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**Gymnastics Australia to conduct School, Coach and
Gymnast Development Activities**

The newly formed Papua New Guinea Gymnastics Federation will next week host Gymnastics Australia's Oceania Gymnastics Manager Brooke Kneebush for development activities including school student and teacher sessions, coach training and gymnast clinics.

The visit will be Brooke Kneebush's fourth to Port Moresby since March 2016 when Papua New Guinea's debut gymnastics program was launched. Since then programs have grown, the coaching team has expanded and new schools have taken the sport on board.

The PNG Sports Foundation, through the High Performance Sport Unit has been a strong supporter of the establishment of Gymnastics, recognising the whole-body benefits of the sport. HP Staff will undertake Functional Movement and Beginner Coach Training alongside club and school coaches and teachers.

POM Gymnastics is the Federation's flagship club, offering programs for pre-schoolers through to upper primary school students at Taurama Aquatic and Indoor Centre. The club will be working towards staging their first competition later in the year with the ultimate goal being international competition. Brooke will mentor club coaches whilst conducting gymnastics clinics, aiming to extend the foundation skills already gained.

Brooke believes that the people of Papua New Guinea have the potential to excel at this sport, with a good deal of natural talent already evident. The key is to train up coaches and upskill teachers to provide programs within schools.

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