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Top Left: Matt Hopkin and Jake Alexander. **Top Right:** David Palmer at the British Open SquashPics.com
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Squash Australia's 2007 Award Winners (L-R)
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Squash Australia Board at the Squash Australia Awards Dinner 2008

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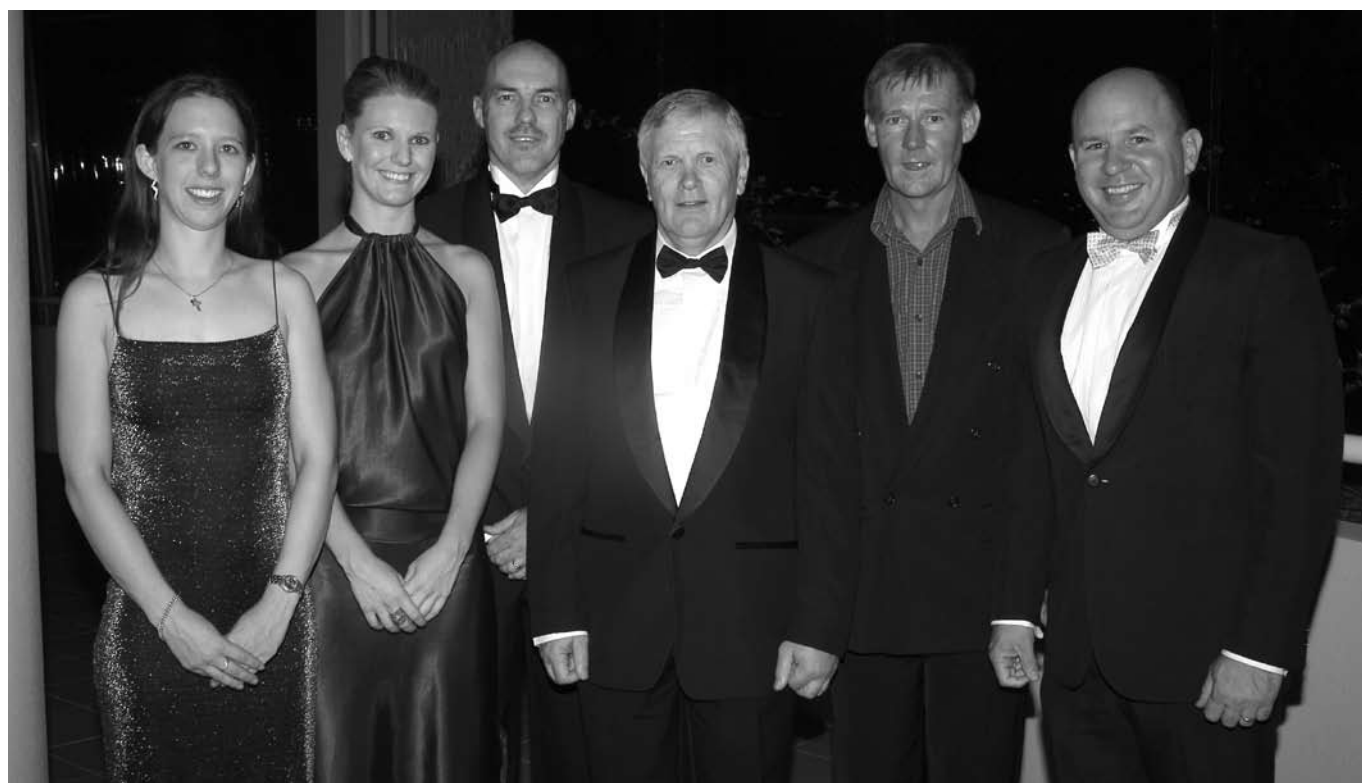
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President's Report

The two most significant issues which we have on the Squash scene at the moment are the Olympic inclusion bid and our High Performance Development.

Over the past few months the Australian Federal Government has been reviewing the delivery of Sport in Australia and we are all awaiting the results from the feedback we have provided to the enquiry both directly and through participation in forums. At this stage the Government has only confirmed funding for the next twelve months.

It is clear that Australia's competitors are investing heavily in Sport, the United Kingdom being a prime example where we can see the value they are reaping in Squash from this increased funding.

If we look at the current World rankings in Squash (as at 1/01/09) in the men's top twenty there are nine countries represented, with England having five players, Egypt four players (hold the top three places) and Australia three players. In the women's top twenty there are eleven countries represented with England having five players and Australia, Netherlands and New Zealand each with two players. These results not only enhance the universality of our sport but also highlight the increased competition we are facing to remain a true force in World Squash.

Unfortunately for Australian Squash, Natalie Grinham decided to take out citizenship with her husband's country and will be listed as a Dutch player in the future.

Our work on our Performance Pathway has been well received, particularly with the Sports Commission, and we need to ensure that our coaching fraternity supports this pathway as we work to rebuild our international competitiveness. The endorsement of the VIS as a National Training Centre is hoped to be the forerunner of other Centres within our membership which will be an integral part of the pathway in providing underpinning programs to the AIS.

In October 2009, Squash has its best opportunity yet, to be included in the Olympic Program. The World Squash Federation has developed a strategy leading up to the voting in October and it is incumbent upon all Squash enthusiasts to support this strategy and the funding drives which will be initiated to assist the cause.

There have been several issues during the year within our membership and Squash Australia has endeavoured to assist in negotiations with varying degrees of success. All members need to be aware that issues within our Sport can affect the perception of our game from onlookers and can have a detrimental effect on the sport overall. It is within everyone's interests to keep their issues "in-house" and resolve them along their constitutional lines.

At our AGM in March we farewelled Steve Derbyshire who had been a member of the Board since 2002. As a court owner and successful businessman we very much

appreciated Steve's input over the six years of his tenure. Replacing Steve on the Board was Marcus Smith who has a wealth of squash administration experience and has been instrumental in the success of Squash in the ACT. He is making his presence felt by coordinating the tender process for Australian Squash's insurance requirements which despite some initial teething problems, has the potential to realize substantial benefits for us all.

At our Awards Dinner the following players were inducted into our Hall of Fame – Rodney Eyles, Cam Nancarrow and Kevin Shawcross. Our Hall of Fame is developing impressively and it is really pleasing to be able to recognize the contributions of our great athletes.

The Squash Matrix is proving very popular and is certainly improving the playing experience for a host of competitors. We are still negotiating an agreement for the ongoing development of this system and it is hoped it will be finalized in the not too distant future.

During the year we sent a team to compete in the World University Squash Championships in Egypt. We will be hosting these championships in 2010 in Melbourne. The player quality in these championships is excellent with many of the World's top players being past winners.

Squash Australia has adopted the new PAR 11 scoring for all of our Championships and although this scoring was a very controversial decision at both the WSF and local level, it will enhance the understanding of our game and align the professional aspects of our sport.

The November Board meeting was held in Canberra to coincide with the very successful National Coaching Conference – "Long Term Player Development". We took the opportunity to meet with various Australian Sports Commission staff and management and greatly appreciated their input and advice.

I take this opportunity to thank our major sponsors – The Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport, The Australian Commonwealth Games Association for their Athlete Support Grants and Dunlop, our "Official Ball".

Our Staff continue to work diligently on the development and administration of our sport and my thanks goes to –

- Gary O'Donnell – Chief Executive Officer
- Jenna Van Heerden – Performance Pathways Coordinator
- Jeffery Wollstein – National Coaching Manager
- John Small – National Refereeing Manager
- Andrew Dent – Media Liaison Officer
- Jane Smith – Administration Officer (who left us late in the year)

My thanks also to the Board – Richard Best, Sarah Fitzgerald, Carol Kawaljenko and Marcus Smith for their assistance and support throughout the year.

I am looking forward to the next twelve months in anticipation of a successful Olympic Games Squash bid. My thanks to all for your support over the past twelve months and I trust that we will all continue to enjoy contributing to the sport we love.

John Holland

President – Squash Australia



Chief Executive Officer Report

Australia's sports management environment is one of great challenge. Community expectations that Australian sport should; 'be the best in the world', available for free, lead the fight against obesity, illicit and performance enhancing drugs all make for an interesting background particularly when those that love and have passion for their particular sport also want it; around the corner, on TV, the back page and the web, played in quality facilities, with officials who never err and coaches who have 'the magic touch'.

Squash in Australia 'fits this mould', the challenges are many, and the competition is tough.

2008 was a solid year for Squash Australia, the Annual Report will provide the detail on the organisation's efforts, I will however take this opportunity to highlight a number of areas of our operation, key individuals and supporting organisations.

The 'Performance Pathway' - an integrated and coordinated approach to the oversight of Australia's National Teams and Squads moved into full operation. With three National Junior Talent and a Targeted Athlete Squad in operation, supported by the Australian Institute of Sport and Victorian Institute of Sport Squash programs and state based underpinning programs our leading players who aspire to make the professional ranks will be given every opportunity to develop.

While this process will see the fruits of our labour generate success in future years, it was indeed encouraging that our Australian Teams of 2008 performed well.

- The Australian Women's Team finished 6th in the World Championship in Egypt, having been seeded 7th of the 19 nations who entered. The result was an improvement of five places from the 2007 team which finished, 11th.
- The Australian Junior Men's Team finished 9th in their World Championship in Switzerland, having been seeded 11th in a record 32 team entry. The result was an improvement of two places from the 2007 team which finished 11th.
- The Australian University Team finished 7th in the World University Championship in Egypt, which was their seeding. The result was a credible performance given it was Australia's first entry to this Championship.

The Australian Doubles Team did not compete in the 2008 World Doubles Championships in India, the event was postponed following the Mumbai massacre.

Our thanks to all players and coaches for your effort and achievements at these prestigious events.

Australia's players continued to acquit themselves well on the WISPA and PSA Tours. David Palmer moves

into the 'mercurial' class when he confounded the experts and the seeding to win his fourth British Open. David truly is in exceptional company with this victory. He also corrected one of the great anomalies of his career when he returned to Australia to win his first Australian Open in Clare South Australia, a title that has eluded him at numerous attempts. In terms of 'shakers and movers' Lisa Camilleri has had an amazing 12 months winning five WISPA events and taking her World ranking from 51 to 33 over the year.

The delivery of the sport's Australian Championships; Open, Closed, Junior, Doubles, Teams and National Junior Series takes dedicated expertise in organisation and refereeing for the ever enthusiastic competitors who seek to participate. Each event was conducted in an exceptional manner, congratulations to all involved.

The opportunity to meet and communicate is the 'bread and butter' of a sporting organisation, in 2008 the coaching and officiating families where able to engage in National Conferences. The coaches gathered in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport, while their refereeing counterparts assembled in Melbourne.

2009 will see Squash Australia draft and accept its next strategic plan. The combined circumstances of an assessment by the Federal Government of the sports system in Australia and the economic downturn make for some concern, nevertheless charting the next four years of 'Squash in Australia' will be a great opportunity to build the sport's capacity and unify.

Behind the scenes work for a sporting organisation is extensive, with wide responsibilities to be covered from regulatory environments including corporation law, community (e.g. child protection), ethics (e.g. anti-doping) to expectations of the sport's members and participants including education programs, communication, calendar development, membership and participation in international affairs. Like President John Holland, I extend my thanks to fellow Squash Australia staff and I also wish to acknowledge the contribution of many fantastic volunteers across a range of committees that support the sport.

To Squash Australia's partners including the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, the Victorian Institute of Sport your financial and organisational commitment to Squash is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

There is no Squash Australia without the member state associations, your engagement with Squash Australia is key to this organisation's ongoing success, we have achieved a great deal in 2008 and will achieve more with commonality of thought and commitment to excellence in the future.

My personal thanks go to the Board of Directors and President John Holland for direction and support as we work towards making 2009 a great year, its 75th, for Squash in Australia.

Gary O'Donnell
Chief Executive Officer



Message From The Australian Sports Commission

Australia, for its small population and remoteness of location, continues to confound the world with its achievements on the international sporting stage. This position has been reached by the development of a comprehensive and effective national sport system that encourages sport and physical activity for all Australians and creates opportunities to enable those who are talented and motivated to reach their potential. This system has evolved with the strong support of the Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, the private sector and sporting organisations at all levels.

At the national level primary responsibility for developing and directing sport lies with national sporting organisations. On behalf of the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission plays central leadership, co-ordination, funding and advocacy roles in the operation of the Australian sport system, largely through the national sporting organisations. Indeed the

Australian Government, through the Commission, is the major investor in Australian sport.

In 2007-08 the Australian Government, through the Commission, provided Squash Australia with funding of \$995,100 for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises Squash Australia has continued to work to build its membership base and has introduced a number of very worthwhile initiatives such as the development of the Performance Pathway, which will assist to deliver a co-ordinated program of national squads.

The Commission would also like to express its congratulations to Rachael and Natalie Grinham in winning Gold and Silver at the 2007 Women's World Championships and the Australian men's team who finished with a silver medal at the World Team Championships in December 2007.

On behalf of the Commission, I look forward to working with Squash Australia in future for the betterment of Australian sport.

Brent Espeland

**Acting Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission**



National Coaching Manager Report

There were some major coach education events and updated resources developed in 2008 that collectively set the platform for coach education for the next 2-4 years. The highlight in 2008 was the successful presentation of another biennial National Coaching Conference at the AIS where the greatest number of coaches within Australia attended in recent years.

National Coaching Conference

The National Coaching Conference for 2008 was conducted at the AIS on 14-16 November with around 50 coaches Australia wide attending. The major difference between this year's Conference and the one conducted in 2006 was the considerable injection of national management support provided by our CEO, **Gary O'Donnell**, High Performance Coordinator, **Jenna Van Heerden**, National Coach, **Byron Davis** and overall Conference advisor, **Ken Watson**.

Their support helped secure some of our best coaches to attend and directly contribute to various presentations with on-court practicals with 3 former World Champions being **Michelle Martin**, **Vicki Cardwell** and **Rodney Eyles**. This Coaching Conference was rated an overall 92% compared with 88% two years ago and the on-court practical sessions were rated some of the highest.

The one presentation that was highly rated was **Mike Cornish's** session on the Inflatable Court which he conducted at a local school in Canberra and assisted by **Wayne Cowell** from WA.

Special thanks goes to Conference Scouts, particularly **Barbara Slotemaker de Bruine**, **Ray Payne**, **Pat Siciliano** and **Greg Wild**.

National Coaching Workshops

Immediately prior to the National Coaching Conference, there were 5 consecutive National Coaching Workshops and Meetings conducted by national Assessors **Ken Watson**, **Grant Gough** and myself. There were a number of significant outcomes including:

- New assessment tools designed for L1 and L2 coaches
- New assessment task for the Periodised Planning Assignment be changed to Evidence of Planning Skills applying to L2 and L3 candidate coaches.
- Agreement that RPL and RCC under competency based training be applied better and promoted
- A national register of Presenters be formulated and maintained
- A national register of Mentors be formulated and maintained
- A management plan be implemented for the design of a new coach education system (CES) with Chris Doig (Tas) submitting a draft plan that has been adopted.
- A new addition to the new CES Framework being the inclusion of a Squash Orientation stream proposed by Chris Doig.

Quadrennial Review of Training Documents

Each four years the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) requires that coach education Training Documents (TD's) be reviewed and submitted for re-accreditation with the ASC. Both the L1 and L2 TD's were completely overhauled to comply with new ASC guidelines and resubmitted in December 2008.

Our 2nd edition L3 TD, published in late 2003, was also reviewed to comply with new ASC guidelines and completion will occur in January 2009.

Website – Coaching Information

A dedicated section on our home page for “Latest Coaching News” continued from 2007 with all major national coaching positions advertised in 2008.

A sub-site was designed for L2 prospective coaches including the new ASC Intermediate Coaching Principles Course. All membership profiles of coaches were also updated for our National Coaching Committee, National Coaches Panel and Program Design Committee members.

Program Design Committee

A draft Syllabus of Squash Essentials was prepared and reviewed by the PDC during a national meeting at the AIS, Canberra.

The committee members who advised throughout 2008 and contributed to a review of the Squash Essentials TD comprised:

- Chris Doig (Tas), Grant Gough (NSW)
- Margaret Holmes (Qld), Max Moorhouse (Tas)
- Karen Cagliarini (Vic), Roger Smith (Qld)
- Jeffrey Wollstein - Chairman

The framework for the construction of the CES was also reviewed by the PDC with a new introductory stream being included being Squash Orientation, a four hour course with no assessment.

Compulsory Insurance for Accredited Coaches

After three long years compulsory insurance for coaches has been accepted as standard practice by our State Coaching Directors and Development Managers.

A new insurance policy is expected to be delivered in 2009 that covers the majority of our coaches who are volunteers.

Additional Level 2 Coaches

Stewart Boswell gained his Level 2 in early 2008 after satisfying all the assessment requirements since his

attendance at the Perth 2004 L2 Course with Ken Watson, Roger Flynn and myself.

Sarah Fitzgerald also gained her Level 2 in late 2008 after satisfying all L2 assessment requirements

Vicki Cardwell also finished all her Level 2 assessment tasks in December 2008 and will be accredited at L2 in early 2009.

Additional Level 3 Coaches

Only one coach gained L3 accreditation status in 2008 and that was **Byron Davis** after several years working as our AIS Head Coach and National Coach over the past 12 months.

National Coaching Committee (NCC)

The National Coaching Committee members in 2008, who advised Squash Australia on a range of coaching matters comprised:

- Tim Batty, Bill Cook, Grant Gough
- Barbara de Bruine, Anthony Polling
- Jeffrey Wollstein - Chairman

National Selectors

Two changes were recommended to Squash Australia and eventually accepted being:

1. National rankings for seniors be conducted on a quarterly basis instead of monthly;
2. Seedings for juniors at the AJC be expanded from 8 to 16.

Four sets of national rankings were published in 2008 without appeal. A few enquiries were made and some national rankings were adjusted.

Our National Selectors in 2008 comprised **Byron Davis, Geoff Davenport, Dawn Moggach and Kaye Reeves**.

The coaching sector continued to receive excellent support in 2008 from the Board, our CEO, Gary O'Donnell and Jenna Van Heerden as our new Performance Pathways Coordinator.

Jeffrey Wollstein

National Coaching Manager



Attendees at the Coaches Conference 2008



Media Liaison Officer Report

There were a number of highlights in the media in 2008, a lot of work behind the scenes and the usual amount of frustration of a so called minor sport jostling for attention amongst the bigger players.

The Australian Open remains our local jewel in the crown and David Palmer's decision to compete this year ensured a good amount of interest, even though the tournament was held just before the Olympics.

With the professional photographer on board this year, we were able to get a boost in coverage, even though we were competing with the build-up to the Olympics.

From a media point of view I expect this year's Open to be the best of the three to be held at Clare and I anticipate a boost in publicity for the lead-up tournaments as well.

David's wins at the British Open and Australian Open attracted most of the mainstream media's attention in 2008.

David is now easily the most recognisable name among our current players and his ability to reach the final four of most of the tournaments in which he plays guarantees coverage.

Coupled with that is his standing as a spokesperson for the game and his ease when speaking to the media, which led to a number of extended radio interviews when he was in Australia for the Australian Open.

Inside Sport ran its article on squash in its November issue and this was generally well received.

Apart from a few (very minor) factual and technical errors, the article was well presented and researched and gave a realistic view of the current state of squash in Australia.

At the beginning of 2008, Australian Associated Press, the agency that produces and distributes news and photography across Australia, commenced a new results service and asked squash to come on board.

This has meant a more consistent service for results of local PSA and WISPA tournaments, overseas tournaments in which Australians are featured, and Squash Australia's national tournaments.

Results are now regularly appearing in all Australian metropolitan newspapers, usually just before the international tennis results.

While coverage in the metropolitan newspapers is still confined to the briefs and results columns, those newspapers will now also devote more space to a big win, such as the British Open.

Our television presence remains virtually non-existent, apart from results and briefs which run across the bottom of the screen on Channel 7 and Fox Sports News.

We did have a breakthrough of sorts with North Queensland television doing a story with Lisa Camilleri in December and WIN television Tasmania interviewing Maggy Marshall after she won the Australian junior title.

However, we can't solve the television problem until they have vision and there is no vision available in a timely manner from major overseas tournaments, not even the World Open.

Currently Squash Australia is in discussion with the World Squash Federation regarding rectifying this situation.

Radio, on the other hand, continues to be a good medium for the sport.

There have been nationally broadcast interviews throughout the year on the ABC, as well as squash news in regular news bulletins.

This was very noticeable during the Australian Open, where a number of players and officials were interviewed throughout the week.

Local radio and newspapers are also big supporters, with many players interviewed and featured on their home town radio stations and newspapers.

Australian squash is also making pleasing headway on websites.

The Age, the Sydney Morning Herald and the West Australian websites use squash stories regularly, while Yahoo Sports News is also running them more and more.

Squashsite.co.uk will also give prominence to Australian tournaments and the more we can give them, the more they will run, so tournament organisers please send me sponsor logos, photos of the venue and photos during the tournament and I will send them on.

The media goals for 2009 are to keep providing a timely press release and results service, keep the website news section up to date, facilitate better coverage of local tournaments and increase the coverage in major newspapers.

Andrew Dent

Media Liaison Officer



National Refereeing Manager Report

As in 2007, refereeing funding continued at subsistence levels in 2008. Despite this, much was achieved during the year. However, funding will be required to arrest declining refereeing numbers around Australia.

Referees were provided to all national events - National Junior Series, Australian Open, Australian Doubles, Australian Closed, Australian National Teams, and the Australian Junior Championships. The tournaments also allowed a number of State referees to gain further experience and assessment towards National accreditation. Tournaments held outside capital cities are having a significant impact on refereeing costs.

Both Karim Langer, Victoria, and Nicholas Norman, SA, reached National accreditation during the year and are to be congratulated on their efforts. A number of State level referees are also in line to achieve this milestone in 2009.

Our good relations with the ASC and other NSOs continues with Chris Sinclair a member of the ASC's National Officiating Advisory Group. John Small and Chris Sinclair also attended their Coaching & Officiating Directors' Workshop in Melbourne. New ASC developments have also contributed to greater efficiencies with the new On-line Introductory General Principles for Officials course being the preferred way for new referees to get this training and the new Sports Accreditation On-line database being used to keep formal records of our referees.

Our contribution to WSF refereeing has continued to be significant in 2008. World Referee Chris Sinclair and International Referees Damien Green and Harvey Bowlit have officiated at various overseas tournaments. Chris was appointed as one of two WSF Senior Assessors with the mandate to train and assess other WSF Assessors. Chris remains on the WSF Rules Committee reviewing the rules, and is an Assessor and a member of the Referee Review Panel. Chris, Damien and John Small also provided WSF with re-written Doubles rules as approved at the 2007 WSF AGM. John Small's work leading the WSF working group implementing Competency-Based Training and Assessment for WSF International Refereeing has now reached its formal conclusion with the adoption by WSF of 5 CBTA World, International, Regional, National and Introductory level referees, together with an assessor training manual and other materials.

For Oceania Federation, Chris Sinclair continues as Convenor Refereeing and John Small is on the

Refereeing Committee. OSF implemented a Regional Referee accreditation program based on the WSF Regional Referee level and Chris Sinclair, Harvey Bowlit, Damien Green, Karim Langer and John Small have all been accredited at this level.

We have also had a significant amount of interaction with other Nations. In July, we hosted four Indian officials attending the Australian Doubles as part of their training for the 2010 Commonwealth Games. In August, John Small attended the New Zealand National Championships as New Zealand's guest to update them on the latest WSF referee training programs and to train their assessors. In November, New Zealand sent a representative to our State Representatives & National Referees Workshop. Exchanges with New Zealand are expected to continue in 2009.

As in 2007, activity at national, regional and international levels has not generally been matched by activity in the States. Refereeing remains at unsustainably low levels in a number of States and Territories with low numbers of referees and few to train them. However, some progress has been made with Damien Green running a successful referee training course in Northern Territory. Also, new video presentations have been developed to train juniors, club and elite players and to assist in training referees. Feedback from the many presentations already carried out in various States has been very positive. Finally, a highly successful workshop for State representatives and National referees was held in November.

A number of activities have been undertaken during the year to meet the performance indicators for refereeing in Squash Australia's Operational Plan. In general, outcomes against the indicators for 2008-09 have been met with the notable exception of refereeing numbers. Refereeing priorities for 2009, subject to funding, will be:

- Provision of referees at National tournaments;
- Assistance for National referees and assessors to go to elite player tournaments to meet the accreditation requirements for assessments;
- Assistance for State referees to achieve National accreditation;
- Running of a State representatives and National referee workshop; and
- Encouraging and supporting State associations to increase the level of local refereeing.

I wish to thank Chris Sinclair and Damien Green for all of their work on the Rules & Refereeing Committee, as well as those who committed voluntary time during the year. Good support has again been provided from the top by CEO Gary O'Donnell and Squash Australia staff.

John Small

National Refereeing Manager

World Squash Federation

Conference and AGM

This year I was again privileged to represent Squash Australia at the World Squash Federation AGM and Conference which was held in Manchester to coincide with the World Men's and Women's Squash Championships.

The first meeting I attended was the Olympics and Major Games Committee held on the morning of October 15th, where the main topic was our bid for inclusion in the Olympics in 2016. This meeting was suspended at 10.30am for a Press Conference where the world's top squash players signed a pledge to support the Olympics. The press release has been well circulated and is listed on both national and state web sites with the tag line – "Squash and the Olympics – a Perfect Match." The WSF has contracted Ted Wallbutton to coordinate the Olympic bid and has allocated considerable funds to the project. Member nations will be asked for financial support to assist in the bid. Squash ticks all the boxes for inclusion and with a concerted international effort the Olympic dream is within our grasp.

In my capacity as Regional Vice President – Oceania, I sit on the Executive Committee (Exco) of the WSF which met after the Major Games meeting. As everyone would be aware, the WSF is in a state of flux following the resignation of the CEO, Christian Leighton, and the future structure of the organization is dependant on the Olympic bid outcome. If our bid is successful the structure required will be very different to that required if we are unsuccessful. The Management Committee (Mancom) has agreed to involve Exco to a greater extent and it is intended to update the WSF strategic plan which will be a focus for the next Exco meeting. Allocation of referees and assessors to Championships was discussed and determined that it should be a role for the Championship Committee. Until there is an International Referees Coordinator in the WSF office, Graham Waters will continue assigning World and International referees to events, after Mancom endorsement. The World Championship Regulations have been updated and are now an accurate reference tool for the conduct of events.

Natalie Grainger (President WISPA) and Lee Beachill (President PSA) attended the meeting and both spoke passionately about their desires for Olympic inclusion and confirmed that they and their players will do all in their power to assist in fulfilling the dream.

The two day Conference commenced on the Thursday with an update to all on the Olympic bid, and a workshop, where we were all asked for our input on strategies with groups reporting back to the conference. The Olympic Dream presentation is available from Squash Australia on request.

Linda McPhail, Pan-American Liaison to WSF (amongst other roles), presented a paper on Governance models for maximizing volunteer involvement and contribution, particularly in relation to Pan-American Squash, but it is just as pertinent in other areas – a copy of this presentation is available from Squash Australia.

Kevin Klipstein, CEO of USA Squash, presented a strategic planning overview and the approach that his organisation took to planning - this presentation is also available from Squash Australia.

Anthony Ricketts addressed the forum and gave us a brief insight into the life of an athlete on the tour and the issues they face in choosing to follow a career in squash.

Richard Graham, the new CEO of PSA, addressed the meeting on his Association and their plans going forward. The tour now boasts 248 events, made up of 9 Super Series, 10 Five Star and 239 others. There is a total of 467 registered players competing for a tour prize pool of US \$ 3,015,000. Their research shows that Squash received a total of 400 hours television coverage over the past twelve months compared to 1000 hours for Rugby. We still have a way to go but at least we are getting coverage and it is growing.

The PSA's stated objectives are –

- Grow media coverage.
- Restructure the 2010 tour and produce a calendar of Super Series events and a tour with a logical progression of venues
- Deliver better service to stakeholders and improve the harmony between players, promoters and the PSA.

The WISPA report from Andrew Shelley confirmed their commitment to the Olympic bid and reported on the overwhelming success of the change to PAR 11 scoring for the women's tour.

We were also given a presentation on ways to successfully promote our sport to the Olympic family and the need to present a united and consistent message. As an example, we could promote squash as the "Anywhere, Anytime, Anyone" sport.

Hong Kong gave a presentation on "Taking Squash to the Community" and Major Maniam spoke on his Junior Development Program.

The PAR vs. Hi Ho scoring debate was quite spirited and emotional and an eventual compromise was agreed where PAR would become the official scoring system and Hi Ho scoring would be placed in an addendum to the rules.

The ESF (European Squash Federation) has settled on a ranking system for their Juniors, along with a Tournament Software Program which the WSF intends to provide to each Member Nation – additional licenses will be at the member's cost.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the Saturday where thirty-four Nations were represented with a total of 110 votes. Two Full Members, Cayman Islands and Trinidad Tobago, were admitted along with five other Associate Members. Several motions regarding changes to the rules governing World Championships were tabled and passed.

The first was a reduction from four to three in the number of years before a player is eligible to play for another country. The second involved removing the parentage clause from the eligibility to play for England, Scotland, Ireland and Isle of Man.

The PAR 11 rule change was passed as agreed at the conference for the singles game. The doubles rules

were adopted with scoring PAR to 11, no tie breaks and best of three games.

The WADA Anti Doping Code was formally adopted and the requirement for juniors (under 19) to wear eye guards in any WSF Championship was endorsed.

The election of the Management Committee saw –

- N. Ramachandran elected as President – unopposed (Chris Stahl withdrew)
- Heather Deayton elected as Vice President – unopposed
- Gerard DeCourcy elected as Vice President – unopposed
- Chris Stahl elected as Vice President – unopposed
- Frank van Loon withdrew his nomination.
- Jahangir Khan was elected Emeritus President.

On the Saturday evening, the Manchester Town Hall was the stunning venue for the World Squash Awards Dinner. The major awards for the evening were the Lifetime Achievement Awards where squash legends, Hashim and Azam Khan together with Geoff Hunt were the recipients. Jahangir Khan was given a special award from the WSF and in presenting it, Suzie Simcock

stated that “Jahangir quite simply represents everything that’s good about squash – and everything that’s good about sport.”

The delegates to the conference all had the opportunity to attend the World Squash Championships for each evening session, the semi-finals on the Saturday and the finals on the Sunday. The venue was extremely well presented with a host of sponsors’ booths and equipment for sale. Attendances were high with all finals sold out at fifteen pounds per ticket per session. We witnessed some excellent squash and the event was a great showcase for the Olympic Delegates in attendance. For the record, both Ramy Ashour and Nicol David won their finals in four games.

My thanks to Squash Australia for again giving me the opportunity to renew friendships with my squash peers from overseas and for the great networking opportunities that were presented.

John Holland

President – Squash Australia



Aaron Frankcomb at the Australian Open
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AIS Squash Program Report

The AIS Squash Program had 9 scholarship holders in 2008, made up of 4 males and 5 females. The results achieved by the scholarship holders were solid with a number of players reaching career best rankings throughout the year. Kasey Brown won the Atwater Classic, Canada in February defeating former World Champion Vanessa Atkinson along the way which saw her reach a career high of 13 in the world. Zac Alexander won 2 PSA events in Malaysia while making the finals in 5 other PSA events throughout the year.

Rodney Martin continued in his role as a High Performance Coach primarily based in New York. It is expected in early 2009 the new facility at the Apawamis Club will be operational providing greater opportunities for AIS athletes to access training and competition in this area. Michelle Martin has maintained her involvement with the program as a Consultant Coach.

Kerry Leech (Nutrition) finished with the program in December after providing 15 years of service. Kerry has played an integral role in the education and development of AIS scholarship holders into well rounded individuals capable of competing on the world circuit.

Andrew Lulham (Strength and Conditioning) departed in November to take up a position with Port Adelaide Football Club after working with the program for 4 years. Andrew has made a significant contribution to the AIS and also to Squash Australia programs. Andrew was replaced by Kieran Young and we look forward to working with him next year.

Shane Lemcke (Physiotherapist), Dr Andrew Smith (Medicine), Luke Stafford (ACE) and Michael Lloyd (Psychology) continued in their support roles servicing the program and provided outstanding service.

The AIS squash program continued to be based at the Daisy Hill Squash Centre which has provided the program with excellent facilities and support. The Queensland Academy of Sport continued to provide gym access to the athletes and earlier in the year the recovery centre was completed. This is a world class facility that has significantly aided in the recovery of athletes from the day to day demands of training.

Squash Australia and the AIS Squash program have continued to work closely together through out the year in further developing high performance pathways in Australian squash. The AIS program has conducted a number training camps for the National Talent Squads this year and has also been involved in player and coach exchanges with the VIS program. AIS service providers have also contributed to national player and coach development by providing their expertise at various camps and the National Coaching Conference.

Rachel Smith was on scholarship with the AIS program until June when her scholarship finished. Below is a review of the current AIS scholarship holders and their performances.

Zac Alexander: - PSA World Ranking 102 December 2008



Zac won the Under 19 Australian Junior Championship in Perth again this year and played very well. Zac has continued to gain solid results in his PSA tournaments and has reached a career high ranking of 102.

Scott Arnold: - PSA World Ranking 61 December 2008



Scott had an indifferent year with a number of reasonable performances followed by a knee injury which required surgery in August. The knee injury has affected his ranking as he has been unable to compete in the required number of tournaments.

Stewart Boswell: - PSA World Ranking 19 December 2008



Stewart has remained consistent in the top 20 throughout the year and made the semi final of the Malaysian Open and the final of the Santiago Open in Spain.

Kasey Brown: - WISPA World Ranking 13 December 2008



Kasey has maintained a solid level of play and her career highlight was achieved earlier in the year when she won the Atwater Cup after defeating former world number 1 Vanessa Atkinson in the semi final.

Ryan Cuskelly: - PSA World Ranking 60 December 2008



Ryan made the 2nd round of the Tournament of Champions early in the year after a good win in the first round over Omar Abdel Aziz before losing to David Palmer. Ryan's ranking improved slightly over the course of the year.

Maggy Marshall: - WISPA World Ranking 121 December 2008



Maggy came on scholarship in July of this year and has made steady progress in her first 6 months on scholarship. Maggy performed very well at the Australian Junior Championships where she won the Under 19 girls event defeating Zoe Petrovansky in the final.

**Zoe Petrovansky: - WISPA World Ranking 114
December 2008**



Zoe was runner up to Maggy Marshall in the Australian Junior Championships in Perth and made the semi finals of the South Australian Open.

**Donna Urquhart: - WISPA World Ranking 33
December 2008**



Donna had a successful year on the WISPA tour which saw her qualify for 2 of the biggest events of the year in the Malaysian and Hong Kong Opens. Donna also made a number of other WISPA finals and semi finals throughout the year.



Acknowledgment

The Australian Institute of Sport Squash program continued to receive excellent support from Squash Australia. The program would like to thank Jenna Van Heerden for her contribution as the AIS administrator. The squash program also continued to have an excellent relationship with the Board and CEO of Squash Australia, Gary O'Donnell.

Byron Davis
AIS Head Coach



Top Left: Ryan Cuskelly and Scott Arnold

Below: (L-R) Ryan Cuskelly, Zac Alexander, Zoe Petrovansky, Scott Arnold, Donna Urquhart, Stewart Boswell, Michelle Martin (Consultant Coach), Byron Davis (Head Coach)



Performance Pathways Report

The Performance Pathway was created in November 2007 to streamline Squash Australia's High Performance by creating a greater level of service, accountability and administration towards our various teams, squads and underpinning programs.

After a full year of operation, the Performance Pathway has been successful in building some strong foundations to enhance the performance of our athletes.

The Talent Squads, Commonwealth Games Squad and Targeted Athlete Program have all benefited from numerous training camps and tours which have allowed the athletes to form as a squad far more often than previous years. During this time, the coaching staff have placed an emphasis towards analysing and developing the athletes technical squash skills. In addition to focusing on the technical aspects of the game, the Performance Pathway initiative has also seen the appointment of numerous skilled professionals who are contracted to work on areas such as the athlete's strength and conditioning, psychology and nutrition.

Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Team

During the 2nd year of the 2010 cycle, the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Squad met in July for a camp that coincided with the Australian Doubles Squash Championships in Melbourne. The squad will meet again in July 2009.

- The Squash Australia nominee for Head Coach stays with Byron Davis. The Section Manager position is now available with nominations being made in 2009. The panel of assistant coaches was reduced to Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Michelle Martin. One will be selected as the single assistant coach.
- The athletes in the squad as of the end of 2008 include; David Palmer, Stewart Boswell, Cameron Pilley, Aaron Frankcomb, Ryan Cuskelly, Scott Arnold, Kasey Brown, Donna Urquhart, Lisa Camilleri and Amelia Pittock. This squad will be reviewed in early 2009.

World Women's Team Championships

Kasey Brown (NSW), Donna Urquhart (NSW), Lisa Camilleri (QLD) and Amelia Pittock (VIC) along with Head Coach, Michelle Martin travelled to Cairo, Egypt for the World Women's Team Championships in November. Australia was seeded 7th in a field of 19 countries.

Australia drew a very strong draw but did well to qualify for the Quarter Finals. Australia lost the Quarter Finals in a tight match up between Malaysia which saw Australia in the 5th – 8th playoff. Australia placed 6th overall.

For a full report, please refer to the Michelle Martin's report on the World Women's Team Championships.

World Junior Men's Team Championships

The Australian Junior Men's Team, comprising of Jacob Alexander (QLD), Aaron Fyfe (SA), Matthew Hopkin

(QLD), and Joshua Larkin (ACT) along with the coaching staff of Mike Cornish (WA) and Grant Gough (NSW) travelled to Switzerland to compete in the World Junior Men's Championships - July 27th – August 7th 2008.

The boys are to be commended for their performances during the individual and team championships. The stand out performance came from Jacob Alexander by making it to the 5th round of the individual event before losing against Pakistan's Shoaib Hassan. In the team event, Jacob did not lose a match, helping the team obtain 9th overall.

For a full list of results visit

<http://www.myplayground.cc/default.aspx>. For the full report, please refer to Mike Cornish's report.

A special note also needs to go out to Noel Forster who was the appointed Assistant Coach but was unable to travel due to medical reasons.

Squash Australia Targeted Athlete Program

In it's first year in operation, the Targeted Athlete Program works as a pathway for athletes who are new into the senior ranks but who are not yet at a level to be selected into the Australian Institute of Sport. The athletes work alongside the AIS program and Commonwealth Games Squad Athletes. Maggy Marshall and Peter Taylor were selected into the program in 2008 with Maggy Marshall obtaining a full AIS scholarship in July 2008. The program has also seen Peter Taylor reach a career best PSA ranking reaching 244 in January 2009.

National Junior Talent Squads

The Junior Talent squads in operation during 2008 included the 2008 Boys, 2009 Girls and 2010 Boys.

- The 2008 Boys National Talent Squad were in their final year of preparation before travelling to the World Junior Men's World Championships in July. The squad met late in 2007 and then again in April 2008 for training camps in Brisbane. The team was then selected after the squad travelled to Malaysia for the Milo and Penang tournaments (Jacob Alexander, Aaron Fyfe, Matthew Hopkin, and Joshua Larkin).
- The 2009 Girls National Talent Squad were in their preparation year in 2008 (Christine Nunn, Tamika Saxby, Sarah Cardwell and Dijo Sexton). The girls had a training camp in April 2008 and then played the Top End WISPA Tournament in Darwin, NT and travelled to Malaysia for the Milo and Penang Tournaments. The squad finished the 2008 year with another training camp in November. Sarah Cardwell also travelled to Europe to compete in the British and Scottish Junior Opens.
- The 2010 Boys National Talent Squad had their first squad training camp in July 2008 (Alexander Gough, Ben Werchon, Jacob Alexander, Sam Fife, Jake Davidson and Wesley Cusick). Jacob Alexander (who was part of the 2008 Talent Squad) and Sam Fife travelled to Malaysia for the Milo and Penang Tournaments.

Future

During 2008, the organisation has developed a strong foundation for the Performance Pathway and in 2009

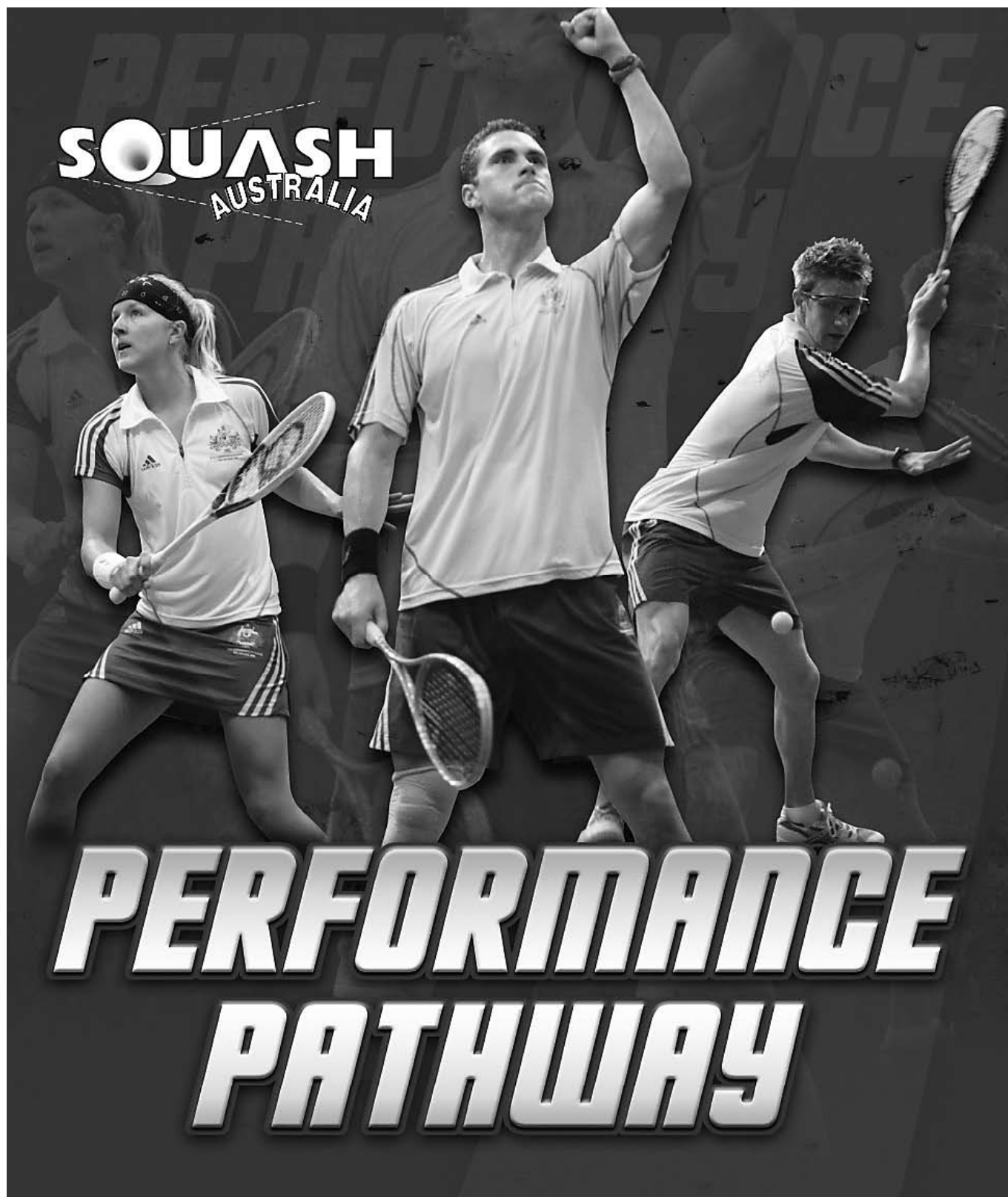
onwards we will look to developing this program further in order to provide a stronger pathway for our athletes.

It would be remiss of me to not mention some of the key people who have been an influential part of the Performance Pathway in 2008. Thank you to Byron Davis who headed up the Performance Pathway as the National Head Coach. Byron has done a fantastic job to balance both his commitments with the AIS and Squash

Australia. Thank you also to the coaches of the World Championship Teams and National Talent Squads - Michelle Martin, Mike Cornish, Noel Forster, Grant Gough and Karen Cagliarini.

Jenna Van Heerden

Performance Pathway Coordinator





Australian Open Championships

The 2008 Clare Valley Australian Squash Open which was held from July 27th to August 3rd at The Valleys Lifestyle Centre in Clare, South Australia was a resounding success.

The value of the Tournament has grown to US\$26000 for the Men and US\$16000 for the Women and the spectacular glass court was in use.

Reigning British Open Champion and Australia's No1 player David Palmer was the drawcard and he did not disappoint with attractive squash - featuring a wide range of shots and incredible athleticism. Palmer had won four British Opens and two World Open titles heading into the tournament - but had never managed to win his home championship in what has been a highly successful career.

The local volunteers seemed relaxed and handled their tasks brilliantly - an obvious advantage in hosting the Event in the same venue for a second year running. In 2008, the Australian Open had better accommodation for all players, better transport and a bigger and more inclusive Event Dinner function. The facilities at The Valleys Lifestyle Centre were first class with the glass court set up in the basketball stadium with seating for 400.

The quality of the Men's field was evident with three of the World Top 100 players in qualifying and a first round match having Kashif Shuja New Zealand's No 1 playing World No 82 Australia's Mike Corren.

The Womens field had Australia's Kasey Brown (World No. 13) and New Zealand's Jaclyn Hawkes (World No 18) as its top two seeds.

The quality of matches provided hours of enthralling squash for the spectators. Campbell Grayson (NZ) played two epic five setters after qualifying for the main draw. In the first he managed to beat Chris Ryder (ENG) our No. 2 seed in 79 mins and the next day he was defeated by Kashif Shuja (No 3 seed) in 61 mins.

Squash Australia supported the Event with a hard working Media Officer in Andrew Dent who used his contacts to get media releases happening and results published world wide. An Australian Open photographer, Russell Mountford was employed by Squash Australia to capture those action snaps from the front of the all glass court, he took thousands of shots and the pick of these made the newspapers and squash websites.

WISPA and PSA are the Players' Associations that distribute Tournament information, collect entries and

produce the event draws. The Australian Open was run according to the respective Associations guidelines. The Women's Event using PAR scoring to 11 as a new initiative - meaning the same scoring for both Men's and Women's - a positive move.

Squash Australia Referees under World Referee Chris Sinclair's guidance had an enjoyable time at the Event with very few arguments to contend with and player behaviour being of the highest order. With very little fuss, the referees did the job competently over the six days of the Event.

The Clare volunteers under Grant Norman's leadership kept the glass court clean, the white squash balls spotless and warm and mopped up litres of sweat to the tune of "Sadie the Cleaning Lady" over the public address system. The weather was kind and the gas "rocket" heaters were on low on most occasions.

The chirpy, Melissa Prentice was there finding out about Australian Opens for a possible 2010 Canberra bid. Melissa was our results coordinator and during the semis and finals was writing the scores point by point on a white board for spectators.

Two mini buses full of Club squash players departed Adelaide early on Grand Finals Sunday for Clare - they were rewarded with two quality matches. Annie Au (Hong Kong) continued her all conquering form having beaten the No3 and No2 seeds in earlier rounds managed to come back from 2/0 down to win 12 -10 in the fifth against our 2006 champion Kasey Brown in 80 minutes. David Palmer had to work hard to overcome Kashif Shuja 11-7, 14-12, 11-8 in a 40 minute feast of masterly squash. Both matches were played in great spirit and all players are to be commended for their performances.

During the presentation the sponsors - Squash SA, The Australian Sports Commission, Squash Australia, IGT, Kirrihill Wines, The Clare and Gilbert Valleys District Council, Office for Recreation and Sport, Racquets SA, Tourism SA, Clare Metal Fabrications, Clare Central - Comfort Inn and Clare Valley Toyota were thanked by the MC for their contributions to the Event.

The Mayor Alan Aughey had many kind words for players and volunteers. The seven referees and fifteen Clare volunteers were brought forward to receive a small token of our appreciation. Richard Best, Squash Australia's Vice President commended all concerned and handed the large silver bowl to our Men's winner, David Palmer.

It was a memorable week of squash in a relaxed country town that really knows how to get things done!

Des Panizza
Tournament Organiser





Australian Closed Championships

NSW Squash hosted the 6th Australian Closed and Graded Championships in Sydney at its facility, Thornleigh Squash Centre.

Attracting top Australian fields in both the Men's and Women's Opens, a total of 119 entries were received for the Closed and Graded Championships, including 16 players competing in the Doubles event, held for the first time at this year's Championships.

The men's event was registered as a PSA National Closed as was the Women's with WISPA with a total prize pool was \$5,000.

In the Men's Championship two talented up and coming circuit players met with Scott Arnold (AIS/NSW) defeating Steve Finitis (Qld) 7/11, 11/4, 14/12, 11/4.

In the semi-finals Scott Arnold defeated Matthew Karwalski 6/11, 11/9, 11/7, 11/4 and Steve Finitis defeated Ryan Cuskelly 11/5, 11/8, 4/11, 11/6

In the Women's Championship the World No. 13 Kasey Brown won her third consecutive Australia Closed title, defeating Donna Urquhart in the final 9/5, 9/2, 9/7.

The semi-finals saw Kasey Brown beat Melody Francis (Vic) 9/2, 9/2, 9/0 and Donna Urquhart beat Shannon McNamara 9/5, 9/3, 4/9, 9/4

The only surprise of the women's event was in the first round when Carin Clonda 11th seed defeated Maggie Marshall (Tas) the number 6 seed.

Squash Australia President John Holland with NSW Squash President Bob Dubois was on hand for the presentations as was Tournament Director Sue Doherty.

FULL GRADED & DOUBLES RESULTS (NSW players unless otherwise stated)

Men's State

Jacob Evans def Wesley Cusick 15/9, 15/12, 15/12

Men's A Grade

Anthony Trott def Adrian Sue 15/8, 15/6, 15/1

Men's B Grade

Daniel Condie def Michael Badenhorst 15/13, 15/12, 4/15, 15/3

Men's C Grade

Angus Mortiss def Brandon Hancock 15/11, 15/11, 15/13

Men's D Grade

Corri Byrne def Robert Peacock 7/15, 15/11, 15/12, 17/14

Women's State

Kirilee Facer def Sharon Pollock 15/7, 17/14, 15/5

Women's A Grade

Amy Owen def Sharon Oxley 15/10, 15/10, 15/10

Women's B Grade

Nodoka Mazhar def Nicola Lo 15/10, 15/10, 15/10

Women's Mixed Open Doubles

Luke Forster/Sam Davies (Qld) def Adam Brooks/Stacey Francis 15/12, 15/13, 15/11

Carin Clonda

Event Manager



Finalists in the Australian Closed 2008

Australian Open Doubles Championships

The 2008 Australian Open Doubles Championships, played according to the updated WSF Doubles Rules, were held at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre in August, in conjunction with the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Camp. The matches were played on the new 8420mm wide courts as piloted at the 2007 Australian Championships.

As Hosts of the 2008 World Doubles Championships in Chennai, the Squash Rackets Federation of India sent four referees to Melbourne to gain valuable experience operating under the new Rules. Guided by Chris Sinclair and John Small, each of the referees officiated in several matches.

Due to the Championships being played over weekdays, spectator numbers were small and it was a little disappointing the greater squash community did not get the opportunity to see the top players in action. Feedback was received in this regard and this is something that can be addressed for 2009. In addition, maybe a Doubles event could be included to boost the number of participants in this discipline of the sport.

Kasey Brown was the most successful player of the tournament taking out the gold medal with Amelia

Pittock in the Women's Doubles as well as gold with Aaron Frankcomb in the Mixed event. Aaron almost managed to complete the Men's / Mixed double he secured last year (with Cameron White and Kasey respectively) but was denied the opportunity in an extremely hard fought encounter with eventual victors Cameron White and Mike Corren.

FINAL RESULTS

Women's

Kasey Brown / Amelia Pittock (AIS) def Donna Urquhart / Lisa Camilleri (AIS) 9/2, 9/6, 5/9, 9/6

3rd Place – Maggie Marshall / Zoe Petrovansky (AIS)

Men's

Mike Corren (SA) / Cameron White (VIC) def Aaron Frankcomb / Ryan Cuskelly (AIS) 9/5, 9/7, 4/9, 4/9, 9/8

3rd Place – Zac Alexander / Peter Taylor (QLD)

Mixed

Kasey Brown / Aaron Frankcomb (AIS) def Donna Urquhart / Steve Finitsis (AIS/Q) 9/3, 9/3, 9/4

3rd Place – Amelia Pittock (VIC) / Ryan Cuskelly (NSW)

Fiona Young

Event Manager



Australian Doubles Winners

Top Left: Marcus Smith with Cameron White and Mike Corren

Top Right: Marcus Smith with Aaron Frankcomb and Kasey Brown

Left: Marcus Smith with Amelia Pittock and Kasey Brown

World Women's Team Championship Report

The World Women's Teams Championships this year was hosted by Egyptian Squash and contested by 19 countries, with Australia seeded 7th.

The players arrived from various regions of the world a few days prior to the event starting. Kasey and Donna where held up in Bangkok airport due to the political events that took place in Thailand and Amelia was also delayed. On arrival the girls got straight into team bonding with a tour of the pyramids and camel riding.

Australia was drawn in a strong pool of Egypt, Canada, Japan and Switzerland. They overcame the Swiss team with ease. The Japanese team was really only strong at number one and we accounted for them 3/0. The match against Canada was very important to win as this kept us in the top 8 playoffs. The first match was a very tight five setter with Lisa playing out the later part of the match with much more precision, taking us to a 1/0 lead. Donna was next to play and was out classed by Runa Reta 3/0. Kasey won 3/0 convincingly against an inform Alana Miller. Egypt was always going to be a very hard match to win. They accounted for us 3/0 with only Donna managing 2 games from their number 2 player.

Malaysia was our Quarter finals opponents and Australia needed to win at number 2 and 3 as World Number 1 Nicol David was favorite to take out the number 1 tie. Lisa unfortunately lost the first match in 5 which put Kasey under a lot of pressure to win. Kasey played extremely well managing to win the 2nd game but went down 3/1. This placed Australia in the 5-8 playoffs, drawing Netherlands.

This was our 'match of the tournament' and it went down to the wire. Donna accounted for Annelize Naude with a 3/1 win. Kasey lost in 3 to Vanessa Atkinson so this tied the match at 1/1. Lisa started the match well but just couldn't manage to finish the later part of the games off. Coming from 2 games down and a match ball down in the 3rd Lisa rallied herself and played with more precision taking the 3rd. In the 4th game she was in total control with Orla making many unforced errors. The 5th game was tight the whole way. At 2-3 down Lisa was blood binned. After getting treatment the game went point for point with both players rallying and waiting for their opportunities to deny their opponent a point. Lisa won the game 11-9 which placed Australia in the 5-6 playoffs. This had to be the match of the tournament for our team.

In the 5/6 playoffs Australia had every chance of winning. Kasey played first but has not been in top condition the whole tournament due to breathing difficulties so this was not an expected rubber for Australia to win. Kasey lost 3/0. Lisa won a convincing tie 3/0 and it was up to Donna to step up for the last match of the event for Australia. Donna, taking the first game without fault and looked to be able to take the match without much trouble. Aisling came out firing and unsettled Donnas' rhythm taking the next 3 games placing Australia in 6th position.

Overall the team performed really well and although I was a little disappointed in not getting the team into 5th they finished above their seeding of 7th. They moved forward both as a team and individual players. As the players gain more experience on the circuit I only hope that Australia is even more competitive at the next team's event in 2010.

Michelle Martin

Head Coach



2008 Australian World Women's Team
(L-R) Lisa Camilleri, Amelia Pittock, Michelle Martin (Coach), Donna Urquhart and Kasey Brown
SquashPics.com

Junior Men's World Championships Report

This years Junior Men's World Championships were held at the Vitis Sports Centre, Schlieren, Switzerland from 27th July to 8th August 2008. This event witnessed over 160 athletes from 37 countries participating in the individual event, and the teams' event equalled Italy 2000 with 32 participating teams.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Our individual results were mixed with our best performer JAKE ALEXANDER finishing in the top 32 after being bundled out in the 5th round by Mohd Shoab Hassan (Pakistan) who was eventually a top 16 finisher. Our next best result was Aaron Fyfe who was defeated by one of the top eight players Gregoire Marche (France). Unfortunately Matt Hopkin sustained a back injury in his first match. He lost to a young Englishman – James Earles in a tough five game match. Josh Larkin didn't start quite as well as he would have liked, but managed to work through a young Indian Abhishek Pradhan to win a hard slog in five. This match obviously had an effect on Josh who didn't match it with his next round opponent and went on to lose in 3 against an aggressive Indian Vikram Malhoitra.

Overall some mixed results against some high quality opposition.

TEAMS EVENT

Australia was positioned 11th in the teams' event, which was a fair result given our performances in the individuals. Fortunately we drew a pool of only 3 countries, Malaysia and Guatemala, which made it a

little easier to finish in the top 2 for the main 16 nation knockout draw which was to commence after the pools event.

Our first match-up of the knock-out draw was India. A win here would have put us in the top eight. Unfortunately we were defeated 2 matches to 1, and when Josh went on to play the 3rd tie we were 1-1 and looking for a favourable result. Unfortunately it wasn't to be and Josh went down 3-0.

This result was taken hard by the boys as our expectations of finishing in the top eight were dashed. Nevertheless the boys showed good heart and a lot of pride to defeat Switzerland (2-1), Hong Kong (2-1) and USA (2-1) to finish a credible 9th position this year.

No doubt our boys finished strongly in comparison to some of the other countries. The difference between 5th and 12th was small and on any given day the result could have been different. I consider our preparation (thanks to Byron Davis and the A.I.S unit) was exceptional and the boys can take credit for motivating themselves to compete at their best. They behaved extremely well and were a credit to Australian Squash. On a personal level I was honoured to be part of their journey.

Finally, I would like to thank assistant coaches Noel Forster and Grant Gough and the staff of Squash Australia, Gary O'Donnell, Jenna Van Heerden and Jane Smith for all their assistance in the organisation and preparation of the team.

Mike Cornish

Head Coach

Boys 2008 National Team



2008 Australian Junior Men's Team with the Junior Malaysian Team



Top Left: David Palmer at the World Open (SquashPics.com)
Left Top Middle: Michelle Martin and Kasey Brown (SquashPics.com)
Top Right: Zoe Petrovansky **Left Bottom Middle:** Melody Francis and Amelia Pittock
Bottom Left: Matt Karwalski at the Australian Open **Bottom Right:** David Palmer at the British Open (SquashPics.com)



Top : Scott Arnold at the Australian Open
Left: Lakesha Rarere and Jessica Turnbull
Top Right: Kasey Brown at the Australian Open
Bottom Right: David Palmer at the Australian Open



Top: David Palmer at the Australian Open
Bottom: Lisa Camilleri and Donna Urquhart at the World Women's Championship (SquashPics.com)



Squash Australia Hall Of Fame Dinner Report

The 2008 Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Dinner proved to be an excellent evening for all present. The large crowd representing all aspects of Squash community enjoyed the black tie event, which was held on the 15th March at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre's River Room overlooking the Brisbane River.

Once again, some of Australia's greatest athletes, past and present, attended the function. Hall of Fame members, Vicki Cardwell, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Michelle Martin, Rhonda Thorne (Clayton), Ken Hiscoe and Rodney Martin were all on hand to induct Rod Eyles, Cam Nancarrow and Kevin Shawcross into the Hall of Fame.

Eight squash personalities received awards in recognition of their outstanding work for Australian Squash during 2007.

- 'Australian Sports Commission' Athlete of the Year - David Palmer (NSW) (accepted by Shawn Moxham)
- Junior Athlete of the Year - Tamika Saxby (NSW)
- 'Big Hand' Coach of the Year - Mike Cornish (WA)
- Administrator of the Year - Glynn Bunting (WA)
- 'Dunlop' Referee of the Year - Neil Butler (WA)
- Volunteer of the Year - Martin Grace (ACT) (accepted posthumously by Marcus Smith) & Brian Keane (WA)

Ian (The Bear) Maurice kept the evening both enjoyable and focused with his unique MC style and was well supported by auctioneer Adrian Seiffert who raised valuable funds through his auctioneer skills for junior squash. Squash Australia Media Manager Andrew Dent insightfully interviewed Michelle Martin, which had its challenging moments when the microphone went into the audience for 'questions from the floor!'. Dunlop with Kirrihill Wines donated a range of door prizes that were sought enthusiastically by all.

The Dinner was once again a great success and thanks must go to Jenna Van Heerden, Kate Calcino, Bob Finch, Ian Maurice, Andrew Dent, Adrian Seiffert, the Australian Sports Commission, Dunlop Sports, Big Hand, Kirrihill Wines and all the participants.



Hall of Fame Members Rodney Eyles, Vicki Cardwell, Ken Hiscoe, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Rodney Martin, Rhonda Thorne (Clayton), Michelle Martin, Cam Nancarrow and Dennis Shawcross (on behalf of Kevin Shawcross)



Australian Junior Championships

The Australian Junior Squash Championships were held in Perth with Individual titles held between 26 and 30 September and the teams' event between 2 and 5 October. There were just fewer than 200 entries with Western Australia and Queensland providing the majority of entries. There was one entry from overseas (Japan).

The Welcome function and Managers meeting were held on the day preceding the start of the Individual championships with all states except South Australia in attendance. There was discussion regarding the seedings for the 13 YAG and while they were done according to the national rankings it does mean players from the same state can play each other in the first round after travelling across the country.

Individual Event

Most matches went with the seedings with few surprises.

All states were represented in the finals with Rhys Dowling winning Northern Territory's first national junior title in the Boys 13YAG. The top seed won all age groups except the Girls 19YAG where the second seed, Maggy Marshall, was victorious. In general the matches were played in a very good spirit with the players concentrating on playing squash.

MC Hazel Award

These awards were close with several players in contention going into the last day. In the end Zac Alexander (Queensland) picked up his second MC

Hazel award and Georgina Cumming (Queensland) took out the girl's award. Both players scored consistently during the championships showing their behaviour and conduct was at a consistently high level on all days.

Individual Presentations

The presentation to the individual trophy winners was held at Subiaco Oval and included a buffet meal. There was a presentation on the journey for the Australian team to the World Junior Men's Championships in Switzerland. Medallions were presented to those players who were in their last year of juniors and the officials and referees. Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Byron Davis presented the trophies to the age group winners.

Teams Event

Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia were the only states to enter full teams. This meant many one sided encounters and some early finishes. The rivalry between the states was intense with plenty of support for all matches and especially those between the top states.

Congratulations to Queensland as the Overall Teams winner and New South Wales as runner-up. Queensland won the 13 and 15 Year Age Groups, New South Wales the 17s and South Australia the 19s.

Thanks to Don Huffer and WA Squash for providing the venue and making sure it was in good condition, Glynn Bunting and his committee for the amazing amount of work they did leading up to the championships and during them, Melissa Prentice for running the computer program that makes it all work. Special thanks to the kitchen that kept churning out great healthy meals for the ten days of the event.

Roger Campbell Tournament Director



MC Hazel Award Winners Georgina Cumming and Zac Alexander



National Junior Series Report

Ballarat was the chosen venue for the **“GEOFF HUNT CLASSIC”** and **“SARAH FITZ-GERALD CLASSIC”**. A total of **320** entries were received, **180** for the Geoff Hunt Classic and **140** for the Sarah Fitz-Gerald Classic. Overseas entrants came from Hong Kong (**8**), New Zealand (**9**), New Caledonia (**3**) and England (**1**).

Numbers were up on last year but a significant drop for the Sarah Fitz-Gerald Classic was largely due to school holidays not being synchronized with most States and the players needing to travel back home to school earlier.

Both events ran on time, having 10 courts available at the one venue greatly assisted match scheduling. Event 2 unfortunately lacked enough girls for the 13YAG, so it was decided to elevate them to the 15YAG and we presented them with their 13YAG trophies at presentation time for positions 1, 2, 3. This was determined by their final finishing position in the 15YAG.

All results were uploaded daily to the website, keeping family and friends informed of the players progress each day.

Technical Director for this event was Kaye Reeves, who proved to be very helpful when issues like a player with an injury occurred and if they were allowed back into the tournament. She was able to look into the regulation and see if this could occur and proved there is no provision so a recommendation to stop this situation from occurring will be put forward.

The IT person was Melissa Prentice and she did a fantastic job with the timing of the matches and the decision by Squash Australia to appoint her to continue this role for all major junior events is one I totally agree with.

Dawn Moggach was very efficient and she too did a great job assisting Melissa in preparing the draws for both events along with refereeing duties.

John Small was given the task of organizing all the referees and they all did a very good job. A new system of three referees was trailed and this appeared to work well.

All referees and Tournament officials were housed in 4 star accommodations and all appeared to be satisfied with facilities provided.

The conduct of the players was very good with no incidents to report on or off court.

Byron Davis was guest presenter for the Geoff Hunt Classic and Sarah Fitz-Gerald was in attendance to present the trophies at her named tournament.

It was pleasing to see Sarah Fitz-Gerald showing an interest in both tournaments and seeing firsthand how junior events are run here in Australia.

One suggestion is to colour shade the main draw sections of the draw and colour shade the plate event area of the draw also. This will save confusion with people who are unfamiliar of the system.

Another suggestion is to alter the entry form so that it can accommodate large groups for the events and help to organize entries and event shirts.

Sponsors for both tournaments were City of Ballarat, they provided us with funds and handout books so people could see what attractions there was in town. Ashaway was the second partner in our sponsorship of the events and they provided all competitors a free set of high quality strings. Dunlop supplied the squash balls.

Special mention must go to Paul Vear for his experience in organizing major events, this was greatly appreciated and to Brad Kemp for helping Melissa Prentice with the running of the event. I would also like to thank Kaye Reeves and Dawn Moggach for their assistance.

Richard Cagliarini
Tournament Director



Left: Kasey Brown at the Australian Open
Right: David Palmer at the Australian Open





National Teams Championships

It was the first time that the ACT has held the tournament, with all States and Territories except Northern Territory competing. The Woden Squash Centre hosted the event with the newly appointed manager Simon Beasley doing a brilliant job.

The event consisted of two round robins to determine who would play off in the finals. In pool A, Queensland, ACT and Victoria had the easier run as there were only three teams giving each team a bye. Queensland proved too strong finishing with two from two. Victoria provided a run against the seeding beating the ACT in the first match up to come second in their pool.

Pool B, was a very close contest between NSW and South Australia to see who would be on top of their pool and miss a clash with tournament favourites Queensland in the semi finals. The matches were all tied up but South Australia won on games. Incredibly Western Australia and Tasmania finished almost dead even on points with only matches for and against separating the two.

The semi finals were between Queensland versus NSW and South Australia versus Victoria. Queensland won 3 rubbers to 1 and South Australia won by the same margin.

South Australia looked very hungry to win the title this year but Queensland remained calm under the pressure. Peta Hughes was in great form showing no signs of her retirement from last year as she clinically

put Alma Kushartanti away in 3. Justin Beard from South Australia was in a tough battle against Zac Alexander. He nearly took the first game but found himself playing the referee more than his opponent. Zac won in four games. With one hand on the trophy Sam Davies made it look easy as she steered her State to victory in straight games. Sadly the number one players Steve Finitis and Jason Mudge did not play, a rule that Squash ACT and a few spectators thought might be changed for next years competition.

The final standings of the tournament were Queensland, South Australia, NSW, Victoria, ACT, Tasmania and Western Australia.

Squash ACT conducted a Squash Ball on the Friday night at the Hellenic Club to celebrate the National Teams Championships and 40 years of the Woden Squash Centre. The night was a great success and an event that Squash ACT will endeavour to grow in the future.

Many thanks have to go out for this tournament, firstly Chris Sinclair, John Small and their team of National referees, Melissa Prentice and Helen Southwell for supplying a great canteen to raise funds for the ACT junior representative team, Dick Best for flying to Canberra to present the awards on behalf of Squash Australia, the two sponsors of the event the Australian Sports Commission and Dunlop for supplying the squash balls. Lastly to the players and team managers for making the trip to Canberra which was a challenge for the states who could not fly directly. The tournament now moves to Tasmania to be held in Devonport.

Raymond Payne General Manager

Australia, Bendigo Bank, Sweets'n'Temptations and Beechworth Bakery.

- Simon Fewing for taking the photos of the event over the two days.
- Bendigo Squash Centre staff and volunteers for First Aid, scoring and working in the kitchen to ensure us squashies didn't starve or bleed to death.

Upcoming events include the National Deaf Squash Championship, to be held in Lismore, NSW on the 3-4 October 2009 and the World Deaf Squash Championships in 2010.

National Deaf Squash Championship - Bendigo Results:

Men's Rankings

1 st Ben Bruggy	2 nd Peter Walters
3 rd Mark Friend	4 th Jarrod Nicholas
5 th Lance Hatley	6 th Chris Storer
7 th Dechlan Birt	8 th Blake Newburn

Women's Rankings

1 st Laisarn Leong	2 nd Marie Wheatland
3 rd Bonita Slinn	4 th Andrea Huggard

Jo Richards Secretary

Australian Deaf Squash Association Report

The National Deaf Squash Championship was held in Bendigo, Victoria on the 4-5th October. The National Deaf Squash Championship was a great success; we had many players and visitors from all over Australia come to compete or support the players and of course to enjoy the social events. Friday opening night we had 50 people attend, Saturday night Chicken Parma and drink night we had 60 people, Sunday 30 people attended the tram ride and 50 people attended the presentation night. It was a fantastic weekend and thanks to those who played, supported, sponsored and to the volunteers who made this the most memorable experience for all the players and visitors.

Congratulations to Ben Bruggy and Laisarn Leong who won the Men's and Women's Australian Deaf Squash Championship 2008.

Big thanks go to:

- Our major sponsors Deaf Sport Australia, Deaf Access Victoria, Rocklyn Apiaries and BRIT.
- Other sponsors: Balgownie Estate, Pure Bendigo Gold Honey, Bendigo Airport Service, Squash

PSCAA Report

PSCAA INC COACH OF THE YEAR 2008

Clive Naylor has been selected as the 2008 PSCAA Inc Coach of the Year.

Clive has been involved in the NT squash scene for a very long time, progressing from a junior player to a top level coach over 40+ years. He is always willing to have input to Squash NT policy and his views and input is highly sought after and respected by all.

He is also prepared to volunteer for other Squash activities, independent of his coaching activities, throughout the Territory. He has been involved in the bi-annual Arafura Games since its inception in 1991, representing the NT in squash as a player, team manager, coach and tournament assistant. He has no hesitation in putting his hand up to assist if required

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PSCAA INC

At the recent Annual General meeting of the PSCAA Inc the Victorian Branch were voted in to act as the M

Management Committee, to do the basic needs for members and with input from the Branch contacts for policy input.

The Management Committee members are:-

- President – Adrian McCormack
- Vice President – Richard Cagliarini
- Treasurer – Joe Meilak
- Honorary Secretary – Margaret Zachariah
- Committee /Membership Officer – Karen (nee Morrissey) Cagliarini
- Committee – Daniel Tanner, Lorraine Howell and Brad Kemp.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

All members were advised of the assistance program to attend the National Squash Coaches Conference in Canberra, 14-16th November 2008.

Twelve coaches applied for funding through our PDF program and they were assisted.

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Squash ACT Report

2008 was a year of change for Squash ACT, with the departure of two important members to its ranks. Sean Rogers who managed the Woden Squash Centre has made the move to manage a squash and fitness centre in the Riverina. Vena Murray who performed the role of General Manager has bid farewell and taken up a position with the board of ACT Sport. These two dedicated workers provided strong leadership for squash in the ACT and we wish them all the best with their new endeavours. Replacing them are two new members, Simon Beasley as the Woden Squash Centre manager a former ACT junior representative and myself as the General Manager. We have a burning desire to assist the game and to provide the strength of leadership our predecessors displayed.

One of the first major challenges for the new management team was the running of the National Teams Championships held in September. This tournament was reinstated just four years ago and is considered an important fixture for rebuilding squash in Australia. Seven of the eight states and territories participated with Queensland winning the coveted title for the third year in a row. Squash ACT thanks all the players for participating and most importantly the managers of the teams who put in a lot of hard work to ensure the players are there in the first place.

Squash ACT decided to hold a Squash Ball to celebrate 40 years of the Woden Squash Centre being open in conjunction with the National Teams Championships held in Canberra. The event was hosted at the Hellenic Club directly across the road from the squash centre.

About 150 people attended the event. There was a three course meal and a band Annie and the Armadillos who provided jazzy/rock numbers for the squashies to dance the night away. This was hopefully the first of many Balls for the ACT squash community to celebrate.

The ACT junior squad was conducted again this year by Helen Southwell (Manager) Ryan Henman (Head Coach) and David Polglase (Assistant coach). This is seen as the corner stone for all ACT representative teams. Notable achievements were ACT finishing 1st overall at Green Shield and 2nd overall at Dunlop Cup. Two outstanding juniors in 2008 were Josh Larkin and Christine Nunn. Josh made the Australian Junior Men's Team that competed at the World Junior Men's championships and finished 5th at the Australian Junior titles. Christine who finished 2nd at the Australian Junior Championships has been selected into the Australian training squad for the Junior Women's Championships to be held in 2009.

An important issue facing squash in the ACT and around Australia is that of the number of facilities. Squash ACT has been working with the State Government to provide a facilities report to investigate the opportunities in the ACT. The findings of the report have been finalised and published. A notable boost to our situation is that the land on which the Woden Squash Courts are built has been rezoned for business development. This opens the door for Squash ACT to provide more squash courts to the Canberra players. We look forward to being able to unveil the final decision of the future direction of squash facilities soon.

Raymond Payne

General Manager



NSW Squash Report

NSW SQUASH

Looking back over 2008 we have learnt from the lows and gained hope from the highs.

Achievements

Given the financial strain, the Board and Committees have been working hard in line with the Mission and Vision Statements. Most of us hold honorary positions and we are working for the good of the members and the game of squash.

Also, significant funding has been received from the Department for Health and Ageing for our Schools Get Squashed program that will be advertised to Member Centres and Coaches to participate in. This will prove to be beneficial in our player development programs given our successes in the 90's.

Governance

Over the last 10 years the sports administration landscape has changed. With the introduction of new Government Legislations (i.e. Child Protection Act) the Sports Governing Bodies, Australian Sports Commission and the State's/Territories (Departments of Sport and Recreation) have revised and implemented policies that all funded Sports Associations are bound by and must adhere to. NSW Squash is embracing this and in accordance with our obligations and duty we are in process of building strong policies in accordance with good Governance Policies which are the foundation of a sound organization allowing for growth and expansion ensuring positive outcomes.

Opportunities

Are abound if you take the initiative to create them, certainly in the last 12 months, NSW Squash has been on the front foot in sowing seeds with:

Government - we have held meetings with the Sports Minister and Director General of the Department of Sport and Recreation, identifying key issues that need to be addressed for the survival of the Sport

Other facilities - we have submitted a number of proposals to various councils and sports centres for the inclusion of squash in their facilities

Grants - are continually being sort, with major success in 2008 for 2009 being the Depart of Health & Ageing, Healthy Active Australia Community and Schools Grants Program

Major International Event – consultation with an Event Management consultant for the Australian International Squash Classic on Sydney Harbour

Challenges

Squash, like most sports, is not unique in facing issues, challenges and change. Change is inevitable, how we embrace these changes is one of the keys in helping how our sport and industry survives and moves forward for the better.

Squash in NSW is facing these issues and challenges head on for and in the development and growth of the sport over the next few years. There is a decrease in participants in pennant competitions which in turn decreases our main revenue source; a shortage of squash facilities in both country and city areas; the increasing cost of buying land to build new facilities; forming working relationships with commercial centres to run squash programs. Negativity within the industry and agendas that is incongruent with moving the game forward and/or bringing the game into disrepute.

All involved in our sport need to be active in contributing to the success of Squash, whether it is by constructive feedback, inviting a friend or acquaintance to "come n try", volunteering, putting us in contact with a potential sponsor or being one. To continue this phase of NSW Squash moving forward we could add "We need your help to secure our future". Positive feedback and suggestions for improvement are always welcomed, as well as being encouraging to our many honorary volunteers and staff. In saying that, the results achieved this past year are significant and all contributors should be proud of their input to the Organisation's development.

There is still much to be done and we are seeking support to fortify our Association's underlying goal of becoming one of the leading State Sporting Organisations in Australia.

Appreciation

Behind the scenes work for NSW Squash is extensive. Much of the Marketing, Promotion and Development projects are capably carried out or heavily supported by Carin Clonda, our CEO. She also works tirelessly as a Director as well as holding the lease of our centre of excellence, Thornleigh Squash Courts.

Junior Squash is alive and well throughout the State. Well done to the players at grass roots level through to our elite players who strongly represent our State at the National Championships. Many thanks to the Regional Coaching coordinators, Parents and Centre operators who give our juniors the opportunity to succeed. It is pleasing to see Squash Tournament participation throughout the State on the rise, with many players now playing to improve their Matrix rating. In House competitions have also increased with the added Matrix incentive.

Congratulations to our Senior Team who were runners up to Queensland last year. It is pleasing to see the Senior Teams event back on the National Calendar.

This year we reintroduced the Rules Presentations for our Sydney Pennant players and although compulsory all lectures were well supported. Thank you to members of the Referees committee who organised and conducted these sessions namely, World Referee, Chris Sinclair; National Referees John Small and Dawn Moggach and State Referee, Jan Miller. Thanks also to the Referees who assisted with the Disciplinary Code review. Happy to report Dawn is on the mend after her operation.

Sue Doherty our Pennant Administrator and Tournament Controller, her laid back attitude is a breath of fresh air and her "get the job done attitude" absolutely

brilliant and a great benefit to and for NSW Squash. A huge thank you to you Sue. Jan Miller, former Director and now our Financial Administrator, who works with a drive and passion for squash that has proven a great asset for NSW Squash, I am grateful for all your help.

To our NSW Squash Ambassador David Palmer OAM, David is always available for us whenever and however we need him; the kids love it when he is at the camps. To our Squash Legend Heather McKay, thank you for being our Patron.



WA Squash Report

2008 was a very good year for squash in WA with the roll out of our Inflatable court program providing a viable and successful promotional tool for the sport, new courts being opened, staffing numbers increased and the profitability of Terrace Squash Centre providing additional funds for the promotion of Squash. There remains however the ongoing problem of attempting (usually unsuccessfully) to increase pennant and registration numbers in the face of the threatened and actual loss of Squash Centers and an ageing player population base.

Juniors

The Australian Junior Championships were held in Perth for the first time in eight years and we believe that the event was very successful. The tournament was exceptionally well organised and thanks must go to the numerous volunteers who assisted in many differing ways during both the preparation stage and throughout the two weeks of competition. Whilst WA finished 3rd in the teams event (2nd in 2007) we were heartened by the improvement in our ranking depth in the individual event.

For the first time in many years the 2008 State Junior Championships were held at a rural venue (Bunbury) and this led to significantly increased numbers of competitors from country areas.

Once again Glynn Bunting with his normal enthusiasm and passion for squash was invaluable and instrumental in leading and organising the Junior Committee and AJC Organising Committee.

Inflatable Courts

The inflatable courts (we now have six in use in Perth and country areas) are proving to be an extremely effective marketing tool in the promotion of Squash to school children. Mike Cornish has taken the courts to numerous country schools and the overwhelming response from large numbers of students has been very positive. Due to limited financial resources and manpower we have focused our utilisation of these courts on the sector of the market which we believe will give the greatest return within a reasonable time frame. We believe that School years 5,6,7 (ages 11 -13) are less

To all that serve on our committees, thank you for your time and commitment to help squash. We sincerely appreciate your efforts.

"We must be the change we wish to see" MK Gandhi

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we had when we created them" Albert Einstein

Carin Clonda

Chief Executive Officer

likely to be already committed to other sports, are capable of quick adaptation to squash and are only a few years away from being competitive senior players.

Tournaments

Once again WA was host to three separate PSA Tournaments at Merredin, Kalgoorlie and Perth.

Unfortunately it was not possible to conduct any WISPA Tournaments during 2008.

Facilities

During 2008 there were some positives with the number of Squash Courts in the State.

- Geraldton completed two new Squash Courts
- Next Generation Kings Park re-opened with five courts (previously four)
- Marmion Squash Club is soon to open a new centre with eight courts (doubles courts included)

Board & Management

The members of the board had been virtually unchanged for several years but 2008 saw three resignations and initially there was a lack of nominations to fill the vacancies. Over the last few months we have been fortunate to gain three new members who we believe will bring new and enthusiastic ideas to the board.

Ray Smith (a former President) has returned to the Board and as a country resident, will provide quality representation for country members, Kane Fasolo as the Court Operator of our largest Centre will provide representation for court operators and Dave Lawford as a previous Pennant Committee member and the current coordinator of our Day Pennant competition, also brings a depth of knowledge and experience.

Sue Hillier has been employed as Metropolitan Development Officer and we believe that her experience and organisational ability will lead to significant results. Renae Dalton has been employed as Pennant Liaison officer to oversee and co-ordinate our pennant competitions.

Special thanks to Don Huffer (our General Manager) for once again working extremely long hours and attending to all the little things (and big things) that need to be done for WA Squash and the Terrace Centre.

Steve Bowen

President



Squash NT Report

The game of squash in the Northern Territory has built a stable platform over recent years, and continued to consolidate in 2008. Once again we saw strong and wide-spread participation during the year. Particularly in Darwin and Alice Springs, public interest is strong. We have many volunteers working in all parts of the Territory, with Nhulunbuy and Katherine run entirely by volunteer members. The grass roots strength we have enjoyed was reflected in more outstanding success for our juniors in 2008.

The NT is an odd place for squash – consistently hot weather, a small population well spread out, and many outdoor activities to choose from. Each major population centre has just one set of facilities. These continue to attract members and strong support from the community because of the great camaraderie among our members.

In 2008 we worked to keep developing our game. Refereeing was a major push, with a dozen new referees accredited thanks to an intensive program run by Damien Green. This solves our shortage of referees. In coaching we are very well served, especially in Darwin and Alice Springs, as shown by our junior results. However, we will continue working to ensure that we maintain our capacity to develop our game.

Six years ago we set up the NT Junior Squash Academy with the aim of equipping our juniors to compete against the bigger states. This program has been a great success, thanks to all the juniors and their parents, the coaches, Jim Lloyd, Bob Parker and Jarrod Ashcroft, and especially to the Head Coach, Clive Naylor. We have programs in both Darwin and Alice Springs, with ambitions to improve the service we deliver in Alice and other regional areas in 2009. As for the present, the Territory has 7 nationally ranked players for their ages. Our outstanding performer in 2008 was Rhys Dowling, who became the Territory's first Australian Junior Champion when he won his event in Perth in September. Congratulations also to all our other NT players for earning their rankings.

Three years ago Squash NT revived a professional tournament to provide an opportunity for young players to gain WISPA and PSA ranking points – Top End Open. The first tournament was a great success, and we have built on it in the following years, with perhaps our best tournament to date in 2008. For our small population it is wonderful to see this standard of play, and even the practice sessions are inspiring. Congratulations for our 2008 winners - Lisa Camilleri and Steve Finitis from Queensland. Squash NT thanks the winners and all participants for their great show, and the boost they give to the clubs when they are in town.

The success of the Top End Open would not be possible without the support of the sponsors. Of course the event was run so smoothly only because of all the volunteers who worked hard on the tournament. Again we saw great media coverage and had too many stars to name. The event will be held again in 2009 and of course our aim is to make it bigger and better again.

The other big event on the NT squash calendar in 2008 was the Australian Masters Squash Championships. This event is always enormous, and 2008 was no exception. An army of volunteers worked extremely hard to make it a huge success. Feedback from the visiting players – more than 500 from interstate – was very positive. The great level of competition and the success of the functions said this more clearly than words. Congratulations to all who were involved as players or workers, or both.

All the activities of Squash NT, including junior development, tournaments and every other activity, are supported by our many sponsors. The NT Government has again provided generous funding to continue developing squash in the Territory. Several of our key sponsors, have been with Squash for several years, and continue to provide crucial support. We hope we will be able to count on their continued support, but will also need to attract new sponsorship to keep our sport healthy.

Turning to our challenges, we face the risk of closure of the only centre in Darwin due to the commercial interests of the landlord. Squash NT is working with the Darwin Squash Association and the NT Government to find a solution. We hope that in the next year we will secure a long-term home for squash in our biggest city. Our Territory Government has always been a great supporter of sports, especially where they have strong junior development programs. We are hopeful that a path to a new facility will become clearer in 2009.

Volunteers have been mentioned many times in this report as they are crucial to the operation of a governing body in a small jurisdiction like the Northern Territory. As in the past, we have enjoyed enthusiastic support which is essential to the activities we are able to maintain. Squash NT is very grateful to all the people in all its regions who contribute so generously to running its events and programs.

We also recognise the work of Squash Australia on behalf of the State and Territory bodies, and the many members who make up the backbone of the game. Thanks from the Territory to the Chairman, CEO and Board of Squash Australia, and our best wishes for 2009.

Steve Armitage
President

Squash SA Report

On behalf of the Board and Staff of Squash SA I am pleased to provide an account of the key outcomes from the Associations Strategic Plan.

The Association remains very much outcome driven in its purpose to be an active and effective contributor to the development of sustainable Squash and Racquetball participation in metropolitan and regional South Australia.

The past year has seen a strong commitment by the Board and Staff to strategically deliver quality programs, member services and project initiatives to the Sport at the grassroots, Regional, State and National level.

Some of the Key Highlights include:

Facilities – the refurbishment of Racquets SA Club facilities and the relocation of the Squash SA Office to operate from South Adelaide Squash Centre. The formation of a State Facility Steering Committee to drive the planning of a state squash facility over the next 12 months.

Marketing and Promotion – the branding of Squash “the healthiest sport” is ever present in our publications, media and marketing initiatives and has established a good public awareness and identity.

Membership and Participation – the formation of Bullseye “hitting the target” Participation Program framework was developed and has commenced its implementation with encouraging take up by schools and clubs.

Events, Competitions, Tournaments – the staging of a first class Australian Open hosted by Clare Squash SA attracted excellent media coverage and outstanding player feedback.

Elite Performance – the formation of the talent identification pathway targeting 7 and 8 year old potential athletes and establishment of STARS – Squash Talented Athlete Recruitment Squad. A model,

which creates a performance pathway for talented athletes into the sport.

Governance and Leadership – the introduction of the Board Induction Handbook, along with the establishment of several policies aimed towards continuous improvement and best practice.

The strength in any organisation is in its governance and I would like to thank each volunteer member of the Board of Management, Finance Advisory Committee, Pennant Squash and Racquetball Committees, Coaching and Refereeing Committees, Junior Fundraising and the Junior and Senior Selection Committees for their time effort and experience they have offered.

Squash SA would like to thank our key partners Squash Australia and the South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport for their professional advice and guidance throughout the year.

The Corporate sector to continue to support Premier League and Squash SA tournaments. In particular, our thanks are extended to International Gaming Technology (IGT), Partek Constructions, Handles Plus, Stepney Restoration and Business SA for their individual sponsorships.

I wish also to acknowledge the underpinning financial support provided by Racquets SA – “supporting the sport of Squash” which enables the Association to contribute to the development of the Sport in South Australia.

I would also like to thank our hardworking and dedicated Squash SA staff who has contributed to a very productive year - Des Panizza, Geoff Davenport, Lindy Lewis, Ann Mison, Sam Abishara and Renee Braithwaite.

On behalf of the Squash SA Board and staff, our thanks and appreciation is extended to the club coaches, court owners and administrators, volunteers and athletes who have offered their knowledge, time and skills to support the Association and the Sport throughout the year.

Phil Sinnott

General Manager



VSF Report

2008 heralded the beginning of a period of change for the Victorian Squash Federation. Executive Director, Paul Vear, retired after 21 years of committed service to the sport and Wangaratta hosted their 14th consecutive Victorian Open prior to the event's return to Melbourne in 2009. Fiona Young took over the Executive Director reigns in May and embarked on an extensive community consultation process to develop a strategic plan for the organisation going forward into 2009 – 2011. To identify the new era, the Federation will undergo a change of name, logo, image and internal restructure in early February to enable it to efficiently respond to the changing needs of the squash community and sporting industry.

Throughout 2008, the Federation continued to successfully coordinate numerous Squash and Racquetball events including the Australian Open Doubles Championships, National Junior Series, Victorian Open Championships, Australian Open Racquetball Championships, Australian Corporate Games Squash Competition and Asia Pacific Outgames Squash event. State representatives acquitted themselves well over the year with Sarah Cardwell taking out the national championship in the 17 YAG. Victorians Melody Francis and Rex Hedrick represented Australia at the World University Championships in Egypt with the team finishing a very creditable 7th.

Once again the Victorian Squash Rackets Referees Association provided enormous support during the year, managing the referee requirements for our major events, Pennant Finals and various Grand Prix Circuit tournaments. The VSRRA also conducted over 10 RAP

courses throughout the year including the trial of two new training packages with video components.

Junior Development continued to be a key focus for the Federation with over 8,000 students exposed to Squash and Racquetball via our Schools program and 15 new junior club programs being developed in conjunction with participating venues and coaches. The VSF received funding from VicHealth for deaf and disability squash programs and 4 pilot venues have undergone AUSLAN training for staff and coaches and conducted come and try days for deaf and hearing impaired participants.

Two Level 1 Coaching courses were held in Victoria during 2008. 24 coaches participated with 20 completing their post course practical requirements and gaining NCAS accreditation. Six Victorian coaches attended the National Coaches Conference in Canberra in November.

The VIS Squash Program was subject to a midyear review which saw the program being extended in its current format until December 2009. In late 2008, the

VIS commenced a full evaluation of its operations and all sports have been required to reapply for inclusion in the Institute program from 2010 going forward. Squash faces a challenging task to retain its position as a Tier 1 sport and the VSF has designed a new underpinning structure to support athletes in reaching their full potential. The new development pathway will be trialled in 2009. Our regional Sports Academy in Gippsland continued its outstanding success with 4 athletes represented in the Victorian Junior Team. Sincere thanks and farewell to Head Coach, Neil Young, who has retired after many tireless years at the helm of the Academy Squash Program and who was a key player in the Academy's inception.

The Victorian Squash Federation wishes to acknowledge the support received by member clubs, venues, athletes and volunteers during the year as well as the assistance and financial contributions from VicHealth, the Department of Planning and Community Development and Squash Australia.

Fiona Young

Executive Director



Squash Tasmania Report

During 2008 we continued to work towards improving our organisation's performance through improved systems and planning. We continue to work on our affiliation procedure and co-operation of our clubs to produce an accurate members' register.

The 2008 Committee included some new faces – Leon Barnet from Devonport and Max Moorhouse from Kingborough. During the year Paul Harvey from Launceston left the state leaving a committee vacancy that has not been filled. The Committee has been meeting every second month with the minutes circulated to clubs and posted on the web site. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the Committee Members who volunteer their time to help develop our sport.

This year we were able to send a 13 Year Age Group team to the Australian Junior Championships in Perth and I am pleased to say they achieved good results despite having little national experience. Maggy Marshall who is now an AIS Scholarship Holder was unable to compete in the teams' event as we did not have players in this age group who would be competitive. However, she did compete in the individual event and won the Australian Junior Girls Championship. I wish her well in her future squash career in senior ranks and would like to congratulate her for her persistent hard work over a number of years and the deserving result.

Tasmania was able to field a full team at the Australian Senior Teams' Championships in Canberra. Being selected for the team and playing in the event was a great reward for our players. Our players found the competition tough and we finished 6th in the event.

Introducing our sport to school children has been identified as a key to the future of squash in Tasmania. Prep to Grade 3 children are introduced to Totball in the

school yard and invited to attend after school Totball. Grade 4 to 6 children are introduced to squash either with In-School Programs or In-Centre Programs. Secondary School In-Centre Programs were also conducted. In these programs students are introduced to the sport by qualified coaches and invited to attend after school secondary school programs. We are progressively rolling out these programs around the state.

For adults there are Walk-In Programs where centres can arrange games for new players as well as regulars who do not wish to make the commitment to regular pennant or for those just looking for an extra practice match. In-house pennants continued to be successful on the NW coast and at one club in the South. The Coastal Pennant was conducted between NW Coast clubs and Hobart clubs competed in two inter-club pennants.

The Masters' Pennant continues to be successful at Eastside and the participants of this pennant formed the core of Tasmania's strong participation in the Australian Masters in Darwin.

Coaching Director, Max Moorhouse, conducted two Level 1 Squash Coaching Courses including Totball. Coach training is essential in order to provide coaches for our development programs. Thanks to Max's efforts we are increasing the number of active coaches in Tasmania. However, we still have a long way to go.

Max Moorhouse, Bill Cook and I represented Tasmania at Squash Australia's Development Workshops associated with the National Coaches Conference in Canberra. In addition another three Tasmanian coaches attended the conference. This is a good representation considering the size of our population and the stage of development of our coach education program. The sharing of ideas nationally is important for the sport.

Chris Doig

President



Q Squash Report

Queensland teams continued to dominate the National squash scene. The Sharks won their 5th Australian Junior title in succession whilst the Stingrays won their 3rd National Teams title in succession.

Squash Australia Awards:

Rodney Eyles: Hall of Fame

Our former 1997 World Champion has joined an illustrious list of Aussie greats when he was named in the Squash Australia Hall of Fame in March.

Australian Representative Honours:

Jacob Alexander: represented Australia at the World Junior Championships. Matt Hopkin: represented Australia at the World Junior Championships. Lisa Camilleri: represented Australia at the World Team Championships.

Queensland successes include:

Queensland Stingrays: Overall senior team champions for the 3rd consecutive year. Congratulations to Zac Alexander, Samantha Davies, Sue Davis, Steve Finitis, Brad Freeme, Peta Hughes and Coach Ian Freeme.

Special Awards:

Zac Alexander: Rod Eyles Achievement Award. Peta Hughes: Rhonda Thorne Achievement Award. Queensland Sharks: Overall junior team champions for the 5th consecutive year, Age group champions: 15YAG and 17YAG. Coaches Kasey Sinclair and Noel Forster guided the team to our greatest junior milestone.

Australian Junior Champions:

Zac Alexander: 19YAG Jacob Alexander: 17YAG Sam Fife: 15YAG Jessica Turnbull: 13YAG

Special Awards:

Zac Alexander: MC Hazel Award winner Tom Calvert: Austin Adarraga Achievement Medal Georgy Cumming: MC Hazel Award winner Julius Krauss: Supershark MVP Award winner Kelly Preston: Supershark MVP Award winner Lakeesha Rarere: Kay Barclay Achievement Medal.

National Junior Series Champions:

1st Event: Zoe Petrovansky: 19YAG, Dijo Sexton: 15YAG, Jessica Turnbull: 13YAG

2nd Event: Zoe Petrovansky: 19YAG, Sam Fife: 15YAG Dijo Sexton: 15YAG,

Queensland Junior Champions:

Boys: Will Mountford-Jones: 11YAG Jon Van Der Kreek: 12YAG Ben Somerville: 13YAG Karl Krauss: 14YAG Sam Fife: 15YAG, Lachlan Johnston: 16YAG Matt Hopkin: 17YAG Julius Krauss: 19YAG and Peter Taylor: 23YAG.

Girls: Lakeesha Rarere: 11YAG & 13YAG Sarah Cumming: 12YAG Bethany Brazier: 14YAG Dijo Sexton: 15YAG Georgy Cumming: 16YAG Kelly Preston: 17YAG Tayla Sinclair: 19YAG and Cassandra Harradine: 23YAG.

Special Awards:

Sam Fife: Peter Nance Achievement Award Ben Van Der Kreek: Chris Robertson Encouragement Award Georgy Cumming: Rachael Grinham Achievement Award Shemaiah Tahata: Rachael Grinham Encouragement Award.

Top 100 Professional Players:

WISPA: Rachael Grinham: (3) Lisa Camilleri: (35)

PSA: Brad Hindle: (70) Zac Alexander: (100)

Whilst Queensland players enjoyed wonderful success on the court the administration of the game is still recovering and still faces many challenges.

Q Squash began 2008 without the financial support of the State Government.

As a result, the Board put together a plan to deliver 6 main components: collection of affiliation; delivery of the Brisbane Southside Competition, delivery of the Queensland Junior and Q Open Championships, organization of the Sharks participation at the Australian Junior Championships and organization of the Stingrays participation at the National Team Championships.

All components were delivered with great success. Q Squash also managed to organize and send two coaches to assist a squad of Queensland players at the National Junior Series in Ballarat.

In March 2008 our President and Vice President held critical discussions with the centre operators from the North side of Brisbane. It was agreed that the administration of this competition transfer to Q Squash and that all parties involved begin a process of unification in the best interest of our sport.

A new entity called Brisbane City Squash was formed as a committee of Q Squash charged with the responsibility of overseeing the competition.

Q Squash delivered the first season of competition and is currently midway through delivering the second season.

Most importantly Q Squash has delivered and been financially responsible in the process. Q Squash ended the year in positive territory.

Late in 2008 Q Squash held a State Workshop. It was acknowledged at that workshop that there was still work to be done to ensure a unified and viable competition remained. Another Workshop is planned for the 21-22 February 2009.

Our motto for 2009 is "Onwards and Upwards". Q Squash aims to deliver 9 components in 2009. Added to the list will be the delivery of the North side competition, the organization of a Queensland squad to participate at the National Junior Series and finally, the successful hosting of the National Junior Series in Rockhampton in April 2009.

Q Squash would like to acknowledge the support of the following volunteers: Muriel Atherton, Kay Barclay, Steve Derbyshire, Noel Forster, Ian Freeme, John Lee, Kasey Sinclair, Tony Sinclair, Hugh Taylor and Sherri Ward.

Kim Schramm

Chief Executive Officer

The VIS Squash program embraces an 'institute of one' philosophy which provides individualised training and competition programs for the unique needs and circumstances of each athlete on scholarship. This means that where athletes have an existing personal coach, the aim of the VIS program is to 'value add' by providing additional support via training sessions with the VIS Head Coach and/or International Consultant Coach, along with the management of all other resources necessary for optimising the athlete's development.

On court squash training sessions are conducted as per the needs of individual athletes on a daily basis and take the form of one on one, targeted group (2-3 athletes) or full squad training sessions, at various times, to provide the opportunity for all scholarship holders, regardless of their school, university or work commitments, to attend regular supervised squash training sessions at venues closest to their residence to reduce the burden of travel.

The VIS squash program is based predominantly at the world class facilities of the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), with some sessions being conducted at outer Melbourne venues such as Squash Logic (Melton), Westerfolds Sports Centre (Lower Templestowe) and Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

Where possible during group sessions, Dr Noel Blundell (Sport Psychologist) attends to integrate mental skills training into the sessions in a practical and purposeful way. The full squad trains together three times a week at the VIS gymnasium under the direction of Physical Preparation Coach, Ben Willey.

The reduction in number of squad members has enabled the VIS Squash Program to better resource the athletes on scholarship and has ensured that more substantial financial assistance can be provided for travel to interstate and international competitions. In particular, it provides the opportunity for our older junior athletes to gain valuable international competition experience so that they fully understand the conditions and environment which they will face as seniors on their respective world tours.

In mid 2008, the squash program had its bi-annual review as a VIS tier 1 sport, focusing on progress made towards targets identified from its previous review and as a result was successful in gaining an extension until the end of 2009.

Moving forward, the VIS squash program is focused on supporting PSA and WISPA athletes with any talented athletes who are not quite up to that standard, but showing clear intention and potential to pursue professional senior squash careers in the near future, being supported within the VSF's Performance Pathway

via a Targeted Athlete Program (TAP) modelled on the Squash Australia program of the same name. The TAP, which starts in 2009, will underpin the VIS squash program and will prepare athletes to gain VIS scholarships and embark on the PSA and WISPA tours.

At the end of 2008 squash, along with all other VIS sports, was required to submit an application to continue as a tier 1 sport from 2010 where the VIS structure changes from 2 year to 4 year terms to better fit with the quadrennial cycles of Commonwealth and/or Olympic Games. The VIS Head Coach, Victorian Squash Federation and Squash Australia representatives have worked closely on the squash program submission and are confident of a positive outcome which will be announced in March 2009.

During 2008 the VIS Head Coach continued in her role as Head Coach for the 2009 Australian Junior Women's team by conducting a number of national talent squad camps as well as touring with the squad to the Top End Open (NT) for a WISPA event and Malaysia for two international junior events.

In 2008 the VIS squash program increased the level of Sports Science support to its athletes and was fortunate to have a Sports Science trainee, Madeleine Oldfield, placed with our program for 12 months. Madeleine accompanied the VIS Head Coach, VIS athletes and 2009 national talent squad athletes to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where she monitored athlete wellness via diary entries, tested hydration levels and implemented protocols for adequate re-hydration as well as conducting recovery sessions. Madeleine's support of and input to the tour was fantastic, increasing athlete awareness and their understanding of the importance of these key areas to enhancing their performance.

Athletes performed well during 2008 with some of the highlights including:

- Sarah Cardwell had an outstanding year, dominating the field at the National Junior Series events winning both as well as securing her second Australian Junior Championship when she won the 17YAG event in convincing fashion. Sarah made her WISPA debut at 251, and within 3 months had risen to 167 due to an outstanding performance at the Top End Open in Darwin, where she reached the semi finals.
- Matthew Karwalski achieved a career high PSA world ranking of 88 after a string of good performances reaching four quarter finals, four semi finals and winning one PSA event.
- Steve Robinson featured in five quarter finals and three semi finals of PSA events as well as securing his first Victorian Open title.
- Rex Hedrick represented Australia at the World University Championships held in Egypt.
- Cameron White won the Australian Men's Doubles Championship.
- Brad Soutar and Sarah Cardwell were named in the 2008 and 2009 National Talent Squads, respectively.

Karen Cagliarini (nee Morrissey)

Head Squash Coach

AUSTRALIAN SQUASH HALL OF FAME

Legends:

Ken Hiscoe M.B.E
Geoff Hunt M.B.E, A.M
Heather McKay M.B.E,
A.M

Members:

Vicki Cardwell
Chris Dittmar
Sarah Fitz-Gerald A.M
Michelle Martin
Rodney Martin
Rhonda Thorne
Rodney Eyles
Cam Nancarrow
Kevin Shawcross (deceased)

LIFE MEMBERS

Victor Belsham A.M (deceased)
 John Cameron
 Col Clapper O.A.
 Bob Finch
 Geoff Hunt M.B.E, A.M
 Heather McKay M.B.E, A.M
 Patricia Walker
 Ken Watson
 Margaret Zachariah

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1967 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt Richard Carter Cameron Nancarrow	1989 Ken Hiscoe (Manager) Chris Dittmar Rodney Martin Chris Robertson
1969 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt Cameron Nancarrow Richard Carter	Brett Martin 1991 Ken Hiscoe (Manager) Chris Dittmar Chris Robertson
1971 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt Cameron Nancarrow Richard Carter	Brett Martin Rodney Eyles 1993 Ken Hiscoe (Coach/Manager) Rodney Martin
1973 Cameron Nancarrow David Wright Michael Donnelly Lionel Robberds	Brett Martin Rodney Eyles Tristan Nancarrow 1995 Geoff Hunt (Manager) Craig Rowland
1976 Cameron Nancarrow (Captain) Kevin Shawcross Dean Williams Steven Bowditch	Rodney Eyles (Captain) Anthony Hill Brett Martin 1997 Geoff Hunt (Coach/Manager) Rodney Eyles
1977 Dean Williams Frank Donnelly Terry Cheetham (captain) Ian Yeates	Craig Rowland Dan Jenson Brett Martin 1999 Anthony Hill Dan Jenson
1979 Frank Donnelly Glen Brumby Ian Yeates Ross Thorne	Rodney Eyles Paul Price 2001 Steward Boswell David Palmer
1981 Steve Bowditch Glen Brumby Greg Pollard Ross Thorne	Paul Price John Williams 2003 Joseph Kneipp Paul Price
1983 Dean Williams Ross Thorne Chris Dittmar Ricki Hill	David Palmer Anthony Ricketts 2005 Stewart Boswell Joseph Kneipp
1985 Dean Williams Greg Pollard Ross Thorne Glen Brumby	Cameron Pilley Anthony Ricketts Byron Davis (Coach/Manager) 2007 Scott Arnold
1987 Chris Dittmar Rodney Martin Chris Robertson Ross Thorne	Stewart Boswell David Palmer Cameron Pilley Byron Davis (Coach/Manager)

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1979 Barbara Wall Vicki Hoffman Sue King Anne Smith	1994 Michelle Martin Elizabeth Irving Sarah Fitz-Gerald Carol Owens
Rhonda Thorne 1981 Rhonda Thorne (Captain) Rae Anderson Vicki Hoffman (Cardwell) Barbara Oldfield	1996 Di Davis (Manager/Coach) Michelle Martin Sarah Fitz-Gerald Elizabeth Irving
1983 Rhonda Thorne (Captain) Carin Clonda Jan Miller Diane Davis	1998 Di Davis (Manager/Coach) Michelle Martin Sarah Fitz-Gerald Carol Owens
1985 Jan Millar (Captain) Tracey Smith Carin Clonda Di Davis	2000 Vicki Cardwell (Coach) Sarah Fitz-Gerald Natalie Grinham Robyn Cooper
Margaret Zachariah (Manager) 1987 Vicki Cardwell (Captain) Robyn Friday Sarah Fitz-Gerald	2002 Sarah Fitz-Gerald Rachael Grinham Natalie Grinham Robyn Cooper
Michelle Martin (Player/Manager) 1989 Vicki Cardwell (Captain/Coach) Danielle Drady Elizabeth Irving	2004 Rachael Grinham Natalie Grinham Amelia Pittock Melissa Martin
Robyn Lambourne 1990 Robyn Lambourne Michelle Martin Danielle Drady	Michelle Martin (Manager/Coach) 2006 Kasey Brown Amelia Pittock Melissa Martin
Elizabeth Irving Margaret Zachariah (Manager) Vicki Cardwell (Coach) 1992 Di Davis (Coach/Manager)	Dianne Desira Michelle Martin (Manager/Coach) 2008 Kasey Brown Lisa Camilleri
Robyn Lambourne Michelle Martin Sarah Fitz-Gerald Elizabeth Irving	Donna Urquhart Michelle Martin (Manager/Coach)

WORLD MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1967	Australia	(Australia)
1969	Australia	(England)
1971	Australia	(New Zealand)
1973	Australia	(South Africa)
1975	Great Britain	(England)
1977	Pakistan	(Canada)
1979	Great Britain	(Australia)
1980	Pakistan	(Sweden)
1983	Pakistan	(New Zealand)
1985	Pakistan	(Egypt)
1987	Pakistan	(England)
1989	Australia	(Singapore)
1991	Australia	(Helsinki)
1993	Pakistan	(Pakistan)
1995	England	(Cyprus)
1997	England	(Malaysia)
1999	Egypt	(Egypt)
2001	Australia	(Australia)
2003	Australia	(Vienna)
2005	England	(Pakistan)
2007	England	(India)

WORLD WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1979	Great Britain	(England)
1981	Australia	(Canada)
1983	Australia	(Australia)
1985	Great Britain	(Ireland)
1987	England	(New Zealand)
1989	England	(Netherlands)
1990	England	(Australia)
1992	Australia	(Canada)
1994	Australia	(Guernsey)
1996	Australia	(Malaysia)
1998	Australia	(Germany)
2000	England	(England)
2002	Australia	(Denmark)
2004	Australia	(Netherlands)
2006	England	(Canada)
2008	Egypt	(Egypt)

WORLD MEN'S OPEN

1975	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	England
1977	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Australia
1979	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Canada
1980	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Australia
1981	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Canada
1982	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	England
1983	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Germany
1984	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	England
1985	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Egypt
1986	Ross Norman	(NZ)	England
1987	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	England
1988	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Holland
1989	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Malaysia
1990	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	France
1991	Rodney Martin	(AUS)	Australia
1992	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	South Africa
1993	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Pakistan
1994	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Spain
1995	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Cyprus
1996	Jansher Khan	(PAK)	Pakistan
1997	Rodney Eyles	(AUS)	Malaysia
1998	Jonathon Power	(CAN)	Qatar
1999	Peter Nicol	(SCO)	Egypt
2002	David Palmer	(AUS)	Belgium
2003	Amr Shabana	(EGY)	Pakistan
2004	Thierry Lincou	(FRA)	Qatar
2005	Amr Shabana	(EGY)	Hong Kong
2006	David Palmer	(AUS)	Egypt
2007	Amr Shabana	(EGY)	Bermuda
2008	Ramy Ashour	(EGY)	England

WORLD WOMEN'S OPEN

1976	Heather McKay	(AUS)	Australia
1979	Heather McKay	(AUS)	England
1981	Rhonda Thorne	(AUS)	Canada
1983	Vicki Cardwell	(AUS)	Australia
1985	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Ireland
1987	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	New Zealand
1989	Martine le Moignan	(ENG)	Netherlands
1990	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Australia
1992	Susan Devoy	(NZ)	Canada
1993	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	South Africa
1994	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Guernsey
1995	Michelle Martin	(AUS)	Hong Kong
1996	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Malaysia
1997	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Australia
1998	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Germany
1999	Cassie Campion	(ENG)	U.S.A.
2000	Carol Owens	(AUS)	Scotland
2001	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Australia
2002	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	Qatar
2003	Carol Owens	(NZ)	Hong Kong
2004	Vanessa Atkinson	(NED)	Malaysia
2005	Nicol David	(MAL)	Hong Kong
2006	Nicol David	(MAL)	Ireland
2007	Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	Spain
2008	Nicol David	(MAL)	England

WORLD AMATEUR MEN'S

1967	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Australia
1969	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	England
1971	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	New Zealand
1973	Cam Nancarrow	(AUS)	South Africa
1975	Kevin Shawcross	(AUS)	England
1977	Maqsood Ahmed	(PAK)	Canada
1979	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Australia
1981	Steve Bowditch	(AUS)	Sweden
1983	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	New Zealand

WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUSTRALIAN MEDALISTS

1997	Mixed Gold:	Dan Jenson (AUS)	Hong Kong	2006	Men's Gold	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)	Australia
		Liz Irving (AUS)	Hong Kong			Stewart Boswell (AUS)	Australia
2004	Men's Gold:	Byron Davis (AUS)	India		Men's Silver	Joseph Kneipp (AUS)	Australia
		Cameron White (AUS)	India			Dan Jenson (AUS)	Australia
	Men's Bronze:	Anthony Ricketts (AUS)	India		Women's Silver	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Australia
		David Palmer (AUS)	India			Robyn Cooper (AUS)	Australia
	Women's Gold:	Natalie Grinham (AUS)	India		Mixed Gold	Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Australia
		Rachael Grinham (AUS)	India			Joseph Kneipp (AUS)	Australia
	Mixed Gold:	David Palmer (AUS)	India		Mixed Silver	Amelia Pittock (AUS)	Australia
		Rachael Grinham (AUS)	India			Cameron Pilley (AUS)	Australia
	Mixed Bronze:	Natalie Grinham (AUS)	India				
		Dan Jenson (AUS)	India				

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1980	Peter Nance	1996	Stewart Boswell
	Chris Dittmar		Anthony Ricketts
	Chris Carter		Paul Peters
	Dale Robbins		Liam Kenny
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Greg Middleton (Coach)
1982	Chris Dittmar	1998	Shane Doherty
	Tristan Nancarrow		Mark Ikin
	Grantley Pinnington		Paul Davis
	Peter Shroeder		Kirby Sinclair
	Hadyn Daly (Coach)		Roger Flynn (Coach)
1984	Sean O'Connor	2000	Matt Sanders
	Rodney Eyles		Cameron Pilley
	Chris Robertson		Simon Carruthers
	Rodney Martin		Jhie Gough
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Roger Flynn (Coach)
1986	Rodney Eyles	2002	Jhie Gough
	Anthony Hill		Luke Margan
	Mark Carlyon		Aaron Frankcomb
	Ricki Curtis		James Rogers
	Adam Shreiber		Dean Landy (Coach)
	Geoff Hunt (Coach)		Byron Davis (Assistant Coach)
1988	Anthony Hill	2004	Matthew Karwalski
	Dean Mason		Andrew Budd
	Shaun Moxham		Steven Robinson
	Mark Carlyon		Ryan Cuskelly
	Bill Hunt (Coach)		Dean Landy (Coach)
1990	John Williams		Mike Cornish (Assistant Coach)
	Simon Baker	2006	Zac Alexander
	Billy Haddrell		Rex Hedrick
	Grant Hixon		Nathan Stevenson
	Ken Hiscoe (Coach)		Matt Reece
1992	Gavin Kadwell		Roger Flynn (Coach)
	Joseph Kneipp		Geoff Davenport (Assistant Coach)
	Dan Jenson	2008	Jacob Alexander
	Byron Davis		Aaron Fyfe
	Ken Hiscoe (Coach)		Matt Hopkin
1994	Damien Mudge		Josh Larkin
	Paul Price		Jamie McErvale (Reserve)
	Michael Fiteni		Mike Cornish (Coach)
	Danny Woolbank		Grant Gough (Assistant Coach)
	Greg Middleton (Coach)		

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1985	Sally Ann Robbie	2001	Lisa Camilleri
	Sarah Fitz-Gerald		Kasey Brown
	Danielle Drady		Amelia Pittock
	Michelle Martin		Georgina Davis
	Margaret Zachariah (Coach)		Dean Landy (Coach)
1987	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	2003	Georgina Davis
	Angela Johnson		Kasey Brown
	Amanda Hopps		Donna Urquhart
	Shannon McNamara		Peta Hughes
	Heather McKay (Coach)		Dean Landy (Coach)
1989	Robyn Cooper		Michelle Martin (Assistant Coach)
	Carol Owens	2005	Jessica Gillett
	Angela Roffe		Samantha Davies
	Marianne MacDonald		Larissa Huffer
	Margaret Zachariah (Coach)		Vanessa Pickerd
1991	Meeghan Bell		Dean Landy (Coach)
	Meaghan Pratt		Karen Morrissey (Assistant Coach)
	Camille Rouland	2007	Kimberley Bessel
	Heather MacDonald		Melody Francis
	Margaret Zachariah (Coach)		Maggy Marshall
1993	Rachael Grinham		Laura Stock
	Kym Keevil		Kelly Fowler (Coach)
	Natarsha Tippet		Michelle Martin (Team Leader)
	Janelle Loader		
	Di Davis (Coach)		
1995	Emma Major		
	Narelle Tippet		
	Rachael Grinham		
	Kate Major		
	Di Davis (Coach)		
1997	Christina McIver		
	Laura Keating		
	Kelly Townsend		
	Judith Mills		
	Di Davis (Coach)		
1999	Sarah Dubois		
	Dianne Desira		
	Anna-Lee Starr		
	Amelia Pittock		
	Di Davis (Coach)		

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1980	Australia	(Sweden)
1982	Pakistan	(Singapore)
1984	Australia	(Canada)
1986	Australia	(Australia)
1988	Australia	(Scotland)
1990	England	(Germany)
1992	Australia	(Hong Kong)
1994	Egypt	(New Zealand)
1996	England	(Egypt)
1998	England	(USA)
2000	England	(Italy)
2002	Pakistan	(India)
2004	Pakistan	(Pakistan)
2006	Egypt	(New Zealand)
2008	Pakistan	(Switzerland)

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1985	Australia	(Ireland)
1987	England	(England)
1989	England	(New Zealand)
1991	England	(Norway)
1993	Australia	(Malaysia)
1995	Australia	(Australia)
1997	England	(Brazil)
1999	Egypt	(Belgium)
2001	England	(Malaysia)
2003	Egypt	(Egypt)
2005	Hong Kong	(Belgium)
2007	Egypt	(Hong Kong)

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1980	Peter Nance	(AUS)	Sweden
1984	Chris Robertson	(AUS)	Canada

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1983	Robyn Friday	(AUS)	Australia
1987	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	(AUS)	England
1993	Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	Malaysia

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAMS

1998	2002	2006
Robyn Cooper	Robyn Cooper	Stewart Boswell
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Kasey Brown
Rachael Grinham	Natalie Grinham	Dianne Desira
Michelle Martin	Rachael Grinham	Natalie Grinham
Carol Owens	Liz Irving	Rachael Grinham
Byron Davis	Stewart Boswell	Daniel Jenson
Rodney Eyles	Joseph Kneipp	Joseph Kneipp
David Palmer	David Palmer	David Palmer
Paul Price	Paul Price	Amelia Pittock
Craig Rowland	Anthony Ricketts	Anthony Ricketts
Di Davis (Coach)	Roger Flynn (Coach)	Byron Davis (Coach)
Geoff Hunt (Coach)	Geoff Hunt (Coach)	Geoff Hunt (Coach)
Phil Trenorden (Section Manager)	Ken Watson (Section Manager)	Norman Fry (Section Manager)

COMMONWEALTH GAMES RESULTS

1998: Men's Singles

Gold:	Peter Nicol (Scotland)
Silver:	Jonathon Power (Canada)
Bronze:	Paul Johnson (England) & Alex Gough (Wales)

Women's Singles

Gold:	Michelle Martin (Australia)
Silver:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia)
Bronze:	Sue Wright (England) & Cassie Jackman (England)

Men's Doubles

Gold:	Paul Johnson & Mark Chaloner (England)
Silver:	Rodney Eyles & Byron Davis (Australia)
Bronze:	Peter Nicol & Stuart Cowie (Scotland) & Mark Cairns & Chris Walker (England)

Women's Doubles

Gold:	Sue Wright & Cassie Jackman (England)
Silver:	Rachael Grinham & Robyn Cooper (Australia)
Bronze:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Carol Owens (Australia) Claire Nitch & Natalie Grainger (South Africa)

Mixed Doubles

Gold:	Craig Rowland & Michelle Martin (Australia)
Silver:	Simon Parke & Suzanne Horner (England)
Bronze:	Rodney Durbach & Natalie Grainger (South Africa) Glen Wilson & Sarah Cook (New Zealand)

2002: Men's Singles

Gold:	Jonathon Power (Canada)
Silver:	Peter Nicol (England)
Bronze:	Stewart Boswell & David Palmer (Australia)

Womens Singles

Gold:	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia)
Silver:	Carol Owens (New Zealand)
Bronze:	Rachael Grinham (Australia) & Cassie Jackman (England)

Men's Doubles

Gold:	Lee Beachill & Peter Nicol (England)
Silver:	Anthony Ricketts & Stewart Boswell (Australia)
Bronze:	David Palmer & Paul Price (Australia) Mark Chaloner & Paul Johnson (England)

Womens Doubles

Gold:	Carol Owens & Leilani Rorani (New Zealand)
Silver:	Cassie Jackman & Tania Bailey (England)
Bronze:	Rachael Grinham & Natalie Grinham (Australia) Fiona Geaves & Linda Charman (England)

Mixed Doubles

Gold:	Leilani Rorani & Glen Wilson (New Zealand)
Silver:	Nicol David & Beng Hee Ong (Malaysia)
Bronze:	Joseph Kneipp & Robyn Cooper (Australia)

2006 Men's Singles

Gold:	Peter Nicol (England)
Silver:	David Palmer (Australia)
Bronze:	Lee Beachill (England)

Women's Singles

Gold:	Natalie Grinham (Australia)
Silver:	Rachael Grinham (Australia)
Bronze:	Shelley Kitchen (New Zealand)

Men's Doubles

Gold:	Peter Nichol and Lee Beachill (England)
Silver:	Anthony Ricketts and Stewart Boswell (Australia)
Bronze:	Daniel Jenson and Joseph Kneipp (Australia)

Women's Doubles

Gold:	Natalie Grinham and Rachael Grinham (Australia)
Silver:	Shelley Kitchen and Tamsyn Leevey (New Zealand)
Bronze:	Tania Bailey and Vicky Botwright (England)

Mixed Doubles

Gold:	Natalie Grinham and Joseph Kneipp (Australia)
Silver:	Vicky Botwright and James Willstrop (England)
Bronze:	Rachael Grinham and David Palmer (Australia)

MASTERS WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONS

1979	Kevin Adams	45
1979	Len Atkins	45
1983	Ken Hiscoe	45
1991	Ian Hocking	55
1991	Gregory Robberds	45
1991	Dean Williams	35
1993	Ian Hocking	60
1993	Peter Write	50
1995	Vic Hunt	75
1995	Fred Green	65
1995	Max Smyth	65
1995	Terry Rippon	60
1995	Max Samblebe	50
1995	Brian Cook	45
1995	Ian Freeme	40
1999	Peter Write	55
2001	Tomas Spark	45
2003	Brian Cook	55
2003	Geoff Davenport	45
2005	Jeffrey Bond	35
2005	Simon Gogolin	45
2005	George Oshlack	75
2006	Geoff Davenport	45
2006	Hugh Colburn	60
2008	Jason Mudge	35
2008	Geoff Davenport	50
2008	Brian Cook	60

MASTERS WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

1983	Margaret Zachariah	35
1987	Jenny Irving	50
1987	Heather McKay	45
1990	Rita Paulos	50
1990	Heather McKay	45
1990	Robyn Prentice	40
1990	Dianne Davis	40
1990	Vicki Cardwell	35
1993	Margaret Doueal	55
1993	Heather McKay	50
1995	Roma Casey	65
1995	Margaret Doueal	60
1995	Heather McKay	50
1997	Diane Ricardo	35
2001	Sue Volzke	50
2001	Vicki Cardwell	45
2001	Mary Sceney	40
2005	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	35
2006	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	35
2006	Anne Richards	50
2006	Sue Volzke	55
2008	Amanda Hopps	35
2008	Sarah Nelson	40
2008	Gay Mitchell	55

AUSTRALIAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

1996	Men's:	D. Palmer	NSW
		J. White	QLD
	Women's:	S. McNamara	NSW
		C. Foster	NSW
1997	Mixed:	J. Bond	ACT
		S. McNamara	NSW
	Men's:	G. Keenan	VIC
		G. Wilcock	VIC
1998	Women's:	M.J. Morgan	VIC
		V. Cardwell	VIC
	Mixed:	H. Johns	ACT
		S. Cook	NZ
1998	Men's:	P. Price	VIC
		D. Palmer	NSW
	Women's:	R. Cooper	QLD
		R. Grinham	QLD

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATEUR MEN

1931	F. Strickland	VIC	1958	B. Stuart	VIC
1932	R. Henderson	VIC	1959	M. Oddy	SCOT
1933	H. Hopman	VIC	1960	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1934	H. Hopman	VIC	1961	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1935	N. Heath	NSW	1962	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1936	H. Hopman	VIC	1963	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1937	M. Weston	VIC	1964	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1938	W. Vestey	UK	1965	G. Hunt	VIC
1939	M. Weston	VIC	1966	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1940/45	No competition		1967	K. Hiscoe	NSW
1946	I. Carson	VIC	1968	J. Barrington	UK
1947	I. Carson	VIC	1969	G. Hunt	VIC
1948	F. Harris	VIC	1970	G. Hunt	VIC
1949	F. Harris	VIC	1971	G. Hunt	VIC
1950	I. Carson	VIC	1972	C. Nancarrow	NSW
1951	E. W. Metcalf	VIC	1973	Q. Zaman	PAK
1952	T. Anstee	VIC	1974	S. Muneer	PAK
1953	B. Boys	VIC	1975	K. Shawcross	NSW
1954	B. Boys	VIC	1976	M. Donnelly	QLD
1955	B. Boys	VIC	1977	D. H. Williams	WA
1956	A. McCausland	VIC	1978	G. Briars	UK
1957	J. Cheadle	NSW	1979	F. Donnelly	QLD

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATEUR WOMEN

1932	R. Grey Smith	VIC	1959	P. Parmenter	NSW
1933	R. Grey Smith	VIC	1960	H. Blundell	NSW
1934	P. Walker	NSW	1961	H. Blundell	NSW
1935	J. Long Innes	NSW	1962	H. Blundell	NSW
1936	D. Stevenson	VIC	1963	H. Blundell	NSW
1937	R. Grey Smith	VIC	1964	H. Blundell	NSW
1938	M. Armytage		1965	H. Blundell	NSW
1939/45	No competition		1966	H. McKay	NSW
1946	B. Meagher	VIC	1967	H. McKay	NSW
1947	V. Watts	VIC	1968	H. McKay	NSW
1948	V. Watts	VIC	1969	H. McKay	NSW
1949	B. Meagher	VIC	1970	H. McKay	NSW
1950	B. Meagher	VIC	1971	H. McKay	NSW
1951	V. Watts	VIC	1972	H. McKay	NSW
1952	J. Tissot	VIC	1973	H. McKay	NSW
1953	J. Watson		1974	M. Jackman	QLD
1954	J. Morgan	UK	1975	S. Newman	NSW
1955	M. Mather	VIC	1976	S. Newman	NSW
1956	J. Tissot	VIC	1977	M. Zachariah	VIC
1957	J. Tissot	VIC	1978	V. Hoffman	SA
1958	J. Fitz-Gerald	VIC			

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN MEN

1980	G. Hunt	VIC
1981	G. Hunt	VIC
1982	J. Khan	PAK
1983	R. Thorne	QLD
1984	T. Nancarrow	QLD
1985	R. Martin	QLD
1986	R. Martin	QLD
1987	C. Robertson	QLD
1988	C. Dittmar	SA
1989	C. Dittmar	SA
1990	R. Martin	QLD
1991	C. Dittmar	SA
1992	R. Martin	QLD
1993	R. Martin	QLD
1994	B. Martin	QLD
1995	No Event	
1996	B. Martin	QLD
1997	R. Eyles	QLD
1998	J. Power	CAN
1999	No Event	
2000	A. Ricketts	NSW
2001	T. Berden	NED
2002	S. Boswell	ACT
2003	D. Jenson	SA
2004	D. Jenson	SA
2005	A. Ricketts	NSW
2006	S. Boswell	ACT
2007	S. Boswell	ACT
2008	D. Palmer	NSW

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN WOMEN

1979	V. Hoffman	SA
1980	V. Hoffman	SA
1981	R. Thorne	QLD
1982	V. Cardwell	SA
1983	V. Cardwell	SA
1984	V. Cardwell	SA
1985	J. Miller	SA
1986	L. Opie	ENG
1987	L. Opie	ENG
1988	V. Cardwell	VIC
1989	V. Cardwell	VIC
1990	S. Devoy	NZ
1991	M. Martin	QLD
1992	S. Devoy	NZ
1993	M. Martin	NSW
1994	M. Martin	NSW
1995	M. Martin	NSW
1996	M. Martin	NSW
1997	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1998	M. Martin	NSW
1999	M. Martin	NSW
2000	L. Joyce	NZ
2001	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2002	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2003	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2004	N. Grinham	QLD
2005	R. Grinham	QLD
2006	K. Brown	NSW
2007	S. Kitchen	NZL
2008	A.Au	HK

BRITISH OPEN MEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

1969	G. B. Hunt
1974	G. B. Hunt
1976	G. B. Hunt
1977	G. B. Hunt
1978	G. B. Hunt
1979	G. B. Hunt
1980	G. B. Hunt
1981	G. B. Hunt
2001	D. Palmer
2003	D. Palmer
2004	D. Palmer
2005	A. Ricketts
2008	D. Palmer

BRITISH OPEN WOMEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

1962	H. Blundell (McKay)
1963	H. Blundell (McKay)
1964	H. Blundell (McKay)
1965	H. Blundell (McKay)
1966	H. McKay
1967	H. McKay
1968	H. McKay
1969	H. McKay
1970	H. McKay
1971	H. McKay
1972	H. McKay
1973	H. McKay
1974	H. McKay
1975	H. McKay
1976	H. McKay
1977	H. McKay
1978	S. Newman
1979	B. Wall
1980	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)
1981	V. Hoffman (Cardwell)
1982	V. Cardwell
1983	V. Cardwell
1993	M. Martin
1994	M. Martin
1995	M. Martin
1996	M. Martin
1997	M. Martin
1998	M. Martin
2001	S. Fitz-Gerald
2002	S. Fitz-Gerald
2003	R. Grinham
2004	R. Grinham
2007	R. Grinham

SQUASH AUSTRALIA AWARD WINNERS

Senior Athlete of the Year	Volunteer of the Year
2004 Rachael Grinham	2004 John Holland
2005 Anthony Ricketts	2005 Ray Strachan
2006 Stewart Boswell	2006 Meryl Loss
2007 David Palmer	2007 Martin Grace
	Brian Keane
Junior Athlete of the Year	Referee of the Year
2004 Kasey Brown	2004 Damien Green
2005 Julius Krauss	2005 Bill Patterson
2006 Ryan Cuskelly	2006 John Small
2007 Peta Hughes	2007 Neil Butler
2007 Tamika Saxby	
Administrator of the Year	Coach of the Year
2004 Jacqueline Souwer	2004 Noel Forster
2005 Paul Vear	2005 Kay Barclay
2006 Greg Hutchings	2006 Byron Davis
2007 Glynn Bunting	2007 Mike Cornish

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR MEN

1958	Richard Carter	NSW	1984	Chris Robertson	QLD
1959	Geoff Pares	NSW	1985	Rod Eyles	QLD
1960	Trevor Quick	SA	1986	Rod Eyles	QLD
1961	Robert Pratt	NSW	1987	Anthony Hill	VIC
1962	Robert Pratt	NSW	1988	Mark Carlyon	QLD
1963	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1989	John Williams	VIC
1964	Mal Cutler	NSW	1990	Craig Rowland	QLD
1965	Kevin Shawcross	NSW	1991	Billy Haddrell	VIC
1966	Bernie Shea	VIC	1992	Grant Hixon	QLD
1967	William Reedmand	NSW	1993	Dan Jenson	SA
1968	Rob Jolly	VIC	1994	Dan Jenson	SA
1969	Rob Jolly	VIC	1995	David Palmer	NSW
1970	Dave Thomas	QLD	1996	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1971	Mark Perry	NSW	1997	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1972	Mark Perry	NSW	1998	Anthony Ricketts	NSW
1973	Mark Mounsey	VIC	1999	Kirby Sinclair	NSW
1974	Dean Williams	WA	2000	Cameron Pilley	NSW
1975	Ian Yeates	NSW	2001	Cameron Pilley	NSW
1976	Kim Richards	VIC	2002	Luke Margan	SA
1977	Glen Brumby	SA	2003	Aaron Frankcomb	TAS
1978	Glen Brumby	SA	2004	Aaron Frankcomb	TAS
1979	Greg Pollard	NSW	2005	Scott Arnold	NSW
1980	Peter Nance	QLD	2006	Ryan Cuskelly	NSW
1981	Chris Dittmar	SA	2007	Zac Alexander	QLD
1982	Tristan Nancarrow	QLD	2008	Zac Alexander	QLD
1983	Chris Robertson	QLD			

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR WOMEN

1964	Jenny McDevitt	QLD	1987	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1965	Jenny McDevitt	QLD	1988	Amanda Hopps	WA
1966	Robyn Kennedy	VIC	1989	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1967	Carol Hunter	NSW	1990	Carol Owens	VIC
1968	Sue Newman	NSW	1991	Leilani Marsh	NZ
1969	Lorraine Collins	WA	1992	Sarah Cook	NZ
1970	Lorraine Collins	WA	1993	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1971	Jackie Palin	VIC	1994	Kym Keevil	NSW
1972	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1995	Kate Major	NSW
1973	Sue Heaney	VIC	1996	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1974	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1997	Natalie Grinham	QLD
1975	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1998	Laura Keating	ACT
1976	Rhonda Shapland	QLD	1999	Nicol David	MAL
1977	Kim Johnstone	NSW	2000	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1978	Carin Clonda	NSW	2001	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1979	Sue Post	QLD	2002	Amelia Pittock	VIC
1980	Wendy Williams	VIC	2003	Kasey Brown	NSW
1981	Tracey Smith	VIC	2004	Kasey Brown	NSW
1982	Wendy Williams	VIC	2005	Donna Urquhart	NSW
1983	Liz Irving	QLD	2006	Peta Hughes	QLD
1984	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC	2007	Kimberley Bessell	VIC
1985	Michelle Martin	QLD	2008	Maggy Marshall	TAS
1986	Danielle Drady	QLD			

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR MEN

1992	Perry Daly	NSW
1993	Michael Soo	MAL
1994	Dan Jenson	SA
1995	Cameron White	VIC
1996	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1997	Shane Doherty	NSW
1998	Peter Hughes	ACT
1999	Paul Davis	SA
2000	Luke Margan	SA
2001	Matt Reece	NSW
2002	Aaron Frankcomb	NSW
2003	Daniel Blackney	WA
2004	Rex Hedrick	VIC
2005	Tom Steward	VIC
2006	Zac Alexander	QLD
2007	Sunil Seth	QLD
2008	Zac Alexander	QLD

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR WOMEN

1992	Kym Keevil	NSW
1993	Emma Major	NSW
1994	Kym Keevil	NSW
1995	C. Fitzpatrick & J. Gruer	VIC
1996	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1997	Natalie Grinham	QLD
1998	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1999	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2000	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2001	Larissa Huffer	VIC
2002	Amelia Pittock	VIC
2003	Kasey Brown	NSW
2004	Christine Nunn	ACT
2005	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2006	Maggy Marshall	TAS
2007	Tamika Saxby	NSW
2008	Georgina Cumming	QLD

MISCELLANEOUS AUSTRALIAN

2000	U14	S. Arnold	NSW	2002	U14	M. Rucklinger	PNG
		D. Urquhart	NSW			L. Huffer	VIC
	U16	W. Broadbent	USA		U16	S. Arnold	NSW
		G Davis	NSW			L. Yoke Wah	MAL
	U21	A. Ricketts	NSW	2003	14	M. Arnold	NSW
		B. Lewis	WA			K. Bessell	SA
	U23	A. Ricketts	NSW		16	A. Budd	NSW
		C. Mak	HK			P. Hughes	QLD
2001	U14	A. Budd	NSW				
		P. Hughes	QLD				
	U16	A. Frankcomb	NSW				
		K. Brown	NSW				
	U21	K. Sinclair	NSW				
	U23	D. Smith	QLD				

AUSTRALIAN 13 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	Mark Carlyon	QLD
1983	Stephen Ellul	VIC
1984	Michael Joint	VIC
1985	Simon Baker	QLD
1986	Joseph Kneipp	QLD
1987	Adam Micalciff	SA
1988	Dan Jenson	SA
1989	Michael Fiteni	NSW
1990	Paul Peters	WA
1998	Aaron Frankcomb	TAS
1999	Scott Arnold	NSW
2000	Andrew Budd	NSW
2001	Matt Reece	NSW
2002	Matt Arnold	NSW
2003	Kamran Khan	MAL
2004	Matt Hopkin	QLD
2005	Wes Cusick	NSW
2006	Sam Fife	QLD
2007	Karl Krauss	QLD
2008	Rhys Dowling	NT

AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	Rod Eyles	QLD
1983	Adam Schreiber	NSW
1984	Anthony Hill	VIC
1985	Stephen Ellul	WA
1986	Michael Joint	VIC
1987	John Williams	VIC
1988	Paul Daly	NSW
1989	Craig Dellar	VIC
1990	Dan Jenson	SA
1991	Michael Fiteni	VIC
1992	Liam Kenny	WA
1993	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1994	Benny Ong	MAL
1995	Simon Reynolds	NSW
1996	Mohd Azian Iskandar	MAL
1997	Michael Arcidiacono	QLD
1998	James Rogers	SA
1999	Scott Huffer	VIC
2000	Aaron Frankcomb	NSW
2001	Scott Arnold	NSW
2002	Andrew Budd	NSW
2003	Tom Steward	VIC
2004	Zac Alexander	QLD
2005	Julius Krauss	QLD
2006	Matt Hopkin	QLD
2007	Sam Fife	QLD
2008	Sam Fife	QLD

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	Sean O'Connor	QLD
1983	Sean O'Connor	QLD
1984	Rod Eyles	QLD
1985	Anthony Hill	VIC
1986	Anthony Hill	VIC
1987	Glen Wilson	NZ
1988	John Williams	VIC
1989	John Williams	VIC
1990	Grant Hixon	QLD
1991	Dan Jenson	SA
1992	Dan Jenson	SA
1993	Michael Fiteni	VIC
1994	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1995	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1996	Anthony Ricketts	NSW
1997	Shane Doherty	NSW
1998	Paul Davis	SA
1999	Michael Arcidiacono	QLD
2000	Luke Margan	SA
2001	Jhie Gough	NSW
2002	Aaron Frankcomb	NSW
2003	Scott Arnold	NSW
2004	Tom Steward	VIC
2005	Tom Steward	VIC
2006	Zac Alexander	QLD
2007	Aaron Fyfe	SA
2008	Sam Fife	QLD

AUSTRALIAN 13 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	Carolyn Greenhouse	WA
1983	Nadine Innes	TAS
1984	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1985	Camille Rowland	QLD
1986	Camille Rowland	QLD
1987	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1988	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1989	Melissa Vacca	SA
1990	Natalie Grinham	QLD
1998	Kasey Brown	NSW
1999	Sally Looi	MAL
2000	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2001	Kimberley Bessell	QLD
2002	Low Wee Wern	MAL
2003	Low Wee Wern	MAL
2004	Mikayla Maricic	WA
2005	Dijo Sexton	QLD
2006	Tamika Saxby	NSW
2007	Bethany Brazier	QLD
2008	Jessica Turnbull	QLD

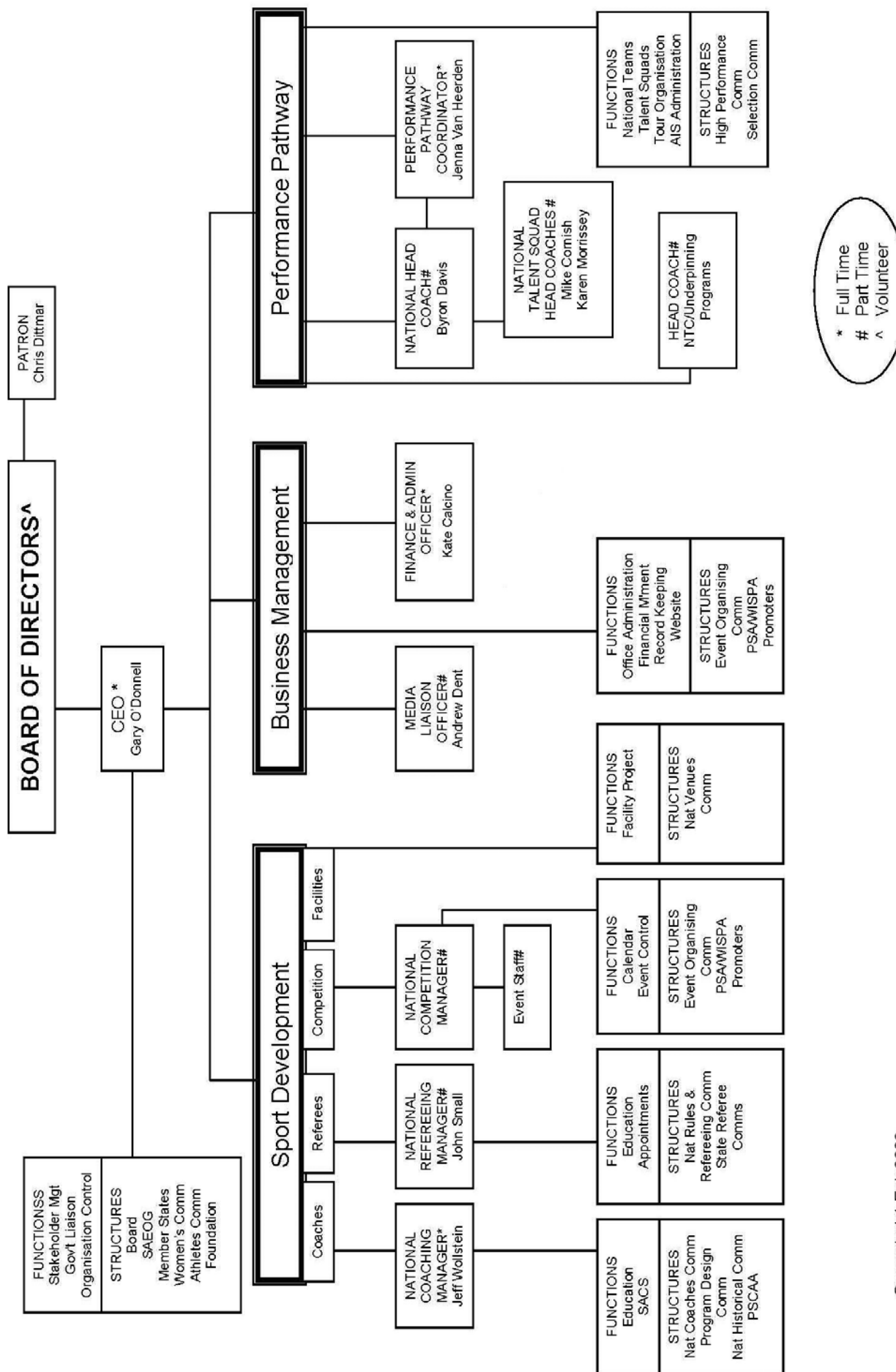
AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	Danielle Drady	QLD
1983	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1984	Amanda Hopps	WA
1985	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1986	Shannon McNamara	NSW
1987	Meeghan Bell	VIC
1988	Camille Rowland	QLD
1989	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1990	Natasha Tippet	QLD
1991	Jade Wilson	NZ
1992	Kate Major	NSW
1993	Judith Mills	QLD
1994	Kelly Townsend	NSW
1995	Leong Siu Lynn	MAL
1996	Nicol David	MAL
1997	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1998	Amelia Pittock	VIC
1999	Georgina Davis	NSW
2000	Kasey Brown	NSW
2001	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2002	Peta Hughes	QLD
2003	Larissa Huffer	VIC
2004	Kimberley Bessell	VIC
2005	Zoe Petrovansky	QLD
2006	Sarah Cardwell	VIC
2007	Tamika Saxby	NSW
2008	Tamika Saxby	NSW

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	Debbie Baertschiger	VIC
1983	Jodie Girando	WA
1984	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1985	Angela Johnson	VIC
1986	Amanda Hopps	WA
1987	Shannon McNamara	NSW
1988	Robyn Cooper	QLD
1989	Meeghan Bell	VIC
1990	Leilani Marsh	NZ
1991	Sarah Cook	NZ
1992	Kym Keevil	NSW
1993	Janelle Loader	QLD
1994	Kate Major	NSW
1995	Shelley Kitchen	NZ
1996	Christina McIver	NSW
1997	Nicol David	MAL
1998	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1999	Amelia Pittock	VIC
2000	Amelia Pittock	VIC
2001	Georgina Davis	NSW
2002	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2003	Donna Urquhart	NSW
2004	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2005	Kimberley Bessell	VIC
2006	Kimberley Bessell	VIC
2007	Zoe Petrovansky	QLD
2008	Sarah Cardwell	VIC

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