



ANNUAL REPORT 2014



“To increase the number of players and the quality of the game through improved coaching and facilities thus participating in the development of Vanuatu.”

VTF Strategic Plan Mission – 2012-2016

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The Junior Team on their return from the Fiji Open

Executive summary

2014 has been an other very busy year for our small Federation but a year marked by incredible results from our junior and senior national players. Here are some our major achievements for 2014:

- In May, the Junior Team won for the first time the West-Pacific Championships and 6 of our players, Marion Hy-mak, Rosalie Molbaleh, Emma Maucotel, Clement Main-guy, Benjamin Pechan, Samuel Strid were selected for the POJC. Vanuatu finished ranked at the 5th position at the POJC out of 12 participating nations.
- In June, 13 Juniors players took part to the Fiji Open and won the U12 and U15 singles, finished 2nd in doubles. Thanks to Fiji Tennis and Richard Breen our players were welcomed by families in Denarau and experienced a mag-nific time.
- In August, three of our coaches passed successfully the OSEP Community Coaches Certificates.
- In September, the senior took part to the Oceania Cham-pionships in Cairns. The Men team comprised of Samuel Journet and Aymeric Mara won 3 silver medals!
- Our development program has continued to improve and our new program with the Australian Open Pacific Path-way has already been very promising.
- The 3rd edition of the TVL U16 Regional Championships finished the year with increased regional participation and great tennis.

The development program has been consolidated with better coaching practises.

The Juniors won the 2014 West-Pacific Championships.

The senior came 2nd in the Oceania Championships in Cairns.

The TVL U16 Regional Championships record a huge increase in regional participation.



Epauto Junior Secondary Year 7 students received a 10 sessions introduction to tennis! The Hot Shots nets donated by Tennis Australia allowed us to conduct these sessions with big group and to keep the kids very active...



For the first time in our history, the junior team was welcomed back by the Minister of Youth and Sports at the time, the Honourable Tony Wright.

The Development program

2014 was a transition year with our development program. Since its re-initialisation three years ago, it was time to structure the program in a more professional way and to **start to address coaches' training.**

The program is now structured around 4 Levels as described in page 5. 70 kids are regularly participating to our structured sessions organised on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We were able to run sessions in 2014 with primary and secondary schools, and to start practise sessions at Freshwota Community.

Thanks to Tennis Australia, we have been lucky to have access to new teaching materials and to set our own curriculum . Coaches-centred sessions are no more used and we have already seen great result with our kids who became far more active and far more regular.

8 of our advanced players participated to the Fiji Open and managed to come second in U15 doubles!

Kindy Tennis , a program funded by the Australian Open Pacific Pathway Program has started with a *train-the-trainer approach* involving 5 pre-schools from Port-Vila: Central Kindy, Vila North, Sacré Coeur, Pikinini Playtime and Vila East. Teachers from these 5 pre-schools have already received two training sessions on tennis and on sport through education and education through sport. Three other sessions will be organized in conjunction with the Ministry of Education in 2015 to **complete the training and the teachers' guide.**

70 kids are regular players at the Tennis Club.
Over 200 kids have been introduced to tennis in 2014

Three coaches were awarded the OSEP Community Coaches Certificate.

8 junior players from the development program participated to the Fiji Open

Kindy Tennis is the flagship of our Australian Open Pacific Pathway Program



Participation to events is part of our awareness program. Above young kids try tennis during the Olympic Day at Wan Small Bag Theatre. On the right, our young JTI players taking part to the International Tennis Day



The Development program

Full structure of the development program developed in 2014:

Level	Description	Funding sources
Level 4	<u>National Junior Elite</u> : U10; U12 in 2014 and 2015.	VTF ; AOP
Level 3	<u>Advanced Tennis</u> : structured sessions at Tennis Club with a focus on competition for U10; U12; U14; U16.	JTI VTF
Level 2	<u>Transition Tennis</u> : structured sessions at Tennis Club organised in age group and level group for under 6; under 8; under 10; under 12; under 14; under 16	JTI VASANOC
Level 1	<u>Community tennis</u> ; tennis in school; tennis awareness campaign (Olympic Day; International Tennis Day; Independence Celebration); Kindy Tennis	AOP VASANOC VTF

“I might suggest that at the under 8 Red level that competition becomes part of the termly curriculum so that they get used to playing matches on a regular basis. This also means that there will be a lot more players ready to play competition when being involved in 10 and under events.”

Darran Wrighton, ITF Development Officer for Oceania, *Follow-up visit to Vanuatu, November 2013.*

Following Darran visit in 2013, we took on board several of his recommendations:

- We focus on U10 and have established groups of U6 and U8;
- Our competition calendar for national competition has been re-formated in terms of age groups;
- Regular star competition are organized for U6 and U8 and some of these very young kids took part for the first to the Mini TVL , a special afternoon organized during the U16 Regional Championships.



Some of the participants to the Mini-TVL all aged 6 and under.



After 5 years at the ITF Regional Tennis Centre in Lautoka, VTF managed with the support of VASANOC and ONOC to secure funds for national player Lorraine Banimatuku to continue study and train at the New-Mexico Military Institute in the United States. Lorraine wrote in October 2014: *“My classes are good I'm getting used to the curriculum. Dan has changed my serving grip and it feels way comfortable than the previous one. On Wednesday's we don't play tennis, we go for Cross Country training. We run 6 miles out of the school and do exercising drills etc. I have learned a lot and I'm very thankful for the VASANOC, ONOC and Vanuatu tennis Federation supports and contributions to bringing me to where I am today.”*

Lorraine will back Vanuatu in June 2015 to prepare for the Pacific Games in Papua-New-Guinea.

Senior Competition

While we continue to have players selected to Oceania Team for ATL and Davis Cup, our focus in 2014 was the Oceania Championships. Tennis Australia organised a great event.

The Vanuatu Team comprised of Marie Liwuslili, Anais Jacobé, Samuel Journet, Aymeric Mara and Francis Bryard as captain/coach.

Medallists Women:

Teams:

Gold: New Caledonia

Silver: Australia

Bronze: Tahiti / Samoa
(combined team)

Individual Championships:

Singles

Gold: Helen Parsons (Australia)

Silver: Elodie Launay (New Caledonia)

Bronze: Lyndsey Moto (New Caledonia)

Doubles:

Gold: Helen Parsons / Nicole Sewell (Australia)

Silver: Elodie Launay / Lyndsey Moto (New Caledonia)

Bronze: Ruby Coffin / Mulan Kamoe (Fiji)

Medallists Men:

Teams:

Gold: Australia

Silver: Vanuatu

Bronze: New Caledonia

Individual Championships

Singles

Gold: Adam Alessandrini (Australia)

Silver: Samuel Journet (Vanuatu)

Bronze: Heve Kelley (Tahiti)

Doubles

Gold: Adam Alessandrini / Andrew Tavella (Australia)

Silver: Samuel Journet / Aymeric Mara (Vanuatu)

Bronze: Martin Labrosse / Guillaume Monot ((NewCaledonia)

Cyril Jacobé continues to be part of the ATL team.

Aymeric Mara was selected again to be part of the Davis Cup Team

Samuel Journet and Aymeric were part of the Oceania Team and won 1 silver in Team and Double event. Samuel also won a silver in single.



ATL Team 2014. Cyrille Mainguy was the captain/coach; Aymeric Mara and Cyril Jacobé were part of the team!



The Davis Cup Team in Iran. For the last time, Cyrille Mainguy was the captain/coach. Aymeric Mara continues to be part of the team.



The Oceania 2014 Team in Cairns!

Junior Competition

4 National Junior Tournaments have been organized this year and 1 Regional.

In light of Darran Wrighton recommendations, we decided to vary the format of our tournaments in order to make these events more attractive. While the Junior Battle remains a closed tournament for the selection to take part to the West-Pacific Qualifier, all the other events were open. The Junior Cup was a new event copied from the Davis Cup and the Inter-Primary/Inter-Secondary Championships was also a team event. Over 7 primary/secondary schools were represented for this first edition.

On a regional level, our national team won the West-Pacific Qualifier and came 5th at the POJC. Vanuatu won the West-Pacific Qualifier for the first time.

Clement Mainguy was selected by ITF to be part of the Oceania Teams who competed in the « Small Sharks » international tournament in New-Caledonia and to the GSDF Tour in Australia in December 2014.

2014 saw new talents emerging like Samuel Stridd and Warea Tigona in the U12 for the boys or Zachary Sands and Naomie Sipiti in the U10. Rosalie Molbaleh in the girls U12 continued to improve and has become a solid player in 2014. Congratulations to all our young players!



The Junior Cup...



Some of the participants to the Inter-Primary/Inter-Secondary School Competition



6 of our National Players took part to the POJC. The West-Pacific Team finished 2nd in front of the East! Coaches Francis Bryard (VAN), Yanni Honila (RTC) and Anne Criqui (NC) organised and coaches the team in 2014.

Junior Competition – TVL U16 Regional Championships

With a record participation of 120 players coming from 8 countries/organisation, the third edition of the TVL Under 16 Regional Championships was a challenging edition. In one week, over 300 matches were played. The opening was well attended and the presence of CEO TVL was appreciated by all.

The week finished with great semi-finals and finals and for the first time we concluded the tournament with a beautiful performance by Vanua Fire, Wan Small Bag Theatre Dance Group.

Thanks to all our sponsors, TVL, VASANOC, South Sea Shipping, South Sea Services, Bred Bank, Sun Production, Pacific Petroleum, Vila Distribution, Vanuatu Tourism Office, Cercle Sportif and Melanesian Hotel, this third edition has been a huge success and we hope that we will be able to even improve the next edition.

120 players coming from Vanuatu, Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Australia, Tahiti, New-Zealand, New-Caledonia, and the ITF Regional Tennis Centre

<u>FAIR PLAY</u>	SAMUEL KNIGHT (FIJI) BONNIE DOWDING
<u>FIGHTING SPIRIT</u>	ZORIKA MORGAN (SOLO)
<u>BEST PROGRESSION</u>	ZACHARY SANDS (VANUATU) DESIREE SIGNO (VANUATU)



Johan Sklenak from New-Caledonia won the U16 for the second time.

For the first time, a delegation from Tahiti, le Club de Chonwa, participated.



		2014 TVL UNDER 16 REGIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS		
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EVENT	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD
MINI-TVL	SYBELLA LOLO-PRITCHARD - VANUATU	JUSTIN LIWUSLILI - VANUATU	SABINE SALTUKRO - VANUATU
GIRLS UNDER 10	CAROLANNE DELAUNAY- NC	ZORIKA MORGAN- SOLO	PRUDENCE BIRD- SOLO
BOYS UNDER 10	MAUI LEFLON - FIJI	MATHIEU GIBERT- VANUATU	ARMAND DAVIAS - FIJI
GIRLS UNDER 12	ROSALIE MOLBALEH - VANUATU	CAROLANNE DELAUNAY- NC	CLARA CWAIGENBAUM - NC
BOYS UNDER 12	JEREMY GUINES - TAHITI	JOACHIM HMANA- NC	MAUI LEFLON - FIJI
GIRLS UNDER 14	EMMA MAUCOTEL - VANUATU	ROSALIE MOLBALEH - VANUATU	DAISY SIPITI - VANUATU
BOYS UNDER 14	LAISAN HEIMANARII - TAHITI	JEREMY GUINES - TAHITI	VAITEA MOLINIER - TAHITI
GIRLS UNDER 16	GEORJEMAH ROW - RTC	MULAN KAMOE - RTC	EMMA MAUCOTEL - VANUATU
BOYS UNDER 16	JOHAN SKLENAK - NC	TABERA BONTEMAN - KIRIBATI	JUNIOR BENJAMIN- RTC

Relationships with stakeholders

While we continue to enjoy great relationships with VASANOC, the ITF, the OTF and the Cercle Sportif, we have in 2014 developed new partnerships.

In August, we were awarded a grant from the Australian Open Pacific Pathways, a new initiative which allowed us to develop three new programs: community tennis, tennis kindy and elite national. These programs completed our development programs structure. Before funds and materials were received by VTF, we signed two partnerships arrangements. The first one with Freshwota 4 to run the community program and the second one to run the Kindy Tennis with the Ministry of Education.

Our partnership continued with TVL for the Regional Championships in December. New companies have assisted us with the regional tournament: South Sea Shipping, South Sea Services, Pacific Petroleum, Vila Distribution, Sun Production, the Tourism Office while Bred Bank, Cercle Sportif and the Melanesian Hotel continued to be our partners for this tournament.



Strategic Plan implementation assessment

Defined in 2012, our Strategic Plan states our main priorities and goals for the period 2012-2016. In 2014, we reviewed the plan and readjusted few objectives. Our main goal for 2015 will be to maintain and improve our results at the South-Pacific Games in Papua-New-Guinea.

Goal 1: increase participation at grass-roots and junior level

→ Objective 1. Re-establish a solid development program at grass-roots level for juniors	> Indicator 1. Increase the number of local junior players involved in the development program to 200 by 2016	> Objective reached
→ Objective 2. Organise regular training/workshop for best junior players including other players from the region	> Indicator 2. Organise at least 3 training sessions per week for best junior players > Indicator 3. Organise at least 1 regional training session each year	> Objective reached > Objective changed and switched to regional competition

Goal 2: improve results at national, regional and international events

→ Objective 1. Maintain level of performance at regional event for adults	> Indicator 4. Keep same number of medals at Mini-Games/SP Games > Indicator 5. Obtain at least one Gold Medal in 2015 and 2017	> TBC in 2015 > TBC in 2015
→ Objective 2. Increase level at regional junior level	> Indicator 6. Obtain at least one medal at POJC in 2014, 2015, 2016 > Indicator 7. Have at least 3 selected players for POJC	> Objective reached > Objective reached
→ Objective 3. Increase level at national junior level	> Indicator 8. Organise at least four yearly national junior tournament each year	> Objective reached

Goal 3: strengthen administrative and financial management

→ Objective 1. Define a membership database especially for junior	> Indicator 9. 200 registered local junior by 2015	> Objective reached
→ Objective 2. Maintain good relationship and membership with national, regional and international organisation	> Indicator 10. Members of ITF,OTF, VASANOC	> Objective reached
→ Objective 3. Increase financial support in exploring new sourcing	> Indicator 11. Double the budget by 2014	> Objective reached

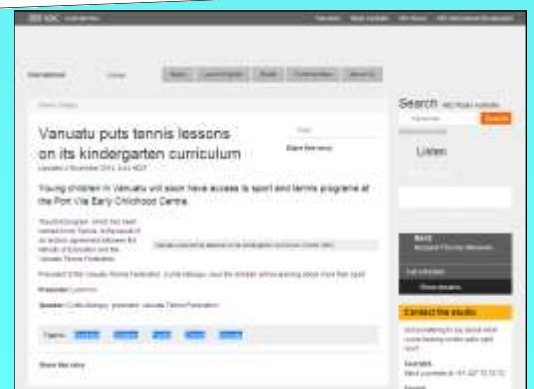
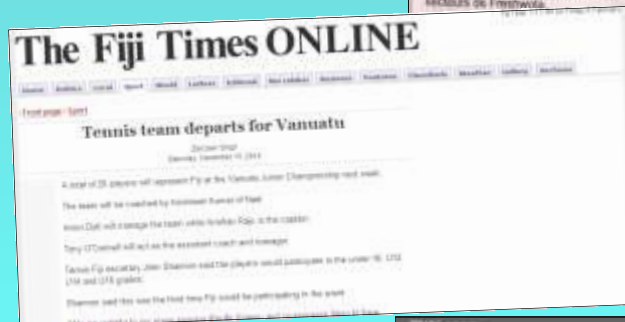
VTF in the media

While national media in Vanuatu are usually more interested by soccer, we managed to “be in the news” several times this year. Daily Post relayed our success at the West-Pacific and the Oceania and the Independent has regularly published our Press Release.

Our President has been instrumental to make tennis more popular in the national media been regularly interviewed on Radio and Television.



The Cairns Post, 3 September 2014



Interview on Radio Australia

2015 Perspectives

In 2015, we will focus on the following events and priorities:

→ : **Senior:** defend our silver medals and eventually win a gold.

→: **Junior:** retain our title at the West-Pacific and improve our results at the POJC.

→: **Development Program:** continue to improve coaching practices; run more community programs; have 3 more community coaches OSEP certified; make Kindy Tennis a successful initiative.

→: **VTF Administration:** conduct a Readiness Assessment as per VASANOC recommendations

→: **Media:** 6 Press Releases and continue to expand our Facebook page as a main tool of communication.

→: **Santo project:** Find the best strategy and organization to develop tennis in Santo.



 JUNIOR EVENT  ADULT EVENT  FOR ALL EVENT	
Date	Event
25 January	 Australia : Melbourne : OTF AGM
26-27 January	 Australia: Melbourne; Tennis League (ATL) for Pacific Oceania Dolphins
07 th February	 Vanuatu: Cercle Sportif; <i>Vanuatu Tennis Junior Tennis Initiative re-starts</i>
11 th February	 Vanuatu: Freshwota and Wan Small Bag; <i>Australian Open Pacific Pathways re-starts</i>
01 st March	 Vanuatu: Cercle Sportif; International Tennis Day: Tennis 10; Tennis X-Press; Tennis for all
21-22 March	 Vanuatu: Junior Battle: qualification for the West Pacific Qualifier (Singles and doubles – closed tournament)
29 March -5 th April	 New-Caledonia : Tournoi International D'Auteil (National Team – Preparation for SPG 2015)
14, 15, 17 and 18 April	 Vanuatu: Junior Cup (Team Event for under 10, 12, 14 and 16)
4-9 May	 Fiji: West Pacific Qualifier
27 th May-30 th June	 Fiji: Denarau Fiji Open (TBC)
27 th June	 Vanuatu : Cercle Sportif : National Tennis Fundraising
04-18 July	 PNG: South-Pacific Games
24- 29 July	 Vanuatu: Inter-primary/Inter-Secondary Schools Tennis Championships (Team Event for under 10, 12 and 14)
30 th July	 Vanuatu: Cercle Sportif: Independence Tennis Day
27 th June	 Vanuatu : Cercle Sportif : National Tennis Fundraising
04-18 July	 PNG: South-Pacific Games
24- 29 July	 Vanuatu: Inter-primary/Inter-Secondary Schools Tennis Championships (Team Event for under 10, 12 and 14)
30 th July	 Vanuatu: Cercle Sportif: Independence Tennis Day
17-26 th August	 Fiji: Lautoka: POJC
September (every Saturday)	 Vanuatu: TVL Junior Nationals (<i>Individuals : under 10, 12, 14 and 16</i>)
5-11 September	Samoa: Commonwealth Youth Games
13 December	Vanuatu: VTI Closing for 2014
14-19 December	Vanuatu: TVL Under 16 Regional Tennis Championship