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### Upcoming EAP Events

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| <p><b>Early July, 2010</b><br/> <b>September 2010</b><br/> <b>12<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2010</b><br/> <b>1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010</b></p> | <p>Australian Indigenous XI tour PNG<br/>                 2010 Pepsi ICC EAP U17 Cricket Trophy – Vanuatu<br/>                 Japan Women's team participate in Asian Games<br/>                 Pepsi World Cricket League Division 1 in Netherlands</p> |
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## Final dates confirmed for EAP U17 Cricket Trophy

The ICC EAP Office, in conjunction with the Vanuatu Cricket Association, have now confirmed dates for the upcoming 2010 Pepsi ICC EAP U17 Cricket Trophy, to be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

The competing teams will be host Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Indonesia with a new 35 over format to be utilised by the EAP region.

The tournament will begin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, with all teams playing each other once, before Semi Finals on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the Finals played on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.



### Cricket Teams Prepare For Fiji Games Tournament

The country's best cricketers are in the final stages of their preparation for the Fiji Games, with four Elite Player League teams to fight for the gold medal. The four EPL teams – Suva Capitals, Sigatoka Dunes, Western Bulldogs and Lau Voyagers – will compete in a Twenty/20 round robin format over three days at Albert Park.

This competition will be the first for the Lau Voyagers at the elite level with a fourth team being added to the EPL structure after additional players were identified at the recent Easter Tournament. "There were a number of new players who stood out during the Easter Tournament," said Cricket Fiji High Performance Manager Steve Jenkin, "so we have taken the opportunity to add in a fourth team to the EPL."

"This will give more players the opportunity to play at this level and gain some experience of playing under international playing conditions." Five players have travelled in from the Lau Islands especially for the tournament while a number of players who were identified in the recent Under 19 and Under 17 national tournaments have also been given their chance to play at a higher level.

"The EPL is a vital part of our development of national players, so we are pleased to be able to expand the opportunity to include these new players," said Jenkin. The tournament starts on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> and continues on Saturday and Monday, with each team playing three games. The team that earns the most points over the round robin will win the Fiji Games gold medal.

<i>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June</i>			<i>Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup></i>		
Western Bulldogs	Suva Capitals	9:30am	Western Bulldogs	Lau Voyagers	9:30am
Sigatoka Dunes	Lau Voyagers	1:30pm	Suva Capitals	Sigatoka Dunes	1:30pm
<i>Monday June 14<sup>th</sup></i>					
Western Bulldogs	Sigatoka Dunes	9:30am			
Suva Capitals	Lau Voyagers	1:30pm			



## First impressions of PNG – Brock’s journey...

The cliché states that Papua New Guinea is the land of the unexpected and my 4 weeks in Port Moresby holds it to be true. Port Moresby is as beautiful as it is confronting and as challenging as it is exciting. The change that an imminent resource sector boom will bring is already becoming apparent to me with new developments occurring throughout the city. This is in many ways a mirror of the positive change and rampant development underway at Cricket PNG.

My journey to Cricket PNG has come by way of the Australian Government funded Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program (AYAD), which puts skilled young Australians into development organisations around the world. At Cricket PNG I have taken on a role as a Community Cricket Officer and such is the fast pace of life at the Cricket Haus it’s difficult to believe I have only been in that role for 3 weeks. Already I have been able to witness the development of turf wicket facilities that will turn Amini Park (the Home of cricket in PNG) into a truly world class playing facility. I have seen the plans and the first signs of work begin on a world-class multi-purpose indoor sporting arena that will provide a safe and high quality location for numerous sporting codes in PNG as well as host a High Performance Training Centre for PNG’s best cricketers.

Yet more exciting has been taking part in the planning and implementation of the BSP Schools Kriket Program. The cornerstone of Cricket’s development plans, this program will reach 150,000 students over the next three years and is easily the most significant national sports education program in PNG history. The chance to witness the Program move from the drawing board to the schools of Port Moresby and beyond has been thoroughly rewarding.

Looking forward, I have the opportunity to assist in the continued implementation, management and growth of this program as well as assist in utilising the high profile of cricket to create a ‘healthy living’ awareness and advocacy program. The chance to work in this fast paced environment and be afforded real responsibility over projects is one that few young people get and I thank the team at the ICCEAP office as well as Cricket PNG for giving me that chance and for welcoming me into their highly skilled team. It truly is the opportunity of a lifetime and I encourage any interested person to get in touch with the ICCEAP office about an AYAD posting and aggressively chase their dream. On a final note, go Barramundi’s!

**New Arrivals:** Cricket PNG Community Cricket Officers (*left*) Brock Schaefer - Gold Coast and (*right*) Joshua Mapstone - Lismore.



## Cricket PNG dominate the 2010 SP Sports Awards

Cricket PNG dominated the prestigious 2010 Sports Awards, winning five awards at the gala event at the Crowne Plaza on Saturday Night. Cricket's highlight of the night came through current PNG Barramundi Captain and Cricket PNG's High Performance Manager Rarua Dikana beating the five-time winner and PNG Champion Ryan Pini (swimming) and Nelson Stone (Athletics) to win the PNG Sportsman of the Year.

As Cricket PNG's leading all-round player, Dikana had an outstanding 2009 season. Over a long and illustrious career, Dikana has captained the PNG National Team (Barramundi's) since 2002 and the ICC EAP team from 2004 until 2008. In 2009 Dikana captain/coached his domestic team, United to the Grand Final of the POMCA A Grade Competition and the Belltek Team in the National Championships (Constantinou Shield).

Dikana's major international highlight was leading the PNG Barramundi's to the ICC World Cricket League Division 3 in Argentina where they painfully missed out on qualifying for the ICC World Cup Qualifier on Net Run Rate. Dikana had an outstanding tournament, leading the wicket taking tally after taking five wickets against tops seeds Argentina and Uganda.

"I would like to thank the Cricket PNG board for their support, the sponsors, the staff at Cricket PNG and lastly but most importantly my wife and family who have supported me throughout the years," said Rarua Dikana on stage in receiving his award. "Cricket has come a long way and it is going places especially with the development of the cricket facilities in PNG."

Lakani Oala won his third Technical Official of the Year after winning the award in 2006 and 2009. Oala had another outstanding season as PNG's leading umpire and is one of only two cricket umpires from PNG attached to the International Cricket Council East Asia Pacific (ICC EAP) Elite Umpires Panel. Oala's major highlight for 2009 was his appointment by the ICC to umpire at the ICC Women's World Cup in Australia in March 2009.

The PNG Under 19 Garamuts won the Junior Team of the Year for an outstanding 2009 season. The Garamuts won the ICC EAP Under 19 Cricket Trophy in PNG in May/June, beating Vanuatu in the Final and qualified for the ICC Under 19 World Cup Qualifiers. They were undefeated in the tournament beating Fiji, Indonesia, Japan and Vanuatu. In the ICC World Cup Qualifiers the Garamuts finished third behind Ireland and Afghanistan and qualified for the 2010 ICC Under 19 World Cup in New Zealand. The Garamuts were ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the world in 2009.

John Ovia (Garamuts Coach) won the Coach of the Year Award for his outstanding efforts at the domestic, National and International level. Ovia captain coached Poreporena to the POMCA 2008/09 A Grade title and player coached the Brian Bell team in the national championship, Constantinou Shield to the runners-up trophy in the 50 over competition and third in the overall Constantinou Shield.

Raymond Haoda Junior, one of the emerging stars of PNG Cricket beat team-mate John Boge Reva to win the Junior Male Athlete of the Year Award. Haoda Jnr was the spearhead in the Garamuts victory in the 2009 Pepsi ICC EAP Under 19 Cricket Trophy and with Reva in the ICC Under 19 World Cup Qualifiers in Canada. For his efforts throughout 2009, Hoada was selected as one of the fourteen (14) PNG National Players in the Brian Bell Scholarship Program.

"This was a great night for Cricket PNG," said Bill Leane, CEO of Cricket PNG. "Cricket is very proud of all our award winners and cricket's seven (7) finalists. The recognition gained and success created is acknowledgement of cricket's rapidly growing status as one of PNG's most successful international sports. All of our winners had significant success at International level and these winners demonstrate what makes our sport great", reminded Mr. Leane.

### The 2010 Sports Awards Winners:

Sportsmen of the Year:	Rarua Dikana
Technical Official of the Year:	Lakani Oala
Coach of the Year:	John Ovia
Junior Team of the Year:	PNG Under 19 Garamuts
Junior Male Athlete of the Year:	Raymond Haoda Jnr



# ICC EAP Player Profile

Name: **Betty Gabe**

Country: **Papua New Guinea Women's Team**

Batting: Right handed

Bowling: Right arm medium pace

Highest Score: 52

Best Bowling: 4 for 20

Greatest Personal Cricketing Moment: Taking a hat-trick against United in 1998.

Favourite International Cricketer: Glenn McGrath

Which International Cricketer Do You Play Similar To? I don't know any female International Women's Players.

Who would you rather bat against and why, Brett Lee or Shoiab Akhtar? Brett Lee because he doesn't swing the ball

Have you ever made a golden duck? No

Have you ever made a diamond duck? No

Who is the best player you have seen from the East Asia – Pacific Region? John Ovia

Who is a better spin bowler, Shane Warne or Muttiah Muraliduran? Shane Warne

Who is the fastest bowler you have faced? Tanya Ruma

What is the best moment of representing your country in the National Cricket team? Training together with my teammates, preparing for a tournament.

Which 3 cricket personalities would you most like to have dinner with:

1. Ricky Ponting
2. Brian Lara
3. Glen McGrath

Below: The Papua New Guinea Lewas team at the 2010 Pepsi ICC EAP Women's Cricket Trophy held in Sano, Japan in May 2010. PNG were Runners-Up in this tournament behind Japan.

