

AO Asia Pacific Elite 14 & Under Trophy 2025.



The 2025 AO Asia Pacific Elite 14 & Under Trophy was held in Melbourne, Australia. Pacific Oceania's best tennis players from the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships were selected to represent the pacific region in their respective categories, Uraia Ratu (Fiji) and Alalilo Tapa (Tuvalu). The event was hosted by Tennis Australia during the "Happy Slam", the Australian Open on the last week of January.



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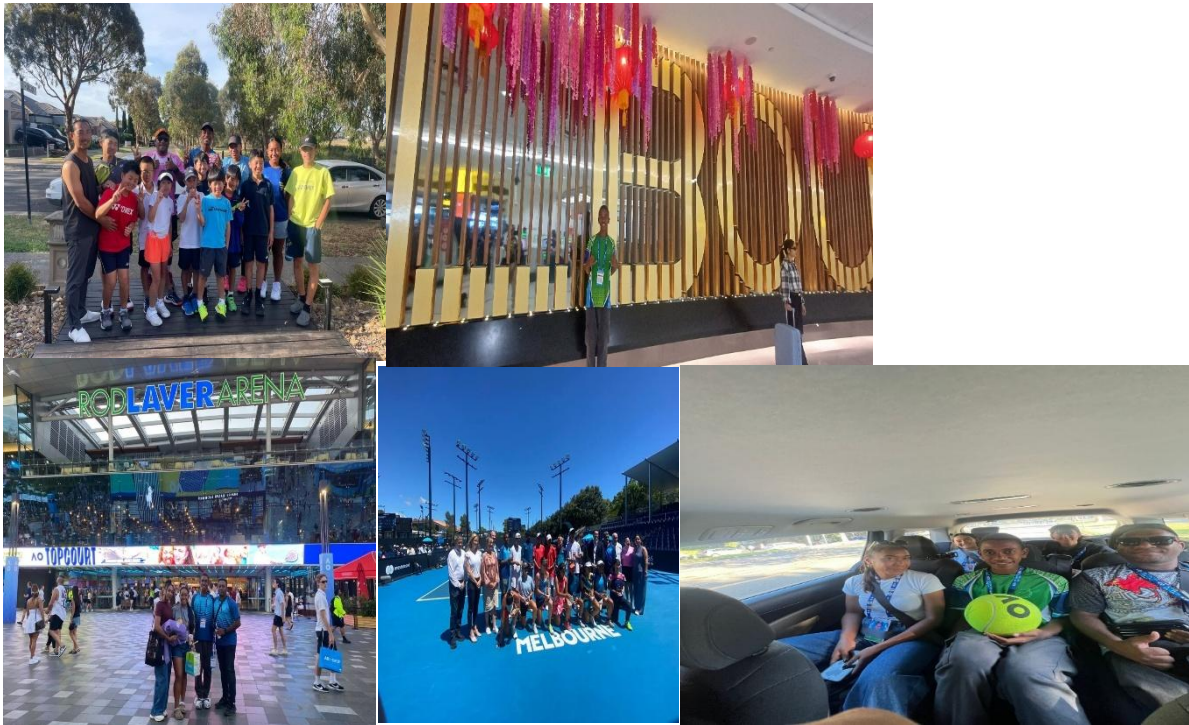
Both players had just competed at the Margaret Court Cup and Albury Grass court and Wodonga Grass Court Tournaments. Both players competed and transformed their game and accomplished a few titles to take back home. Both players battled bravely in each match, in every point and every shot as each challenged them to be competitive on the next shot and the next point after that.



Pacific Oceania accomplished 8th place in both categories in the 2025 AO U/14 Asia Elite and Countries from Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia, Korea, India, Kazakhstan, Thailand competed in this event an experienced where players, coaches, parents, friends, family, officials, staff to connect and learn, compete, yearn and earn, grateful to those that wore many hats in bringing this event a memorable one.

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Uraia Ratu - Coach Eddie Mera (PNG) - Alalilo Teppa- Coach Ruby Coffin (Fiji)



Rediscovering holistic behavior was the calling of this tour from learning different cultures, connecting and socializing taking action and practice habits to form better decision making e.g. Warm up, cool down and stretching that should be an athlete's habit to form and this could be a highly important life skill on and off court by allowing the athletes to make decisions to build confidence and allows them to take responsibility to execute a decision faster and great to see the both players maintain their routine throughout the end of the tournament.

Overall, having seen Destanee Aiava, Sabalenka, Taylor Townsend, Nick Kyrgios, Jannik Sinner, Novak Djokovic, Ben Shelton, Jasmine was a professional reminder each are the embodiment that possess qualities that each could learn from each other and that this could inspire a inspirational seeker.

A treat to see Jannik noticing Uraia during his practice session on court, moment felt so big and heart felt that inspire Uraia to play his best tennis against India, was a match to watch Uraia compete and showcase his attributes, even a special coincidence seeing Ben Shelton at the airport before departing back to Fiji

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Towards the end of Tournament Alalilo feeling accomplished after seeing Destanee, an inspirational moment turn Alalilo to play more of her strength on court with her game style playing with a lefty-Forehand drawing her opponent out to take time away to approach the net, following with her usual routine bike and a long deserve cool down stretch and moment to reflect on how each Days and Matches has transpired for both players.

The 2025 Australian Open events was an extraordinary experience for our Pacific Oceania representative in the U14 Asia Pacific Elite