



Press release - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017

On Tuesday 28th November at Taurama Aquatic and Indoor Centre in Port Moresby, a public meeting was held for the soon to be established Papua New Guinea Gymnastics Federation.

This is a historic moment for Gymnastics and Sport in Papua New Guinea.

Hannah McManus was elected President, Vice President - Tanja Rudd, Secretary - Suzie Lepani, Vice Secretary Lynette Baratai-Pokas, Treasurer - Katrina Ray, Board Member - Timothy Ward

The board has equal representation from PNG citizens and expatriates

"I am excited to say that we are a part of the birth of Gymnastics in PNG Hannah said,

This process actually commenced earlier this year with the Incorporation of Pom Gymnastics Assoc., who run classes here at Taurama Aquatic and Indoor Centre. Pom Gymnastics was started by Karen Hansor and with assistance from Brooke Kneebush, Gymnastics Australia and Oceania Gymnastics.

With a Gymnastics Federation we can develop and grow Gymnastics in PNG and be involved in top level competition in the South Pacific and further a-field.

The next step will be to apply for incorporation of the PNG Gymnastics Federation with the IPA and following PNGOC and PNGSF endorsement we can complete our application to the International body being the Federation Internationale Gymnastique (FIG).

There is undeniably a huge natural talent and aptitude for Gymnastics in PNG, and this will give more opportunity for Papua New Guineans to participate in world class events.

The challenge now will be to identify and develop those skills"

Congratulations to the new board and everyone who has been involved in this process.