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# AFLPNG NIUS

AFLPNG is the Representative of the Australian Football League (AFL) in Papua New Guinea.



Welcome to the tenth 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.

### AFLPNG EMAIL CHANGE

We wish to advise that AFLPNG has changed email addresses; the old email address [aflpng@global.net.pg](mailto:aflpng@global.net.pg) has now changed to:

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### Greg de Moore Visits PNG

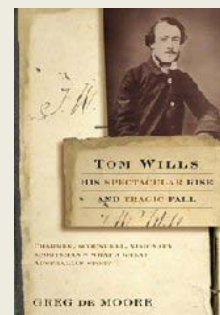
Author and Psychiatrist Greg de Moore visited AFLPNG in Moresby last week.

The author of *Tom Wills - His Spectacular Rise and Tragic Fall*, was joined by AFLPNG Board members Jason McIlvena, Bede Moore and Australian trade commissioner Kevan Dacey.



Greg de Moore

Venturing out to 9-mile



Bede Moore chatting with some of the Academy boys at Bomana

Mr. de Moore was given a tour of the AFLPNG Academy, introduced to a few of the boys, whilst also meeting AFLPNG staff.

Mr. de Moore emphasised the importance of the academy for not only football, but for the development of these kids within their communities.



Southern Sharks Game Development Region - NCD Competition

Junior Girls Grand Finals	Junior Boys Grand Finals
<p>Under 13s</p> <p>Idubada Tigers - 2.1.13</p> <p>DEFEATED</p> <p>Defence - 0.1.1</p>	<p>Under 13s</p> <p>Defence Green - 3.4.22</p> <p>DEFEATED</p> <p>Idubada Tigers - 0.6.6</p>
<p>Under 15s</p> <p>Boreboa - 3.11.29</p> <p>DEFEATED</p> <p>Idubada Tigers - 1.0.6</p>	<p>Under 15s</p> <p>Taurama Diggers - 5.1.31</p> <p>DEFEATED</p> <p>Kelu Bombers - 4.3.27</p>
<p>Open</p> <p>Kelu Bombers - 2.1.13</p> <p>DEFEATED</p> <p>Idubada Tigers - 1.1.7</p>	<p>Under 17s</p> <p>De La Salle - 10.12.72</p> <p>DEFEATED</p> <p>Defence - 2.2.14</p>

SOUTHERN REGION JUNIOR GRAND FINALS

THE AFLPNG Southern Junior Competition has completed for season 2010.

In what was a successful season, the grand finals delivered a great standard of football to cap it off.

At 9:00am the Under 13 Boys got things underway in a tough battle between Idubada Tigers and Defence Green with Defence Green taking out the premiership 22 - 6.

Girls football was also a

tremendous success all year with the grand finals proving that point. Idubada, Boreboa and Kelu Bombers were premiers in their respected divisions.

4<sup>th</sup> placed Taurama caused the upset of the season defeating Kelu Bombers (31-27) in the Boys Under 15 Competition.

As expected, the dominant De La Salle side easily compensated for Defence in the Boys Under 17 competition. (72 - 14)





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## 2010 Coca Cola National Championships

THE Annual Coca Cola AFLPNG Junior National Championships will take place in LAE from the 28<sup>th</sup> until the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.

The most talented players will converge at Igam Army Barracks in Lae to compete for the National titles. The four regions represented include; Southern Sharks, Northern Thunder, Island Stingrays and the Highland Raiders.

Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 Boys will be represented at the championships, whilst a female Under 15 competition will take place.

Walter Yangomina recently returned from Lae where he met with Coca-Cola officials,

“Coca-Cola has been a great supporter of AFL Football in PNG, and we are thankful that they will assist in the National Championships”.

Meeting with Lawrence Lahari, Coca Colas Marketing Services Manager, Yangomina confirmed the ongoing partnership between AFLPNG and Coca Cola.



*AFLPNG Staff Walter Yangomina and Connie Papau meeting with Coca Cola Marketing Services Manager Lawrence Lahari*

“400 juniors from throughout PNG will compete in a 3 day tournament. Arriving from many provinces throughout PNG, including as far away as Kavieng, the best juniors from PNG will have every opportunity to immerse themselves in AFLPNGs hugely successful Coca-Cola Talent pathway”.

The Championships will get under way in Lae on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September during the National School Holidays.



### 2010 AFLPNG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WHEN: 28<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

**WHERE: IGAM BARRACKS: LAE**

The 2010 National Championships will see the following teams compete in Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 Boys and the Under 15 Girls.

**Southern Sharks, Highland Raiders, Island Stingrays and the Northern Thunder**

AFLPNG REGIONAL COORDINATORS WILL SUPPLY ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION, ANY QUERIES, PLEASE ASK YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATORS





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**AFLPNG TAKES HOLD OF NEW ISLAND PROVINCE**

AFLPNG Staff ventured into Kavieng in the New Island province in an effort to expand AFL football throughout PNG.

AFLPNG Manager, Walter Yangomina and AFLPNG Development officer Tristan Tancredi were joined by Kavieng resident and Development officer Herman Bubu in Kavieng town.

The AFLPNG staff held clinics at a number of primary schools in Kavieng including Sacred Heart Primary and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart International. Almost 500 kids took part in introductory AFL clinics involving basic kicking, handball, marking and bouncing drills.

Another important aspect of the schools program is promoting healthy life skills, hard work and dedication. Walter Yangomina added,

"We let the kids play games, we introduce them to the basics of football but more importantly is the life skills we educate these kids about. No drugs, No Smoking, No Alcohol, Hard work and Exercise. These lessons are vital for development".

Kavieng is a great location for AFL Football with great opportunity to grow the game further in the New Island Province. Herman Bubu a long time Kavieng resident, remembers when AFL football was played regularly only decades ago,



*Kavieng Development Officer Herman Bubu*



*School Clinics*



"All of the ovals are still there, the space is there to build and develop the game again. Our aim now is to build the game up at a school level, introduce a competitive competition for the school aged children".

Currently there is no organised competitive sport played in Kavieng on a regular basis. Led by Herman Bubu, the AFLPNG is keen to change this and allow the kids to have every opportunity to play competitive sport.

The brief visit by AFLPNG Moresby Staff has kicked off what will be a weekly schools clinic run by Mr. Bubu.

"We are hoping to head around to the schools regularly to keep the kids playing the game. If we can continue to maintain interest, a competitive junior competition is not far away".

A school completion will up and running by 2011, allowing the boys and girls from Kavieng great opportunities to gain involvement with the hugely successful Coca-Cola Talent Pathway.



## Staff Profile - Lillian Barnabas - AFLPNG Development Officer

AFLPNG Development officer Lillian Barnabas currently resides in Port Moresby, the Nation's capital.

Originally from Morobe in the East Sepik Province, Lillian has been involved in AFLPNG for four years.

Barnabas comes from a strong sporting background, playing soccer, rugby union and AFL football on the weekends.

Currently Lillian plays for the Kelu Bombers, cementing her position at Centre Half Back. In 2006 Lillian travelled to Cairns as part of the Kurukums.



Lillian Barnabas

In 2008 she also travelled to Australia as part of the coaching staff.

Lillian currently works as the Girls Football coordinator in POM.

"I look after girls football, every Saturday I run the competition and I enjoy working with the girls".

In October this year, Lillian will travel again to Australia as Team Manager for the Under 16 Kurukums.

"Right now, I am very busy organising the team to travel to Cairns at the end of October. It is very exciting for all of the girls who have been selected."

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Anyone willing to contact AFLPNG or any queries concerning AFL football can contact AFLPNG on:

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## Second Hand Donations

THE RECENTLY established AFLPNG academy houses and schools 20 talented kids based throughout PNG.

AFLPNG hopes to develop and grow the development program to cater for a larger proportion of kids in the future.

We are looking for donations to improve the facilities and to help the academy and the boys in many ways.

Donations we are looking for include;

- Computers
- Couches
- Curtains
- Weights - Exercise Equipment
- Books
- DVDs & DVD Player
- Gaming Consoles (X-Box / Playstation)
- Television
- etc

Anyone willing to donate any items can feel free to contact the AFLPNG Office.

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## 2010 BE MOBILE GAME DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<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>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<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>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<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>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<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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