



Oceania Weightlifting Federation

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FINAL OTIP REPORT FOR 2019

Quantity for Quality



That's the slogan of the OTIP Program !!

The OTIP program has come to a conclusion for this year, with the final stage being the Training Camp at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in New Caledonia from December 1st to December 8th 2019.

Another exceptional year 2019 has turned out to be for the **OTIP program**. 9156 entries, with a large female participation (4005), and a great final training camp for all the students sent to New Caledonia. This year saw so much talent, that it is incredible to describe. The great thing about this program is that it gives an equal opportunity to all students, irrespective of age and bodyweight and background. It gives them the opportunity to be the best they can be. Eileen Cikamatana, junior World Record holder and also Kanah Andrews-Nahu, bronze medallist at the last YOUTH Olympic Games were both students of this OTIP program. In the last eight years, this program, supported by Dr. Tamas Ajan, has done so much to identify so many young boys and girls who have gone on to represent their countries at continental events, world championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games.

Most of all, we wish to thank the countries which supported this years OTIP program. That is Australia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Wallis & Futuna, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Nauru, Guam, Northern Marianas - (14 countries)

The young student lifters, trained twice a day with an afternoon break on Thursday. Officials assisting the training camp was John Davis from CNMI, Joshua Ward from Australia, Quincy Detenamo from Nauru, Alone Kaikilekofe from Wallis & Futuna, Narita Viliamu from Niue and Joe Vueti (OWF SDO).

The lifters and officials stayed at CISE, the Centre International Sports Expertise which belongs to the New Caledonia Olympic Committee. At the end of the camp, the lifters competed in the 2019 Pacific Cup International with the majority of them getting their personal best lifts.

The only set back that we had was the two students from Tuvalu were stuck on a small island due to bad weather and could not get out in time to catch their flight. Unfortunately in this part of the world, especially in remote locations this happens often.

The OWF is indebted to the City of Mont Dore, to CISE and the CTOS, for their valued support and assistance given to the OTIP program. None of this could be achieved unless you have funds to run the program. And this is where the IWF, through the Continental Development Funds, have contributed fully, year after year, so that the OTIP program delivers the next generation of weightlifting champions. We are grateful to the President of the IWF, Dr. Tamas Ajan, for his huge support that he gives to this project, year after year.



The Oceania Weightlifting Institute at its best during the OTIP camp.

These are the students who attended the training camp from the 1st to 8th December.



Maximina Uepa (NRU)



Connor MacDonald (AUS)



Merean Atantaake (KIR)



Robinson Wotlelen (VAN)



Phoenix Goodwin (AUS)



Uea Detudamo (NRU)



Faith Dent (NZL)



Nuku Mokoroa (COK)



Ramsi Edwards (NIU)



Nancy Abouke (NRU)



Patrick Sefo-Cloughley (NZL)



Kilian Teyssier (NCL)



Krisalyn Sepeni (NZL)



Metuisela Siose (TUV)



Jaylyn Mala (SOL)



**Kalemonio Litfiti Taalo
(Wallis & Futuna)**



Alone Kaikilekofe in charge of weightlifting in Wallis & Futuna together with John Davis President of Northern Marianas (CNMI) presents young Kalemonio an OTIP t-shirt.



Mr John Davis President of the Northern Marianas Weightlifting present young Phoenix Goodwin an OTIP t-shirt.



Former OTIP student Eileen Cikamatana shows the students the correct technique at the start of a clean and jerk.



The students having a break from training during the week enjoying the beautiful weather of Noumea.



The final evening before students returned home. All of them proudly wearing their OTIP t-shirts.

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