealand) <b>12 years</b>
1983 to 1984	Mr. Lyn Jones (Australia) <b>9 Years</b>	Mr. Bruce Cameron (New Zealand)
1984 to 1988	Mr. Lyn Jones (Australia)	Mr. Bruce Cameron (New Zealand)
1988 to 1992	Mr. Lyn Jones (Australia)	Mr. Bruce Cameron (New Zealand)
1992 to 1996	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) <b>16 years</b>	Mr Paul Coffa (Australia) <b>28 years</b>
1996 to 2000	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr Paul Coffa (Australia)
2000 to 2004	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr Paul Coffa (Australia)
2004 to 2008	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr Paul Coffa (Australia)
2008 to 2012	Hon.Marcus Stephen (Nauru) <b>12 years</b>	Mr Paul Coffa (Australia)
2012 to 2016	Hon.Marcus Stephen (Nauru)	Mr Paul Coffa (Australia)
2016 to 2020	Hon.Marcus Stephen (Nauru)	Mr Paul Coffa (Australia)

Term of office	President	First Vice President	Vice President	Vice President	General Secretary	Assistant Secretary
1992 to 1996	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr. Milan Cukovic (Guam)	Mr. Lawrence Stephen (Nauru)	Mr. Barry Hughes (Papua New Guinea)	Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia)	Mr. Martin Leach (Australia)
1996 to 2000	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr. Lawrence Stephen (Nauru)	Mr. Albert Mailo (American Samoa)	Mr. Garry Marshall (New Zealand)	Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia)	Mr. Martin Leach (Australia) to 1998 & Mr. Matthew Curtain 1998 to 2000
2000 to 2004	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr. Lawrence Stephen (Nauru)	Mr. Garry Marshall (New Zealand)	Mr. Quake Raddock (Fiji)	Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia)	Mr. Matthew Curtain (Australia)

2004 to 2008	Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr. Tony Hole (Cook Islands)	Mr. Robert Grimaldi (New Caledonia)	Hon. Marcus Stephen (Nauru)	Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia)	Mr. Matthew Curtain (Australia)
2008 to 2012	Hon. Marcus Stephen (Nauru)	Mr. Tony Hole (Cook Islands)	Mr. Ronald Frere (New Caledonia)	Mr Frank Robby (PNG)	Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia)	Mr. Matthew Curtain (Australia)
2012 to 2016	Hon. Marcus Stephen (Nauru)	Mr. Jerry Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr. Samuel Pera (Cook Islands)	Mr Manuel Minginfel (Micronesia)	Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia)	Mr. Trent Dabwido (Nauru)
			Mr Frank Robby (Papua New Guinea)	Mr Kokoria labeta (Kiribati)		
				Mr Phil Maunder (Australia)		

2016 to 2020	Hon. Marcus Stephen (Nauru)	Mr. Jerry Wallwork (Samoa)	Mr Garry Marshall New Zealand	Mr Manuel Minginfel (Micronesia)	Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia)	Mrs Lilly Coffa (Australia)
			Ms Luisa Peters (Cook Islands)			
			Mr Frank Robby (Papua New Guinea)	Mr Kokoria labeta (Kiribati)		
				Mr Phil Maunder (Australia)		

## Oceania Championships

YEAR	CITY	COUNTRY
1980	Melbourne	Australia
1981	Brisbane	Australia
1982	Apia	Samoa
1983	Nil	Nil
1984	Papeete	Tahiti
1985	Auckland	New Zealand
1986	Noumea	New Caledonia
1987	Canberra	Australia
1988	Papeete	Tahiti
1989	Auckland	New Zealand
1990	Melbourne	Australia
1991	Nil	Nil
1992	Auckland	New Zealand
1993	Nauru	Nauru
1994	Guam	Guam
1995	Nil	Nil
1996	Apia	Samoa
1997	Wellington	New Zealand
1998	Nauru	Nauru
1999	Melbourne	Australia
2000	Nauru	Nauru
2001	Auckland	New Zealand
2002	Suva	Fiji
2003	Nuka'alofa	Tonga
2004	Suva	Fiji
2005	Melbourne	Australia
2006	Apia	Samoa
2007	Apia	Samoa
2008	Auckland	New Zealand
2009	Darwin	Australia
2010	Suva	Fiji
2011	Darwin	Australia
2012	Apia	Samoa
2013	Brisbane	Australia
2014	Mont Dore	New Caledonia
2015	Port Moresby	Papua New Guinea
2016	Suva	Fiji
2017		

**Australia** 9 times   **New Zealand** 6   **Samoa** 5   **Fiji** 4   **Nauru** 3   **Tahiti** 2   **N. Caledonia** 2   **Guam** 1   **Tonga** 1   **PNG** 1

## Oceania Junior Championships

YEAR	CITY	COUNTRY
1997	Melbourne	Australia
1998	Suva	Fiji
1999	Auckland	New Zealand
2000	Brisbane	Australia

2001	Tarawa	Kiribati
2002	Melbourne	Australia
2003	Niue	Niue
2004	Suva	Fiji
2005	Darwin	Australia
2006	Apia	Samoa
2007	Darwin	Australia
2008	Auckland	New Zealand
2009	Darwin	Australia
2010	Suva	Fiji
2011	Darwin	Australia
2012	Apia	Samoa
2013	Brisbane	Australia
2014	Mont Dore	New Caledonia
2015	Port Moresby	Papua new Guinea
2016	Suva	Fiji

**Australia**      **Fiji**      **New Zealand**      **Samoa**      **Kiribati**      **Niue**      **New Caledonia**      **PNG**  
**8 times**      **4**      **2**      **2**      **1**      **1**      **1**      **1**

**Oceania Youth Championships**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
2010	Suva	Fiji
2011	Darwin	Australia
2012	Apia	Samoa
2013	Brisbane	Australia
2014	Mont Dore	New Caledonia
2015	Port Moresby	Papua new Guinea
2016	Suva	Fiji

**Australia**      **Fiji**      **Samoa**      **New Caledonia**      **PNG**  
**2**      **2**      **1**      **1**      **1**