



National carrier rebrands as Nauru Airlines



Nauru Airlines new freighter plane

After eight years of trading under the brand Our Airline, Nauru Air Corporation is rebranding as Nauru Airlines from Friday 1st August.

Chief Executive Officer of Nauru Air Corporation Geoff Bowmaker announced the name change in a statement earlier this month (15 July).

"I believe the Our Airline initiative has served us well over the last eight years... however, also important is the very proud history behind Nauru's servicing of its own, and the region's, air

transport needs going back more than the last forty years," Mr Bowmaker said.

The CEO said the name change recognises the "proud history of Nauru's aviation achievements over these many years and the natural and primary role of the airline in servicing the people of Nauru."

The freight service component of the airline will also commence Friday 1 August.

For more information www.ourairline.com.au

Nauru sends the best to this years' 8th Micronesian Games and XX Commonwealth Games



Joshua Jeremiah (4th from the left) running in the 100 meter sprint in Glasgow, Scotland in which he ran a time of 11.46 seconds

The month of July was a hectic one in the sporting calendar as Team Nauru prepared and sent two teams to represent Nauru at the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei State and the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow Scotland.

Team Nauru sent 71 athletes and officials to the Micronesian Games to compete in athletics, basketball, weightlifting, wrestling and volleyball.

Chef de mission Dogabe Jeremiah heads the team this year with an expectation of good results.

Meanwhile, Chef de Mission Dominic Cain led 24 athletes and officials to the XX Commonwealth Games.

The nine Commonwealth Games athletes are representing Nauru in athletics, boxing, and weightlifting.

So far all but super heavyweight lifter Itte Detenamo have competed in their respective events.

Weightlifter Elson Brechtefeld best snatch in the 62kg category was 105kg and best clean & jerk of 141kg placed him fifth in the B group division and 13th overall.

Chris Akaraba Rangidimi is competing in his first Games attempted to snatch 93kg but unfortunately could not register a snatch lift and therefore was eliminated from competition in the 69kg category B group. *(Continued on page 2.....)*

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In the 77kg division Tom Jaye Waibeiya lifted 105kg snatch and 145kg clean & jerk lifts placing him 18th in the overall standings in his weight division.

Elson, Chris and Tom Jaye are in their final year as junior competitors. At this year's Oceania Senior and Junior championships Chris took the silver medal in the junior competition but ranked 7th in the seniors. Elson took the gold medal in the juniors but placed 4th in the seniors competition and Tom Jaye won the gold in the juniors and placed seventh in the seniors competition.

The first of the boxers to compete was Mathew Martin in the men's bantam weight (56kg) followed by two-time Commonwealth Games representative Joseph Deireragea in the men's welter weight (69kg) division and the following day (Sunday 27 July) Alfonse Deireragea in the lightweight division (60kg).

The boxers lost 13, nine and eight points respectively in their three rounds eliminating them from competition.

The Commonwealth Games athletes spent the last few weeks of their training prior to the games overseas preparing before arriving in Glasgow for the opening ceremony on Wednesday 23 July.

Nauru has a special place in the record books and history of the Commonwealth Games. In 1990 Nauru joined the Commonwealth Games family, and has won medals at every Games since then.

Nauru is proud to be the only Pacific Island country to have claimed a medal at every Commonwealth Games since Auckland in 1990. The only Games in which Nauru missed out on a gold medal was at the 2006 Melbourne Games.

The BBC recently reported Nauru being the strongest country in the Commonwealth – on a medal-population ration comparison, Nauru lifts above its weight compared to the rest of the Commonwealth nations.

Nauru's first Commonwealth Games athlete was weight lifter Marcus Stephen - winning one gold medal and two silver medals at Nauru's first Games in Auckland New Zealand.

He later went on to represent Nauru in two more Commonwealth Games in Canada and Malaysia winning three gold medals at each of the Games. Marcus holds the most Commonwealth Games medals than any Nauruan athlete.

Nauru athletes have accumulated nine gold, eight silver and three bronze Commonwealth Games medals – all in the sport of weightlifting•

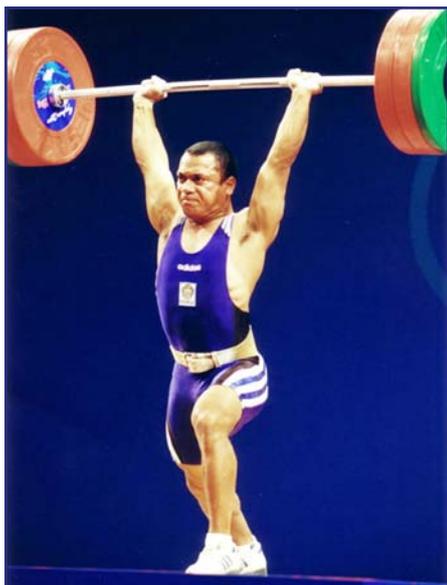
Names of athletes and events competing in the XX Commonwealth Games 2014.

Name	Sex	DOB	Event	Achievements
Alfonse Deireragea	Male	14th August 1995	Boxing	2012 Oceania Youth championships, silver medallist
Chris Akaraba Rangdimi	Male	7th August 1995	Weightlifting	2014 Oceania Junior silver medallist
Elson Brechtefeld	Male	2nd March 1994	Weightlifting	2014 Oceania Junior Champion. 2013 Oceania Senior and Junior Champion. 2013 Mini games silver medallist. 2010 CG representative.
Itte Detenamo	Male	22nd September 1986	Weightlifting	2014 Oceania Champion. 2013 Commonwealth Senior Championships 1st place. 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games silver medallist. 2006 Commonwealth Bronze medallist. 2004, 2008, 2012 Olympic Rep.
Joseph Deireragea	Male	24th July 1988	Boxing	2009 SPG games Gold medallist. 2010 CG Representative.
Joshua Jeremiah	Male	5th September 1986	100 metres Sprint	National 100m champion. Represented Nauru in various championships in 60m, 100m ,200m
Lovelite Detenamo	Female	22nd December 1993	100 metres Sprint	National 100m champion and record holder. Represented Nauru at various international events.
Mathew Martin	Male	9th November 1994	Boxing	2012 Oceania youth championships silver medallist.
Tom-Jaye Waibeiya	Female	17th December 1995	Weightlifting	2014 Oceania Champion.



(Left Photo) Tom Jaye Waibeiya cleans 140 kilos in his second attempt and
(Right Photo) representing Nauru at this second Commonwealth Games Joseph Deireragea fought fast and aggressive

Nauru's "True Champion"



*Young Marcus Stephen during the Sydney 2000 Olympics.
[Photo Courtesy of International Weight-lifting Federation website]*

The weightlifting world stumbled across a teenage Marcus Stephen at school competitions and moulded him into the weightlifting sensation he soon became setting the scene of his life for the next two decades.

From humble beginnings, Marcus sacrificed a lot in life, to be where he got to in his sporting career.

It was at boarding school when

Marcus was discovered and subsequently coached by Oceania weightlifting coach Paul Coffa for 16 years from 1988 until his retirement from competition in 2002.

Coffa called him a "true champion" and Marcus did not disappoint. His sporting success put Nauru on the sporting map and eventually the Olympic movement.

His success and humble nature attracted president of the International Weightlifting Federation Dr Tamas Ajan to take an interest in Nauru. Dr Ajan made efforts to ensure Nauru became a member of the International Olympic Committee and in 1994 Nauru became a member and Marcus competed at the Olympic Games for the first time for his country.

His fellow lifters Gerard Garabwan and Quincy Detenamo also made sporting history by becoming the first Nauruans to compete at the Olympic Games.

However Marcus had previously competed at the Olympics in 1992 as a competitor for Samoa. He remains indebted to the Government of Samoa for enabling him to participate at his first Olympics.

His record breaking achievements swept through Oceania and the Pacific, snatching gold medals and leaving rivals battling it out for silver and bronze. But his gold medals at the Commonwealth Games earned him the name "Golden Boy".

Weightlifting was not a sport instantly welcomed with open arms in Nauru but it eventually attracted a lot of Nauruan kids to take up – with dreams of being "just like Marcus Stephen."

Marcus's achievements make him the second most successful weightlifter in Commonwealth Games history. He remains the most successful sportsman in Nauru's sporting history with seven Commonwealth Games gold medals, five Commonwealth Games silver medals; 12 gold medals at the South Pacific Games and 13 times Oceania champion from 1987 to 1999.

His greatest achievement is winning a silver medal with his 172.5kg clean & jerk lift at the 1999 World Championships in Athens where he lifted a total of 300kg.

Marcus made history and Nauru was proud. He leaves the memory of those proud moments on the dais when Nauru's flag flew high to the tune of "Nauru bwiema".

He eventually dusted off the chalk and hung up his boots in 2002.

In 2005 Marcus was inducted into the Weightlifting Hall of Fame, an honour no other Nauruan has achieved.

Marcus is the fourth of seven children. He attended Aiwo Primary School in Nauru and did his secondary schooling at St. Bede's College, Victoria Australia. He later went on to do a Diploma in Business Accounting at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

After leaving the weightlifting scene he entered politics in 2004 and served as President of the Republic of Nauru from 2007-2011. He remains a member of parliament for his constituency of Ewa/Anetan.

He is currently the President of the Nauru Olympic Committee, President of the Commonwealth Games Association and President of the Oceania Weightlifting Federation.

Marcus' Olympic appearances

1992 Barcelona Olympics – represented Samoa as competitor.

1996 Atlanta Olympics - represented Nauru as competitor.

2000 Sydney Olympics - represented Nauru as competitor.

World Championships

1999 Silver Medallist at World Weightlifting Championships held in Athens, Greece.

Commonwealth Games

1990 - 1 gold and 2 silver medals in Auckland New Zealand

1994 - 3 gold medals in Victoria, Canada

1998 - 3 gold medals in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2002 - 3 Silver medals in Manchester, UK

Chef de Mission for Team Nauru at the 2006 Melbourne Australia Commonwealth Games.

Oceania Championships:

Oceania Champion in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.

South Pacific Games

1989 Mini Games – Tonga - 3 gold medals

1991 South Pacific Games – PNG - 3 gold medals

1997 Mini Games – American Samoa - 3 gold medals

1999 South Pacific Games – Guam - 3 gold medals•

The Government installs new power outlet unit which saves 35% energy usage

This month (July) the Government of Nauru acquired 120 ACES power saving units to be installed on all power supply outlets at the government office.

The units are expected to save up to 35% energy usage, a substantial energy saving and lowered carbon emissions for government.

Nauru Eigigu Enigin Technical Team (NEETT) has been contracted to install the ACES units at the government offices



The Enigin Aces unit attached to the air conditioning electrical line to save power

which commenced at the weekend (Saturday 26th July).

The Enigin Aces unit is one of 4 power saving devices that can be attached to a household's air conditioning system.

The government continues to take relevant initiatives under the Nauru National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) on climate change, national appropriate mitigation actions•

Home Affairs host training for men's violence behaviour

A training program that targets and engages men's behavioural change to shed their beliefs in abusive and violent behaviour was conducted this month (July) by senior lecturer of Federation University Dr Chris Laming.

The program was hosted by the Department of Home Affairs.

The Self Help Ending Violence (SHED) training began on 10 July at the Home Affairs office.

Dr Laming discussed scenarios and impacts of an abusive man and emphasised that violence is a learnt behaviour and can be "unlearned".

He underlined abusive behaviour scenarios to provide the participants a better understanding of such behaviour and how that behaviour impacts the family or their peers.



Dr Laming discusses with the SHED participants issues relating to abuse against women and how to prevent or change men's behaviour.

Participants from the Justice department, Women's Affairs, Language department, Youth Affairs, Nauru Police Force (NPF), and non-government organisations (NGOs) conducted role plays and discussed how both men and women need to work together to resolve or prevent abusive behaviour.

Dr Laming's trip was funded by the ministry of Home Affairs he was on island from 9-23 July.

The SHED program has been adapted for use in developing countries and

can enhance the work of safe house counsellors on Nauru to assist women that seek shelter to make informed decisions and choices about returning to an unhealthy and unsafe environment•

Japan ambassador presents credentials

His Excellency President Baron Waqa received the Ambassador-designate of Japan to Nauru at the Presidential Office earlier this month (Monday 14th July) for the presentation of credentials.

Upon arriving at the government office Mr Hanatani presented copies of his letter of credence to Secretary for Foreign Affairs & Trade Mr Michael Aroi before being received by the acting Director of Police Corey Caleb for the playing of the national anthems and inspection of the police Guard of Honour.

Mr Hanatani was later escorted to the President's Office for the presentation of credentials.

In his introductory message Ambassador Hanatani thanked President Waqa for receiving him on this occasion and sends warm regards from his predecessor and Emperor Akihito and hopes for continued mutual cooperation between Japan and Nauru.

President Waqa accepted the letter of credence and congratulated Mr Hanatani on his appointment as ambassador of Japan to Nauru.

Mr Hanatani also met Speaker of Parliament Ludwig Scotty, Minister Shadlog Bernicke, Chief Secretary Bernard Grundler, Secretary for CIE, Secretary to Cabinet, Secretary for Transport and the Australian High Commission Charge d'affaires Karyn Murray.

The Ambassador also met inspected the Nauru Ports facility prior to his departure on Wednesday 16 July.

President Waqa hosted a dinner reception for the ambassador that same evening (14 July).

Ambassador Hanatani joined the Japanese Foreign Service in 1979, and since then his career at Japan's diplomatic establishments includes positions such as Minister in Embassy of Japan in Kenya, Minister in Embassy of Japan in Belgium and Consul-General of Japan in Atlanta, the United States. He has also served as Director-General at International Affairs Department, the Secretariat of the House of Councillors, the National Diet (Parliament) of Japan•

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