



Connecting Australia and the Pacific through sport

Through two key programs - *PacificAus Sports* and *Team Up* - Australia and the Pacific are further strengthening our close regional ties through our shared love of sport.

PacificAus Sports develops pathways for Pacific teams and athletes to compete in elite competitions, and access high performance coaching in Australia and internationally. *Team Up* helps address barriers preventing women, girls and people with a disability from accessing beneficial sport programs.

Geography makes us neighbours,
sport makes us family



PacificAus Sports initiatives include:

- Providing ongoing support for the participation of **Fijian women's and men's teams** in the elite Super Rugby Women's and Super Rugby Pacific, as well as the **Fiji Silktails** and **PNG Hunters** in Australian state rugby league competitions
- Supporting athletes across the Pacific to attend high-performance training and qualification events for **Olympic, Paralympic, and Commonwealth Games**
- Supporting **national football teams** through increased international fixtures and high-performance training camps in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and PNG
- Holding the annual **Pacific Netball Series**, providing valuable high-level competition for netballers throughout the Pacific
- Creating **AFL Talent Pathways** to support the development of Australian Rules Football in Nauru, PNG, Fiji and Vanuatu
- Providing **Pacific cricketers** access to high-performance coaching and competition, and cross-cultural engagement with Australia's First Nations teams

Team Up initiatives include:

- Partnering with over **70 organisations across 15 sports in seven Pacific countries**, with a focus on gender, disability, leadership, governance and knowledge
- Combining **cricket participation and structured education** to bring community awareness and solutions to gender and disability issues
- Using table tennis to **promote inclusion and showcase the skills** of individuals with disabilities
- Improving the **rapid growth** and inclusion of women and girls in rugby union



Photo: Fijiana Drua at the 2022 Super W grand final



HOW WE DELIVER

Through *PacificAus Sports* we partner with Australian national sports organisations to support a range of Pacific sports, including rugby league, rugby union, netball, football, AFL, cricket and Olympic/Paralympic sports, with funding split evenly between women and men.



Through *Team Up* we partner with organisations to deliver sport for development programs and support vulnerable communities in Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.