

[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. Lyn Jones from Australia. 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.

The office bearers of the Oceania Weightlifting Federation have been:

| Term of office | President | Vice President | Vice President | General Secretary |
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| 1980 to 1983 | Mr Les Martyn MBE (Australia) | Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) | Mr Bruce Cameron (New Zealand) | Mr. Lyn Jones (Australia) |
| 1983 to 1984 | Mr Lyn Jones (Australia) | Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) | | Mr Bruce Cameron (New Zealand) |
| 1984 to 1988 | Mr Lyn Jones (Australia) | Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) | Mr Jean Richard (New Caledonia) | Mr Bruce Cameron (New Zealand) |
| 1988 to 1992 | Mr Lyn Jones (Australia) | Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) | Mr Saturnin Cabral (Tahiti) | Mr Bruce Cameron (New Zealand) |

| Term of office | President | First Vice President | Vice President | Vice President | General Secretary | Assistant Secretary |
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| 1992 to 1996 | Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) | Mr. Milan Cukovic (Guam) | Mr. Lawrence Stephen (Nauru) | Mr. Barry Hughes (PNG) | 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 & |

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| | | | | | | 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. Lawrence Stephen (Nauru) dec..... | Mr. Robert Grimaldi (New Caledonia) | Mr. Tony Hole (Cook Islands) | Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia) | Mr. Matthew Curtain (Australia) |
| 2006 to 2008 | Seiuli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) | Mr. Tony Hole (Cook Islands) | Mr. Robert Grimaldi (New Caledonia) | Hon. Marcus Stephen M.P. (Nauru) | Mr. Paul Coffa MBE (Australia) | Mr. Matthew Curtain (Australia) |
| 2008 to 2012 | H.E. 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) |

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 |

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| 2007 | Apia | Samoa |
| 2008 | Auckland | New Zealand |
| 2009 | Darwin | Australia |
| 2010 | Nauru | Nauru |

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 | Nauru | Nauru |

Oceania Youth Championships

| YEAR | CITY | COUNTRY |
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| 2010 | Nauru | Nauru |
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