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Re: Norwood Squash Centre Closure

Media Response

It is certainly the end of an era for anyone who has played, coached, volunteered or worked at Norwood Squash Centre. The centre has been an institution for South Australian players since the 1960's with a rich history of success both on and off the court.

Squash SA is working closely with Norwood operators to communicate with players so that a suitable place to play is found for everyone. Pennant teams have already nominated with alternative clubs across Adelaide and casual players and other inhouse groups are being informed of their options to ensure the transition causes as little disruption as possible.

Norwood Squash has contributed significantly to squash in South Australia and although the centre will no longer be there, the many players and others involved will carry on the club's legacy. As has happened in the past, squash teams will have the option to continue to use the Norwood name, and the club's rich history will be preserved in Squash SA records.

Before the doors close, Norwood Squash will commemorate the club's history and success with a final celebratory event on Saturday 23 December, 9am to 3pm. The event, held in conjunction with Squash SA will be an opportunity for anyone who has been involved with the club (past and present) to get together and re-live the good times shared in the building.

Squash SA would like to sincerely thank court operators, Con and Andrew Psaromatis, for their support of the sport for the last 20 plus years, and trust that they will continue to be involved in squash and racquetball (albeit at another centre) for many more years to come. The assistance that has been given to the members at Norwood, especially as this change occurs, is much appreciated.

For the many squash and racquetball players out there, it is important to reiterate that this change presents no need for concern. Squash in South Australia is experiencing an increase in player numbers. Players registered for competition remains steady with significant growth found in university and social participation. The last few years has seen new courts built in the Barossa, Campbelltown and Tonsley Park, with future construction planned for Pt Pirie, Pt Lincoln and Kadina. Traction is building for squash courts with moveable walls, resulting in Multi-use Sports Spaces, which will ultimately increase the access to squash with courts in more venues.

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