



# AFLPNG NIUS

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**GAME DEVELOPMENT**



Welcome to the fifth Issue of *AFLPNG NIUS*, a newsletter from AFLPNG Game Development, providing information and updates on our programs and participants around PNG, in Australia and news from the Pacific.

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### AFLPNG MISSION STATEMENT

AFLPNG will provide a vibrant sporting culture for Papua New Guineans to achieve self-discipline and teamwork. Fostering natural talent and providing the opportunity for individual growth and success, AFLPNG will promote individuals to become productive members of local communities.

### Congratulations Under 16 Binatangs



Under 16 Binatangs in Queensland

THE UNDER 16 Coca Cola Binatang side has returned from a brave campaign in Queensland.

Heading down to Australia on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, the 25 PNG lads faced tough adversaries in the 2010 Under 16 State Championships.

Game 1 saw the boys take on the Northern Raiders on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. The Boys put up a high quality of football despite losing 50 to 40.

The 10 point loss against the Raiders was a defining moment for AFL football in PNG, signifying the positive

steps AFLPNG has taken.

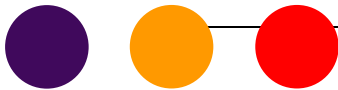
Game 2 was a great result, defeating the Sun Coast Power by 13 points in what was an uplifting game for the boys.

The last game saw the Kookaburras knock the Binatangs over 76 to 47.

It was a great championship for the Binatangs, and big congratulations to all involved.

The Under 14 Binatangs will head down to Queensland for the U/14s championship commencing on June 28.

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Southern Sharks Game Development Region - NCD Competition

JUNIOR FOOTBALL has kicked off for both boys and girls at the Colts, Ken Lifu and Murray Barracks Ovals in Port Moresby.

The increasing popularity of the AFL in PNG was displayed with generous turnouts of kids from all age groups in the nation's capital.

The junior boys played a high quality brand of football, displaying strong hands, quick feet and efficient kicking. This natural talent shown by kids as young as 12 looks set to strengthen the Talent Pathway already instilled within AFLPNG.

People also flocked to the Murray Barracks Oval on Saturday morning to watch the large number of girls participating in the sport. The skill displayed in the girls competition has heightened many expectations of the female competition, with a realistic ambition to become the world's best in female AFL football.

With a long season ahead, the involvement and development of the participants is the greatest challenge.



Juniors Having a Kick

*"...a realistic ambition to become the world's best in Female AFL Football."*

Junior Boys Teams

Under 13s

- Kelu Bombers
- Defence Green
- Idubada Tigers
- Defence Gold
- Boreboa Primary
- June Valley
- Taurama Diggers
- Wardstrip Primary
- Gordon Kokofas
- Valley Cub

Under 15s

- June Valley Primary
- Taurama Diggers
- Boreboa Primary
- Idubada Tigers
- Kanudi McDues
- Wardstrip Primary
- Defence
- Gordon Kokofas
- Kelu Bombers
- Valley Cub

Under 17s

- Kanudi McDues
- Taurama Diggers
- Della Salle
- Kelu Bombers
- June Valley Primary
- Defence
- Boreboa Primary

Junior Girls Teams

Under 13s

- Boreboa
- Taurama Diggers
- Defence
- Bavaroko
- Gordons
- Coronation
- June Valley
- Idubada Tigers

Under 15s

- Defence
- Bavaroko
- June Valley
- Idubada Tigers
- Boreboa
- Taurama Diggers
- Gordons
- Coronation Primary
- Wardstrip Primary

Open

- Gerehu Secondary
- Blues
- Kelu Bombers
- Reds
- Taurama
- Gordons



Seniors Practice Match

THE SENIORS took to the field at Murray Barracks Oval on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for a practice match.

Combining with the AFL Academy Boys, the seniors got their

first run for the year and a chance to display their skills.

The seniors' competition will shortly commence and the battles should soon begin.



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AFLPNG Academy.....



Academy Boys 2010



Pint Kar manages the boys at the academy

THE AFL ACADEMY in PNG is hosting 16 highly talented youngsters in the Nation's Capital as part of the Talent Pathway program.

Monitored by Senior Football guru Pint Kar, the boys are housed and trained in Port Moresby.

In what is an established program, The AFL Talent Pathway offers every opportunity for young Papua New Guineans to achieve their dreams and ambitions.

From the AFL Academy the boys have every chance to play football in Queensland representing their country at the State Championships.

The Australian underage championships also encourage involvement from the Pacific nations, with a Pacific side competing against the best Australian youngsters.

In what is a positive sign for AFLPNG, the pacific side in this year's Australian Championships is dominated by Papua New Guinea lads.

This program allows the boys every opportunity to one day play football at the highest level.

Binatangs Visit Australian High Commission

*"...Amazed at the level to which the Pathway program has developed."*



THE UNDER 16 Coca Cola Binatangs spent an afternoon with His Excellency Ian Kemmish at the Australian High Commission.

The meet and greet session was organised to bid the Binatangs farewell and good luck at the Under 16 Championships.

A Rugby Union player at heart, Ian Kemmish was more than willing to have a kick to kick



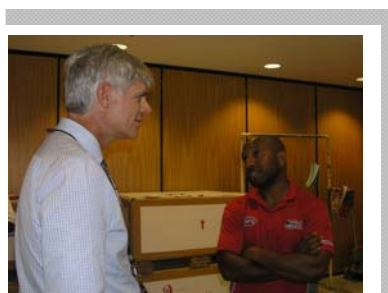
His Excellency with the Team

with the boys down on the lawn at the High Commission.

Chatting for over an hour, Kemmish was amazed at the level to which the Pathway program had developed and the great opportunities it was offering the kids.

Throughout the afternoon tea, it was explained to His Excellency that the Talent Pathway Program is unique in PNG for sports development.

Kemmish couldn't contain his excitement for the program and was keen to head out to the academy at some stage to meet all the kids involved.



AFLPNG Manager Walter Yangomina chatting footy with His Excellency Ian Kemish from the Aus High Commission

PNG Boys making waves in Australia



THE progress that AFLPNG has made in development can be measured by the increasing growth in numbers of players reaching high levels of AFL football.

Mal Michael and James Gwilt are household names in many AFL supporting homes, and we can be sure to add a few more PNG names in the near future.

Names like Stan Susuve, Donald Barry, David Meli and Peter Labi.

These are young PNG nationals who have developed through the Talent

Pathway and are on the brink of breaking into the AFL.

The AFLPNG Academy is hosting a couple of younger lads who are already on AFL Club lists. Gideon Simon and Nicholas Malbak are two such guys already linked to Richmond.

Victor Rame and Max Lavai are currently in Melbourne training with the Essendon development program.

We wish all these boys the best of luck, and hope they do their very best.

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David Meli



Peter Labi



Stanis Susuve



Ezra Kautu



Donald Barry



Nathan Malbak



Gideon Simon



Max Lavai



Victor Rame





*"Amuas game was out of this world."*



PNG LAD EARNS QAFL RISING STAR NOD

19 YEAR OLD Amua Pirika from Central Province in PNG has been rewarded with a rising star nomination following his dominant performance.

Pikira was the decisive force behind Mount Gravatts thrilling victory against Northern Territory Thunder in Alice Springs.

Also known as Moomoo, Pirika provided plenty of run from defence and proved too hard to handle as he constantly thwarted forward attempts made by the Thunder.

Coach David Lake couldn't be more pleased with Amua Pirikas development, claiming that he could follow in the footsteps of past Mt Gravatt boys Donald Barry and Peter Labi, who are now on AFL international Lists.

"That was as good a game as anything Don Barry did with the vultures".

Lake continued to say "Amua's game was out of this world".

At a time when PNG is making massive leaps forward in AFL development, Pirika is an example of the result of hard work and ambition.



Amua Pirika: MooMoo

Congratulations to Amua Pirika from everyone here at AFLPNG for your QAFL Rising Star Nomination.

2010 Season Launch With Wayne Carey

WAYNE CAREY made the trek north to be in Port Moresby for the season launch of the 2010 AFLPNG Season.

Sharing a beer or two, Carey mingled with AFLPNG representatives and the young hopefuls representing PNG.

Held at the Grand Palace Restaurant in Port Moresby,

*"A big thank you to Wayne Carey for attending."*



Enjoying the night



Wayne Carey with the Academy Boys

the season launch dinner was great fun for all involved.

An auction was held on the night raising money for AFLPNG. Signed jumpers and footballs from AFL stars flew out the door.

A Big thank you to Wayne Carey for attending, and making the event memorable.



## 2010 BE MOBILE GAME DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

<b>JUNE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ BEMOBILE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS U13, 15 &amp; 17 and 15 Girls</li> <li>- HIGHLANDS : HAGEN (5&amp;6)</li> <li>- SOUTHERN: POM (5&amp;6)</li> <li>- NORTHERN : LAE (12&amp;13)</li> <li>- ISLANDS : KIMBE (19&amp;20)</li> <li>❖ Selection of Regional Teams for Nationals</li> <li>❖ School Holidays: Australia (25/6 - 12/7) PNG (26/6 - 12/7)</li> <li>❖ Under 18s National Titles, Australia (Continue)</li> <li>❖ Board meeting (18)</li> <li>❖ Corporate Golf Day POM (TBC)</li> <li>❖ AFLQ Under 14 Championships Sunshine Coast (28/6 - 3/7)</li> <li>❖ Coca Cola Under 14 Binatangs Tour (25/6 - 4/7)</li> </ul>
<b>JULY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ U16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AUST. West Sydney. (11-17)</li> <li>❖ Pacific Touring Squad - Under 18s (6-19)</li> <li>❖ Scholarship / Academy Testing Day 3 ( 25)</li> <li>❖ Auskick(PPR) 2nd Intake (13th)</li> <li>❖ Board Meeting (23)</li> <li>❖ AFLPNG Senior Regional Titles. (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AFLPNG JUNIOR FINALS</li> <li>❖ AFLPNG Commencement Senior Finals</li> <li>❖ Function</li> <li>❖ Board Meeting (20)</li> </ul>

<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AFLPNG Senior Finals Nationally.</li> <li>❖ JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</li> <li>❖ U13, 15 &amp; 17 Boys &amp; U15 Girls (21/22/23<sup>rd</sup>)</li> <li>❖ ISLANDS, HIGHLANDS, NORTHERN &amp; SOUTHERN</li> <li>❖ LAE – Army Barracks</li> <li>❖ SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Aust(18- 3/10) PNG(17- 3/10 TBC)</li> <li>❖ SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS(16-19th).</li> <li>❖ Planning Seminar (17th) All Centres. Seniors.</li> <li>❖ AFL Grand Final - Melbourne (25)</li> </ul>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Board meeting. (22nd)</li> <li>❖ Queensland Under 16 Girls Championships. Cairns (TBC)</li> <li>❖ Kurakums Touring Squad (TBC)</li> <li>❖ Sportsman Function(22)</li> <li>❖ Scholarship/Academy Testing day 4.(17)</li> <li>❖ AFLPNG MOSQUITO'S v Gold Coast All Stars POM(21) Lae(24)</li> <li>❖ BEMOBILE SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT FINALS NATIONALLY.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ DRAFT/PRE SEASON AFL (TBC)</li> <li>❖ BSP Super series Game 1-3 and GF.(6,13,20,27)</li> <li>❖ Board meeting(19)</li> <li>❖ International Scholarship Nominations Close(1)</li> </ul>
<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ National TALENT CAMP – Goroka (TBC)</li> <li>❖ U13/U15/U17 &amp; SCHOLARSHIP</li> <li>❖ OCEANIA CUP UNDER 16'S - Tonga (TBC)</li> <li>❖ BEMOBILE SCHOOLS SQUAD (TBC)</li> <li>❖ Board meeting (17)</li> <li>❖ AIS ACADEMY - Canberra</li> <li>❖ AFLPNG Regional Offices Close (17/12 - 24/1)</li> <li>❖ School Holidays. Aust (6/12 - TBC ) PNG (3/12 - TBC )</li> <li>❖ OCEANIA CUP. SENIORS (TBC)</li> </ul>



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