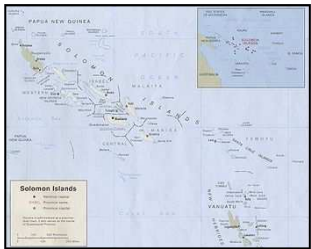




# Solomon Islands Karate Team's Bid Pacific Games 2011 New Caledonia

## About Solomon Islands:



The Solomon Islands are a sovereign state in the South Western Pacific comprised of several islands and inhabited by approximately half a million people. **The majority of the work force is engaged in subsistence or fishing.** Most people are unemployed, and those that are employed, work for a wage equivalent to US\$1 per hour on which they support extended families.

The members of the Solomon Island Karate Team that are fortunate enough to have jobs make on average US\$1,200 p.a. They have been trying their utmost to raise the money to have the opportunity to compete in the Games!

## Karate in Solomon Islands:

In the 90s, karate was active in the Solomon Islands but collapsed shortly after the 1999 Pacific Games. **Since 2008, karate has found new impetus and the Solomon Islands Karate Federation (SIKF) has reformed with the assistance of Dr Andy Roosen, 5th dan karate who has been teaching free of charge.**

Dr Roosen holds a PhD in Sports Biomechanics and a First Class Honours degree in Sports Science. He has enjoyed international competition (including double gold 2000 Open World Cup) and coaching (many of his students attended European and World Championships) success. Since Dr Roosen's involvement, karate has been growing and the athletes have been improving steadily.

**The SIKF feels that it is ready to venture out on a regional stage. However, our geographic isolation makes partaking in competition a major financial challenge involving air travel, which we cannot meet ourselves.**

**With karate in the Games this year which attract some Government support, we have the opportunity to showcase our talents. But we still need YOUR HELP URGENTLY to cover the remaining financial aspects.**

## Contact Details:

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**WE HAVE THE TALENT, WE HAVE THE DEDICATION, WE TRAIN HARD—PLEASE HELP US REALISE THE DREAM!**

The Solomon Islands Government and the National Olympic Committee (NOCSI) aim to offer financial assistance for travel, accommodation and living expenses, which are estimated at SBD16,000 p/p. For our delegation, these amount to SBD128,000. If federations and NOCSI can find 50%, the Government will match it. Hence, provided all parties honour their promises, SIKF needs to find SBD32,000 to cover 25% of these costs. Additional costs to SIKF are: tournament entry fees (AU\$45 individual, AU\$65 team), insurance costs, passport costs, and training expenses to gain access to facilities.

**THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST TO SIKF WILL BE NO LESS THAN SBD50,000 (APPROXIMATELY US\$6,400; GBP4,000; AU\$6,000; NZ\$8,000; €4,500) WHICH WE MUST RAISE BY THE END OF JULY 2011!**

**HENCE, THIS APPEAL TO YOU. HELP US COMPETE IN THE GAMES!**

Respectfully,

*Solomon Islands Karate Team*

## Sponsorship Packages:

**Gold:** Donate SBD15,000: allowed to use the title: 'Official Gold Sponsor Solomon Islands Karate Team NC2011' and up to 3 Meet&Greet appearances by team members with your staff and/or clientele (\*)

**Silver:** Donate SBD10,000: allowed to use the title: 'Official Silver Sponsor Solomon Islands Karate Team NC2011' and up to 2 Meet&Greet appearances by team members with your staff and/or clientele (\*)

**Bronze:** Donate SBD5,000: allowed to use the title: 'Official Bronze Sponsor Solomon Islands Karate Team NC2011' and 1 Meet&Greet appearance by team members with your staff and/or clientele (\*)

(\*) Meet&Greet not available outside Honiara

## Remittance Details:

ANZ Bank, Mud Alley, Honiara, Solomon Islands

Account Name: SI Karate Federation

SWIFT: ANZBSBSB      BSB Number: 010950      Account Number: 4793801



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## SIKF Team 2011:

### Female fighter:

Janet Gwai: -68kg

### Officials:

John Hollan: Team manager

Andy Roosen: Team coach

### Male fighters:

Christopher Araitewa: -60kg and team

Freyng Bisoka: -67kg and team

Selwyn Kuru: -75kg, open, team

Christian Kabei: -84kg and team

Ronnie Mana: +84kg and team

Desmond Kalibiu: reserve

## Meet some of the fighters:



### Christopher Araitewa, 21, from Honiara, -60kg

Best Combo: Kizami tsuki, gyaku tsuki, front leg jodan mawashi geri

On Karate: *'I do not just do karate to learn powerful techniques and forms; I love the traditional aspects and history.'*

On Games: *'It is my first time to go to a tournament abroad. I am proud to represent my country and feel confident.'*



### Janet Gwai, 27, from Honiara, -68kg

Best Combo: Kizami tsuki, gyaku tsuki

On Karate: *'It is a good sport for me: it keeps me fit and strong but also teaches me to be kind to people.'*

On Games: *'I feel confident and proud to be the only woman to represent my country and do my best for my country.'*



### Selwyn Kuru, 28, from Honiara, -75kg and open weight

Best Combo: Kizami tsuki, gyaku tsuki, back leg chudan mawashi geri

On Karate: *'I enjoy the physical and mental side of karate. I truly enjoy my training.'*

On Games: *'It will be my first time and I am happy, confident and proud to stand as a Solomon Islander.'*

## About the Pacific Games:

During WWII the Pacific suffered vast devastation. The greater global powers at the time, US, UK, France, Australia and NZ, recognised the importance of opening the Pacific Islands States to the modern world and its economic development. In 1948, they financed the creation of the South Pacific Commission based in Noumea to promote the region which was not well known to the rest of the world. In the 50s the idea of a multisport event for the athletes from Oceania was conceived. The concept was met with great enthusiasm and the Pacific Games were born.

This year, the Games are hosted by New Caledonia and take place from 28 August to 10 September 2011, which means that we must source all the money needed by the end of July 2011!

## Karate at the Pacific Games:

The majority of sports competing at the Games are the standard Olympic sports. However, at the host's discretion other sports which are popular in their country may be added. **Hence, karate does not have the luxury of being included in all Games.** This year, karate is back on the menu and eight Pacific countries have fielded teams: Each country may field one athlete per weight category in kumite (fighting) and one team.

**Medal opportunities in a group of eight are high for a driven, confident and skilled competitor!** The Solomon Islands team will compete in a total of eight events and are continuing to prepare for the competition, training hard and, with your assistance, anticipate to do the country proud. **PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL.**

Team and committee members have enthusiastically fundraised and financed passports, training expenses and the *per diem* deposits payable to the Games Committee by the end of June 2011. However, with sixteen sporting federations all aiming to attract financial support from a limited donor community in Honiara, means of raising funds are becoming ever more limited each day. **Given the socio-economic climate here, we have reached our limits to raise significant amounts through no fault of our own.**