



***MODERN PENTATHLON OCEANIA***  
***STRATEGIC PLAN 2017 – 20***

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**OBJECTIVE:** To increase the reach of the UIPM within the Oceania region and to promote and organise events within the UIPM suite of sports, with a focus on development activities.

**Executive Board:** MPO is administered entirely by volunteers:

President	Kitty Chiller (AUS)
Vice President	Kaewruethai Collings (NZ)
Treasurer	Ernie Fontaine (AUS)
Secretary	Melanie Zimmermann (AUS)

## **Overview**

Modern Pentathlon Oceania (MPO) is the governing body for the sport of Modern Pentathlon within the Oceania region. Currently there are only two member nations – Australia and New Zealand, with the latter Federation having been largely inactive for the previous eight years however with a new President elected in 2018, activity increased significantly with Hamilton staging the first ever MP event held in New Zealand for over a decade in September 2018. A new Board was ratified at the end of 2018 and they are currently focusing on ensuring their governance framework is in place. As well as staging regular training activities and further events, including a Laser Run in 2019.

MPA maintains a close working relationship with its international federation, the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM). The Oceania Confederation exists primarily to promote UIPM activities with an aim of increasing the reach of the sport within the region. The focus of the Oceania Confederation is on development sports and programs, primarily the Laser Run.

Because of the high costs involved and facilities required, it is highly unlikely that Modern Pentathlon as a full sport, or indeed any of the other UIPM sports involving a horse or a gun (Laser Run, Triathle, Tetrathlon) will be feasible to introduce to the island nations (nations other than Australia and New Zealand). Thus the focus of the Oceania Confederation in trying to attract new member nations in the 2017 – 20 quadrennium will remain focussed on the World Schools Biathlon program.

Sydney 2000 Olympian, Australian Kitty Chiller, remains the President of the Oceania Confederation and as such, is also a member of the UIPM Executive Board. Kitty is concurrently President of Modern Pentathlon Australia, a Federation that MPO works very closely with. The Executive Board also includes Treasurer Ernie Fontaine and Secretary Melanie Zimmermann. The new New Zealand President Kaewruethai Collings joined the MPO Executive Board in December 2018.

## **Scope of the plan:**

This strategic plan has been developed to not only provide an overview of short and mid-term focus areas for the Confederation, but to also serve as a practical planning tool with detailed Objectives, Activities and associated Budget. This plan will also provide a structure for regular reporting to the UIPM and to the Oceania member nations. The plan includes an analysis of the current strengths and weaknesses, and the existing risks and identified opportunities of the environment in which the Oceania Confederation operates. It is essential to fully understand this environment to ensure that planned activities are both realistic and relevant. This plan, and associated more detailed Activity Plan, will be reviewed regularly and updated annually by the MPO Executive and used as a means to report to member nations and the UIPM on a regular basis.

## **Key areas of focus for 2017-20:**

**Governance** – Adopt a relevant and compliant constitution for both Oceania and New Zealand; ensure regional representation on Executive; adhere to UIPM requirements; integrate with OSFO (Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania)

**Growth** – Increase number of member nations and continue to focus support on New Zealand as it reinvigorates its programs and federation

**Development** – Promote World Schools Biathlon and Laser Run

**Membership** – ensure all participants in development activities are registered as members of their state and/or national bodies