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Official GAMES TICKET

Launch at Our Telekom with Prime Minister as the First Purchaser

The Games Organizing Committee (GOC) is delighted to officially launch the games tickets at the Our Telekom office in Point Cruz.

The Honorable Prime Minister and Minister of Sports was the first to buy a games ticket at the official launch at Our Telekom Point Cruz, today.

The Honorable Prime Minister visited the games ticket booth at Our Telekom, where he was briefed on the ticketing guide and provided with a ticket order form by the games ticket clerks.

During his visit to the ticket launch, the Honorable Prime Minister purchased tickets for both the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as a package ticket worth one thousand dollars.

Prime Minister Hon. Manasseh Sogavare was delighted to be the first to purchase a ticket.

He said "I am so happy to buy the first ticket for the games and I encourage every Solomon islanders to get their tickets to watch the games in our country and our new facilities." The public is encouraged to visit Our Telekom in Point Cruz to buy tickets and receive a ticket guide and order form to help with their purchase.

The Games ticket launch is a major milestone in the preparations for hosting the Sol2023 Pacific Games.





Three-Day Test Event Identifies Opportunities for Improvement Ahead of November 19 Games

The Three-Day Test Event is an Opportunity for the Games Organizing Committee (GOC) to Enhance Preparations for the November 19 Pacific Games.

the GOC different functional areas have embraced the challenge during this test event to identify the areas in which they can make adjustments and improvements.

Spectators had the chance to witness the Athletics Championship Trials and explore the newly constructed National Stadium on the second day of the test event.

Numerous spectators attending the test event have shared their enthusiasm about visiting the National Stadium for their first time.

Joseph from Lion Heart Security Firm mentioned that some spectators are cooperative, some have questions, and a few are arguing due to misunderstandings about the rules and restrictions. He believes that dealing with such situations during the test event is valuable preparation for handling similar situations during the actual games.

The test event extended over a three-day period. It commenced with the 10,000m race, followed by a day dedicated to track and field events. The final day also included track and field competitions and culminated with the much-anticipated TSL match between Central Coast and Solomon Warriors, resulting in a draw win for the Solomon Warriors.



Beautification and Greening of Honiara City on track

The government continues to work alongside the contracted Solo Envi Beautification, ensuring that the beautification and greening of the city are on track as the Pacific Games opening ceremony is just a month away.

The Government Services Integrated Committee (GSIC) team leader, Mr. Leonard Ofainu, said the contracted group should complete all tasks before the games commence.

He said the contractors work from Henderson to Sports City.

“Landscaping and placing flowers along the road will appear welcoming and attractive for our visitors.”

“This compliments the Safe Green Games initiative,” the GSIC spokesperson said during the recent radio talkback show. He urges line ministries and the private sector to come out in numbers during the clean-up sessions on

Friday afternoons, as we have only 4 Fridays left before the games.

Honiara City Council (HCC) ward councillors were also active in their community clean-ups. Funds were allocated to them by the National Hosting Authority (NHA), and they are responsible for cleaning and collecting rubbish along the feeder roads throughout the city. Heaps of rubbish collected by the community groups were then picked up by the HCC waste management team for proper disposal at the Ranadi landfill site.

NHA also gifted vehicles and skip bins to the HCC waste management division, which will further service delivery during the games.

Honiara residents are also reminded to be responsible and maintain their roadside clean-up activities, as it displays pride and compliments the Safe Green Games



Public Urged to Secure Tickets for Pre-Opening Ceremony Sports Events on the 17th and 18th

With less than 20 days left, the global spotlight is gearing up to shine on the Solomon Islands for the 17th Pacific Games in Honiara. It's important for the public to be aware that certain sports competitions are set to kick off on the 17th and 18th before the grand opening ceremony.

These sports include Basketball, Football, Table Tennis, Tennis, and Volleyball, all promising thrilling action starting on November 17th. To be a part of this early excitement, those interested can secure their \$30 general admission tickets.

Mike Vereseni, in the GOC Marketing department, encourages the public to grab their tickets promptly. He said, "We extend an open invitation to everyone to secure their tickets now and be among the first to witness these sporting events before the official opening. The action will unfold at venues like Lawson Tama, Friendship Hall, and the Sports City."

For those looking to purchase tickets for the sports happening on the 17th and 18th, Our Telekom Point Cruz is the place to go. Additionally, the GOC recently conducted a 3-day test event in October as part of GOC's comprehensive preparations for the Pacific Games this month.



Dianah Matekali

Continues Dominance in Women's 10,000-meter Trial

Dianah Matekali Achieves Impressive time of 38:00.72 in Women's 10,000m Trial at National Stadium's Day One Test Event.

Tran Karen Amy Secures Second Place, Followed by Hilda Alavani in Third at the Event

Dianah Matekali said, "Today I am feeling happy for being part of my trial, and this is not my first-time being part of this competition."

She added that she will continue to work hard on improving her timing and speed in the remaining days before competing with other Pacific athletes come November.

Dianah Matekali Clinches Gold at 2022 Saipan Mini Games and Secures Bronze at 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa.





Pacific Games Council (PGC) President arrived for final checking before Games time

President of Pacific Games Council (PGC), Vidya Lakhan, Arrives for Pre-Event Inspection Ahead of November 19th Opening Ceremony

With Just 41 Days Until the Opening Ceremony, President Vidya Lakhan's Visit Marks the Final Inspection of Preparations Before the November 19 Games Commence. The purpose of his visit is to perform a final check to assess the progress made in preparations for the Sol2023 Pacific Games and attend to some important meetings.

He expressed his positive impression at the swift progress despite last-minute planning and was pleased to witness the dedicated preparations within the GOC.

He said, "the most important part is the workforce is fully trained and in place to ensure the competition delivery goes on well."

"What I have seen so far is quite impressive, and I can observe a lot of activity taking place, including last-minute planning and checks to ensure everything is in order".

President Lakhan will be back in the Solomon Islands for games time from November 19th to 2nd December.

Test Event for the GOC: Athletics National Championship Trial for Ultimate Selection, Alongside Crucial TSL Deciding Match

Solomon Islands Athletics Nationals had a 3-day trial event with various track and field competitions, including Paralympic events at the National Stadium.

The three-day event will also act as a national selection trial for athletes in both track and field events and also Para athletes for the upcoming SOL 2023 Pacific Games in November.

GOC have also been giving away free tickets to communities and schools in and around Honiara for a chance for spectators to get a feel for what next month's games will be like.

Day one of the championships saw national long distance runner Martin Faeni proving his long distance dominance in the men's 10,000m finals with a finishing time of 34:10:69, just two seconds ahead of Dales Nonikana and Geejay Junior. Female runner Dianah Matekai finished with an impressive time of 38:00:72 to win the women's 10,000m finals to conclude day one.

A busy schedule of events is set for Day 2, which includes heats for both the men's and women's 100 meters with the finals happening on the same day, the men's and women's 400 meters, and men and women's javelin throw, women's long jump. The second day will also see the local para athletes kicking off their events.

The games finals will then conclude on Thursday to be followed by the final match of 2023 Telekom S-League (TSL) season between Solomon Warriors FC and Central Coast FC with the limited match tickets now sold at the SIFF Headquarters, Museum Art Gallery for \$20-00.



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SAILING GAMES VENUE PREPARATION ON TRACK

Work on setting up a water edge site at DC Park to host the Pacific Games sailing competition next month is on track as volunteers and equipment are ready for the bump-in period.

Games Organizing Committee (GOC) Sailing Sport Competition Manager Patrick Maelaua said their team has already signed up 25 volunteers and divided them into two groups.

He said the first group will be assisting on-shore activities, while the second group will be on the water with all participating teams.

Mr. Maelaua said that as part of this, there is also a planned sailing competition from the 28th to the 29th of this month at DC Park, sponsored by major sponsors Our Telekom in collaboration with the sailing association, the National Hosting Authority, the sport institute, and GOC.

“This competition will see all local teams competing and also for our national sailing team to test their preparedness level and familiarity with the new water environment setting.

“15 local technical officials and 2

local results reporting persons will be engaged for the upcoming competition and the main Pacific Games,” the sailing competition manager said.

Sailing sports during the Pacific Games will commence on November 20th–25th for the 1st series presentation and the 2nd series presentation from November 27th–December 2nd. DC Water Sports Park will also host open water swimming and vaá.

Touch rugby and archery sports will also be hosted at the park’s playing grounds.



PG2023 Games Village Ready for Contingents

The Solomon Islands National University as one of the games village is now ready to be occupied by over 5000 athletes and officials from around the Pacific regions during the 2023 Pacific Games next month.

Eleven Pacific Island nations contingents have been confirmed, that will be accommodated at SINU villages starting November 14 for PG2023.

The university is one of the six educational institutions that has been selected to become games villages during the 2023 Pacific Games.

With just 34 days remaining till the opening of the 2023 Pacific Games, Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare and Minister responsible for 2023 Pacific Games, formally received the village on Friday 13th October.

The SINU project covers three different campuses which includes the SINU Kukum Campus, SINU Marine Campus and SINU Panatina Campus.

In his address, Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare stated "the upgrading and refurbishment project at SINU injects around \$14.9 million dollars into our economy by the government and the people of Australia." He went on to mention that this funding which is part of the total funding package for the upgrade work in all six institutions was provided by the Australian Government, totaling more than fifty million dollars.

"This demonstrates Australia's commitment as our partner of choice as we continue to strengthen our deep and longstanding relationship."

Sogavare said the primary reason the upgrade work to these facilities at SINU is to ensure we have adequate rooms to cater for athletes and officials coming to the 2023 Pacific Games, this work will leave behind a legacy for the school because the renovated facilities will serve students for years to come.

He emphasized the university's willingness to be part of the country's efforts to host athletes from the 24 participating countries in the Pacific Islands' region will ensure that the country will successfully host the 17th edition of the Pacific Games next month.

Sogavare conveyed his Government's sincere appreciation to the Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands, for their assistance to help upgrade SINU for the 2023 Pacific Games.

"The work to prepare our country to host the 2023 Pacific Games is a collective effort and as Solomon Islanders, we are all in this together."

Prime Minister Sogavare thanked all partners and friends from the bilateral and development partners who have joined the Solomon Islands government in the efforts to prepare for and successfully host the 2023 Pacific Games.

H.E. Rod Hilton, High Commissioner of Australia to Solomon Islands, reiterated Australia's support and commitment to the Solomon Islands government's efforts in ensuring the 2023 Pacific Games will live a lasting legacy.

Furthermore, SINU Vice Chancellor, Professor Transform Aqorau said this event (2023 Pacific Games) is not just about sports; it's about an ethos. "We are immensely privileged to welcome and host the athletes from across the Pacific Islands' region."

The handover program ended with a site visit of the SINU Panatina Campus with a total of 11 buildings, 103 bedrooms, two common rooms, 21 ablution and laundry areas.

Extensive selection of Pacific Games items now in stock at Ausmart Town Ground

The Sol2023 Games shop is now open at Ausmart Company Limited

Today's launch is proof of the hard work and dedication of both GOC and Ausmart staff, working together to ensure the merchandise is of high quality and perfect for sale. The Sol2023 Pacific Games shop, also known as the Games shop, has a variety of items available on the shelves at Ausmart from school materials, t-shirts, umbrellas, caps, mug, and much more.

The launch marks the beginning of merchandise sales for the games. Speaking at the launch is GOC CEO, Peter Stewart, he said;

" this is a very much a relationship built on trust we (GOC) Have given to Ausmart the rights to do a lot of things and we are trusting them with our brand and they are trusting us that we are going to help them to make it into a profitable relationship as they are our business and they need to make a profit."

" 2023 pacific games is a once in a generation opportunity we know that everybody will hopefully enjoy the game but it will come and go very quickly ,merchandise provides the opportunity for people to have lasting memories ,to have something that enable them to be reminded about the good times that they experience while the games on and to show support for the games and for team Solomon in the lead up to the games.

Certainly, all our visitors and guest come November 19th for the games they can take home with them and to keep for the long period of time." He added.

As the official merchandise provider for the games, Ausmart will have outlets strategically located around the games venues to offer the 2023 Pacific Games merchandise.

Speaking on behalf of Ausmart company Matilda Yee said "the journey and process of this launch was not easy, it was mark by countless hours of hard work and dedication and commitment for excellence in creating, designing and perfecting all our items. We have our ups and down but this has made us go beyond our limits and unlock our potential, capabilities and overcoming our challenge's none of this would have been possible without the GOC team and our staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scene."

She expressed her sincere thanks to GOC for choosing Ausmart as the official merchandise provider for the Sol2023 Pacific Games. She also appreciated GOC for their guidance, insights, and for creating a relationship based on mutual respect and trust.





Ceremonies Team Conducts a Mock Practice Test for their Volunteers

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The Games Organizing Committee (GOC) successfully organized a one-day training session for the volunteers who have been selected to work during games time from November 19th to December 2nd. This one-day event took place at DC Park, east of Honiara.

During the introductory program, Mr. Godfrey Kolia, the Supervisor of Victory Ceremonies, said, "The event held today at DC Park was a mock practice test exercise for the Victory Ceremonies team, aimed at familiarizing our volunteers with the processes and procedures at all event venues.

This preparation is essential for the upcoming Pacific Games and all medal presentations."

Throughout this week, the Victory Ceremonies team has conducted similar mock practice test exercises for all their volunteer groups.

The training for volunteers will be an ongoing process, with the next session scheduled for volunteers assigned to the Maranatha Hall venue, set to take place tomorrow, and it will continue for the last remaining venues in the coming days.

GOC presented an in-depth Games overview to diplomats

■ Ezmie Oge | GOC Media

The Games Organising Committee (GOC) had the honor of presenting an overview of the games to diplomats in Honiara, allowing them to gain valuable insights into the Pacific Games. GOC CEO Peter Stewart had the privilege of presenting the games overview to diplomats at the Heritage Park Hotel.

His presentation of the overview covers various aspects, including the, 2023 games structure, Legacy benefits to Solomon Islands, sports program, sports complex, games services, the process, police and security, teams and country, community engagement, Games protocols, games medical, and safety, among others.

Speaking during his opening remarks GOC CEO Peter Stewart said " at every games its different and every games needs to be uniquely from the nation that is hosting the games and so you could never assume that things that have done in previous games are how you going to do things in the next games ,so there should be a unique Solomon island games as it exactly it should be."

Furthermore, it was important to inform the diplomats that the Games Organising Committee (GOC), in collaboration with a wide range of partners, is responsible for successfully delivering the games.

During his presentation, he also provided insights into the game's tickets for the diplomats in attendance.

Since the games ticket launch is on October 17th , this meeting was the perfect time to introduce the order forms for booking tickets to the Pacific Games.



Official Sponsorship Buffet Lunch: An Expression of Gratitude to Sol2023 Partners

Over 40 representatives from different company houses involved in the Sol2023 Sponsorship agreement recently gathered for an official Sponsorship Buffet Lunch at the Pacific Casino Crowns hotel.

This event was thoughtfully organized by the Games Organizing Committee (GOC).

The buffet lunch serves as a meaningful gesture of appreciation for their invaluable support of the Sol2023 Pacific Games and the important roles they play for this year Sol2023 Pacific Games.



This gathering served a dual purpose: expressing gratitude for their support and disseminating crucial information about their concession spaces during the games, as well as sharing the latest updates on the preparations for the Sol2023 Pacific Games.

During the buffet lunch, CEO Peter Stewart from the GOC had the honor of presenting an overview of the games and providing sponsors with essential information.

The sponsors for this year's Sol2023 Pacific Games are divided into different sponsorship tiers. Our Presenting Sponsors, Our Telekom and Solomon Airlines.

Joining them is Gold Partner Sponsor which is South Pacific Oil Company Limited (SPO), Silver Partner Sponsor includes Solomon Islands Postal Corporation (Solomon Post), Solomon Water, and Solomon Islands Ports Authority, Bronze Partner Sponsor includes; Solbrew Company Limited, NO1 Currency, Bank South Pacific (BSP), Gem Pro, Ricoh Printing Company, Pink South Pacific, and Unilever. Additionally, Soltuna Company Limited plays a vital role as the Official Supplier Sponsor. This year's Official Sponsorship Buffet Lunch marks the second collaborative gathering organized by the GOC and its valued partners.



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GAMES BATON Relay reaches Western & Malaita provinces





World rank Tennis Umpire completes training for volunteers and ball kids



Australian tennis top-ranked umpire and worldwide-ranked active chair umpire in the gold badge level, Mr. John Blom, has completed a two-day training session for volunteers and ball kids in preparation for the upcoming Sol2023 Pacific Games.

Mr. Blom was invited to be here as a representative from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and praised the top-class tennis courts at the Sport City.

"I am glad to be here as this is my first time. This facility is classic and will definitely attract big tournaments in the near future."

He also looks forward to being here during the games in his capacity as a world-class umpire.

The training was successful as the volunteers and ball kids learned more about their specific roles on the court as linesperson and assistant umpires.

The training sessions included 22 linesperson for men and women, plus 41 ball kids.

Tennis was one of the country's gold medal-winning sports in previous Pacific Games, and we are hopeful this round will be another counting prospectus.

13 catering groups to feed those at the Games Venues and Villages

A total of thirteen catering groups have been engaged by the Government Organizing Committee's (GOC) catering team, which will deliver food services to the game's villages, venues, and VIP's.

These thirteen catering groups are some of Honiara's household names in the food industry and have applied to meet all requirements to render their service during the two-week sporting event.

GOC Food Safety Coordinator Mr. Timmy Peter said the food handlers have undergone food and safety training since last week and will continue for other groups.

He said the training will also be conducted for public vendors who will sell food and drinks at the game's venues.

The caterers will provide meals at the venues: the national stadium, friendship hall, national tennis court, Honiara golf club, Honiara City Council Court, Maranatha Hall, Aquatic Center, DC Park, King George Hockey Turf, and Solomon Islands Food Federation Academy.

For villages, they will feed those at Tenaru National Secondary School, Don Bosco Technical Institution (Henderson), KG VI National Secondary School, Solomon Islands National University, Panatina Campus, Solomon Islands National University, Kukum Campus, and St. Nicholas Anglican College.

Meal services for games venues (lunch and dinner) is mainly for GOC staffs, volunteers, police, security, clean & waste team, logistics team, contractors, medical team and transport team.

The Games master caterer, Fairyland (Jinas) Restaurant, is responsible for the main food servicing (lunch and dinner) at the main dining hall located at the eastern end of Sports City.



Enhanced Security Measures in Place to Monitor Spectator Behavior at Sol2023 Pacific Games

The Games organising committee who is responsible to deliver the games from November 19th to December 2nd will improve security for spectator behaviors during Games time

With the increasing number of athletes, team officials, visitors, and attendees at the Sol2023 Pacific Games, ensuring appropriate public behavior has become a major concern.

As a result, strict security measures have been put in place to effectively manage spectator conduct during the Sol2023 Pacific Games. The spectator behaviours includes;

- Certain items are prohibited within the venues anyone in possession of any of the prohibited items will not be allowed in the competition venues.
- GOC kindly request all attendees to adhere to the dress code guidelines to maintain a respectful and comfortable environment for all.
- Smoking and betelnut are strictly prohibited within the venues. Let's keep the air clean and enjoyable for everyone.
- Littering: Please refrain from littering within the competition venues.
- Engaging in fights or arguments is not acceptable. We encourage everyone to be respectful and considerate to fellow spectators.

During games time Responsible authorities will be actively monitoring these areas, and anyone found breaching these Spectator Public Behavior guidelines will be removed from the competition venue. Full Range Security Services (FRSS) is currently responsible for security at the sport city. They are fully committed to carrying out their duties as mandated by the Games Organizing Committee (GOC) and are following all the required security protocols and procedures outlined in their contract.

The Sol2023 Pacific Games are the biggest regional sporting event and a first-time opportunity for the Solomon Islands to host. The Games Organizing Committee is dedicated to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants and attendees.

GOC Conducts Formal Briefing with Game Venue Security Teams

The Games Organizing Committee (GOC) has commenced first briefing with local security firms who will be deployed to look after the game's venues during games time.

The briefing was basically to provide an overview of the key areas for security operations: access control, asset protection, and public safety during the games.

GOC Security Supervisor George Paikai said their team was impressed with the turnout of the security forces and their willingness to shoulder one of the most important components during the sporting event.

These security firms are: Liberty Security Service, FRSS, Alert Security Service, Control Solution Security Service, Lion Heart Security Service, Midland Security Service, Super Green Security Service, Jobless Security Service, and SAS Security Service.

This security force will provide 24-hour security service for the game venues: DC Park, Maranatha Hall, SIFF Academy, Sports City, Golf, and HCC Sports Precinct.

Speaking on behalf of the firm's Super Green Security Supervisor, James Para, expressed his appreciation towards GOC, he said "thank you GOC for trusting in us to provide a big task to ensure the planned activities ran smoothly during the historical event and its successful delivery".



150 community groups engaged for waste and cleaning management

A total of 150 community groups have been selected to provide cleaning and waste management services during the Pacific Games next month.

Each group consists of 15 members from communities, church, women's, youth, residential and registered associations having shifts as per their rooster during the two weeks event.

Cleaning and Waste Management Supervisor of Games Organizing Committee (GOC) Jerry Bobongi said the community groups will take care of the 12 games venues, 6 games villages and 3 non-competition venues and the poly clinics.

The community groups were divided into; cleaning 75, laundry 30 and logistics 40.

Sewage pumping services was also allocated to a local provider for septic and the portable toilets.

All wastes produced during the games will be collected then segregated into solid waste, food waste, recycle waste such as aluminium and pet bottles, medical and general waste and then dispose at the Ranadi landfill site.

Mr. Bobongi said his team estimate almost 60 tonnes of rubbish per day. The group members have already signed their contract with GOC and undergone overview briefing of the games last month.



"In our waste management system:

Blue Bin: Use it for recycling, specifically for plastic bottles and aluminium cans.

Yellow Bin: This is for medical waste disposal.

Green & Red Bin: Use this for general waste."



Solomon Airlines Peace Marathon 2023

■ GOC Media

The Sol2023 Pacific Games organizing committee, supported by Solomon Airlines, together with sixteen supported sponsors, hosted the Solomon Airline Peace Marathon race lately on September , at town grounds in Honiara.

The annual event was hosted, purposely to promote peace and generosity through sportsmanship, especially for the general public to have fun and and a test event for athletes of team Solomon in preparation for the upcoming Sol2023 Pacific Games.

GOC is among other major sponsors, including Solomon Airlines, Visit Solomon Islands, South Pacific Oil Limited, Bank South Pacific, Australia High Commission, Soltuna, Solrais, Solomon Power, SIBC News, Solomon Breweries, Bmobile, Solomon Rugby, Blue Water Limited, Print Wise, Sky Bus Travel and Tours, Heritage Park Hotel, vendors, and local artists who volunteered to participate in this event.

The Games organizing committee supported the program, with fifty-five (55) volunteers helping out in organizing and providing logistical support for the marathon race.

The Community Engagement Coordinator for GOC, Constance Amasia, said, We are delighted to support the main sponsors of this event as part of preparations to get some of our athletes involved and for the general public to participate and have fun to mark the annual event of the year.

The winning athletes received prizes from the main sponsors at the annual event, bringing joy to all, including families and spectators.





Games First Aiders Prepare with Training and Leadership Appointments for Upcoming Games this Month

GOC and UNICEF Conclude Child Risk Workshop for Sol2023 Pacific Games

The Games Organizing Committee (GOC), collaboratively with UNICEF, successfully held a child risk mitigation activity training as part of the preparation plan for the Sol2023 Pacific Games.

The two-day training was intended to train the local security firms and supervisors, medical team officials, and volunteer team leaders to familiarize themselves with relevant procedures relating to child protection and safeguarding issues.

The UNICEF Child Protection Officer, Sonya Mara, said the importance of this training is to raise awareness about the local referral pathways.

She added that the training will also raise awareness about the local referral pathway and reporting mechanism for child protection and gender-based violence, both within the game's venues, athlete villages, and outside.

The GOC Public Health Coordinator, Pamela Isarongo, acknowledges the UNICEF team for facilitating the training as one important key area to consider as we prepare for the major event.

She added that, as it is part of the GOC code and conduct of all volunteers in their signed contracts, they need to be trained and receive first-hand information before responding to any child protection issues during games.

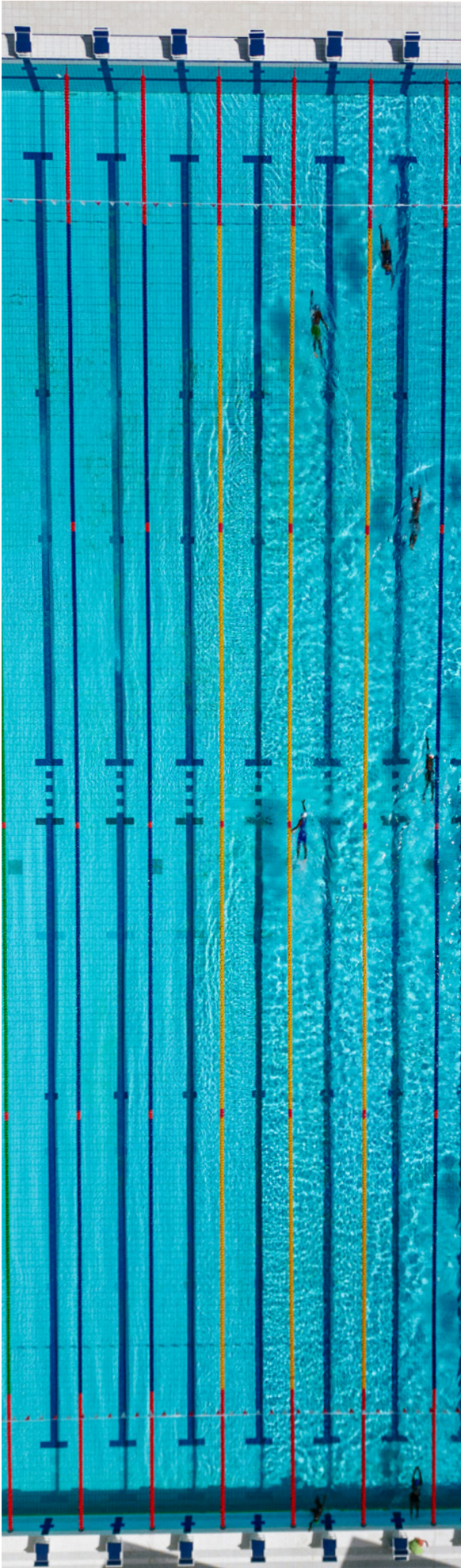
In October, a Pre-Hospital Emergency Coordination Cell Training was conducted, facilitated by the ONOC Medical Commission in collaboration with a volunteer first responders' team from Fiji and local trainers.

The training for pre-hospital service providers for the games covered all individuals responsible for delivering non-hospital-based medical and emergency care.

The training's objective is to enhance interagency coordination and communication among diverse participating agencies, fostering a cohesive team dynamic to ensure effective collaboration.

As part of the effort to unite all participants, two essential components have been implemented: a two-day Basic Life Support training and the selection and preparation of team leaders for subsequent training in Major Incident Medical Management Support (MIMMS).

The plan is to establish a comprehensive coordination center for all pre-hospital emergency care, ensuring a seamless alignment of services directed towards the field of play. Duta Kauhiona, the Medical Anti-Doping Coordinator, said "the service will be operational from the commencement of the first game of the day and will conclude after the final game of the day."



Local Officials Dive into Training for SoL2023 Pacific Games Swimming competition

A total of 23 National Technical Officials from the Solomon Island Swimming Federation recently participated in a three-day training program focused on water sport swimming.

The training session was conducted under the guidance of Ryan Arblaster from World Aquatics. The primary objective of this training is to ensure the renewal, enhancement, and to certify the Officials to be well equipped and qualified to officiate at this year's Sol2023 pacific game swimming competition.

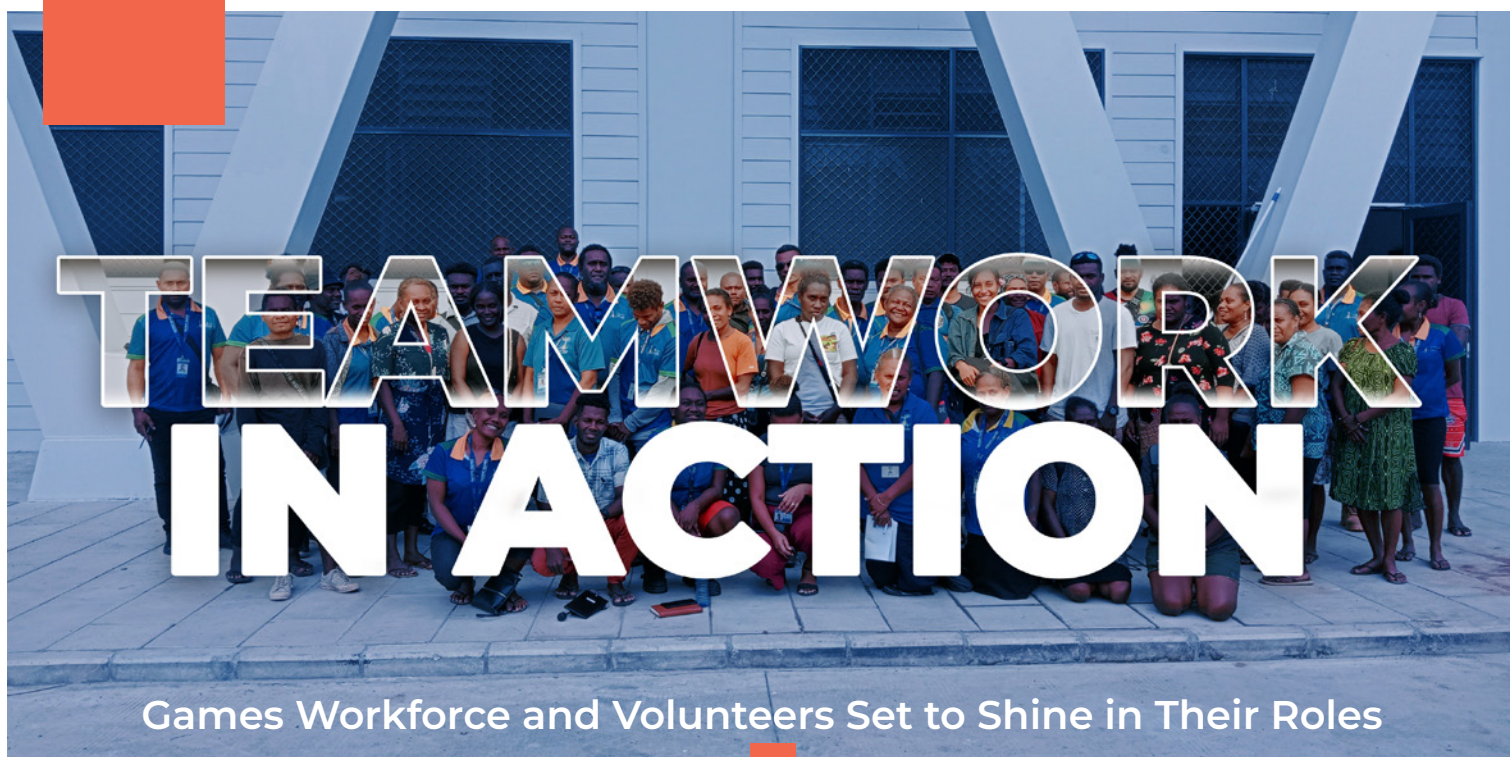
This training is also essential for the National Technical Officials (NTOs) because it empowers them to oversee the event effectively. It also educates them on their specific game-day responsibilities and ensures they conduct themselves professionally following the World Aquatics officiating protocols.

GOC Sports delivery competition Manager Cindy Aungarima said "I would like to thank GOC for supporting this course, which is really helpful to the NTO's so they can deliver well at the Games come November and also in any water sport competition we might have in the future."

She also thanked World Aquatics for approving their request to include this course in the Development Program for the Solomon Island Swimming Federation. It's perfectly timed to ensure our local National Technical Officials are well-prepared for the Sol2023 Games.

a similar training program was conducted in march by World Aquatics for local officials who will oversee the open water sports in the upcoming Sol2023 Pacific Games.





Games Workforce and Volunteers Set to Shine in Their Roles

The Games Organizing Committee Workforce Team is coordinating with general volunteers to gather details, photos, and sign contracts ahead of next week's accreditation issuance.

Volunteers aged 16-17 can pick up a consent form from the workforce office, have their parents or guidance sign it, and then return it to the office to be ready for volunteering during the games.

Accreditation cards for volunteers and GOC staff will be distributed starting next week.

Volunteers coordinator Donisan Kelly said "issuing of accreditation card will start off with GOC Staff on the 18th, followed by Sports volunteers on the 19th and then the general volunteers working under different functional areas on the 20th and 21st of October."

The workforce team is organizing volunteers' schedules, including their assigned work locations, dates, and daily shifts. There are two shifts: the first shift is from 6 am to 2 pm, and the second shift runs from 2 pm to 8 pm." He added.

One crucial aspect of the signed contracts is the code of conduct, which offers important guidelines for their essential roles during the games.

The workforce team recruited volunteers in April, conducted training for volunteer team leaders and GOC staff in September, and is now transitioning volunteers to their designated areas.

Functional areas will now provide role-specific training for volunteers.

The workforce will play a crucial role in ensuring that volunteers arrive at the correct place and time, distributing meal cards, and looking after their well-being, even if they work in various functional areas during games time.

Coming Together with Heart: Volunteers Team Leaders, and GOC Staff Unite in Pre-Game Training

The Games Organising Committee (GOC) Workforce Team has successfully concluded a week-long training program for both GOC staff and volunteer team leaders.

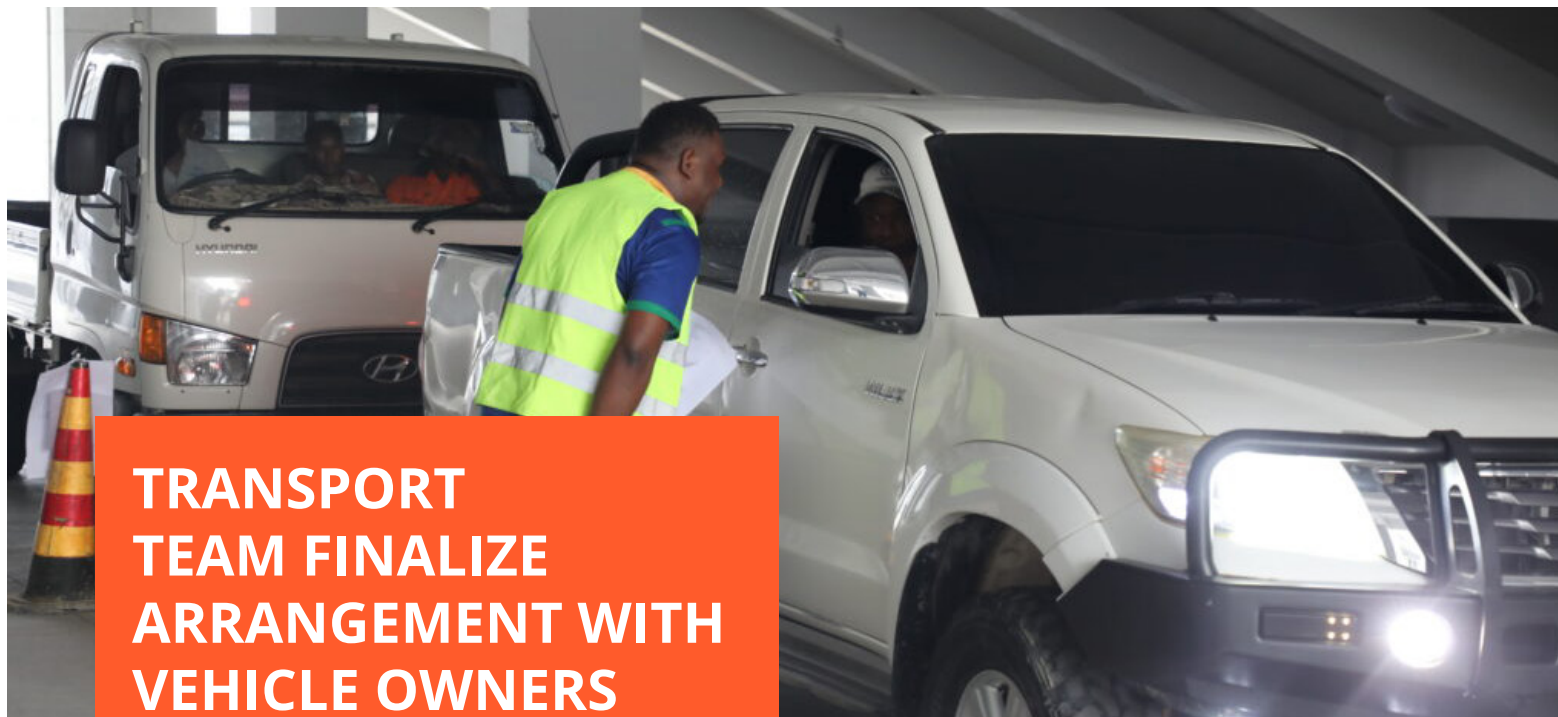
The training, focused on leadership skills and customer care management, was conducted by Professor Eliot Mugamu from the Institute of Governance, Diplomacy, and Development at Solomon Islands National University (SINU).

This training is a crucial component of the development program for both the volunteers and GOC staff, aimed at preparing them for the Sol2023 Pacific Games.

GOC's Assistant Coordinator, Serah Evadao, said, "I was delighted with our staff and volunteer team leaders for upskilling themselves in such training as we prepare to host the Pacific Games with our neighbouring countries.

Gabreil Bate'e, a volunteer team leader said, "It's a privilege for me to be part of the training; thus, it enhances my leadership skills in dealing with human issues that need an ethical leadership management approach.

The GOC staff and volunteer team leaders will spread out to various functional areas during games time and will take the lead in organizing and ensuring that all general working teams run according to all procedures.



TRANSPORT TEAM FINALIZE ARRANGEMENT WITH VEHICLE OWNERS

The Games Organizing Committee (GOC) Transportation Team is finalizing arrangements with vehicle owners in Honiara as the Pacific Games are less than a month away.

Transportation will play a crucial functional role during the games period, ensuring smooth and timely movement of athletes, technical officials, and on-site working groups. Their service and duty scope encompasses: ensuring all athletes and officials arrive at their location on time and with minimal delay; efficient and effective movement of the public; working closely with customs and immigration authorities as well as the aviation team; and implementing an effective traffic management program in conjunction with the government and police.

GOC Transport Coordinator Darren Chite said as of this week, they are taking in transport service providers such as bus owners, SUVs, sedans, and other types of vehicles to sign their contracts and pooling them for use.

He said all vehicles will be checked by the Ministry of Infrastructure Mechanical Department to pass, as safety is paramount and roads are worthy.

The games transport coordinator also revealed that they have created a transportation system that connects all villages and venues. This system helps move athletes to all gaming venues.

He added that there is also a “park and ride” system being planned in collaboration with the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Traffic Department.

“This will not only reduce traffic congestion but also provide a convenient and cost-effective option for those attending events at the stadium.



“The park and ride system helps to promote sustainable transportation as more people will be encouraged to use the free public transportation that we provided, which compliments the Safe Green Games Initiative.

“We are confident that this initiative will be successful in improving the overall transportation experience during competitions hosted at the National Stadium.

He further added that they have identified public parking spaces behind the Solomon Islands Football Federation Academy, Maranatha Field, and the National Referral Hospital eastern compound.

“Our aim is to lessen traffic queues, so we encourage the public to use our park and ride system.” Mr. Chite said



GOC Announces Final Edition of Newsletter

This edition of the newsletter carries with it a bittersweet air of farewell, as the long-anticipated month of November brings us ever closer to the culmination of the games.

Through the course of the project, this newsletter has been a vital channel of information, revealing the path to the games and marking every significant milestone along the way. From the dedicated committees to the tireless efforts of the Sol2023 team, the newsletter has faithfully chronicled it all.

This newsletter has found its way into the hands of various stakeholders, disseminating vital updates to the government, the Pacific Games Council (PGC), the Sol2023 website, the media, and GOC partners.

Laurel Tasa, Senior Manager of Marketing and Communication, appreciates the effort put into this newsletter. She said, "Being part of a team of extraordinary talent and expertise is enriching and humbling. The initial team of 2 which has grown to 15 in the Games News Service has done exceptionally well to bring the news about major milestones achieved of Sol2023 through this Newsletter. They will now bring Daily updates to you regarding the Games through the Games Website. I wish to acknowledge their smart and arduous work and commend them on their continued passion to keeping us updated with the Games."







Since its inception in 2021, GOC has ushered 14 editions of this newsletter into existence. For those seeking to delve into the archives, the older editions are readily available on the Sol2023 website.

For the latest updates before and during the games, visit the official Sol2023 website at www.sol2023.com.sb or check out the official Facebook page, Sol2023 XVII Pacific Games.


















SPORTS SCHEDULE

Week 1

Venue Code	Price SBD	Friday Nov 17	Saturday Nov 18	Sunday Nov 19	Monday Nov 20	Tuesday Nov 21	Wed Nov 22	Thursday Nov 23	Friday Nov 24	Saturday Nov 25		
NST	 \$200 Opening Ceremony			7pm - 9pm NST19								
SPC	 \$30 per day at sport City to watch this sports  \$500 for a Sport City Ticket Pass, to watch all the games at Sport City, throughout the 14 days of competition    	9am - 9pm SPC17	9am - 9pm SPC18		9am - 9pm SPC20	9am - 9pm SPC21	12pm - 9pm SPC22	12pm - 9pm SPC23	12pm - 9pm SPC24	10am - 9pm SPC25 <i>FINAL</i>		
								2.30pm - 8.30pm SPC23	2.30pm - 8.30pm SPC24	2.30am - 9pm SPC25 <i>FINAL</i>		
					3pm - 8.30pm SPC20	8.30am - 8.30pm SPC21	8.30am - 9pm SPC22					
					9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 9pm SPC20	9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 9pm SPC21	9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 9pm SPC22	9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 9pm SPC23	9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 9pm SPC24			
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				9am - 9pm SPC17	9am - 9pm SPC18		9am - 9pm SPC20	9am - 9pm SPC21	9am - 9pm SPC22	9am - 9pm SPC23	9am - 9pm SPC24	
MAR	 \$30 per day				10am - 7pm MAR20	10am - 7pm MAR21	10am - 7pm MAR22	10am - 7pm MAR23	8.30am - 3pm MAR24			
LST	 \$30 per day	12pm - 5pm LST17	12pm - 5pm LST18		12pm - 5pm LST20	12pm - 5pm LST21		12pm - 5pm LST23	12pm - 5pm LST24			
SFF	 \$30 per day at SIFF ACADEMY to watch these sports  	4pm - 9pm SFF17	4pm - 9pm SFF18		4pm - 9pm SFF20	1pm - 9pm SFF21		4pm - 9pm SFF23	1pm - 9pm SFF24			
								4.30pm - 8.30pm SFF23	4.30pm - 8.30pm SFF24			
					10am - 5pm SFF20	10am - 5pm SFF21						
HCC	 Free	9am - 9pm FREE	9am - 9pm FREE		9am - 9pm FREE	9am - 9pm FREE	9am - 9pm FREE	9am - 9pm FREE	9am - 9pm FREE	9am - 9pm FREE		
DCP	 Free  					9am - 4.30pm FREE	9.30am - 4.30pm FREE	9.15am - 2.30pm FREE	9am - 4.30pm FREE			
					10am - 4pm FREE	10am - 4pm FREE	10am - 4pm FREE	10am - 4pm FREE	10am - 4pm FREE	10am - 4pm FREE		
											8am - 3.30pm FREE	
GOF	 Free						7am - 5.30pm FREE	7am - 5.30pm FREE	7am - 5.30pm FREE	7am - 5.30pm FREE		

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Week 2

Venue Code	Price SBD	Monday Nov 27	Tuesday Nov 28	Wed Nov 29	Thursday Nov 30	Friday Dec 01	Saturday Dec 02	
SPC	 \$30 per day at Sport City to watch this sports  \$500 for a Sport City Ticket Pass, to watch all the games at Sport City, throughout the 14 days of competition     					7pm - 9pm SPC01 <i>WOMEN'S FINAL</i>	10am - 1pm SPC02 <i>MEN'S FINAL</i>	
		1pm - 8pm SPC27	10.30am - 7pm SPC28	4pm - 7.30pm SPC29	4pm - 7.30pm SPC30	FANTASTIC FRIDAY TICKET \$100	11am - 3.30pm SPC01	
		1pm - 6pm SPC27	1pm - 6pm SPC28	1pm - 6pm SPC29	1pm - 6pm SPC30		1pm - 6pm SPC01	1pm - 6pm SPC02
		8.30am - 5.30pm SPC27	8.30am - 5.30pm SPC28	8.30am - 5pm SPC29	8.30am - 4pm SPC30		8.30am - 4.30pm SPC01	9am - 11am SPC02 <i>FINAL</i>
		9am - 6pm SPC27	9am - 6pm SPC28	9am - 6pm SPC29	9am - 6pm SPC30		9am - 6pm SPC01 <i>FINAL</i>	
				6am - 11am SPC29	6am - 10am SPC30		6am - 3.30pm SPC01 <i>FINAL</i>	
			8am - 5pm SPC28	8am - 5pm SPC29	8am - 5pm SPC30		8am - 5pm SPC01	
MAR	 \$30 per day at Maranatha Hall to watch these sports 	9am - 9pm MAR27						
			9.30am - 7pm MAR28	9.30am - 7pm MAR29	9.30am - 7pm MAR30			
LST	\$30 per day	12pm - 5pm LST28	12pm - 5pm LST28			10.30am - 5.30pm LST01		
SFF	 \$30 per day at SIFF ACADEMY to watch these sports  	10am - 9pm SFF27	1pm - 9pm SFF28		10am - 9pm SFF30	10am - 3pm SFF01		
				9am - 9pm SFF29	9am - 9pm SFF30	9am - 9pm SFF01	9am - 3.30pm SFF02 <i>FINAL</i>	
			8am - 9pm SFF28	11am - 9pm SFF29	12pm - 9pm SFF30	12pm - 9pm SFF01	8am - 12pm SFF02 <i>FINAL</i>	
HKY	Free		8.30am - 9pm FREE	8.30am - 9pm FREE	8.30am - 6pm FREE	9am - 2pm FREE <i>FINAL</i>		
DCP	 Free  	8.30am - 5.30pm FREE	8.30am - 5.30pm FREE	8.30am - 5.30pm FREE	8.30am - 4pm FREE	8.30am - 4.30pm FREE	9am - 11am FREE <i>FINAL</i>	
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		8am - 3pm FREE	8am - 3pm FREE		8am - 3pm FREE	8am - 3pm FREE	8am - 3pm FREE <i>FINAL</i>	
NST	\$200 Closing Ceremony						7pm - 9pm NST02	



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