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## Richard Vaughan

Chief Executive,  
Squash Australia



As we enter the end of 2017, the sport can look back with a sense of pride in what has been achieved over the past 12 months, and look forward with hope, what with squash, for the very first time, being included in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games. This positions the sport in a great place for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games inclusion.

I am happy to say we have been rated fully green by the Australian Sports Commission across all areas, with an overall score off 85%, up from 78% the previous year and 61% in 2015. The status has been attained by the National team meeting targets, increasing both full and exposure participation, improving governance and ensuring that the finance of the organisation are on good footing with excellent reporting back to the Commission which they appreciate. It is important we keep up with any reforms in this area so that we can retain and increase funding for the sport.

The new structure of the organization is up and running and it has been great to have the continued contribution of the Working Group and Panel members. Particularly exciting is the development of racquetball led by the newly established Working Group. Comprising key members of Squash Australia and the Australian Racquetball Association, the Working Group's aim is to help develop the sport across Australia.

From a nation-wide perspective, the Australian Squash Tour has started well, with some great events held at the start of the year. This was supported by the inclusion of the Australian National Championships and new Graded National Championships which were well attended in Townsville. Congratulations must go out to all the winners. Following on from this event, many of the Graded Championships winners were selected to represent Australia

in the Oceania Championships in Tahiti.

It was also fantastic to see so such a high number of attendees at the joint Squash Australia and Queensland Annual Awards in Townsville. It is always a pleasure to recognize and reward the volunteers across all areas of the sport which make such a positive impact on the game.

We look forward to the 2018 Annual Awards, held jointly with Victoria Squash and Racquetball in Melbourne. We are expecting a bumper 200 plus turnout, so please ensure you book your ticket early.

The Australian team was successful at the 2017 World Doubles Championships in Manchester, England. Our athletes returned with three medals: a gold medal for Cameron Pilley and Ryan Cuskelly which both builds on the teams three medal success in 2016 and prepares the team well for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

The 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games will soon be upon us and we are all looking forward to a great competition on home turf. We are all doing our part to ensure squash gets both as high a profile as possible and provides a great experience for all those that attend. Please do ensure you secure your tickets and get along to support the Australian team. It is not only important for them as competitive athletes to win medals but it is also essential for the health of the sport. As such, it is incredibly important for as supporters to get to the Gold Coast to get behind the team.

There are still some volunteer positions available, so if you have more time and a lot of energy to spare, please contact the office.

Richard Vaughan  
Chief Executive Officer

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# Squash Australia Board

## David Mandel President



David played squash for nearly thirty years at club level. This was from his university days in the University of Sussex, England, until ten years ago in Australia, when his knee failed. In between, David not only played in America but also commenced training as a referee, an activity that lapsed upon his return to Melbourne.

David has 25 years of employment by multinational organisations in the UK, USA and Australia, rising to running the Australian subsidiary of a listed USA Fortune 500 company. While the functional skills required were that of finance and treasury, David's strategic and analytical abilities have driven the contributions he has made in his roles, past

and present. David is a proven relationship builder reaching across different interest groups to ensure successful outcomes for organisations.

David is an experienced Board Director with considerable business acumen gained from executive leadership roles and a portfolio of non-executive appointment in both ASX listed and Not-For-Profit organisations to date. Following a successful career in General Management and Finance and a current appreciation of Corporate Governance requirements, David has made valuable contributions to Boards across the health service, medical therapy and devices, biotech, software and FMCG sectors, and more recently the sport sector.

## Michelle Martin, OAM Director



Michelle Martin has been one of Australia's most prolific athletes on the international squash scene. She won three consecutive world titles in 1993, 94 and 95, and clinched six straight British Opens titles in 1993, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98. She also held the World #1 ranking from 1993-95 and again in 1999. This domination overlapped into her Australian representational duties, competing at six World Women's Teams Championships in 1987, 90, 92, 94, 96 and 98.

Martin also competed for Australia at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games winning two gold medals in the women's singles and mixed doubles. She also represented Australia in the 1996 and 1999 World Cups. In addition to her outstanding international prowess, she won seven Australian

Open Championships in 1991, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98 and 99. Her outstanding squash attributes have been acknowledged by both the Australian public and the World Squash Federation after being inducted into both respective Sports Halls of Fame. In March 2005, she was inducted into the inaugural Australian Squash Hall of Fame.

Martin has continued her commitment to Australian squash in the coaching field, and was manager/coach of the victorious Australian team at the 2004 World Women's Teams Championships in Amsterdam. In 2013, the Australian government acknowledged Michelle's contribution and services to squash and Australian sport with the Medal of the Order of Australia.

## Mick Jaroszewicz Director



Mick has played squash for forty-four years and during that time has held senior administrative roles in club squash. In 2016 he was elected a Director of Briars Sports Club who have over 1200 sporting members playing six sports including squash.

Mick was elected to the Squash Australia Board in March 2015 and in his first year led the team responsible for reviving the Awards Dinner and he continues in that role.

As chairperson of the Facilities Working Group he has overseen the implementation of a template for new squash centres with multi-purpose sports. This includes the design, build and facility management of these centres. He is also Chairperson of the Events Working Group.

Mick has 37 years' experience as a consulting structural / civil engineer and project manager with building projects in United Kingdom, Middle East and Australia. He has been a company director in Australia since 1989 and he is the founder and Managing Director of MAJCON, Consulting Engineers.

Since 2007 Mick has been a Director of The Association of Consulting Structural Engineers, NSW. As President in 2013 he led the reform of the Articles of Association and independence from Consult Australia which has resulted in substantial growth in membership and sponsorship for the ACSE. He brings a skill set of construction design and project management, company administration and marketing to the Board of Squash Australia.

## **Dale Robbins** *Director*



Dale has a specialist background in Marketing and Strategies. His other areas of expertise includes strategy, performance management and project management. He currently works in the automotive industry as the State Sales Manager for Nissan Motor Co. This role is responsible for the management of 45 Nissan dealerships in Queensland and Northern New South Wales. The regional office has a staff count of 22 and is responsible for an average of 1400 new Nissan sales a month.

Dale has been heavily involved in squash throughout his life, with his parents leasing and owning squash courts in Cairns for over 25 years. He represented Australia as a junior player in the successful 1980 Australian team who won the World Junior Team Championships in Sweden. Dale also represented Queensland for many years in the late 70s and early 80s. Dale is currently an active squash player within the Masters squash environment.

## **Sam Chadwick** *Director*



Sam is an experienced sports administrator, with particular expertise in strategic planning, operations, project management, stakeholder relations, governance, sports law and regulations. Sam is a member of the AFL NSW/ACT's Executive Team as the State Manager – Football Operations, Governance and Policy where he is responsible for the strategic management, operation and governance of all football leagues and clubs across NSW and the ACT.

Prior to this, Sam held a senior leadership role with the Football Federation of Australia as General

Manager – Hyundai A-League, overseeing all operational aspects of the top tier Australia football competition.

Sam also has previous Board experience in both the not-for-profit and commercial sectors, including as managing director for a boutique sports talent management business. A former AFL state league player and first grade cricketer, Sam enjoys playing squash socially as a means of keeping fit.

## **Dave Whan** *Director*



Dave has 35-years experience in business development, consulting and sales. He is a licensed real estate agent, hotel broker, business broker and franchise manager. He completed a degree in Law (Honours) and a degree in Business (Marketing) at Flinders University in 2013, and was subsequently admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia in October 2013. As time permits, he engages as a Mentor in Business Studies and Law at Flinders University's Alumni Association.

Dave has been a Member of the Board of the Squash Rackets Association of SA Inc. since June 2014 and currently sits on numerous committees and groups associated with the sport, such as the Squash SA

Squash & Racquetball committee, Squash SA Finance and Risk Advisory committee, Australian Racquetball Council Steering committee, Christies Beach Racquet & Fitness Club and Squash Australia Profile Working Group.

He is focused on developing squash and racquetball, enhancing growth and participation and increasing awareness of squash and racquetball in order to increase centre profitability and investigating future development opportunities for new multi-use facilities. He has played squash at state grade and university levels, and played racquetball for over ten years. He has recently joined the Australian racquetball tournament circuit as a player.



# Squash Australia Staff



## **Richard Vaughan** *Chief Executive Officer*

Richard Vaughan took the helm at Squash Australia in July of 2015, joining from Badminton Ireland where he was their Chief Executive Officer for four years.

In Ireland he oversaw the transformation of the organisation from one of insolvency in 2011 to one in 2015 which has a very healthy surplus, growing participation numbers, an exciting schools programme, best practice new media and ICT; two Olympians and three European Games medallists at Baku 2015.

As a former Olympic badminton player who reached No. 6 in the world and won European and Commonwealth medals, Richard has a wealth of knowledge in the performance sector. This has been exemplified by his work with the Badminton World Federation around the Olympic Games and Coach Education. Richard has a MBA from Leicester University and previously worked in the Digital area at FD Systems as well as a Masters in Education and BSc in Economics and Politics from Bath University.



## **Hayden Griffiths** *Member Services Manager*

Hayden Griffiths attended QUT, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws in 2013 and Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice in 2014.

Hayden has a strong legal and client service focused background, having worked for QUT in Client Services and Academic Support roles for a number of years, before working as a solicitor specialising in commercial, corporate and property fields.

Passionate about an array of sports, the move to Squash Australia was a natural fit for Hayden who attended university with aspirations of being involved in the sporting industry.

Outside of the office, Hayden's interests include playing football, strength and mobility coaching and music.



## **Stephanie Yoon** *Executive Assistant*

Stephanie graduated from the University of Queensland in 2017 having studied a Bachelor of Laws/Arts. She was offered a full-time position early in 2017 after having commenced as an intern with Squash Australia in late 2016.

She has a great passion for sports and has a great interest in continuing to work within the sporting

industry. She works across all of the different areas in Squash Australia, and is responsible for project managing, eLearning and providing support to the rest of the team.

Outside of the office, Stephanie enjoys travelling, heading to the beach and football.



## **Jordan Till** *Office and Education Coordinator*

Jordan has been playing squash for 15 years and is a qualified regional level squash referee as well as club development level qualified squash coach. Jordan completed his Bachelor of Business Management, majoring in Physical Activity from University of Queensland in 2012. He has served on the Brisbane City Squash Committee for 5 years and worked as a Squash Manager at Club Coops for 5 years.

Main areas of work:

- Providing customer service by being first point of contact in the office
- Increasing coach and referee quality and numbers
- Improving coach and referee education systems
- Maintain Sporting Schools program



### **Ludo Graizzaro** *Events Coordinator*

Ludo has always been passionate and proactive in sports. It started in Belgium where rapidly he became rock climbing instructor and a few years later managed and lead small expeditions through La Vallee du Mount Blanc, France.

It was also through his practice as a registered physiotherapist that Ludo was involved with sport federation competitions.

As a devoted squash player and volunteer for the last 20 years, he has gained an understanding of players' expectations, tournament dynamics and squash business management.

In 2014, Ludo graduated from QUT with a Bachelor of Business majoring in Finance.

Main areas of work

- Deliver well run events that strongly promote the brand of SA
- Increase the number of entries across all events
- Events all operate within SA budgetary models
- Ensure participants and officials all experience a positive experience



### **Paul Price** *National Coach*

Having travelled the world as a top ranked professional squash player, Paul knows what it takes to reach the top. Commitment, dedication, and a vision are among the many qualities he possesses from his worldly experiences. Paul is now focused on helping others reach their potential as a speaker and entrepreneur in the Squash industry with his company Inspired Peak Performance squash. He is driven to add value to

others, along with directing them towards their own path of success.

Paul is a former World No. 4. In 2002 he won a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. He is also a British Open Finalist and the current Director and Head Coach of Inspired Peak Performance Squash in Melbourne.



### **Anna Walker** *Participation Manager*

Anna has fourteen years experience in growing engagement with sport in Australia, England, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. She is now in a position to take these international learnings to help Squash Australia to better connect with it's members and communities through sport, to grow the game and increase the social capital.

Main areas of work

- Develop and activate support programmes
- Ownership of the squash participation plan
- Drive growth of squash through programmes and products



### **Thomas Calvert** *High Performance Coordinator*

Tom has been playing squash for 10 years and trains daily at the National Training Centre. For the last three years he has been coaching the Brisbane vipers and Queensland sharks. Tom is completing his Bachelor of Exercise and Movement Science at Queensland University of Technology.

Tom was on the Australian Junior Men's team 2012 and

is currently competing on the PSA tour with highest world ranking to date, No.161 and Australian No. 8. Tom's ambition is to place Top 3 for Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and World Men's team events.

Outside on the office Tom enjoys playing other sports including tennis, touch and running.



### **Dannielle Ball** *PR & Communications Manager*

Dannielle is a media and marketing professional qualified with the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM). Dannielle joins Squash Australia after over a decade of experience in the business and marketing industry. She is now looking forward to utilising her skills to enhance the profile of Squash in Australia.

Main areas of work:

- Promotion and Communication
- Broadcasting and Media
- Sponsorship
- Squash Foundation



### **Hamish Cain** *Community Facility Manager*

Hamish Cain joins the team at Squash Australia from Tennis Canterbury (New Zealand) where he was their General Manager. Whilst in the role Hamish led the earthquake recovery redevelopment project reinstating 6 indoor tennis courts and 18 outdoor courts at Wilding Park, the premier regional facility in New Zealand. Hamish was also heavily engaged in the Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub development which will see Tennis, Athletic, Hockey and Rugby League, in conjunction with Local

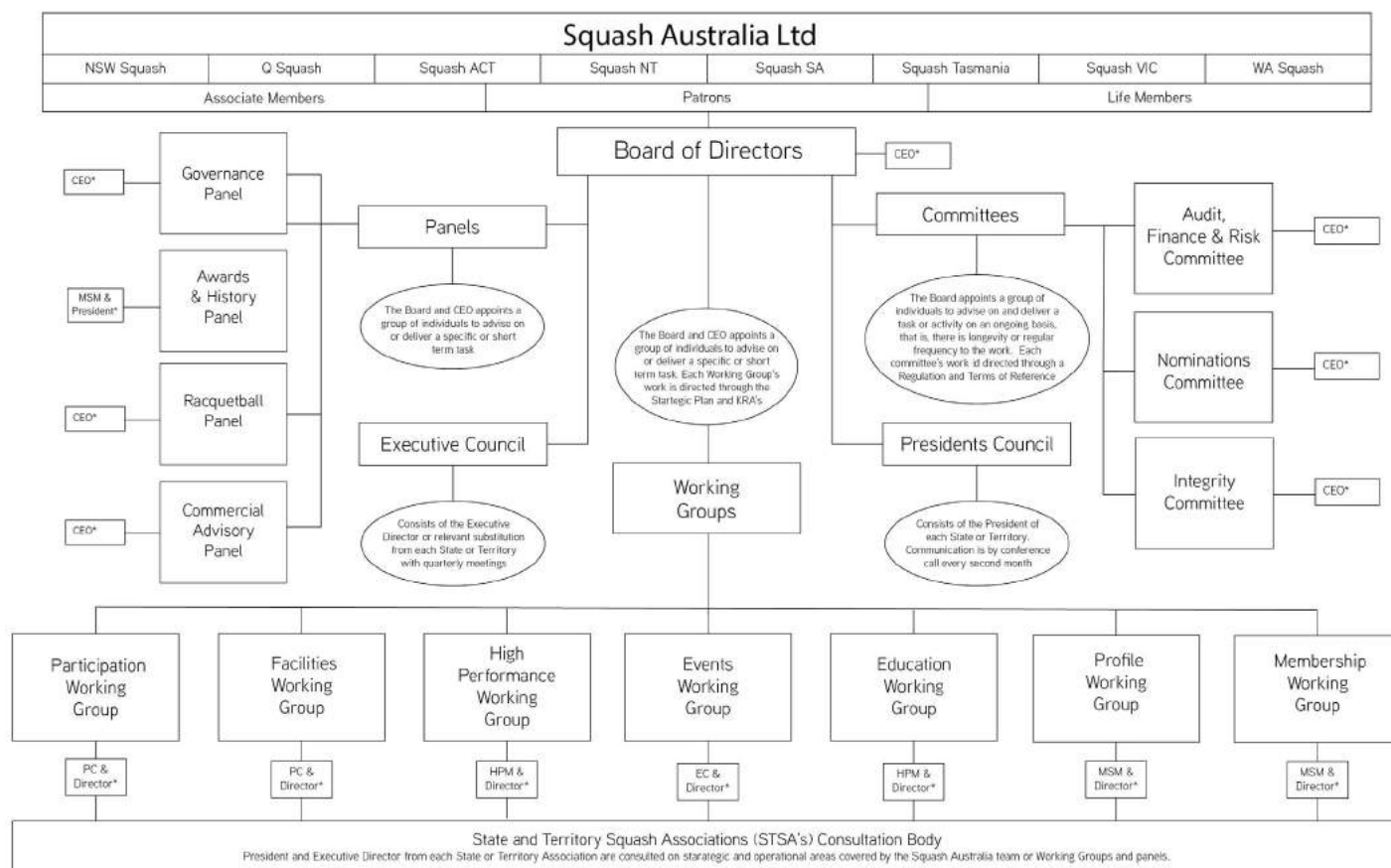
Government, develop a first of its kind sports hub in Christchurch.

Hamish is excited to work with key stakeholders across Australia to improve the financial sustainability/ business modelling of current facilities, develop new facilities and to increase the accessibility of facilities enabling more people to play squash.

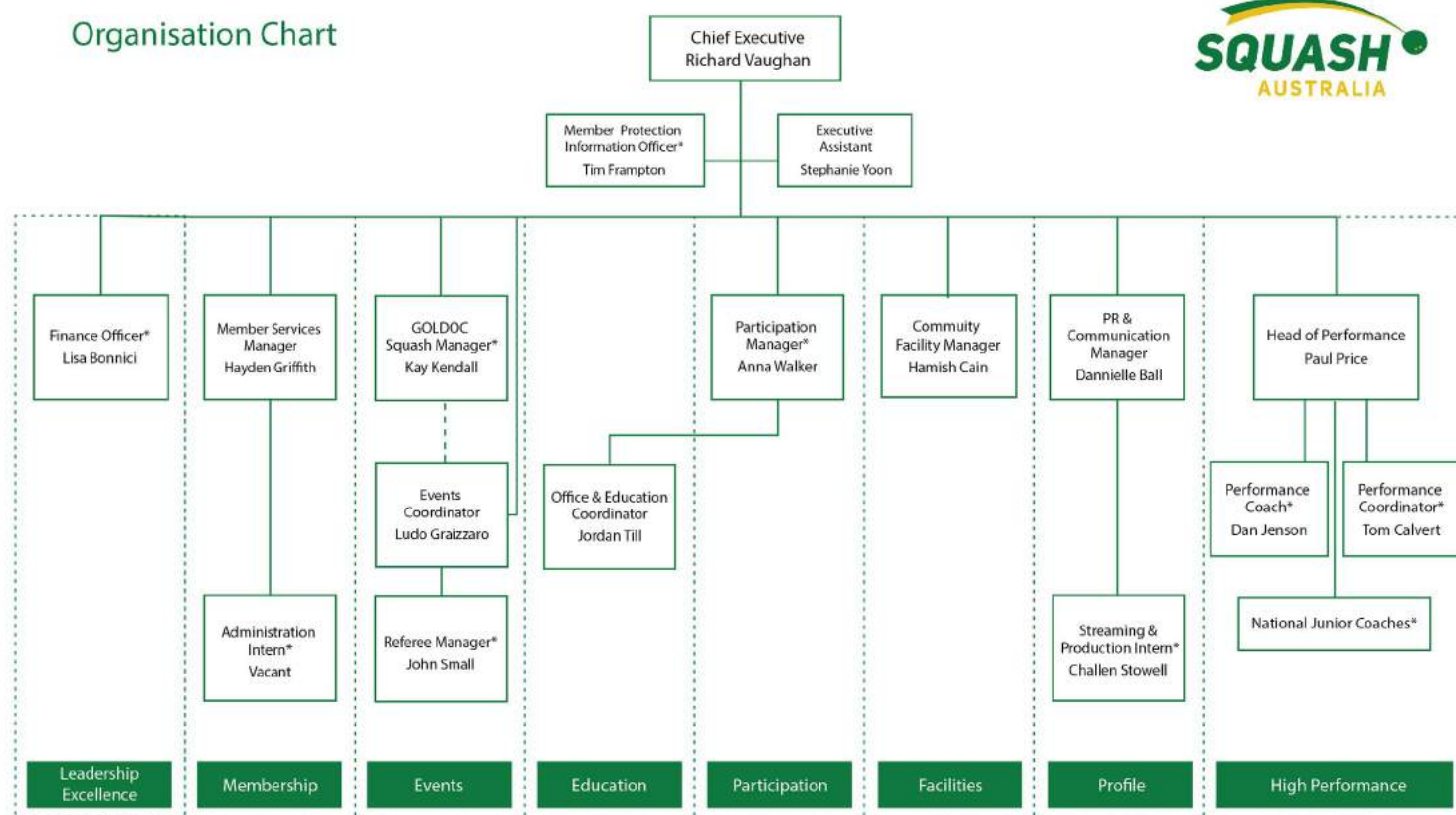
Hamish has previously worked for Tennis Victoria in Melbourne and is looking forward to again working in Australia.



## SQUASH AUSTRALIA ORGANISATIONAL CHART



## Organisation Chart



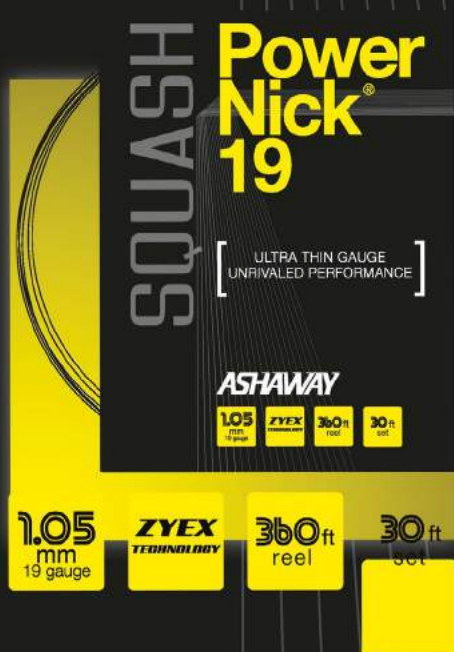
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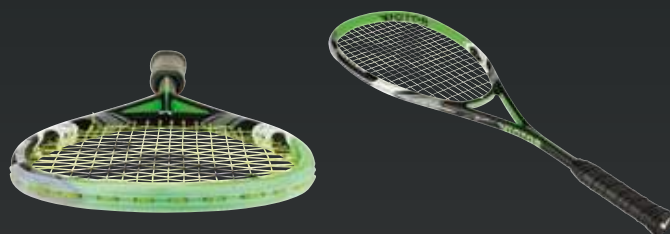
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# Around the Clubs



## 1 Hilton Squash & Fitness (WA)

292 South St, Hilton WA 6163

@HiltonSquashFitness

Located just 15 minutes from the CBD, Hilton Squash & Fitness boasts having some of the best squash courts in Perth. With seven courts, plenty of spectator space and an upstairs café with views out to sea – it might be hard to argue with them!

Aside from great facilities, this club prides themselves on their friendly service and professionalism. It's no surprise that Hilton Squash Club has been home to a vast community of players over the years, with a club honour board that features 1974 inaugural Junior Boys Champion: Geoff Davenport!



## 2 Whyalla Squash Club (SA)

37 Viscount-Slim Ave, Whyalla SA 5608

@whyallasquash

Whyalla Squash Club proudly calls itself "the best squash club in South Australia". The family-friendly facility continues to grow... and we doubt that any of their many members would disagree!

In the midst of renovations and some great upgrades to their facilities, the Club played host to the Whyalla Open & Graded Championships in October 2017.

Checkout @whyallasquash on Facebook for a glimpse into the club's rich history, which features some great newspaper previews and coverage of the 1978 inaugural Whyalla Squash Championships.



## 3 Bendigo Squash Club (VIC)

242 Barnard St, Bendigo VIC 3550

@BendigoSquashClub

Bendigo Squash Club has been thriving throughout 2017, with an ever-increasing membership and club community. Under the leadership of Russell McLean (Club President & Centre Manager), Bendigo continues to grow into one of Victoria's premier squash clubs.

The Club offers a range of participation programs and packages, including casual and beginners play, juniors, club pennants and social squash. They've also championed the Hits and Giggles program – a female only squash training group targeted specifically for women.

It's not just the massive range of programs on offer that have contributed to Bendigo's success. The Club has also been buzzing with many high-quality events of late, including the Bendigo Open Squash Championships in August which featured numerous international competitors. The Club will also play host to the 2017 Country VIC Championships in October.



## 4 Devonport Squash Club (TAS)

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Devonport Squash Club are a mainstay in the Tasmanian squash community. It's no surprise that the Club (aptly named 'The Club on the Move') have had another stellar year in 2017.

In their own words, this club is all about enjoying the game in an inclusive environment – whether you're looking for fitness, fun or competition!

Speaking of competitions, the Club hosted a highly successful 2017 Tasmanian Open in June. Four days of thrilling PSA tour action concluded with Rhys Dowling defeating Matthew Hopkin to claim the tournament. Congratulations to Devonport Squash Club for hosting a seamless and successful event!





## 8 Gove Squash Club (NT)

1 Franklyn St, Nhulunbuy, NT 0880

[f @GoveSquashClub](#)

Located east of Darwin on the picturesque Nhulunbury peninsular, Gove Squash Club has become a bustling centre for our NT Squashies. Competitions are run twice a year with both wet and dry seasons, along with social squash and coaching programs run by the Club.

With excellent facilities, including air-conditioned courts and a gymnasium, this non-profit Club offers an encouraging and welcoming environment for all members of the local community.



## 7 Scarborough Squash Club (QLD)

170 Klingner Rd, Redcliffe, QLD 4020

[f @ScarboroughSquashClub](#)

Redcliffe PCYC and the Scarborough Squash Club have had an exciting and busy 2017. The ever-growing club continues to spoil its members with great social and competitive fixtures, as well as a massive upcoming calendar of events!

Redcliffe is excited to be hosting the 2017 Brisbane Open PSA closed satellite event from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October, in what is expected to be a great showcase of developing talent. Squash Australia was also thrilled to recently announce that Redcliffe will be hosting the 2018 Oceania Junior Championships next year.

With a mission statement of promoting squash in the Redcliffe Peninsula and wider communities, Scarborough Squash Club is surely on track to do just that.



## 6 Coffs Harbour Squash & Swim Centre (NSW)

11 Korora Basin Rd, Korora, NSW 2450

[f @coffssquash](#)

This club's location on the beautiful and relaxing Coffs Harbour coast hasn't stopped it from becoming one of the busiest clubs in NSW. Graded competitions are held three nights a week amongst junior fixtures, social squash and development programs.

With six courts and grandstand seating for up to 120 spectators, it's no surprise that Coffs Harbour Squash & Swim has hosted a string of high class events. Most recently, the Club hosted the North Coast Open Championships. The event consisted of both PSA International, Graded and Junior Divisions and was a roaring success.

Congratulations to Coffs Harbour Squash & Swim for hosting and covering an exceptional event. We're sure that there's plenty more in store for 2018, at the home of Squash on the Coffs Coast!



## 5 Dickson Squash Club (ACT)

79 Dickson Pl, Dickson, ACT 2602

[f @DicksonSquashClub](#)

Dickson Squash Club was founded in July, 1968 and is one of the oldest squash clubs in Canberra. With six courts and a range of programs for juniors, social players and seniors, it's no surprise that Dickson has become one of the top clubs in ACT.

The club places a huge focus on its members and participants, not only through the wonderful facilities and programs on offer, but also through a range of social programs and functions. Mystery dinners, wine tastings...sounds like fun, right? This community focused club is certainly more than just a place to play squash!



# High Performance Teams

## TRANS-TASMAN TEAM

### U13

Oscar Curtis, Dylan Classen, Erin Classen, Maggie Goodman

### U15

Remi Young, Joshua Penfold, Katie Davies, Hayley Hankinson

### U17

Jacob Ford, Maaz Khatri, Alex Haydon, Jade Woods

### U19

Nicholas Calvert, Lachlan Coxsedg, Grace Pattison, Shehana Vithana, Courtney Mather, Taylor Jones

## WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – INDIVIDUALS

Nicholas Calvert, Lachlan Coxsedg, William Curtis, Ethan Eyles, Jacob Ford, Maaz Khatri, Lauren Aspinall, Alex Haydon, Courtney Mather, Jessica Osborne, Grace Pattison, Shehana Vithana

## WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lauren Aspinall, Alex Haydon, Courtney Mather, Shehana Vithana

## WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ryan Cuskelly, Zac Alexander, Cameron Pilley, David Palmer, Rachael Grinham, Sarah Cardwell, Donna Urquhart, Christine Nunn

## WORLD GAMES

Rhys Dowling, Alex Eustace, Tamika Saxby, Jessica Turnbull

## WORLD MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Zac Alexander, Ryan Cuskelly, Rex Hedrick, Cameron Pilley

## 2017 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

### ACT

Peter Nuttall, Riley Ellis, Liam Rogers, Sam Sergo, Declan Smith, James Lloyd, Charlie Carey, Sam Jenkin, Jack Keogh, Cael Ward, Hannah Smit, Erin Chant, Kaitlyn O'Neill, Matilda Morgan

### NSW

Ryan Marshall, Eugene Heng, Patrick Hart, Jacob Ford, Haani Qureshi, Ethan Bird, Mitchell Black, Luke Barry, Preston Schreiber, Kenneth Lamb, Tom Lacy, Jordan Ghattas, Shehana Vithana, Elle Lane, Anna Goodman, Bronte O'Shannessy, Annie Christensen, Sydney Johnson, Georgia Lane, Jemma Besant, Maggie Goodman, Marley O'Shannessy, Stephanie Head, Maja Maziuk

### QLD

Nicholas Calvert, Lachlan Coxsedg, Caleb Johnson, Declan Cashman, Wesley Dyer, Joshua Penfold, Jordan di Bella, Luke Eyles, Brendan Macdonald, Lachlan Erba, Benjamin Murray, Joshua Porter, Lauren Luck, Courtney Mather, Lauren Stieler, Ella Burge, Kurstyn Mather, Mackenzie Sleep, Katie Davies, Hayley Hankinson, Ariel Lyon, Shona Coxsedg, Kayce Hoani-Vincent, Madison Lyon

### SA

Sam Haydon, Jaedan Lee, Stephen Ottanelli, Ian Leung, Ciaran Shouksmith, Nathaniel Chang, Finlay Watson, Aryan Madan, Alex Haydon, Maddie Jude, Nimsari Weerasinghe, Kate Winters, Aimee Treloar, Charlotte Evens

### TAS

Jack Hudson, Jamie Pattison, Bailey Fairbrother, Toby Moore, Harry Palfreyman, Callum Dungey, Ben Hudson, Kieran Simpson, Oliver Pridmore, Beau Pratt, Grace Pattison, Bethany Campbell, Emma Clyde

### VIC

Tate Norris, Benjamin Ratcliffe, Alex Baines, Dylan Molinaro, Jack Quinlivan, Cooper Boardman, Andre Lynn, Mason Boardman, Jessica Graham, Maria-Rose Kalafatis, Ashira Chait, Carly Norris, Eishaanii Sukunesan, Nicola Baines, Jananii Sukunesan, Courtney Scholtz

### WA

Trey Mackenzie, Callum Blakey, Ethan Wright, Remi Young, Abel Jin, Oscar Lindsey, Gregory Chan, Eric Gray, Dylan Classen, Oscar Curtis, Kaleb Sands, Mitchell Ferrari, Jade Woods, Kiara Rogers, Isabella Diver, Anita Tsangaris, Erin Classen, Isabella French, Michaela Pratt, Jamie Tsangaris, Caitlin Pratt, Isla Harris, Eva French, Pascale Louka



# 2017 World Doubles Championships Report

Australia host a strong history in Doubles winning 6 Gold Medals and a total of 20 medals at the commonwealth games across the three doubles events.

The 5th World Doubles Championships will provide ideal preparation both for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast – where doubles squash will be a feature of the Games for the sixth time since 1998 – and also the for Pan American Games the following year.

The 5th World Doubles Championships, featured Men's, Women's and Mixed events and was hosted by England Squash and came just a year after Darwin Squash Center staged the 2016 championships – in which medals were shared between Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, India and Malaysia.

A record 51 pairs participated this year – comprising 17 Men's, 21 Mixed and 13 Women's – representing Australia, Canada, Colombia, England, India, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, South Africa and Wales.

Australia's pairings for the 2017 edition of the event included (2) Ryan Cuskelly and Cameron Pilley, (3) Zac Alexander and David Palmer, (3) Rachael Grinham and Donna Urquhart, (11) Sarah Cardwell and Christine Nunn, (3) Donna Urquhart and Cameron Pilley and (4) Rachael Grinham and David Palmer.

Unfortunately, on the first day say our Women's pairings face off against each other as they had been drawn in the same pool. The seeded team of Grinham and Urquhart were a little too strong on the day and came away with the win 2-0.

Cardwell and Nunn learnt from this match as they went on to win the rest of their pool matches which included an upset win over Malaysian pair (6) Nicol David and Rachel Arnold.

Further upsets were seen in this pool as David and Arnold defeated the top Aussie pairing of Grinham and Urquhart. On a countback, it was Cardwell and Nunn who missed out on progressing to through the pool to the quarter final stage.

The Men's and Mixed pairings for Australia reached the quarter-final stage unscathed as they all dominated their respective pools.

After winning through her Women's quarter final with Rachael Grinham, Donna Urquhart tore her calf in the mixed doubles quarter-final with Cameron Pilley. Unfortunately, this means both teams were forced to withdraw resulting in a 3rd placed Women's team and a 5th placed Mixed team. Best wishes to Donna on a speedy recovery and we hope to see her fit for her upcoming tournaments throughout the rest of 2017.



Commonwealth Games gold medal mixed combination of Grinham and Palmer won through their quart-final match before going down to a strong New Zealand pair of Joelle King and Paul Coll in the semi-final. Thus, adding a second bronze medal to Australia's tally for the event.

Men's pair of Alexander and palmer face English duo James Willstrop and Declan James in their quarter-final. After 77mins of intense doubles it was the English team that scrapped through to the semi-finals where they were faced with the difficult task of playing a second Australian team in a row. It was the forehand, forehand combination of Cuskelly and Pilley that gained revenge for the defeat of their teammates on the previous day to win a spot in the Gold Medal match.

In the final Cuskelly and Pilley faced 2016 Gold Medal winners, Scottish team of Alan Clyne and Greg Lobban. The Scottish pair matched it with the Aussies for the first half of the first game before the Aussies ran away with the game to claim it 11-6. The second came saw the Aussie pair continue their momentum through to the end of the game winning it 11-3 and proving to strong for the Scots on the day.

Congratulations to Ryan Cuskelly and Cameron Pilley on winning a Gold Medal for Australia at the 2017 World Doubles Championships!!!



# 2017 Australian Junior Championships Report



Well over 200 of Australia's best young athletes competed in the Australian Junior Squash Championships over eight days at the Leisuretime Centre in Geelong, Victoria. This centre was ideal for the AJC, containing eight glass-backed courts for the tournament along with a mezzanine area for spectators. Both individual and team players were required to complete the ASADA Level One Anti-Doping Course and Match-Fixing Course in order to compete at the event. Although it was the first time these requirements were enforced, all individual and team players reached 100% compliance. This was also the second year the AJC was streamed live, allowing those not in attendance to witness the tournament for free. All players performed well and should be proud of their achievements.

Doubles made its first appearance at the AJC this year with U15's and U19's divisions playing. WA's Dylan Classen and Oscar Curtis won the U15 final in a hard-fought match against NSW's Georgia Lane and Luke Barry 11-2, 6-11, 11-9. Meanwhile NSW's pairing of Eugene Heng and Ryan Marshall proved too strong for Victoria's Alex Baines and Daniel Chu in the U19 doubles final, taking it out 11-6, 11-6 in 21 minutes.

On finals day at the largest junior event on the Australian squash calendar, seven of the 10 traditional divisions were won by number one seeds.

In the top half of the U19 Boys draw, Queensland's Nicholas Calvert (3) took out rival and top seed Caleb Johnson (1) in a semi-final performance. The 2016 U17 champion Maaz Khatri (5) also upset the seeding to beat Lachlan Coxsedg (2) in the bottom half. But it is Calvert who can now claim the title of Australian Junior Champion after defeating Khatri 8-11, 11-8, 12-10, 11-3 in 52 minutes in the final.

The U19 Girls draw saw the top two seeds meet in the final. Defending champion, Victoria's Jessica Graham (1) was challenged in her semi-final with Grace Pattison (7), but fought through and looked strong in the final to record an 11-9, 11-7, 11-9 win over New South Wales' Shehana Vithana (2).

Jacob Ford (1) also proved strong in his draw, only dropping a game in the final 11-9, 9-11, 11-7, 11-4 against his surprise opponent Abel Jin (5) on route to the Australian U17 Boys title.

Cruising through the U17 Girls draw without dropping a single game, South Australia's Alex Haydon (1) proved why she is considered one to watch in the future, with an 11-7, 11-1, 11-7 win in the final over Sze Yu Lee (5) to take her second consecutive Australian title in that age group.

The U15 Boys may have also had the top four seeds in the semis if it wasn't for the giant killing run of Queensland's Luke Eyles.

The 13th seed fought his way through the draw, taking out the second and third seeded players to make the final against the 2016 U13 champion and top seed Gregory Chan. In the final, Chan proved too strong for Eyles, winning 11-9, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8 in 34 minutes.

The top four seeds all made the semi-finals in the U15 Girls division, but it was Katie Davies (1) and Erin Classen (4) who went through to the final having been pushed hard to get there. The final was another well contested match with last year's U13 Girls winner Classen denying Davies of a maiden national title 11-4, 7-11, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7 in 35 minutes.

The U13 Boys title was won by WA's Oscar Curtis (1) with a comfortable 11-4, 11-6, 11-2 win over last year's U11 champion Benjamin Murray (3).

The U13 Girls produced two surprise finalists in Madison Lyon (7) and Charlotte Stephenson (10), after they'd taken out the top two seeds in the quarter finals. Unfortunately, Stephenson was unable to take the court for the final, leaving Lyon to take the Australian U13 title.

In the U11 Boys division, another top seed Aryan Madan took out the title by reversing the result from his pool match with surprise packet Pranay Bhutani winning the final 11-3, 11-9, 11-3.

Meanwhile, in a fiercely contested U11 Girls match, defending champion and top seed Haylee Besant scraped through in a thriller against Maja Maziuk 12-10, 11-8, 5-11, 12-14, 12-10.

The Teams event saw Queensland take their AJC winning streak to an impressive 14 years in a row. This was not to say that they were not hotly contested by other states, with Western Australia hot on their tails throughout the tournament. Commendable efforts and displays of skill were demonstrated by all participants.

Squash Australia would like to thank everyone who participated or was involved in running the event, including the Geelong Leisuretime Centre, City of Greater Geelong, Squash and Racquetball Victoria, referees, volunteers and all of the competing teams and individuals!

# 2017 World Junior Championships Report

The annual World Squash Federation event took place at Devoy Squash & Fitness Centre in the city of Tauranga from 19-24 July – followed by the Women's World Junior Team Championship from 25-29 July.

The Australian contingent consisted of 12 players to compete in the Individual event, including 4 female players who stayed on to compete in the World Junior Women's Team event and 3 male players who competed in a friendly team event.

The Women's team consisted of Alex Haydon, Courtney Mather, Lauren Aspinall and Shehana Vithana with Grace Pattinson and Jessica Osborne competing in the individual event. The Male team that contested the friendly team event was Ethan Eyles, Lachlan Coxsedg and Nicholas Calvert with Jacob Ford, Maaz Khatri and Will Curtis competing in the individual event.

The team completed their preparations for the event with a two-day training camp in a Melbourne and Team coaches Paul Price and Kay Kendall are really pleased with how the team is progressing, "the unity that the team has developed this early in the trip is such a positive sign and we are looking forward to bringing that energy to the tournament in Tauranga".

Whilst all team members performed well on day one, it is Nicholas Calvert who is leading the way by making it through to round three. Nick showed great form to overcome his opponent in three straight and is looking forward to playing the seeded Tom Walsh (ENG) on Thursday afternoon. Grace Pattison also had a win in her first-round match, but the Egyptian seed Rowan Reda Araby proved too strong in round two.

Day 2 started with a gutsy effort from Will Curtis who took on local Kiwi Mitchell Kempton. Although it was a straight win in three, Will had to work hard to overcome the local crowd and stick to his game plan. And the Junior Women's didn't disappoint with Lauren Aspinall putting in a strong performance to win in four against Ireland's L Lloyd.

Day 3 there was success in both the Junior Women's and Junior Men's draws. Will Curtis started the ball rolling with a solid performance, not conceding a game in his match earlier in the day. However, the team went into celebration when Ethan Eyles, Courtney Mather and Alex Haydon experienced their first ever win at a World Junior Championships

The Junior Women did not disappoint either. Grace Pattison, Lauren Aspinall, Jessica Osborne and Shehana Vithana all had fabulous, well contested matches, pushing right to the very end.

Day 4 and both Alex Haydon and Courtney Mather had strong wins in straight sets. The young ladies really stepped it up, showing aggression and great tactics, coming into some great form prior to the teams next week. As a result, they are playing each other in the next round.

Day 5 saw four Australians left in the draw. Lachlan Coxsedg and Ethan Eyles both went down in tight matches. Jacob Ford won his match comfortably in 3 and Alex Haydon won her final match in 4 games to win the Consolation Plate.

Team Australia was seeded 9 in the World Junior Women's Teams event and were placed in a pool with Egypt and New Zealand.

Egypt proved too strong for the Australian team, winning the tie 3-0. Australia came out strong against New Zealand with Alex Haydon defeating Anna Hughes 3-0 in the first match of the tie. New Zealand levelled the tie at 1-1 after Courtney Mather was defeated by Camden Te Kani-McQueen. The deciding match saw Lauren Aspinall take on Kaitlyn Watts. Unfortunately, the kiwi proved too strong the Aussie and winning the match in 3 close games. Leaving Australia to play-off for 9th position.

Next up for Australia was South Africa. Shehana Vithana got the Australian girls off to a fantastic start winning her match 17-15 in fifth. Match two of the tie saw Lauren Aspinall put in a gutsy display before go down in 3 very close games. Alex Haydon bought the team home strongly with a dominant display to win her match in 3.







# 2017 World Games Report

Squash made its fifth appearance in the World Games, the quadrennial multi-sport event for non-Olympic program sports. The 10th edition of the Games has attracted more than 3,000 athletes from 31 sports and 111 countries to the participate in the biggest sport event ever to be staged in Poland, under the patronage of the IOC.

63 players from 26 nations competed in the Squash championships, at the Hasta La Vista Squash Centre which holds 33 courts and is the largest center in the World. The event was led by men's top seed Simon Rosner, the world No.11 from Germany, and women's favourite Camille Serme, ranked three in the world, from France.

Past medallists at the World Games include Nick Matthews, James Willstrop, Simon Rosner, Peter Nicol, Gregory Gaultier and Nicol David.

Squash Australia sent an U25 development team to compete at the World Games to gain valuable experience and help carry Australian Squash forward. The team that represented Australia was: Rhys Dowling, Alex Eustace, Tamika Saxby and Jessica Turnbull.

Rhys Dowling had a nail biting affair in the first round against Daniel Mekbib from Czech Republic. A gutsy performance from Dowling saw him save two match balls in the fifth before finally prevailing 11-7 9-11 8-11 11-8 12-10.

Up next for the young Aussie was the number 1 seed, Simon Rosner. Dowling surprised Rosner with his speed around the court and ability to get balls back. Ultimately in the end a few fine errors proved to be the difference going down 11-8 11-3 11-7 in a great learning experience for Dowling.

Tamika Saxby got off to a strong start in her first round to defeat newly-wed Sina Kandra of Germany 9-11 11-6 11-5 11-4.

Up next for Saxby was world number 33 Nele Gilis of Belgium. With a 1-1 head-to-head record, this match was always going to be close. Unfortunately, the hot bouncy conditions suited Gilis better as she never allowed Saxby to feel comfortable on court and play her own game. Proving too strong today Gilis took the match 11-6 11-8 11-6.

First-round for Eustace was 2-time World Junior Champion and the current world number 19, Diego Elias of Peru. The exceptional movement and physicality of Elias proved too much for Eustace forcing him into too many errors as he finally succumbed to the strong Peruvian 11-4 11-4 11-4.

The first-round exit for Eustace saw him enter the plate event to gain further experience competing for Australia on an International stage. After receiving a bye first round he played Yuri Farneti of Italy in the quarter-final. A consistent performance from Eustace saw him win the match in 4 games.

Englishmen Josh Masters was up next for Eustace for a place in the plate final. However, it was not Eustace's day as Masters' attacking style of play proved to good on the day winning the match 3-0. Eustace was triumphant in his 3/4 playoff against Finland's Matias Tuomi winning the match 3-0 to win a Bronze medal in the plate event.

Jessica Turnbull was drawn against Lisa Aitken of Great Britain. Turnbull got off to a slow start in the match before finding her range and applying pressure to Aitken in the second and third games. Unfortunately, a few crucial errors saw the Aussie go down 11-5 14-12 12-10.

Turnbull also entered the plate event to further her exposure to international competition. She hit the ground running in the plate event with two dominant 3-0 victories against Csege Kiss-Mate of Hungary and Alina Bushma of Ukraine, before a semi-final match up with Sina Kandra. In an intense, see-sawing match it was the German that won in 5 games, 9-11 11-7 11-8 7-11 11-3.

Turnbull turned the tables on the final day to win her 3/4 play playoff against Ineta Mackevica of Latvia in another intense 5 game marathon, to win a second Bronze medal for Australia.

# Squash Foundation

[www.squashfoundation.com.au](http://www.squashfoundation.com.au)

The Squash Foundation was launched in 2017 by Squash Australia as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the sport of Squash in Australia. The foundation was established to secure funds that will develop existing centres and create new squash facilities around the country, with Carrara Squash Centre being the first project.

The goal for Squash Foundation is to assist the growth and development of Squash by supporting the grass root players and elite professionals with the right support they need and providing investment opportunities into existing and new facilities.

The vision for Squash Foundation is to provide all states with facilities that will become 'a hub' for the sport. A home of Squash will create opportunities for children, young people and professionals to have access to world standard facilities across Australia.

The Squash Foundation will provide squash players in Australia from all cultural backgrounds and skill levels, with equal opportunities and the appropriate support in reaching their full potential on and off the court.



## Carrara Squash Centre

The 'Carrara Squash Centre' campaign is the first project to launch from the Squash Foundation.

A potential new Squash Centre located in the Gold Coast Sports Precinct has launched a campaign to raise the required funds see the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Squash courts become a legacy for the Gold Coast and Australia.

The Carrara Squash Centre needs to raise \$2,000,000 for the construction of the courts in the original Carrara Indoor Arena. The facility would house six squash courts plus one TV show court. This relocation will further revitalise The Gold Coast Sports Precinct, securing another piece of legacy infrastructure from the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The facility will bring social and health benefits, and what US Forbes magazine classed as 'the worlds healthiest sport' to the local community. In addition, the facility will allow Australia to host major international Squash events which will boost the local economy.

This home of Squash will create opportunities for children, young people and professionals to have access to world standard facilities. In addition to high performance sport, the facility will offer health and wellbeing opportunities for the local community.

Fundraising for the centre will be achieved through the newly created Squash Foundation. The centre has created sponsorship packages for business, individuals and stakeholders to partner and embrace this Squash Legacy with permanent legacy recognition given to the valued sponsors.

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# SportyHQ Update

## SportyHQ

### Competition and Sports Management

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Find out why over 100,000 people rely on SportyHQ for their online sports life.

SportyHQ is a modern, user-friendly sporting interface providing clubs and centres with league, tournament and membership software. Co-founder and current president Henry Weber is an avid squash player that developed the platform so it could be built for and maintained by sports fanatics. SportyHQ is now a successful sporting platform with plenty of features to benefit Australian clubs, centres and players.

The program offers clubs an opportunity to manage membership plans, player sign-ups, online payments, run tournaments, leagues and other in-house competitions. SportyHQ continues to develop and improve its features and Squash Australia looks forward to working together throughout 2018 to bring even greater possibilities to our many clubs and players.

Throughout 2017, SportyHQ has developed capability for team league live scoring through their free scoring app, Score Squash. It's available on both the Android and iOS stores. They've also expanded their tournament platform substantially with new scheduling tools, swiss draw support and many other features to help make running an event easier. In addition, they recently launched a free court

booking app that integrates with their online booking system. In response to feedback from Squash Australia members and affiliates, SportyHQ implemented a new payment gateway platform which has significantly lowered fees and charges for users.

In 2018, SportyHQ looks forward to many continued improvements, including additional features to the SportyHQ scoring app, improved league and tournament software, as well as a full roll-out of their club platform.

In addition to the above, SportyHQ has developed a range of features specific to the needs of Squash Australia. These include utilisation of the system as a coaching, refereeing and player database, which now has the ability to track affiliations, qualifications and membership history in great detail. These features are invaluable and essential to modern day sporting organisations and have resulted in a direct benefit to the Australian squash community, across national, state and club levels.

For more information about SportyHQ and all that it has to offer Australian clubs, centres and players, please contact us.

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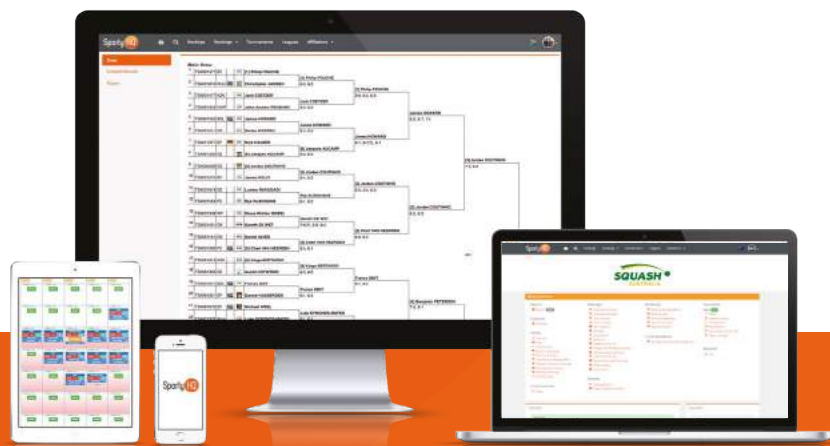
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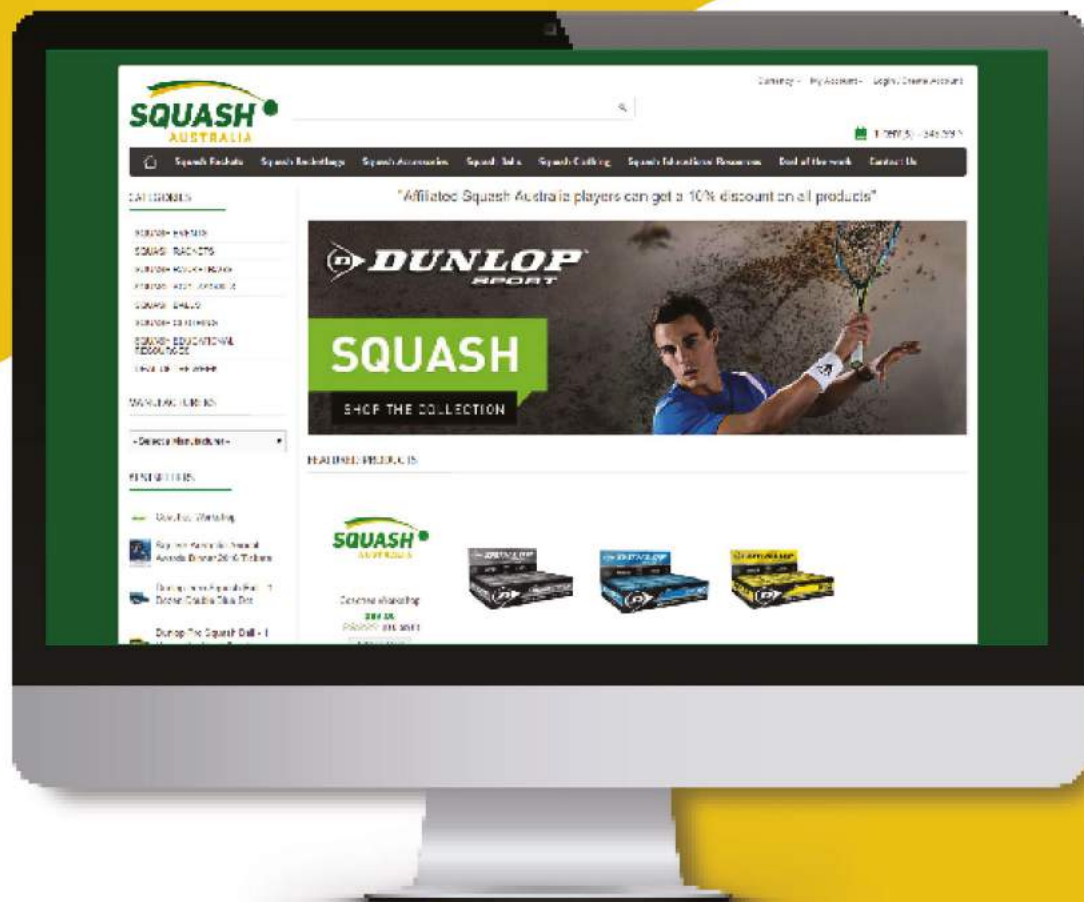
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# Club Referee Pathway and Squash Australia's eLearning Platform

Squash Australia launched the eLearning platform just over a year ago. This brought online many firsts for Squash in Australia including the online Club Level Referee course making refereeing more accessible for all Australians.

This course being available online helps to make refereeing more accessible for all Australians. The course can be used as the first steps towards a career in refereeing but it is also highly recommended for those who are just hoping to brush up on the rules or gain confidence in their own refereeing at their club/pennant matches.

Squash Australia spoke to one of the many people who have now completed their very first refereeing accreditation through the eLearning platform, Melinda. When asked about the usability of the course, she said that it was very easy to use. The referencing of specific rules sections on the questions was also great.

Overall the online components of the course should take no more than a couple of hours to complete and includes:

- Open book exam consisting of multiple choice questions which you can complete in your own time
- Proof of identification
- Working with Children Check details

More recently, a State Level Referee online component has been added increasing the training for aspiring referees using video based learning activities and exam. These videos cover the referee decision making areas of front wall interference, access, movement.

Nathan Turnbull is one referee who has followed the refereeing pathway over the past several years and is now widely recognised as one of the best referees in the world. Nathan has travelled all over the world (to every continent on the planet minus Antarctica in fact) for refereeing and even had the top job on the 2016 Men's World Championship Final in Egypt.

Nathan appreciates the value of the increased online referee training material on the eLearning platform having this to say:

*"It would be great to have more players being more educated on the rules of the game and the introduction of refereeing courses to the eLearning platform is a great step towards this making referee training more accessible for all. It also helps people get started on their refereeing pathway giving people the opportunity to travel the world watching and refereeing squash as I have been fortunate enough to do."*

The Club Referee accreditation online components are available on the eLearning platform for just \$9 while the State Referee components cost just \$19.

Please note that for both the Club Referee and State Referee courses, to complete the accreditations, practical assessments are also required.

For more information please contact [education@squash.org.au](mailto:education@squash.org.au)



**Want to become a Club Referee?**

Squash Australia members can now become a Club Referee online.

# 2017 Oceania Junior Championships Report

Over 200 players from all over the world will descend on the Henderson Squash Club in Auckland, New Zealand on Good Friday to compete in the 2017 Southern Cross Travel Insurance Oceania Junior Championships.

With 61 participants from Australia, 7 from New Caledonia, 5 from China, 2 from Hong Kong, 1 from French Polynesia, 1 from Singapore and the rest of the players from New Zealand it is truly an international affair. The Trans-Tasman squad (listed on page 16) was accompanied by coaches Zac Alexander and Kay Kendall.

The event is expected to heat up for the Under 19 Australian players vying for selection into the Australian Team to travel back across the ditch in July to compete in the 2017 World Junior Championships at the Devoy Squash and Fitness center in Tauranga.

One of the upsets of the tournament came on day 1 in an all Australian battle. Tasmanian Grace Pattison playing the slightly lower seed of Jessica Osbourne from Northern Territory. Grace got off to the better start, taking out the first game, before Jessica finally took control of the match winning in four.

Day two started with potentially the match of the tournament as young Australian Andre Lynn took on Kiwi Tom Marshall in the Boys Under 13 division. These two young guns attracted an impressive crowd who were entertained to a titanic struggle as nothing separated the pair for the entirety of the match. The New Zealander finally prevailed with a score line 13-15 15-13 16-14 15-17 15-13.

The Under 15 girls were the talk of Day 3 as Australia occupied all four semi-final spots in this division. It was the State of Origin battle as well it was NSW v QLD in both matches. Sze Yu Lee v Katie Davies and Georgia Lane v Hayley Hankinson. And it was the NSW girls that took the series winning both matches in 4 hotly contested games.

Grand final day and Australia had 5 players competing for a title in their respective age groups. Oscar Curtis went down in 4 games to Singaporean Edward Boon in the 13 Boys, Sze Yu Lee defeat fellow Aussie Georgia Lane, Remi Young went down in 3 games to Leo Fatialofa and Alex Haydon lost in 3 to Kiwi Kaitlin Watts.

Australia also had the following players win their respective 3/4 play-off matches to finish on the podium: Erin Classen, Katie Davies and Joshua Penfold

	Boys			Girls		
U11	Mathew Growcott (NZL)	Reece Holms (NZL)	Oliver Dunbar (NZL)	Maia Smales (NZL)	Anabel Romero Gemmell (NZL)	Saars Joukani (NZL)
U13	Edward Boon (SIN)	Oscar Curtis (AUS)	Mason Smales (NZL)	Natalie Sayes (NZL)	Sophie Hodges (NZL)	Erin Classen (AUS)
U15	Leo Fatialofa (NZL)	Remi Young (WA)	Josh Penfold (QLD)	Sze Yu Lee (AUS)	Georgia Lane (AUS)	Katie Davies (AUS)
U17	Mathew Lucette (NZL)	Gabe Yam (NZL)	Temwa Chil-eshe (NZL)	Rhiarne Taiapa (NZL)	Amara Afghan (NZL)	Ruby Turnbull (NZL)
U19	Finn Trimble (NZL)	Quinn Udy (NZL)	Mitchell Kemp-ton (NZL)	Kaitlin Watts (NZL)	Alex Haydon (SA)	Anika Jackson (NZL)

## 2017 Trans-Tasman Report

With any Australia versus New Zealand rivalry it is always a heated battle and the 2017 Trans-Tasman Series was no different. 18 of Australia and New Zealand's best juniors squash players did battle to claim the Trans-Tasman title.

Australia will be looking to end New Zealand's winning streak as they have claimed the title for the past two years after a 19-17 win on the Gold Coast in 2016. With 2 male and 2 female players in every age group, except the under 19 girls where there are 4 players, there were a number of tough matches had by all in their relevant age groups.

The Trans-Tasman Series is a fantastic opportunity for the Australian players to compete against New Zealand in a competitive team environment. The TTS is the highlight on the junior calendar for Australian juniors.

It was New Zealand that started Day 1 stronger with the under 13's. Oscar Curtis was the only winner as New Zealand took a 3-1 lead. The Under 15's put Australia back into the tie with wins to Hayley Hankinson, Katie Davies and Remi Young to level the day up at 4 matches each.

Next up was the under 17 girls. Jade Woods put up a good fight against the Oceania Champion, Rhiarne Taiapa, but ultimately went down in 3 games. Before Alex Haydon came out and won her match against Winona-Jo Joyce to keep Australia level at 5 matches all.

It was all downhill for Australia from there. With both under 17 boys, Jacob Ford and Maaz Khatri going down in their respective

matches. Oceania under 19 Champion Finn Trimble managed to edge past Australian Lachlan Coxedge in three games while Mitchell Kemp-ton was forced to fight hard to see off Nicholas Calvert in four games.

All four under 19 girls had tough battles against their respective opponents, without getting a win. Meaning New Zealand took a 13-5 lead after Day 1.

On Day 2 Australian young guns Oscar Curtis and Dylan Classen got the team off to a flying start recording two wins before New Zealand came back in the girls with wins against Erin Classen and Maggie Goodman to level the day at 2-2. The under 15 boys both went down today with Remi Young in 4 games to Leo Fatialofa and Josh Penfold in a five-game marathon to Elijah Thomas.

Katie Davies suffered a shock loss to Georgia Fyfe, before Hayley Hankinson completed the under 15 age group with a 3-0 win. The under 17 age group recorded one win with Alex Haydon defeating Rhiarne Taiapa 3-0.

In the under 19 girls, Courtney Mather went down to Kaitlin Watts, Shehana Vithana lost to Anika Jackson, Grace Pattinson was defeated by Nadia Hubbard and Taylor Jones lost to Courtney Trail.

Nicholas Calvert went down in 3 to a strong Finn Trimble in the under 19 boys before Lachlan Coxedge came 2-0 down and 10-6 down in 3rd to stage a remarkable comeback and win the match in a brutal 5 games. This bought the final tally for the day to 13-5 and the overall score across the two days to 26-10 in favour of New Zealand.



# Buenos Aires 2018, Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games



Over 20 million athletes play squash in 185 countries according to US Squash, yet despite the sport's obvious large following and international appeal, squash remained a non-Olympic sport until earlier this year when squash was confirmed as a showcase sport at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2018.

Jacques Fontaine, the President of the World Squash Federation (WSF) commented positively to this announcement: "Youth are our future, and so a priority for squash... To be added to the Youth Olympic Games for 2018 is a great moment for squash and a step in the right direction towards our ultimate aim of Olympic Games inclusion. The Youth Games displays the very best in rising sporting talent as well as the very best in youth sports. We believe we have one of the most unique sporting products in the world and some of the most compelling athletes in the world; and we look forward to working close with the host in the build up to the Buenos Aires 2018 to ensure we make the most of the opportunity."

Buenos Aires 2018 will be the first time that squash will appear on an Olympic programme, making it a ground-breaking event that will positively affect the future of the sport. The Buenos Aires 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Games are to be held between October 6-18.

Additionally, the inclusion of squash in the Summer Youth Olympic Games will have a significant impact on squash's aspirations to join the Summer Olympic Games.

Professional Squash Association (PSA) CEO Alex Gough commented: "With a focus on development, the Youth Olympics is also very much a testing ground for the Olympic Movement and we welcome the opportunity to showcase our sport in the setting and display both the adaptability and uniqueness of the all-glass show court and the skills and athleticism of our players."

The 2024 Summer Olympics was awarded to Paris, beating Los Angeles who will host the 2028 games. New rules allow both these host cities to propose additional sports which bodes well for squash since both Paris and Los Angeles already have strong squash programs. Moreover, by the criteria that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) uses to measure prospective sports,

squash has a compelling case. The sport has genuine global appeal: last year 47 countries hosted tour events, featuring players from 74 nations.

The WSF believes that squash would enjoy significant growth and development benefits if it were to be included in the Olympics. It would entitle the sport to funding from the IOC; Mr Andrew Shelley, Chief Executive of WSF, says that even a few million dollars over a four-year cycle would make a "substantial difference" to the WSF's development work. Yet the most significant benefits would not be financial, but in "visibility", he says. Seeing the event in the games would help to grow squash's fan base. And the prospect of winning an Olympic medal would also give young players another incentive to pursue a career in the sport.

Logistically, squash would also be an easy fit for the games. The event that the WSF has proposed—singles tournaments for men and women, featuring 32 players apiece—could be run exclusively on two all-glass courts, either inside or outside. Squash has already shown its suitability in other multi-sport events: more than one million people watched the men's singles final in the last Commonwealth Games.



## PARIS 2024

New WSF President Jacques Fontaine is French and sits on the French National Olympic Committee. France has a number of strong medal contenders such as Gregory Gaultier (current world number 1), Camille Serme (current World number 3), Thierry Lincou (former world number 1, now retired), Mathieu Castagnet (former world number 5, current 26), Gregoire Marche (current world 25) and Lucas Serme (current world 41).

Squash is developing well in France and has a good media presence, as well as social standing as the sport is played by many in the middle class.

To keep up to date with the Paris Summer Olympic Games 2024, please visit: [www.paris2024.org/en](http://www.paris2024.org/en)



## LA 2028

Squash in the USA has largely been driven by high-end country clubs which has fuelled its development in the collegiate sector with Harvard, MIT, Cornell and other renowned universities having very strong squash programs. US Squash has played an excellent role in uniting these influential stakeholders to position the sport in a great place for Los Angeles inclusion.

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# Coaches Corner

## Paul Price Coaching World Champions

Having travelled the world as a top ranked professional squash player, Paul knows what it takes to reach the top. Commitment, dedication, and a vision are among the many qualities he possesses from his worldly experiences. Paul is a former World No. 4 and member of the successful 1999 and 2001 Australian World Team. In 2002, he won a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and is also a British Open Finalist.

Paul is now focused on helping others reach their potential as a coach, speaker and entrepreneur in the Squash industry with his company Inspired Peak Performance squash and recent involvement in opening an F45 Training Studio. He is driven to add value to others, along with directing them towards their own path of success.

Paul recently undertook the role of National Coach and was the Australian Junior team coach at the WSF 2017 World Junior Championships and the 2017 World Doubles Championships in Manchester where Australian pair Cameron Pilley and Ryan Cuskelly claimed Gold in the Men's doubles.

He said he was thrilled to get the chance to work with Australia's best elite players: "We are in a unique situation in squash in Australia and with that comes a great opportunity for us all to raise our standards, come together and build a supportive culture that will attract more people, especially kids who will want to be a part of the sport we all love" he said.

"With many of our top players heading towards the latter stages of their careers, I think it's extremely important to make sure

**"Staying focused on the grind of the day to day activities creates the highlight reel you envision."**

Paul Price

the culture in Australian squash is growing and developing where our best players can walk away feeling like they have achieved their goals personally, as a team, and left a pathway for our future champions to aim for"

"Perhaps even more importantly, that they've left the Australian tracksuit in a place with a clear picture for the next generation to understand that it's more important in how you wear Australia on your back, the values around representing your country and how hard you have to work for that opportunity. If we can improve on that I believe over time that results of an equally high standard will follow."



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# Meet the Director



**Dale Robbins is state manager for Nissan Australia and was elected on the board of Directors two years ago and since then has been heavily involved with the strategic plan. He was asked to join the board to give structure, assist in planning and utilize his skills not only in the marketing area but also with his squash background.**



**Foundation Coach**



**Club Referee**



**OzSquash**

He is also the Vice President of Oceania and has been getting more involvement in that area for Squash Australia. The Oceania Annual General Meeting is being held in Tahiti in October 2017.

Dale has a squash background and has played since he was 15 years old, he's played for Australia in the successful World Team event in 1980 with Chris Dittmar and Peter Nance. Dale continued to play squash through to the masters and still plays squash today. He's been involved in court ownership as his parents owned courts for 15 years and grew up around squash courts.

Dale says he's "enjoyed being on the working group for education together with Jordan Till and has had a good level of participation from stakeholders and that makes a difference to the working groups. It's very important to the success of the strategic plan to widen the circle of influence from people that are passionate about squash and what we are trying to achieve through the strategic plan going forward."

Dale continues "one of the other main passions for me was creating a legacy from the Commonwealth Games and that's something with a colleague Larry Malan, Richard and the board's help we have been able to successfully achieve and this will be developed over the next 6-8 months. There's a lot of work involved in this but it will be very rewarding and achievement for the Gold Coast and Squash Australia."

"One of the challenges for Squash Australia going forward are around facilities and that's

something we have been working hard on and implementing plans from the strategic plan over the next 12 – 18 months. The biggest challenge for Squash is re-energizing squash in Australia. Squash has reenergized throughout the world and is one of the top growing sports. In North America, it's the fastest growing individual sport. In Australia, we haven't been able to maintain the presence with the younger generation, we have an older demographic that is something we need to change. To make squash more dynamic and exciting and being able to put programs in place that will allow the states to develop junior programs and programs for people in early 20s to continue to play the sport.

Masters squash has been very successful in Australia with huge tournaments being held every year, the amount of people that are passionate about the game is fantastic. Part of the obligations for Squash Australia is to enable those passions to be utilised and give the opportunity for people to assist in game going forward.

One of the things I have really enjoyed over the two years is seeing Richard and the team develop the strategic plan, the working groups idea that has come through has involved a lot of people in squash and people with a lot of experience inside and outside of the court, we are seeing fruits of the labor of those working groups coming through. The Squash Australia team young, dynamic and very keen and I see the sport in good position at the moment to really develop over the next two to three years."

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# Australian Squash Tour

The Australian Squash Tour, a new initiative by Squash Australia to promote the Professional Squash Association events across Australia.

The Australian Squash Tour will award the top three male and female Australian players with a share of a prize fund. This fund will be put forward by Squash Australia and will be given as an addition to any prize money players may receive from the events.

The Australian Squash Tour will finish with the Australian Open in November, the top three male and female players with the highest points will share in the prize pool of \$10,000. The AST is for Australian players only, developed to facilitate participation across the nation. On the AST, a player's top 10 tournaments are counted towards their overall point score.

The AST aims to bring all these great events together, creating a circuit to benefit Australian players. Event organizers in Australia do a great job with their events. The circuit will help support them in their efforts of getting more players, especially Australian players on the court.

The total prize money for all individual PSA events on the AST is \$150,000 across a total of 26 events.

Below is a table showing the current leaders of the Australian Squash Tour.

Top 10 Men			Top 10 Women		
1	Rhys Dowling (QLD)	6400	1	Tamika Saxby (NSW)	4900
2	Josh Larkin (NSW)	4850	2	Samantha Foyle (QLD)	2450
3	Matthew Hopkin (QLD)	3200	3	Lisa Camilleri (QLD)	2300
4	Zac Alexander (QLD)	3100	4	Jessica Turnbull (QLD)	2150
5	Thomas Calvert (QLD)	2340	5	Lauren Aspinall (SA)	1290
6	Darcy Evans (TAS)	1470	6	Samantha Calvert (QLD)	1040
7	Alex Eustace (QLD)	1410	6	Taylor Flavell (VIC)	1040
8	Joseph White (QLD)	1275.44	8	Moana Gray (QLD)	880
9	Mike Corren (VIC)	1270	9	Christine Nunn (VIC)	800
10	Rex Hedrick (VIC)	1150	10	Sarah Cardwell (VIC)	700

<div> <div>2017 AUSTRALIAN SQUASH TOUR</div> <div>  </div> <div> <div>\$150,000</div> <div>26 EVENTS TOTAL PRIZE MONEY</div> </div> </div>		
AST EVENT RANKING	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
AST 10 (AUSTRALIAN CLOSED, PSA 10K)	1750	1150
AST 5 (PSA 5K E.G. SA OPEN)	900	600
AST P (PSA CLOSED SATELITE, NATIONAL PREMIER GRADED CHAMPIONSHIPS)	120	72
AST A (NATIONAL A GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS)	60	36
AST B	30	18
AST C	15	9
AST D	7.5	4.5
AST E	3.75	2.25

# 2018 AUSTRALIAN SQUASH TOUR



## Men's AST

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPS AST 5 16 - 18 FEB  
ESPERANCE OPEN CLOSED AST 5 02 - 04 MAR  
ELANORA OPEN AST 5 16 - 18 MAR  
ACT OPEN AST 10 05 - 06 MAY  
NT OPEN AST 5 09 - 13 MAY  
WA OPEN SQUASH CHAMPS AST 5 25 - 27 MAY  
GOLDEN OPEN AST 5 31 - 03 JUN  
BENDIGO INTERNATIONAL AST 5 12 - 14 JUL  
VICTORIAN OPEN AST 10 02 - 05 AUG  
SHEPPARTON INTERNATIONAL AST 5 24 - 26 AUG  
BEGA OPEN AST 5 31 - 02 SEP  
NORTH COAST OPEN AST 5 05 - 09 SEP  
NSW OPEN AST 5 12 - 16 SEP  
Q OPEN AST 5 12 - 14 OCT  
CAIRNS OPEN AST 5 26 - 28 OCT  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 10 21 - 25 NOV

## Women's AST

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPS AST 5 16 - 18 FEB  
BRISBANE CITY TOURNAMENT AST 5 01 - 04 MAR  
NT OPEN AST 10 09 - 13 MAY  
WA OPEN SQUASH CHAMPS AST 5 25 - 27 MAY  
GOLDEN OPEN AST 5 31 MAY - 03 JUN  
TASMANIAN/DEVONPORT OPEN AST 10 05 - 08 JUL  
BENDIGO INTERNATIONAL AST 5 12 - 14 JUL  
VICTORIAN OPEN AST 10 02 - 05 AUG  
NORTH COAST OPEN AST 5 05 - 09 AUG  
NSW OPEN AST 5 12 - 16 SEP  
Q OPEN AST 5 12 - 14 OCT  
CAIRNS OPEN AST 5 26 - 28 OCT  
AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 10 21 - 25 NOV

# \$10,000 PRIZE POOL

ALL POINTS CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL AST RANKING





# JUNIOR CALENDAR

## January

**Oceana Junior Championships - Platinum Event - (11th - 14th January) - Redcliffe, QLD**

Trans-Tasman Test-Match (15th - 16th January) - Redcliffe, QLD

**Australian Junior Open - Platinum Event - (18th - 21st January) - Gold Coast, QLD**

New Year's Bash - Silver (20th - 21st January) - WA



## February

SSL Junior Age - Silver (11th February) - Melbourne, VIC

Coffs Harbour One Day Challenge - Bronze (11th February) - Coffs Harbour, NSW

Southern Region Qualifier - Bronze (18th February) - Southern Region

Cairns Compulsory Junior Qualifier - Bronze (17th - 18th February) - Cairns, QLD

Hilton Exploder - Bronze (18th February) - WA

Sydney Junior Open - Silver (17th - 18th February) - Thornleigh, NSW

Acacia Ridge Junior Open - Bronze (25th February) - Acacia Ridge, QLD



## March

TAS Junior Open - Gold (3rd - 4th March) - Hobart

NSW Country Junior Age Championships - Silver (3rd - 4th March) - Coffs Harbour, NSW

Esperance Junior - Silver (3rd - 4th March) - WA

Southern Region Qualifier - Bronze (18th March) - Southern Region



Willoughby Junior Open - Silver (17th - 18th March) - Willoughby, NSW

Marmion Junior Classic - Bronze (18th March) - WA

Townsville Junior Qualifier - Bronze (17th - 18th March) - Townsville, QLD

Anthony Ricketts Challenge - Bronze (25th March) - Woden Squash Centre, ACT

Redcliffe PCYC Junior Open - Bronze (25th March) - Redcliffe, QLD

## April

MDSA Junior Age - Silver (15th April) - Squash Logic Melton, VIC

Southern Region Qualifier - Bronze (22nd April) - Southern Region

Head Junior Classic - Silver (21st - 22nd April) - WA

## May

Southern Region Qualifier - Silver (5th - 6th May) - Southern Region

Mackay Junior Compulsory Qualifier - Silver (5th - 6th May) - Mackay, QLD

Geraldton Junior Open - Bronze (4th - 6th May) - WA

Parkes Junior One Day - Bronze (6th May) - Parkes, NSW

NT Junior Championships - Gold (5th - 6th May) - Darwin Squash Centre, NT

ACT Junior Open - Gold (19th - 20th May) - Woden Squash Centre, ACT

Coffs Harbour Junior Classic - Silver (26th - 27th May) - Coffs Harbour, NSW

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## June

Metro Junior Age - Silver (2nd - 3rd June) - TBC, VIC

Golden Junior Open - Silver (1st - 3rd June) - WA

Southern Region Qualifier - Bronze (10th June) - Southern Region, QLD

TAS Junior Event - Silver (9th - 10th June) - Devonport, TAS

WA Junior State Champs - Gold (30 June - 1 July) - WA

South Australia Junior Age Championships - Gold (30 June - 1 July) - The ARC, SA

## July

WA Junior Team Zone event (2nd - 3rd July) - WA

NSW Junior State Championships - Gold (13th - 15th July) - Coffs Harbour, NSW

**WSF Men's & Women's World Junior Individuals (18th-23rd July) - Chennai, India**

South Australia Junior Age Championships - Gold (21st - 22nd July) - Mile End, SA

**WSF Men's World Junior Team Championship (24th-29th July) - Chennai, India**

Briars @ Thornleigh Junior Open - Bronze (29th July) - Thornleigh, NSW

## August

Brisbane Junior Tournament - Bronze (5th August) - QLD

Southern Region Junior Qualifier - Bronze (5th August) - Southern Region, QLD

Coffs Harbour One Day Enduro Bronze (5th August) - Coffs Harbour, NSW

Vikings Junior Challenge - Silver (18th - 19th August) - Active Leisure Centre Erindale, ACT

## September

World University Squash Championships (06th - 13th September) - Birmingham, England

Southern Region Junior Qualifier - Bronze (9th September) - Southern Region, QLD

**Australian Junior Championships (Individual) - Platinum Event - (22nd - 25th September) - NT**

**Australian Junior Championships (Team) - (27th - 30th September) - NT**

## October

Victorian Primary Schools Regional Finals - Bronze (12th October) - VIC

Ingham Junior Qualifier - Bronze (13th - 14th October) - QLD

Stafford Junior Open - Bronze (21st October), QLD

Southern Region Junior Qualifier - Bronze (21st October) - Southern Region, QLD

Victorian Primary Schools States Finals - Team (26th October) - VIC

Parkes Junior Open - Bronze (27th - 28th October) - Parkes, NSW

## November

South Region Junior Qualifier - Bronze (11th November) - South Region, QLD

Barrett Property Junior Classic - Bronze (18th November) - Sandgate, QLD

Elanora Junior Open - Bronze (18th November) - Elanora, NSW

Canberra Cup - Bronze (24th November) - Woden Squash Centre, ACT

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# SENIOR CALENDAR C

## February

Australian Doubles Championships (13th - 15th February) - MSAC, VIC

Squash Australia Annual Awards (16th February) - Melbourne, VIC

Australian Closed (16th - 18th February) - MSAC, VIC

National Graded Championships - A, C and E Grades (16th - 18th February) - MSAC, VIC

VMSA - Vic Masters Teams Event (16 - 18 February) - Horsham, VIC

ESRA Championships (17th - 18th February) - Knox Park, VIC

Doubles Camp (27th - 28th February) - MSAC, VIC

Crookwell Open (24th - 25th February) - Crookwell, NSW



## March

Brisbane City Squash Tournament AST5 W (1st - 4th March) - Brisbane, QLD

Esperance Open - AST Closed M (3rd - 4th March) - Esperance, WA

ACT Masters (3rd - 4th March) - Weston Creek, ACT

South Australian Open Racquetball Championships (10-11 Mar) - The ARC Campbelltown, SA

Elanora Open - AST 5M (14th - 18th March) - Elanora, NSW

Gippsland Open (17th - 18th March) - Maffra, VIC

Forbes Open (24th - 25th March) - Forbes, NSW

Gold Coast Camp (27th March - 3rd April) - Gold Coast, QLD



## April

Commonwealth Games (4th - 15th April) - Gold Coast, QLD

VMSA - Vic Masters State Championships (20 - 22 April) - Dromana, VIC

Wangaratta Open Racquetball Championships (21-22 April) - Wangaratta, VIC

Parkes Doubles #1 (21st - 22nd April) - NSW

## May

ACT Open - AST 10M (3rd - 6th May) - Woden Squash Centre, ACT

Geraldton Open (4th - 6th May) - WA

Daisy Hill Doubles Championships (5th - 6th May) - Daisy Hill, QLD

ACT Open Racquetball Championships (5th - 6th May) - Woden, ACT

NT Open - AST 5M/10W (9th - 13th May) - Darwin Squash Centre, NT

NT Doubles Championships (13th - 14th May) - Darwin Squash Centre, NT

WA Open AST 5M/5W (24th - 27th May) - WA

Darwin Open Racquetball Championships (26-27 May) - Darwin Squash Centre, NT

## June

City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open - AST 5M/5W (31st - 3rd June) - Kalgoorlie, WA

Geelong Open Racquetball Classic (16th - 17th June) - Geelong, VIC

SA Open - AST5 M/W (26th - 30th June) - The ARC Campbelltown, SA



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## July

TAS / Devonport Open - AST 10M/5W  
(5th - 8th July) - TAS

Bendigo International AST 5M/5W (12th -  
14th August) - Bendigo, VIC

Victorian/Mt Districts Open Racquetball  
Championships (21st -22nd July) - Genesis  
Wantirna, VIC

Wollongong Open (21st - 22nd July) -  
Dapto Squash Club, NSW

Victorian Doubles AST 5 (21st - 22nd July) -  
MSAC, VIC

WSF World Masters Championships (29th -  
04th August) Charlottesville, USA

## August

Victorian Open AST 10M/10W (2nd - 5th  
August) - Mulgrave Country Club, VIC

Tasmanian Open Racquetball  
Championships (11-12 Aug) - Devonport,  
TAS

Shepparton International AST5 M (16st -  
19th August) - Shepparton, VIC

Bega Open - AST5 M (Dates TBA) - Bega,  
NSW

Australian Club Championship (17th - 19th  
August) - Gold Coast, QLD

Macquarie Uni Open (25th - 26th August) -  
NSW

North Coast Open AST 5M/5W (30th  
August - 2nd September) -  
Coffs Harbour, NSW

## September

Australian Masters Championships -  
Individuals (3rd - 7th September) -  
TAS

NSW Open - AST 5M/5W (6th - 9th  
September) - Thornleigh, NSW

Ballarat Open Racquetball  
Championships (8th - 9th  
September) -  
Wendouree, VIC

Australian Masters Championships  
-Teams (10 - 14 Sep) - TAS

## October

Crookwell Vintage (6th - 7th October) - NSW

QLD Open - AST 10M/10W (11th - 14th  
October) - QLD

Cairns Open - AST 5M/5W (26th -28th  
October) - QLD

## November

Lakes Classic Open Racquetball  
Championships (10 -11 Nov) - Victorian  
Grand Prix Circuit Event, Lakes Entrance

ACT Doubles Tournament - Doubles  
(3rd - 4th November) -  
Woden Squash Centre, ACT

Parkes Doubles #2 (10th - 11th  
November) - NSW

Australian Open M10/W10 -  
(21st - 25th November)  
Bendigo, VIC

**National Graded Championships**  
- **Premier, B, D (21st - 25th  
November) Bendigo, VIC**

VMSA - Vic Masters Mixed  
Graded Event (23rd - 25th  
November) - Ballarat, VIC

City of Clarence Open (23rd - 25th  
November) - Hobart, TAS

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# Chief Executive Officer Report

For the end of the 2016/2017 Financial Year it gives me great pleasure to write this report highlighting the organization's achievements and successes over the period, and to express my thanks to the numerous individuals and organizations that have contributed to the growth and development of Squash in Australia.

There have been many highlights over the period of this report, but the following milestones were particularly significant:

- An increase in participation of Squash in Australia from 2015 to 2016 by 26.60% which ultimately led to increased funding from the Australian Sports Commission from \$200,000 to \$350,000. Squash remains on track for further funding increase;
- Three medals at the 2016 World Doubles Championships in Darwin;
- The launch of the Squash Australia website and 8 State/territory websites;
- The launch and roll out of a fully integrated events and participant management system;
- The launch of the new eLearning portal;
- The launch of the new participant benefits portal;
- Successfully hosting the World Doubles Championships in Darwin without deficit;
- The expansion off the Squash Australia team from 4 in 2016 to 6 in 2017, providing increased capability and better service to all involved with Squash;
- The signing of a number new national partners: Victor, Schweppes, Peters, Red Bull and Ashaway;
- Excellent social media developments across all platforms;
- The launch of the monthly Magazine Show;
- Development of the Squash Australia brand;
- The national launch of the Hits and Giggles and Pop Up Squash participation programmes, with special thanks to Victoria Squash and Racquetball for their contributions in this area.

Squash Australia (SA) and the State and Territory Associations (STA) continue to work collaboratively across a range of areas and programmes in an effort to better align and reduce the duplication of services. This will continue to be a focus area for the respective Boards and the Executive Council.

## SQUASH IN AUSTRALIA STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2022

In collaboration with the STA's, SA have continued to focus and invest in the delivery of strategic initiatives outlined in the Squash Australia Strategic Plan 2016 – 2022.

Significant progress has been made during the past two years, but we are fully aware of the considerable amount of work that still has to be completed for the sport to be anywhere near where we would like it to be. With this, there are many changes in society surrounding how people consume sport and spend their leisure time, so all squash organisations in Australia should remain flexible and innovative with their planning to adapt to these future changes and trends.

A number of the Working Groups and Panels involving SA, STA's and external individuals have played important roles in progressing and delivering many strategic initiatives outlined in the Plan, and while recognized later in this Annual Report, we thank those individuals for their contribution.

Through this Strategic Plan, I am happy to say that we have been rated fully green by the Australian Sports Commission across all areas, with an overall score of 85%, up from 78% the previous year and 61% in 2015. The status has been attained by the national team meeting targets, increasing both full and exposure participation, improvements in governance and the finance of the organisation are on a good footing, with excellent reporting back to the Commission which they appreciate. It is important we keep up with any reforms in this area so we can retain and increase funding for the sport.

At the end of the 2016/2017 period, the sport can look back with a sense of pride in what has been achieved over the past 12 months, and look forward to a hopeful future, with the sport included for the first time in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games which positions it in a great place for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games inclusion.

We are also looking forward to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. We are all doing our bit to make sure squash achieves both as high a profile as possible and provides a great experience for all those that attend. Please do ensure to secure your tickets and get along to support the Australian team, it is not only important for them to get medals but essential for the

sport. It is ever so important to have as many supporters at the Gold Coast in April to get behind the team.

There are still some volunteer positions available for those enthusiastic individuals wanting to get a hands-on experience at the Games. If this is of interest to you, please contact the office for more information.

### PARTICIPATION

Participation rates in squash increased by 26.60% from 2015 to 2016. Social Squash is the most popular format of the sport and it has been very difficult to capture these numbers accurately. We have over 17,321 playing in pennant or more formal competitions and 26,495 participating in the OzSquash/School Programmes.

New members of the SA Participation team joined during the period, with Jordan Till and Anna Walker on a part time basis. A major focus of their work has been in the development of National participation programmes with Hits and Giggles, Pop Up Squash, Twenty20 and OzSquash being completed. Work is currently underway on launching Play, Learn, Move, Cardio Squash and Social Squash.

SA's junior programme OzSquash has enabled squash to continue to be part of the ASC's Sporting Schools Programme, which provides funding for schools to select a sport, of which Squash is 32. Over thirty OzSquash kits were sold to clubs and schools during this period.

### HIGH PERFORMANCE

A major highlight of the past 12 months was the three medals at the Darwin, World Doubles Championships. An excellent performance by all involved on home soil. The players have all had individual success with notable performance by Ryan Cuskelly, Cameron Pilley and Donna Urquhart, with up and coming player Rhys Dowling winning his first PSA event in Tasmania.

The World Junior Team reached a decade placing high, placing finish 7th in Poland.

Preparations are currently underway for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games with a heavy focus on the doubles events. It has been a pleasure to have Paul Price and Dan Jenson working with the team.

## EVENTS

The period was started off by the hosting of the Australian Open in Melbourne and the World Doubles Championships in Darwin. Both events were excellent exhibitions for the sport and on top off the medal success in Darwin, it was a fantastic achievement to run the event on budget with no financial loss. A special note of thanks to the Squash Northern Territory team and their volunteers for their support which enabled the event to be such a success.

The Australian Squash Tour kicked off in January 2017. This was supported by the inclusion of the Australian National Championships and new Graded National Championships which were well attended in Townsville. Congratulations must go out to all the winners. Following on from this event, many of the Graded Championships winners were selected to represent Australia in the Oceania Championships in Tahiti.

It was also fantastic to see so many people attend the joint Squash Australia and Queensland Annual Awards held in Townsville. It is always a pleasure to recognize and reward the volunteers across all areas of the sport which make such a positive impact on the game.

## COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Squash Australia gained multiple partners in 2016/2017, including Victor, Ashaway, Schweppes, Peters and Red Bull.

SA and the STAs continued to work closely in partnership with the Squash Australia technology platform provided by SportyHQ to roll out and improve the events and participant payments platform. As always there remains some challenges with this programme there has been significant progress made with a number of the STA's and given the importance of technology to the sport, this programme remains a priority.

## LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

In partnership with the ASC, SA has further progressed its governance with a General Meeting held in April fully supporting some slight Constitutional changes which keeps us on track to fully meet the ASC Mandatory Governance Principles.

We note the feedback for a State Governance Code and the need for help and support in this area and we are committed to developing a self-assessed Squash State Governance Code and providing shared services around Board development and other identified needs.

The SA Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, led by AFRC Chair Richard Majlinder, was very active in improving the processes and systems in place through 2016/2017.

Similarly, the HR and Nominations Committee Chaired by Margo Foster started its first year in full operation.

## COMMUNICATIONS

A major highlight of the past year has been the success of the SA communications platforms across social media: www.SquashAustralia.tv, the new website launch, the Magazine Show and the live stream of our top events.

Over the past year SA has continued work on developing a national brand for squash in Australia. Nearly all academic evidence supports the need for sporting brand uniformity across Squash Australia and the STA using consistent brand elements in all corporate logo designs, which will make them identifiable as part of the suite of logos. In such a model, each STA can retain its own individuality and personal identity through unique elements specific to their region. Brand uniformity in the sport will assist in overall recognition of the greater squash brand, assist in the commercialization of the sport, and allow every association to use their logo on apparel and new media.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I would like to acknowledge the loyal support and generous contribution from the Federal Government through the ASC and the Australian Institute of Sport. In particular, the Minister for Sport, first, Hon Sussan Ley and then Greg Hunt, the ASC Board under the leadership of John Wylie and CEO's, first, Simon Hollingsworth and the newly appointed Kate Palmer, who have provided invaluable advice and support to our organization over the period.

Sincere thanks go to President Sam Coffa, CEO Craig Phillips, the Board of Management of the Commonwealth Games of Australia for their continued support of squash and our High Performance Programme.

SA continue to harness a strong relationship with each STA during the 2016/2017 period and collectively we have worked collaboratively on a number of projects and initiatives that will continue to develop over the coming months and years. We thank the Presidents, Executive Directors and their support staff.

SA are very grateful to all host centres and volunteers of National and International events, and a special mention is made to the Squash NT for their great support in hosting the 2016 World Doubles Championships.

To our valued sponsors and partners who are outlined throughout this publication, the SA Board and staff extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation for these partnership, and look forward to continuing to develop these relationships collaboratively into the future.

A special thanks is made to the SA Board of Directors, staff, national working groups and volunteers for their continued commitment and dedication to the growth and development of the sport and brand of squash in Australia.

SA would also like to acknowledge World Squash Federation Vice President Sara Fitzgerald's work in this period.

We congratulate all winners in the 2016 Squash Australia Annual Awards for their notable contribution to the sport.

## IN MEMORIAM

Throughout the past year, Squash communities throughout Australia have lost many loved and respected friends and members and we offer our prayers and thoughts to member of the squash family.

**Richard Vaughan**  
Chief Executive Officer





# President's Report

This report is for the year ended June 2017. While I write the report, I do so to recognise the contribution of my fellow Board members. Over the year they were Sam Chadwick, Dave Whan, Doug Minchin, Michael Jaroszewicz, Cassandra Heilbronn, Michelle Martin, Dale Robbins, and myself. Given the relative stability after a number of years of significant change, and the growing experience of the team, it is no surprise that this was a year with some items to celebrate.

I should also mention the contribution of Richard Majlinder as Chair of the Audit, Finance & Risk Committee, and Margot Foster as the Chair of the newly formed HR & Nominations Committee.

## PARTICIPATION

For the first time this century, and probably for the last thirty years, the reported numbers of adults [over the age of 15] playing Squash in Australia has increased.

To place this in perspective, thirty years ago there would have been approximately half a million squash players in Australia, and since then the population has almost doubled. In the final ABS survey of a couple of years ago, before the ASC replaced them, the number was barely above 100,000. It is now reported as 137,000. The supporting news is that there are over 60,000 people considering starting to play squash and only 12,000 thinking of stopping. This supports the anecdotal evidence of the remaining Squash centres approaching capacity, and it is becoming harder to find a free court booking.

To meet the challenge of capacity, the Facilities Working Group has built a marketing plan and network across local government to influence new sport developments to include squash. And the Profile and Participation working groups are increasing the visibility of the sport and the different programmes in place to enjoy it. The Membership working group has the continuing challenge of only

one third Squash Club participants being affiliated to any state association.

## GOVERNANCE OR THE ASPR

The Annual Sport Performance Review (ASPR) has two key functions:

1. It is the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) formal assessment of the performance of funded national sporting organisations (NSOs) across the whole of their business
2. It identifies themes or critical actions, including ASC support, that will enhance NSO capability.

There are four of these ASPRs – Governance, High performance, Participation, and Finance. Each is 'traffic light' assessed, and Squash Australia has moved from mainly red /orange to almost all green. This is important for the Sport, because it provides an independent audit of Squash Australia having a Strategic Plan in place, appropriate for the sport, with the capability of delivering the plan. That capability includes ongoing assessment of performance against agreed milestones, which are now all showing positive advances. If we thought it was a challenge to agree nationally on a Strategic Plan, it is a quantum more difficult to implement it, and that is what we are now doing. This is being successfully driven by the Squash Australia office, ably assisted by some states, the members of the Working Groups and the Board.

The turnaround in the participation numbers, when combined with the improvement in the ASPR assessments, have enabled the ASC, for the first time in more than five years, to increase their annual investment Squash.

## ON-LINE PLAYER REGISTRATION

For more than ten years, we can read in predecessor Squash annual reports about the need for an online player registration

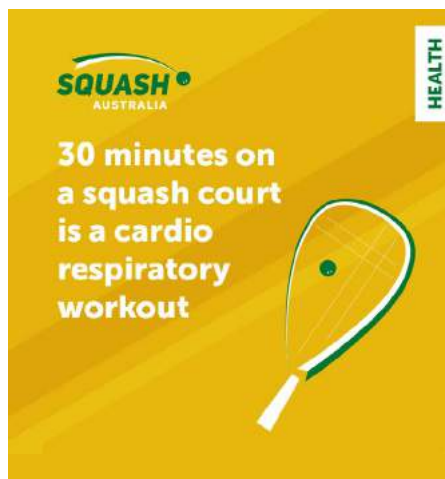
system. When first discussed, Squash was a leader in Australian sport on this subject. We are now a follower, behind most other sports. The value of this technology is well known and understood, and the opportunity is still there. The goal, is with an integrated, easily accessible registration system, a package of player membership benefits – now available at <http://benefits.squash.org.au> – and a package of Court owners' benefits – now available as the CentreMark programme, the States and Territories will be able to affiliate the two thirds of club members not currently connected. In addition, we will be able to add other categories of connection. The success that we are acknowledging, is that after twelve months of hard work with our partner states, and a flexible and responsive provider in SportyHQ, we are well on the way to finally delivering this outcome for the sport.

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES

After a difficult period, and long and difficult negotiations and planning, it appears as if we have negotiated the transfer of the Squash Courts from GOLDOC to Squash Australia, after the 2018 Commonwealth Games. To make that real, we need to establish a sustainable permanent home for the courts, in what will be the National High-Performance Centre, an administrative centre and a Squash Club. The Show Court will enable national and international events to take place both at the Centre, and at other locations – it will be transportable. A major asset for the sport going forward. A goal to achieve in 2017/18.

Let me finish with my appreciation for the contribution of the CEO – Richard Vaughan, his staff, my fellow Board members, supportive Committee members of Squash Australia and the State Associations for helping to achieve these goals for our sport this year.

**David S Mandel**  
President



# World Squash Conference & AGM Report

The Annual General Meeting of the World Squash Federation elected a new President to succeed N. Ramachandran following the completion of the Indian's second and final four-year term. From Chennai, he became WSF President in 2008, having previously been President of the Indian as well as the Asian Regional Federation. His term will be remembered for his singular focus to secure a place for squash in the 2020 Olympic Games Programme - a bid which was ultimately unsuccessful.

Jacques Fontaine became the Federation's ninth President since the WSF's inception in 1967 - the first Frenchman and third European - and was elected by delegates representing a record-breaking 59 National Federations attending the 46th WSF AGM in Hong Kong.

"My intention will be to work with a new governance model based on integrity, transparency and team spirit," said Fontaine after his victory. "The WSF needs to establish a defined agreement with the professional section of our discipline, the PSA." "The Olympic agenda remains a priority, along with increasing the profile of our sport worldwide and supporting grassroots development," added the new President. "Collaboration of all Member Nations is a must."

Also elected at the meeting were four new Vice Presidents: our very own Sarah Fitzgerald, the five-time World Champion and current World Over-45 Champion; Pablo Serna, President of the Colombian Federation; Gar Holohan, President of the Irish Federation; and Huang Ying How, President of the Malaysian Federation. It is many years since the last Australian was on the Board of the WSF, and we congratulate Sarah on her election.

Fontaine, President of the French Squash Federation, and European Regional Vice President as well as being a Board Member of the French National Olympic Committee, was elected ahead of three other candidates - Natalie Grainger, a former world number one from the USA who recently won the World Over-35 title; Egyptian Mohamed El Menshawy, a WSF Vice President for six years; and Zena Wooldridge, President of the European Squash Federation, from England.

It is a sad and unfortunate fact that England Squash are continuing a legal challenge to this outcome.

The meeting also unanimously approved the application of Tahiti - a partner with us in Oceania - as the newest WSF member.

The incoming Board was delighted that squash legend Jahangir Khan agreed to serve a further term as Emeritus President of the WSF. There was also adoption of a worldwide accreditation programme for coaches based on a three-tiered structure. There are benefits with an approach which recognises uniformly accepted standards and gives recognition for prior learning and has the flexibility to integrate with the Australian modular approach. Similarly, a lot of work has been done by the referees committee to develop a strategic plan for the future of refereeing. The key issues, which are similar to those that we face in Australia, are recruitment and retention, and a range of initiatives have been developed to attract more people to refereeing including training, development, and support programmes.

Apart from the Olympic campaign the other major issue facing WSF is the relationship between itself and PSA. While WSF has been pursuing bids to be included in the Olympics, the professional game has surged ahead leaving WSF struggling to keep up. There have been, and still are, attempts to build a closer working relationship between the two bodies and judging by the recent announcement of an MOU between the parties they appear to be heading in a positive direction.

The new Board announced early in 2017, that they would replace the committee structure supporting the board, with Commissions. The two key differences being that they are now skills based rather than regional, and the Chair is independent, rather than being limited to a Board Director. The Olympic Games Commission for example, has hit the ground running, and apart from finalising the inclusion of Squash in the 2018 World Youth Games, is lobbying hard for Paris 2024, and Los Angeles 2028.

**David S Mandel**  
President







## Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) thanks all of our partner national sporting organisations (NSOs) for your continued hard work and commitment to excellence. All of you understand innately the importance of sport in Australian life. It's much more than a source of national identity and pride, it's the fabric that binds us together – a common language for all, with multiplier benefits in health, education, social cohesion and the economy.

There were many great sporting events to celebrate during the course of last year – the launch of both the AFL Women's competition and the National Netball League with prime-time TV coverage, our most successful winter sports season ever on the world stage, and fairytale victories against the odds for Cronulla in the NRL and the Western Bulldogs in the AFL.

Last year's Olympic and Paralympic Games underscored the challenge however for Australia in retaining its status as one of the world's pre-eminent sporting nations, given rising competition from developed and developing nations alike. We must keep innovating, being bold and willing to change both on and off the field if we are to succeed, not just in Olympic and Paralympic sports but across the sporting spectrum.

We appreciate the willingness of NSOs to embrace this challenge. We commend athletes for their dedicated commitment to training ahead of the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and, further ahead, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

One of the most important long-term challenges for our country is to help our children be physically active, to participate in sport and enjoy its lifelong benefits.

The ASC's Sporting Schools program has now reached more than 5,600 primary schools around Australia and has already

begun a targeted program for high schools. It is vital to ensure physical education is re-emphasised in the national school curriculum. To this end, the ASC has been doing ground-breaking work on physical literacy for children and youth and we look forward to rolling this out nationally in the year ahead.

As the national leadership organisation for sport in Australia, the ASC was delighted when our new Minister for Sport the Hon. Greg Hunt recently proposed a National Sports Plan, the preparation of which will be led by the ASC. This will create, for the first time, a comprehensive blueprint for Australian sport. It's an outstanding initiative and we thank the Minister for his leadership and vision. We hope all NSOs take the opportunity to contribute their views to the plan.

Most of you will know that this year the ASC welcomed a new CEO Kate Palmer, a talented sports leader, who has quickly built excellent relationships with sports and is embracing the challenges ahead with an inspiring enthusiasm.

Finally, I say a big thank you to the army of volunteers – parents, coaches, officials and administrators – who contribute their time and services for the good of Australian sport. You bring community strength, passion and great value to the identity, productivity, cohesion and health of our nation.

The ASC wishes you every success in the year ahead. We look forward to working closely with you for the common good of Australian sport.

**John Wylie AM**  
Chair  
Australian Sports Commission

## Squash Australia Life Members

Year	Name	State
1976	John Cameron	NSW
1978	Jean Walker OAM (Deceased)	NSW
1981	Heather McKay M.B.E., AM.	NSW
1982	Geoff Hunt M.B.E., AM.	VIC
1982	Vin Napier (Deceased)	NSW
1985	Victor Belsham A.M.	QLD
1985	Neville Johnson (Deceased)	
1990	Colin Clapper A.M.	QLD
1993	Bob Finch	QLD
2007	Margaret Zachariah	VIC
2007	Ken Watson	WA

# High Performance Working Group

*Chair: Michelle Martin*

It is essential that we remain green and win 3 medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Doubles is a major focus to achieve this goal. Winning 3 medals (1 Gold and 2 Bronze) at the recent World Doubles Championships, Australia is in good standing to reach their benchmark.

Doubles camps prior to the World Doubles Championships in August was of great benefit to the Australian team and we plan on holding more camps in February prior to the Australian Closed championships and March prior to the Commonwealth games to further the team's chances for success.

## Winning Edge 2017

12 players have been accepted on the 2017 Winning Edge programme and will receive funding toward the programme. All players will be reviewed twice a year with their first being in June 2017 and are placed on a traffic light system based on their performance over the previous 6 months.

## Daily Training Environment (DTE)

All the players at the National Training Centre (NTC) are on court with Dan Jenson with 3 group sessions per week and 2 one on one sessions per week. Dan has noted significant improvements in the players commitment and quality of training when compared to one year ago when he was last with the program

All players attend Strength and Conditioning (S&C) and running session with programs designed by head S&C coach Giovanni Cappello and lead physiologists Lachlan Johnston. Athletes have shown improvements across the board.

## Talent ID

The Squash Australia Talent Identification program aims to locate talented junior players between the ages of 8 - 11 and help them achieve their full potential via the Squash Australia Athlete Talent Pathway. Each State can get up to \$1000 in support for these camps.

Squash Australia has identified three key components for the Talent Identification process to achieve its goals:

- Identifying talent as early as possible (Talent ID camps)
- Ensure the individual takes the correct player pathway to maximise their development
- Placing individuals into a sustainable system that will have opportunity for their game to constantly progress

We are looking for athletes with the following profile:

- Players that love squash
- Keen to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games in the fast-paced game of squash
- A willingness to work up to a standard to compete with the rest of the world
- Good squash skills

# Events Working Group

*Chair: Mick Jaroszewicz*

Throughout 2017, members of the Events Working Group have met to enhance Squash Australia's journey towards providing consistent, world class events for all members and participants.

The Events Working Group consists of Mick Jorszewicz (Squash Australia), Ludo Graizzaro (Squash Australia), Kay Kendall (QLD), Ros Preston (QLD), Scott Burge (QLD), Fiona Young (VIC) and Sarah Douglass (NT).

Key agenda items throughout 2017 have included events planning and operation for our national competitions, including the Australian Junior Championships, Australian

Closed and Australian Open. The Working Group has been instrumental in assisting and consulting with Squash Australia in preparation of our 2017 and 2018 events calendar.

Additionally, the Working Group has participated in a review of the Australian Junior Championships event policies, which will be presented to the member States after the conclusion of the 2017 AJC in Geelong. Other items for review and discussion among the Working Group have included the AJST Rankings, national grading system and improvement of the current matrix rating system.

Furthermore, Squash Australia is excited to be liaising with the Working Group to establish a national doubles competition as part of the 2018 AJST. Discussion on this topic has begun throughout 2017 and will continue into the coming year, as Squash Australia looks to successfully introduce the event in the 2018 calendar.

Squash Australia would like to thank each member of the Events Working Group for their continuing contribution and looks forward to working together again throughout 2018.



# Profile Working Group

*Chair: Sam Chadwick*

Squash Australia has developed an extensive marketing plan focusing on several core marketing campaigns, enhancing the profile of Squash through media and new technologies.

The Squash Australia and state websites have been developed using top of the range software, SportyHQ. The Squash Australia website is an important media tool used to promote state tournaments, create a structured booking system and communicate news and updates to a wider audience. The website platforms have helped unify squash in Australia, enabling states and centres to work together as one with openness and consistency for all.

The streaming channel, Squash TV has been a popular media outlet for digital content, creating capabilities for all states and centres to stream their events to a wider audience.

The first Australian Squash Tour has been successful with good entry

numbers and a better mix of tournament levels with 20 professional events. All events are streamed via Squash TV with 25,000 unique users. The tour attracts over 600 spectators, with regular local and national media coverage.

Squash Australia has been working with GOLDOC with the promotion of the sport in the buildup to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Squash Australia has been invited to take part in numerous promotional days via the 'Pop up Squash' program which have been extremely successful in the Brisbane and Gold Coast areas with close to 1000 exposure participants signing up. The 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games ambassadors are Zac Alexander and Lisa Camilleri.

The Members Benefits portal has been launched and developed to provide all stakeholders with great discounts and exclusive rewards from thousands of retailers.

# Membership Working Group

*Chair: David Mandel*

Throughout 2017, participants of the Squash Australia Membership Working Group have been working together on a range of items that aim to provide a best class member experience.

Members of the working group include David Mandel (Squash Australia), Hayden Griffiths (Squash Australia), Anne Collins (TAS), Anthony Thomas (NSW), Jonathan James (QLD), Henry Weber (ACT) and Tanya Virgens (SA).

Much of the discussion from the working group has focused on affiliation processes across the member States, implementation of the Squash Australia SportyHQ member database, insurance and member benefits programs. Squash Australia is pleased with the opportunity for working group members to give feedback and contribute to these areas.

Of particular note, the working group has discussed the various capability and training requirements required to ensure best user experience of the SportyHQ membership software. With feedback from the members, Squash Australia has been able to work with SportyHQ to plan and develop effective training resources for clubs and centres alike.

Members of the working group also contributed in reviewing aspects of Squash Australia's player, centre and club insurance policies. As part of Squash Australia's yearly review of the insurance policies, the discussion points and commentary raised by the working group will be used to obtain improved insurance policies that benefit the needs of Squash Australia's members.

Finally, in keeping with our aim to provide a best class member experience, the working group has been committed to developing and implementing various membership benefits, systems and processes that our affiliates can be proud of. The working group aims to ensure that Squash Australia's affiliates are getting value from their membership. Current programs on offer include the Squash Australia Membership Benefits Portal, SportyHQ and Centremark offerings, along with many others. The working group is committed to ensuring the lines of communication between Squash Australia and its member affiliates, so that these many advantages are utilised to their full potential.

Squash Australia would like to thank the Membership Working Group for its continued support and hard work throughout the year 2017.

# Education Working Group

*Chair: David Mandel*

It is well known that coaches play a crucial role in the development of all athletes and this is true too for squash and in particular the development of our junior players who really are the future of high performance squash. The Education Working Group aims to improve the coaching systems in Australia for the betterment of our sport as a whole.

Squash Australia is privileged to have such a wealth of knowledge make up the EWG, its members include;

- Richard Vaughan (Squash Australia CEO)
- David Mandel (Squash Australia President)
- Jordan Till (Squash Australia Office and Education Coordinator)
- Paul Price (Australian National Coach)
- James Rogers (South Australia Education Coordinator)
- Grant Gough (Tutor Coach Assessor/Presenter)
- Richard Cagliarini (Former Squash Victoria Executive Officer)
- Michael Khan (World Squash Federation Education Coordinator)
- Zac Alexander (Current Australian Player)

Squash Australia believes the members listed above can help carry out the four-year education goal of "Squash personnel will be valued, trained and competent to deliver the sport."

Focusses in the Education area over the past year have included moving towards aligning with WSF coaching accreditations as well as organising a WSF Level 1 tutor course, resulting in numerous Australian coaches (including three members of this working group) becoming accredited with WSF. There has also been some work on increasing the number of qualified assessors and presenters aiming to reduce the stagnation of coaches at the early levels of accreditation.

Last year a major focus of the EWG was to make the Foundation coaching course more accessible to all by taking it online. This year we have worked on further developing the eLearning platform to include online components of the Club Development coaching course.

Moving forward into 2018 the EWG will be assisting with running a National Coaches Conference as well as the WSF World Coaches Conference, while continuing work on aligning with the WSF coaching levels, and developing the Performance Development coaching course content.

# Participation Working Group

*Chair: Dave Whan*

The Participation Working Group (PWG), led by Squash Australia Board Director Dave Whan, has this year has seen success in the growth of recorded participation rates in squash across the country. Pleasingly, this resulted in increased support and investment for participation outcomes from the Australian Sports Commission. This growth is evident in improved delivery of programs such as OzSquash which saw major changes in pricing and work-flows at the end of last financial year which have improved both demand and supply across the country.

The PWG has had ongoing involvement in the evolution and development of key participation programs including OzSquash, Pop-Up Squash, Social Squash and Hits & Giggles, which are now well positioned to move into implementation phase over the coming year and demonstrate impact in centres and communities. Program development has been well supported by new insights in squash participation rates and trends from sources such as the Australian Sports Commission's Ausplay survey and continuously-improving data exchange from centres to States and the national office. This information is positioning the sport with a strong evidence base through which to drive further growth in new and existing markets, in a sustainable manner.

# Facilities Working Group

*Chair: Mick Jaroszewicz*

The Facilities Working Group (FWG) is chaired by Squash Australia Director, Mick Jaroszewicz. The priority of the FWG has been the development of the inaugural National Facilities Strategy. This strategy will be a key document used to educate Local, State and National governments around the importance of developing new facilities that meet the needs of Squash and the local communities.

The '24/7 Squash @ Tonsley' (SA) development was completed in April/ May 2017. This facility is truly innovative it utilises automated gates, lighting and booking systems making this the first facility that is accessible 24/7. Several facilities across Australia are currently 'in development documentation stage' including the TLC Sports and Fitness centre located in Seven Hill (NSW) and the outdoor squash courts that the Commonwealth Bank of Australia are proposing to build adjacent to their new office development for their 10,000 staff in Redfern (NSW).

In addition to the new developments many facilities have been revitalised over the last 12 months. Facilities that have undergone significant renovations include the Westerfolds Sports Centre (VIC), Medowie Sport and Business centre (NSW), Grace Park Hawthorne Club (VIC) and the Ray Finlayson Sporting Complex in Kalgoorlie (WA). Each of these now have state of the art squash courts and we encourage the local community to support these squash centres by participating in social and competition events.

Centremark continues to be well supported by Centres across Australia with the number of facilities engaging in the programme continuing to grow. The number of partners has also expanded to include Red Bull, Group On and Peters. If your Centre is yet to sign up for Centremark I would encourage you to do so by contacting the team at Squash Australia.

In closing it is important to recognise the members of the FWG and the contribution that they have made to the development of the National Facilities Strategy. FWG members are; M Jaroszewicz (Chair), R Vaughan (CEO, Squash Au), C Dalley (Court Tech), G Deubler (NSW), S Shearer (NT), P Sinnott (SA), P Mead (NT), M Band (SA) H Griffiths (Staff, Squash Au) and J Till (Staff, Squash Au).





# Events Summary

## 2017 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR OPEN

12th – 15th January 2017  
Darwin Squash Centre, NT

Over 170 players from around Australia and surrounding nations visited Darwin, including players from Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Singapore. The successful tournament, which included a Welcoming Function at Parliament House, held at one of the newest and largest squash centres in Australia showcased Australia's up and coming squash talent, with competitive matches played in each age group.

U11 Winners: Tushyal Selvakumar (MAL), Haylee Besant (NSW)

U12 Winners: Oscar Curtis (WA), Erin Classen (WA)

U15 Winners: Leo Fatialofa (NZL), Hayley Hankinson (QLD)

U17 Winners: Jacob Ford (NSW), Kiara Rogers (WA)

U19 Winners: Eugene Heng (NSW), Lynette Vai (PNG)

## 2016 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

24th – 27th September 2016  
Thornleigh Squash Centre

Over 220 players demonstrated their skills during nine epic days of squash at the Thornleigh Squash Center.

The New South Wales based club with nine glass-backed courts was perfect arena for the tournament. The tournament introduced live streaming via the Squash Australia channel which was a great success and allowed spectators to view matches online for free.

The tournament is a platinum status and boasts a large number of entrants Australia wide. This tournament is often a highlight of young player's tournaments, as it facilitates team work and simultaneously builds friendships and develops skills.

U13 Winners: Gregory Chan (WA), Erin Classen (WA)

U16 Winners: Wesley Dyer (QLD), Hayley Hanksinson (QLD)

U17 Winners: Maaz Khatri (SA), Alex Haydon (SA)

U19 Winners: Alex Eustace (QLD), Jessica Graham (VIC)

## 2016 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

9th – 12th August 2016  
Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre was the host venue for 2016 Australian Open. The tournament which began with qualifications on the 7th August was a men's and womens 15k event. The event was streamed via squashaustralia.TV with over 25,000 viewers.

The tournament is part of the PSA World Tour and saw strong international competition drawn to Melbourne over the six days. The competition was strong, with international competitors becoming the new Australian Open Champions.

Mens Winner: Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi (Qatar)

Womens Winner: Dipika Pallikal Karthik (India)

## NATIONAL GRADED CHAMPIONSHIPS (A,C, E)

24th – 26th March 2017  
Dalrymple Squash Centre and Townsville Ten Pin & Fun Centre, QLD

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## 2016 WSF WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

15th – 18th August 2016  
Darwin Squash Centre

The WSF World Doubles Championships were held over four days in August at the magnificent Darwin Squash Centre. The best players from Australia, Colombia, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales compete in three events; Men's Doubles, Womens Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

New Zealand were the big winners on finals day with two gold medals from two matches. Scotland also claimed gold in the men's doubles final.

It capped off a wonderful week in Darwin and showed why doubles squash is so popular as the Darwin Squash Centre welcomed large crowds throughout the tournament.

Women's Doubles: J.King & A.Landers-Murphy (NZL)

Mixed Doubles: P.Coll & J.King (NZL)

Men's Doubles: A.Clyne & G.Lobban (SCO)







# State Updates

QSquash did not submit a report



## SQUASH & RACQUETBALL VICTORIA

**FIONA YOUNG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Squash & Racquetball Victoria commenced 2017 with a new Strategic Plan aligned in both format and content with that of Squash Australia and our major funding bodies, while retaining the key initiatives and background knowledge developed in the previous Plan. We have welcomed several new Board members through the year – Olivia Coles (Owner of Westerfolds Sports Centre), Peter Wright (S&RV Hall of Fame and Life Member), Lao Biesbroek (Managing Director of HR DNA, Human Resources Consultancy), Kal Desai (CFO for BEAK Engineering) and Geoff Schoenberg (Research Fellow in the Centre for Sport Research at Deakin University).

The S&RV Board has continued its governance reform work, recently adopting a new CEO Appraisal framework and completing a second Board Performance Evaluation. Kal Desai is working with the CEO to review the organisation's financial policies and procedures and undertake a move to Xero in the new year. Our subcommittee structure has been expanded to include a new Junior Development Committee.

In 2017, in response to the 'Betrayal of Trust Inquiry' into Institutionalised child abuse, the Victorian Government introduced compulsory minimum standards applying to all organisations that provide services for children. There are seven standards in the legislation along with new criminal offences introduced to protect children - all which impact on S&RV, clubs, venues and associations. S&RV worked closely with Vicsport early in the year, to simplify the Child Safe Standards and provide templates, resources and an online qualification management system to assist our members with compliance.

S&RV has expanded its regional junior development program in 2017 with coach Garry Pederson conducting repeat sessions in six key areas. Garry has been working to upskill local coaches and administrators to effectively run junior training programs as well as introduce different competition formats to attract new participants.

For the past two years, S&RV has made a concerted effort to work with Universities in providing exposure to squash and racquetball for pre-service student teachers. This year, three tertiary institutions took part, with over 375 students completing the basic workshops - hopefully now heading into the education system with knowledge and practical experience of our sport(s).

The squash and racquetball graded event circuits in Victoria continue to provide competitive options for players of all abilities. Thirteen clubs are involved in hosting the events around the State. In conjunction with partner Clubs and sponsors, S&RV again supported four international professional squash tournaments throughout July-August. Starting with the Victorian Open (M10, W10), Victorian Doubles, Bendigo International (W5, M5) through to the Shepparton International (M5), S&RV is providing the Australian Squash Tour with a range of events to assist Australian squash players attain world ranking points on home soil as well as showcasing the sport to a wide audience. All three PSA events plus the Victorian Open Racquetball event were live streamed, increasing opportunities for 'more eyeballs' to view the sport(s). Special mention should be made of the State Government (Significant Sporting Event Program)

and Mulgrave Country Club for their support of the Victorian Open as well as Shepparton and Bendigo Councils and Squash Clubs for their continued enthusiasm and support in bringing quality squash to regional areas. Thank you also to Mountain District Squash & Racquetball Club for hosting the Victorian Open Racquetball as well as the Commercial Club Albury and Wodonga S&R Club, who at the time of writing, are about to launch into hosting their second (and the 34th edition of the) Australian Open Racquetball event.

Finally, Squash & Racquetball Victoria wishes to acknowledge the assistance received from member clubs, venues, associations, athletes and volunteers, as well as Sport & Recreation Victoria, Mulgrave Country Club, City of Greater Bendigo, City of Greater Shepparton, VicHealth, Squash Australia, Dunlop, Stellar, Vicsport and our other partners and supporters.



## SQUASH SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**PHIL SINNOTT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Over the past 12 months, the Board has been challenged by government policy that has had a significant impact on strategy and operational delivery. Among the significant challenges has been:

- The extension of the Darlington Corridor Upgrade by 1 kilometre - adding a lowered motorway and taking the road corridor past The Southern and Tonsley Boulevard
- Changes to gaming legislation which affects the Association's ability to generate funds to put back into community squash and racquetball programs
- A reduction in government funding resulting in greater emphasis on sporting organisations to explore new commercial avenues and generate alternative revenues

In February 2017, the Board hosted a Strategic Planning Forum which was attended by Directors, Advisory Committee Members, staff, and other invited stakeholders to renew the Strategic Plan. The Theme being: 'Pillars of Success that Challenge the Status Quo'. The agreed 2017-2020 Strategic Plan captures the sport's Vision and Goals.

Five pillars to measure success represent our strategic focus and the priorities that drive the work of the Board and staff. They are:

1. Organisational excellence
2. Club and venue development
3. Participation and pathways
4. Innovative technologies and events
5. Marketing and communication

The Association (as with other State Sporting Organisations) continues to explore new ways to innovate and create new programs that appeal to the changing trends of society. Through Squash SA's launch of 24/7 Squash @ Tonsley, Squash SA hope to introduce new programs such as Corporate Cup and explore innovative programs that use visual projections to modernise the way we play, appeal to wider populations, and increase the ability for one person play.

The Annual Business Plan continues to deliver against the Strategic Plan, and quarterly updates keep the organisation on track to achieve its goals.

Strategies to guide The Southern through an unknown and unpredictable period during the Darlington Corridor Upgrade have been debated thoroughly. The Board is investigating the

redevelopment of the 1303 South Road property, to include a new licensed club, State Squash Centre, fitness facilities and possible student accommodation.

The Board and Finance and Risk Committee have been prudent in the financial management of the Association, especially given the impact the Darlington Corridor Upgrade has had on the operations at The Southern. Despite a fall in total revenue of over 10%, the Association, guided by our Finance and Risk Committee, and with the hard work of the Association staff, has managed expenses diligently to ensure a profit for 2016/17.

Revenue for 2017/18 will continue to be affected as the intensity of roadworks increases on South Road. As a result, further tightening of the Association's expenses has been made for the coming 12 months, but we are confident this will not have any effect on our ability to maintain our existing level of service to the patrons at The Southern or the thousands of squash and racquetball players across the state.

Much of the success is due to the combined hard work of our paid staff and many volunteers who continue to offer their time, skills and expertise to support the development of Squash and Racquetball in South Australia.



Squash NT hit the ground running in 2017 with the Australian Junior Open being held at the Darwin Squash Centre in mid-January. This was the first time the Darwin had hosted the national event and we were excited to welcome Juniors and their families to the Top End. Overall it was a successful event and we look forward to having everyone here again in the future.

Our '50 Years of Squash in the NT' book was launched after some dedicated research by one of our Life Members. Highlighting important milestones, players and facilities across the NT, it is a great read and we thank Norm for the countless hours he put in to the publishing of this keep sake.

May saw the Darwin Squash Centre in tournament mode again with the NT Junior Championships, NT Open and NT Doubles Championships. We welcomed a number of players from WA in our junior event so we thank them for making the trip and supporting our tournament. The NT Open saw players from around Australia as well as overseas with the winning titles being given to Eain Yow Ng from Malaysia in the PSA event and Rachel Grinham in the women's invitational.

The Alice Springs Squash Centre has been totally transformed this year with the Alice Springs Squash Association (ASSA) leasing their centre to Get Physical, a local, vibrant fitness business. Four of their 8 courts were transformed in to a gym and group fitness area. Although they lost some courts the sport is now getting a lot more exposure in Alice Springs and drawing in a whole new range of players. We hope that their success continues and the ASSA continue to grow their participation numbers. Watch this space!

Squash NT have recently employed a full time Sport Development Manager and we are excited to see where this will lead us. They will be responsible for growing squash at the grass roots participation level as well as working with our talent pathway and helping to progress our athletes on to the national stage.



## **SQUASH ACT**

### **MICHAEL NUTTALL, PRESIDENT**

Board elections in March this year saw Rob McComas, after a successful 4-year tenure as president, not seek re-election and a new president and vice-president, Michael Nuttall and Michael Hill respectively, were elected to these positions. Significantly, Rob McComas focused on a significant reduction in Squash ACT debt and, in a few short years, placed our sport on a solid footing for the future. There is still some way to go but the current Board remains committed to continuing that same direction while working to build the sport across the ACT and surrounding region. Again, Rob provided a good blueprint from which to work. Squash ACT General Manager, Courtenay Bugden, also recently left us after three great years. She will be a big loss having always served for the good of players, clubs, Squash ACT and Squash Australia.

In 2017, the Board has focused on a number of areas not least being to explore the positioning of the Woden Squash Centre, owned by Squash ACT, as a centre utilised to its maximum. The Facilities Committee undertook discussions with the Board, Club Presidents, players, architects and government to see what options were available around court use, building expansion (there is unused land on our property), redevelopment and relocation. Should we go down the path of a building project, complications brought about through land use restriction and lease variation, an inconveniently positioned electrical easement and, ultimately, cost present considerable, possibly insurmountable, hurdles. Relocation, too, presents challenges. Being located in a fast developing sports and residential precinct, the Woden Courts are a valuable Squash ACT asset that must remain central to future planning. Still, without exploring options, the goals of building player numbers and looking to provide the best facilities possible would not be done justice.

Around the middle of the year, the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council approved the inclusion of two squash courts in its indoor centre redevelopment project. This followed representations from Squash ACT and the Queanbeyan Squash Club. The new courts will allow the birthplace of Heather Mackay to once again see squash enjoyed by locals and see the return of competitive squash in 2018. The tremendous enthusiasm greeting the decision means we can be confident there will be an expansion in player numbers over coming years. We aim to build on that momentum throughout the region.

In a small jurisdiction, conducting successful programs can be challenging. However, under the direction of an energetic and committed Juniors Committee led by Helen Southwell, we are running a successful Friday afternoon pennant competition of some 87 players and a three-level junior development training program of 38 aspiring players coached by Anthony Ricketts.

We look towards conducting a 2018 PSA event in Canberra, and building the capacity and numbers of referees and coaches. We aim to build player numbers and particularly the number of girls, women, and seniors playing squash. There are also many opportunities to build the number of players from diverse, disadvantaged or disability backgrounds.

Finally, we acknowledge the efforts of every squash player and squash supporter whether club-based, Masters, Junior or social who each play a part in building the ACT and surrounding region squash community.





## **SQUASH TASMANIA**

### **LEON BARNETT, PRESIDENT**

2017 has been a productive year for Tasmania, with the completion of the Squash Tasmania Strategic Plan and the finalisation and distribution of our 'Why Affiliate?' Brochures and Posters.

Our 'Squash to Schools' program has continued with over 20 Primary Schools visited.

The winter pennant has been slow as we expected due to the extreme cold weather, however we have had a slight increase with new players entering the Spring Rosters.

Unfortunately we may lose a large centre in the Hobart region as it is now on the market however, looking on the positive side we are hoping to pick up their unaffiliated players.

We are constantly working with one of our local Councils who I am pleased to say are our major financial sponsor to our Tasmanian Open event.

It is our intention to host the 2018 Tasmanian Open 10k women's event, in conjunction with the Devonport Open, with these squash tournaments having the largest prize pool to be offered in Tasmania.

The State Junior Pathway continues to provide programs to help enhance our junior player's skills, and we are once again proud to have had Grace Pattison selected to represent Australia at the World Junior Championships held in New Zealand.

As we come to the end of this Squash Year we are busy making plans for 2018 to increase our membership numbers both at a Senior and Junior Level.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Committee Colleagues for their support during my position as the State's President.



**SQUASH AUSTRALIA'S**

# **MEMBER BENEFITS**

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## **SQUASH NEW SOUTH WALES**

### **SAMANATHA PATERSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge and thank my predecessor Garry Somerville for his outstanding contribution to Squash NSW during his term as CEO. I know that Garry is well respected and valued within the sport here in NSW and throughout Australia and we wish him the best in retirement.

I also want to thank the Squash NSW Board of Directors for their support in entrusting me in the role and the team of staff and volunteers that work assiduously in administering the pennant competition, tournaments, squash programs, junior squash development throughout NSW and the coaching and management of the NSW junior state team. To our members who work tirelessly week in week out for the sport ensuring the future of the game at all levels.

Since commencing the role in March much of my focus has been familiarising myself with the NSW structure for the sport and the administration processes not only for squash but also with the NSW Office of Sport and the expectations for compliance, governance and reporting that is required for ongoing support and funding opportunities.

As we move into 2018 Squash NSW be undertaking a full review and restructure of the junior squash policies, programs and framework to improve and grow our junior participation at all levels. We will be consulting and engaging with key stakeholders throughout this process to identify key areas for improvement and how we can work more effectively to achieve better outcomes for the future of our sport.

One of the key areas for improvement is child safety with new mandatory legislation expected to be implemented in the new year with the conclusion of the Royal Commission and the recommendations that will be handed down into Child Sexual Abuse. We will be working with the Office of the Children's Guardian to offer a free forum for centre owners and clubs to better understand legal responsibilities and requirements and how to create child safe environments.

One initiative we are very excited about is the introduction of the Active Kids Voucher Program this program will run for four years with \$207 Million available from the NSW Government to help reduce cost for parents to enrol their children into sporting activities. A \$100 Voucher will be given to each school aged child throughout NSW that can be redeemed with a registered club that is affiliated to their state sporting organisation. Registration for the program will begin at the end of 2017 with the program available from 31 January 2018. This is a great opportunity for squash clubs and centres to grow junior participation over the next four years and Squash NSW will be working with our members to achieve this.

The other area for development is in alternative competition structures in addition to traditional pennant. With modern life demands reducing the time available to play sport we need to adapt to keep people playing squash. There will be a number of alternative structures we will be researching and considering that include reducing team numbers, flexi competitions, timed competitions and individual competitions. These alternative competitions are not going to replace traditional pennant and will be developed and trialled over the next year or two in consultation with our members.

In 2018 our key objectives will be to grow and develop junior and youth participation and to develop alternative competitions as without this growth we will see numbers to continue to decline at all levels.

Finally, I would like to make special mention of Dawn Moggach Squash NSW President being awarded an OAM for over 40 years of services to Squash. Congratulations Dawn on a well-deserved acknowledgment for your work and dedication to the sport you love.





# SA CENTREMARK

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# 2017 Annual Awards Night

The 2017 Annual Awards Night was held at the Mercure Hotel in Townsville, Queensland on Saturday 25th of March 2017 as part of the entertaining line-up of events associated with the 2017 Australian Closed and the National Graded Championships. Adding to the opportunity to celebrate a wonderful year for squash in Australia, the Dinner was held in conjunction with the Annual QSquash Awards. Squash Australia would like to thank QSquash for their attendance and contribution to a delightful evening.

Year after year, the Annual Awards Night recognised the commitment and dedication of those in the squash community for their hard work in 2016. The Annual Awards Dinner celebrated some exceptional personal achievements and contributions to the game. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by over one hundred players, members and guests who were in attendance.

Of particular note, the 1971 Men's World Championship Team consisting of Ken Hiscoe, Dick Carter, Geoff Hunt and Cam Nancarrow were presented with their Team Sport Award, after being bestowed the honour by the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2013. In a special moment throughout the evening, the Team was acknowledged with a standing ovation by the many guests in attendance.

Squash Australia would like to congratulate all nominees and winners, and look forward to seeing everyone at the 2018 Annual Award Night. Next year's Annual Awards Night will be co-hosted with Squash & Racquetball Victoria, and will be held at the St Kilda Novotel in Melbourne on the 16th of February 2018. Nominations for awards are now open!



## Senior Player of the Year

- Zac Alexander, QLD
- **Winner:** Ryan Cuskelly, NSW (award collected by Sarah Fitz-Gerald)
- Cameron Pilley, NSW

## Junior Male Player of the Year

- Gregory Chan, WA
- **Winner:** Alex Eustace, QLD
- Dylan Molinaro, VIC

## Junior Female Player of the Year

- **Winner:** Jessica Graham, VIC (award collected by Paul Price)
- Hayley Hankinson, QLD
- Alex Haydon, SA

## Volunteer of the Year

- Bryan Bird, VIC
- Renae Dalton, WA
- **Winner:** Kaye Reeves, SA (award collected by Phil Sinnott)

## Club of the Year

- Bendigo Squash Club
- **Winner:** Darwin Squash Association
- Devonport Squash Club
- Scottvale Park Squash Club
- Willoughby Squash Club

## Referee of the Year

- **Winner:** Josh Foyle

## Coach of the Year

- **Winner:** Paul Price

## Racquetball Club of the Year

- **Winner:** The Commercial Club Albury

## State/Territory of the Year

- **Winner:** Victoria

## Distinguished Service Award

- **Winners:** Betty Meagher (award collected by Geoff Hunt) and Max Moorhouse (award collected by Grant Gough)



2018 Squash Australia

# ANNUAL AWARDS

*Co-hosted with Squash & Racquetball Victoria  
In conjunction with the Australian Closed*

*Friday, 16 February 2018 at 6.00 pm*

*Novotel 16 The Esplanade, St Kilda  
Melbourne, Victoria*

*Tickets \$150.00*

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Referee of the Year: Josh Foyle



State/Territory of the Year: Victoria



Junior Male Player of the Year:  
Alex Eustace



Racquetball Club of the Year:  
The Commercial Club Albury



Club of the Year: Darwin Squash  
Association





## 2017 SQUASH AUSTRALIA GOLF DAY



The Inaugural Squash Australia Golf Day was held at Rows Bay, Golf Club, Townsville the day after the Annual Awards Dinner. We had a cross section of skills, from novice to single figure handicapper. Four teams of four braved the elements from oncoming Tropical Cyclone Debbie and there were some amazing shots, numerous stories of the eagles and birdies that got away, dog legs and snowmen plus lots of laughs. Some enjoyed driving the carts more than driving from the T but at the end of the day fun was the winner.

The next SA Golf day will be held in conjunction with the Australian Open and Annual Awards Dinner in Melbourne on Friday 16 February 2018 at Riversdale Golf Club.

**All enquiries to the SA team to book your round of golf  
for what will be an amazing occasion.**





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# Our Strategy for the Future

## Mission

To be an innovative and highly respectable sports organisation, the most successful racquet sport in Australia by enabling Australian Players, Coaches and Officials of all ages, cultural background and skill level the opportunity to excel in squash and in life!

## Vision

**Educational** – We will help children in Australia experience Squash through the school curriculum. Our volunteers and staff will work alongside teachers to help children experience and enjoy squash.

**Recreational** – We will promote squash as a key part of a healthy lifestyle that contributes to a positive work/life balance.

**Sporting** – We will ensure that everyone with athletic talent reaches their full potential by providing the appropriate pathways, funding and coaching. We will also provide the competition opportunities and programmes to assist Australian players to compete with distinction on the world stage.

## Goals

- Squash will be a thriving participant sport for all Australians
- Provide an excellent member experience
- Run world-class events for all members
- Stop the decline of Squash courts, by making facilities attractive, enticing, professionally operated and financially sustainable
- Win medals that matter for Australia
- Squash personnel will be competent to deliver the sport through an underpinning professional development programme
- Squash Australia will have the network required to influence key decisions in its favour
- Squash will enhance its profile through media and new technologies
- Squash will be well administered and focused on local delivery through a shared Australia wide vision

## Values

- Togetherness: working together to make squash, Australia's No.1 racquet sport!
- Belief: ambitious, creating the future for the sport
- Inclusive: include all of society
- Passionate: committed beliefs in the success of the sport
- Innovative: embracing change
- Clear: communicating effectively
- Transparent: ensuring a level playing field

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# Australia's Top Players



## Cameron Pilley

**Date of Birth:** 27/10/1982

**Place of Birth:** Yamba, Australia

**Coaches:** Carl Koenig

**Training Location:** The Hague, Netherlands

**Years in Squash:** 31 years

**Twitter:** @campilley

**Website:** [www.cameronpilley.com](http://www.cameronpilley.com)

## Major Achievements:

- Number 2 ranked Australian player
- Highest PSA ranking to date: 11
- Winner 2010 Dutch Open PSA Tour
- Gold and bronze medals in the 2010 Commonwealth Games
- Gold and bronze medals in the 2014 Commonwealth Games
- Gold medal in the 2017 World Doubles Championships

Cameron Pilley is one of Australia's leading players and a popular player amongst fans of the PSA World Tour. He attended the Australian Institute of Sport on a Squash scholarship from 2001 to 2005 and, in 2006, Pilley finished runner-up in the mixed doubles event at the World Doubles Squash Championships where he partnered up with Amelia Pittock.

Pilley reached the final of the Canary Wharf Classic in 2008 but he lost to James Willstrop in an intense five-game match which was instrumental to Pilley's rise into the top twenty in the world for the first time. The Australian claimed a gold medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in the mixed doubles event, this time partnered with Kasey Brown.

November 2010 saw Pilley impress at the Dutch Open when he defeated Laurens Jan Anjema to claim the championship title. In 2011, Pilley broke the record for hitting a squash ball at 175 mph, beating the previous record by 3 mph set by John White. The record stood until May 2014 where he hit a ball at 176 mph to break his own record. Three months later, Pilley picked up a Gold medal alongside David Palmer in the Commonwealth Games Doubles. Pilley's title drought continued in the first half of 2015 as he could only muster up a pair of quarter-final places at the Motor City Open and Swedish Open.

June 2015 was a momentous month for the Australian as he married Women's PSA World Tour player Line Hansen. After some lackluster performances saw him drop out of the world's top 20, Pilley returned to form by reaching the final of a PSA World Series event for the first time in December 2015 at the Hong Kong Open. He downed World Champion Gregory Gaultier and World No.3 Nick Matthew en-route but fell to defeat against defending champion Mohamed Elshorbagy.

Pilley's fine displays in Hong Kong helped him qualify for the PSA Dubai World Series Finals the following May, where he became the first Australian finalist after avenging his defeat to ElShorbagy in the last four – ultimately losing to Gaultier.

# Ryan Cuskelly

**Date of Birth:** 15/07/1987

**Place of Birth:** Lismore, Australia

**Coaches:** Rodney Martin

**Training Location:** Greenwich, United States

**Twitter:** cusk87

**Website:** [www.ryancuskelly.com](http://www.ryancuskelly.com)

## Major Achievements:

- Number 1 ranked Australian player
- Highest PSA ranking to date: 12
- Bronze medal in the 2010 Commonwealth Games
- Winner 2015 Bluenose Classic PSA Tour
- Winner 2015 Victorian Open PSA Tour
- Winner 2015 Northern Ontario Championship PSA Tour
- Winner 2015 Oregon Open PSA Tour
- PSA World Series semi-final at the 2015 Qatar Classic
- Winner 2017 Motor City Open PSA Tour
- Gold medal in the 2017 World Doubles Championships

Ryan Cuskelly is a prolific PSA World Tour title winner and the top ranked Australian on the PSA World Tour. He joined the PSA World Tour in 2006 and picked up his first title a year later at the Topend Open Series. His best year was in 2009 where he lifted four PSA World Tour titles to elevate himself into the world's top fifty for the first time in December of that year.

Cuskelly's first PSA M15 title came in November 2011 when he defeated number one seed Shahier Razik in the final but he topped that achievement with a magnificent performance at the Northern Ontario Open in April 2015 where he stunned Laurens Jan Anjema in the showpiece final.

After winning his first PSA M35 title with victory over Karim Abdel Gawad in the final, Cuskelly moved into the world's top 20 for the first time in November and he followed that up by reaching his first ever PSA World Series semi-final at the Qatar Circuit later that month.

After reaching the last four of the Hong Kong Open in August 2016, Cuskelly was rewarded with a place in the world's top 15 for the first time. The Australian won the Suburban Collection Motor City Open in 2017 as he overcame Campbell Grayson, Omar Mosaad and Stephen Copping to set up a final with Ali Farag, who he defeated 3-1. In March 2017, Cuskelly reached his highest ever world ranking of 12.

Cuskelly represented Australia in the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games and the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.





# Rachael Grinham

Former World Champion Rachael Grinham is one of the most recognisable names on the PSA World Tour with a lengthy career that has seen her win some of the biggest prizes that the women's game has to offer. She showed her pedigree from a young age, winning the World Junior Championship at the age of 16, before she breached the world's top 20 four years later.

Her first Tour title came at the Toulouse Open in 1998 while she defeated Malaysia superstar Nicol David in the final of the Milo National Open. 2001 saw Grinham break into the top ten in the World Rankings and she participated in the first family final ever on the Tour, defeating sister Natalie to claim the Kuala Lumpur Open title.

Two years later, Grinham won the prestigious British Open for the first time by defeating Cassie Jackman in the final and she retained the title in 2004 while rising to the World No.1 spot. Grinham was superb in the 2004/05 season and kept her World No.1 ranking for 16 consecutive months. She faced heartbreak though in the 2005 World Championship final as she fell to Nicol David after beating her sister in the semi-final.

2007 was Grinham's finest year as she gained revenge on David in the final of the British Open, coming back from 2-0 down to lift the event for the third time. Shortly afterwards, she bested her sister yet again to win the World Championship for the first time. Injury struck later on in her career as she missed a large portion of the 2010/11 season through injury as she slipped out of the world's top five.

She lifted the Victoria Open in 2013 and the Women's Squash Week and Caboolture Open titles followed a year later. She narrowly missed out on retaining the Women's Squash Week in March 2015 but she lost out in the final.

Grinham secured a number of semi-final appearances throughout the rest of 2015 at the Texas Open, Australian Open and Monte Carlo Classic. The Australian fell out of the world's top 20 for the first time in the February 2016 World Rankings since 1997.



**Date of Birth:** 22/01/1977

**Place of Birth:** Toowoomba, Australia

**Training Location:** Brisbane, Australia

**Twitter:** @rachaelgrinham

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/Rachael-Grinham](http://www.facebook.com/Rachael-Grinham)

## Major Achievements:

- Number 2 ranked female Australian player
- Highest PSA ranking to date: 1
- Ranked world number 1 for 16 consecutive months during 04/05
- Winner 2007 World Open
- Winner 2003, 2004, 2007 and 2009 British Open
- Silver medal in 1998 Commonwealth Games
- Bronze medal in 2002 Commonwealth Games
- Gold, silver and bronze medals in 2006 Commonwealth Games
- Gold medal in 2014 Commonwealth Games

# Donna Urquhart

**Date of Birth:** 19/12/1986

**Place of Birth:** Yamba, Australia

**Coaches:** David Palmer

**Training Location:** Brisbane, Australia

**Twitter:** donnasquash

**Website:** [www.donnaurquhart.com](http://www.donnaurquhart.com)

## Major Achievements:

- Quarter-finals 2017 British Open
- Runner-up 2017 Texas Open
- Semi-finals 2016 Monte Carlo Classic
- Quarter-finals 2016 Wadi Degla Open
- Quarter-finals 2016 Macau Open
- Semi-finals 2016 Australian Open
- Semi-finals 2016 HKFC International
- Silver and bronze medalist in the 2016 World Doubles Championships

Donna Urquhart is the cousin of Men's Australian No.1 Cameron Pilley and is one of the leading female Australians on the PSA World Tour. She excelled at a junior level, picking up 5 Australian Junior titles in addition to claiming a runner-up spot at the 2003 British Junior Open.

Her first Tour titles came in 2007 and just three years later she broke into the world's top 20 to sit amongst the elite players in Women's squash. 2012 saw her take the Crocodile Challenge Cup crown before she followed that up with a title at the Victoria Open two years later.

Eight injury-plagued months on the Tour followed for Urquhart who, after dropping out of the world's top 30, returned to form with her 9th Tour title at the Seattle Open in March 2015 with a 3-1 victory over Liu Tsz-Ling in the final. Urquhart reached the final of the Courtcare Open two months later and broke back into the world's top 20 in December 2016.

Urquhart went on to appear in the final of the Texas Open in 2017, where she was beaten over five games by Annie Au. The Australian beat top seed Joelle King in the previous round to set up the final, where she fought back to take the battle to the fifth game, however Au managed to seal the victory.







# David Palmer

**Date of Birth:** 28/06/1976

**Place of Birth:** Lithgow, Australia

## Major Achievements:

- Former World No. 1
- Spent 10 unbroken years in the world top 10
- Winner of 2002 Super Series Finals
- Winner 2002 & 2006 World Open
- Winner 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2008 British Open
- Bronze medal in 2002 Commonwealth Games
- 2 Bronze and 1 silver medals in 2006 Commonwealth Games
- Silver medal in the 2010 Commonwealth Games
- 2 Gold medals in the 2014 Commonwealth Games
- Winner 2016 Legends of Squash
- Silver medal at the 2016 World Doubles Championships



# Zac Alexander

**Date of Birth:** 11/02/1989

**Place of Birth:** Brisbane, Australia

## Major Achievements:

- Winner 2017 Australian National Championships
- Winner 2017 Elanora Open
- Winner 2016 Cairns International
- Winner 2016 Mackay Open
- Winner 2016 Queensland Open
- Winner 2016 North Coast Open
- Silver medal at the 2016 World Doubles Championships
- Winner 2016 Tasmanian Open
- Winner 2016 NSW Open
- Winner 2016 City of Perth International Challenge
- Winner 2016 NT Open



## Tamika Saxby

**Date of Birth:** 18/04/1993

**Place of Birth:** Coffs Harbour, Australia

### Major Achievements:

Winner 2017 Golden Open

Winner 2017 Australian National Championships

Winner 2016 North Coast Open

Winner 2016 South Australian Open

Semi-finals 2016 Cincinnati Gaynor Cup

Semi-finals 2016 Delaware Open

Winner 2016 NSW Open

Winner 2016 Sandgate Open

Winner 2016 City of Perth International Challenge



## Christine Nunn

**Date of Birth:** 04/04/1991

**Place of Birth:** Canberra, Australia

### Major Achievements:

- Member of the 2017 World Doubles Championships team
- Winner 2017 South Australian Open
- Quarter-finals 2017 North Shore Open
- Member of the 2017 World Team Championships team
- Semi-finals 2016 NASH Cup
- Quarter-finals 2016 NT Open
- Runner-up 2016 Calgary Squash Week Open
- Semi-finals 2016 Seattle Open



# National Coaching Team



## Paul Price National Coach

**Based:** Melbourne

Having traveled the world as a top ranked professional squash player, Paul knows what it takes to reach the top. Commitment, dedication, and a vision are among the many qualities he possesses from his worldly experiences. Paul is now focused on helping others reach their potential as a speaker and entrepreneur in the Squash industry with his company Inspired Peak Performance squash. He is driven to add value to others, along with directing them towards their own path of success.



## Dan Jenson High-Performance Coach

**Based:** Brisbane

Dan joined the professional tour in 1993 and reached a career high ranking of World No 5 in 1999. He was also a runner-up in the men's doubles at the 2006 Men's Team Championships (partnering Joe Kneipp). At the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Dan won a bronze medal in the men's doubles (partnering David Palmer).



## Thomas Calvert High-Performance Co-ordinator

**Based:** Brisbane

Tom was on the Australian Junior Men's Team 2012 and is currently competing on the PSA tour with his highest world ranking to date, No.161 and Australian No. 8. Tom's ambition is to place Top 3 for Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and World Men's team events. For the last three years, he has been coaching the Brisbane vipers and Queensland sharks. Tom is completing his Bachelor of Exercise and Movement Science at Queensland University of Technology.

# Gold Coast 2018

The 2018 Commonwealth Games will be held at Gold Coast City, in the southeast of the Australian state of Queensland from 4-15 April 2018. This will be the 5th time that Australia has hosted the Games, the others being – 1938 Sydney, 1962 Perth, 1982 Brisbane and 2006 Melbourne.

## The Venue

The Village Roadshow complex in Oxenford will stage all squash competitions during the Commonwealth Games. The newly constructed Sound Stage 9, regularly used to film Hollywood blockbusters is the largest sound stage in the southern hemisphere. GC2018 is the first time the venue will have been used to host sports events.

## Squash Key Facts

**Dates:** Starts Wednesday 4th April 2018

**Venues:** Oxenford Studios

**Medal Events:** 5

**Athletes:** 10 (5 men and 5 women)

## Sports Map



1. CARRARA SUPER SPORTS PRECINCT – Metricon Stadium (Athletics)
2. HINZE DAM (Mountain Biking)
3. ROBINA – ROBINA STADIUM SKILLED PARK (Rugby 7s)
4. ELANORA/CURRUMBIN VALLEY (Road Cycling)
5. BROADBEACH – BROADBEACH BOWLS CLUB (Bowls)
6. BROADBEACH – GOLD COAST CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (Netball)
7. SOUTHPORT – BROADWATER PARKLANDS (Swimming & Diving)
8. LABRADOR – KEITH HUNT PARK (Hockey)
9. RUNAWAY BAY – RUNAWAY BAY SPORTS CENTRE (Weightlifting)
10. PARKLANDS (Gymnastics, Netball & Netball)
11. OXFENFORD – VILLAGE ROADSHOW STUDIOS (Boxing, Table Tennis & Squash)



## Did You Know?

- Squash has been included on the Commonwealth Games program since its debut in Kuala Lumpur in 1998 where 6 medals were won by Australia
- Australia is the most successful squash nation in Commonwealth Games history with nine gold medals, one more than England
- Australia has won 30 of the 50 Commonwealth Games medals available to squash since 1998
- Australia has been the top placed squash team 6 TIMES at the Commonwealth Games
- Squash is ranked 4th in the medal winning table for Australia at the Commonwealth Games from medals available to win
- One million viewers watched the squash finals in Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games
- An estimated 35,000 people watched the live squash games at Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth

## Path to the 2018 Gold Coast

- Team selection is based on results from PSA events and Squash Australia events
- Major events leading up to the Commonwealth Games are:
  - World Open
  - World International Doubles Squash Championships
  - Men's World Team Squash Championships
  - Women's World Team Squash Championships
- Australia's top players currently sit in the top 25 of the world
- All of Australia's top senior players have medalled in the last two Commonwealth Games

# History of Australian Squash

- Australia had its squash seed planted through contact with the military.
- The first squash courts were established in 1913.
- The Squash Rackets Association of Australia (SRAA) was founded in 1934
- The International Squash Rackets Federation (ISRF) was formed in 1967, its name being changed in 1992 to the World Squash Federation (WSF)
- There are now 8 world events.

## Facts and Figures

- Australia won 22 world titles between 1970 and 2007
- To date, Australia has 17 World Champions since 1976
- 283 kph is the fastest recorded speed on squash ball smash, the record is held by Australian Cameron Pilley
- Heather McKay is possibly the most dominant sportswoman in history. She only lost two matches in her career and from 1962 to 1981 was unbeaten.
- Geoff Hunt was World Champion 7 times and won 8 British Open titles
- Australia's Geoff Hunt dominated squash between the late 1960's and early 1980's and retained world no 1 ranking for 59 months
- In the 1990s Michelle Martin won 6 British Opens in a row.

- Michelle Martin who won 2 gold medals at the 1998 Commonwealth Games held the no 1 world ranking for 58 months, 44 of which were consecutive.
- Sarah Fitz-Gerald who won 1 silver and 1 bronze medal at the 1998 Commonwealth Games, trails not far behind Michelle Martin with a total of 40 months ranked at no 1, 24 of which were consecutive.

## Gold Medals - Commonwealth Games Since 1998

Year	Men's singles	Women's singles	Men's doubles	Women's doubles	Mixed doubles
1998	Peter Nicol (SCO)	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Mark Chaloner Paul Johnson (ENG)	Cassie Jackman Sue Wright (ENG)	Michelle Martin Craig Rowland (AUS)
2002	Jonathon Power (CAN)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Peter Nicol Lee Beachill (ENG)	Leilani Rorani Carol Owens (NZL)	Leilani Rorani Glen Wilson (NZL)
2006	Peter Nicol (ENG)	Natalie Grinham (AUS)	Peter Nicol Lee Beachill (ENG)	Natalie Grinham Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Natalie Grinham Joe Kneipp (AUS)
2010	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Nicol David (MAS)	Nick Matthew Adrian Grant (ENG)	Jaclyn Hawkes Joelle King (NZL)	Kasey Brown Cameron Pilley (AUS)
2014	Nick Matthew (ENG)	Nicol David (MAS)	Cameron Pilley David Palmer (AUS)	Dipika Pallikal Joshna Chinappa (IND)	Rachael Grinham David Palmer (AUS)

## Kuala Lumpur 1998 Commonwealth Games

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's singles	Peter Nicol (SCO)	Jonathon Power (CAN)	Alex Gough (WAL) Paul Johnson (ENG)
Women's singles	Michelle Martin (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Cassie Jackman (ENG) Sue Wright (ENG)
Men's doubles	Mark Chaloner & Paul Johnson (ENG)	Byron Davis & Rodney Eyles (AUS)	Mark Cairns & Chris Walker (ENG) Stuart Cowie & Peter Nicol (SCO)
Women's doubles	Cassie Jackman & Sue Wright (ENG)	Robyn Cooper & Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Carol Owens (AUS) Natalie Grainger & Claire Nitch (RSA)
Mixed doubles	Craig Rowland & Michelle Martin (AUS)	Simon Parke & Suzanne Horner (ENG)	Glen Wilson & Sarah Cook (NZL) Rodney Durbach & Natalie Grainger (RSA)

## Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's singles	Jonathon Power (CAN)	Peter Nicol (SCO)	Stewart Boswell (AUS) David Palmer (AUS)
Women's singles	Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	Carol Owens (NZL)	Rachael Grinham (AUS) Cassie Jackman (ENG)
Men's doubles	Peter Nicol & Lee Beachill (ENG)	Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts (AUS)	David Palmer & Paul Price (AUS) Mark Chaloner & Paul Johnson (ENG)
Women's doubles	Carol Owens & Leilani Rorani (NZL)	Tania Bailey & Cassie Jackman (ENG)	Natalie Grinham & Rachael Grinham (AUS) Linda Charman & Fiona Geaves (ENG)
Mixed doubles	Glen Wilson & Leilani Rorani (NZL)	Ong Beng Hee & Nicol David (MAS)	Joe Kneipp & Robyn Cooper (AUS) Chris Walker & Fiona Geaves (ENG)



## Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's singles	Peter Nicol (SCO)	David Palmer (AUS)	Lee Beachill (ENG)
Women's singles	Natalie Grinham (AUS)	Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Shelley Kitchen (NZL)
Men's doubles	Peter Nicol & Lee Beachill (ENG)	Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts (AUS)	Dan Jenson & David Palmer (AUS)
Women's doubles	Natalie Grinham & Rachael Grinham (AUS)	Shelley Kitchen & Tamsyn Leevey (NZL)	Tania Bailey & Vicky Botwright (ENG)
Mixed doubles	Natalie Grinham & Joe Kneipp (AUS)	Vicky Botwright & James Willstrop (ENG)	Rachael Grinham & David Palmer (AUS)

## Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's singles	Nick Matthew (ENG)	James Willstrop (ENG)	Peter Barker (ENG)
Women's singles	Nicol David (MAS)	Jenny Duncalf (ENG)	Kasey Brown(AUS)
Men's doubles	Nick Matthew & Adrian Grant (ENG)	Stewart Boswell & David Palmer(AUS)	Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley(AUS)
Women's doubles	Jaclyn Hawkes & Joelle King (NZL)	Jenny Duncalf & Laura Massaro (ENG)	Kasey Brown & Donna Urquhart(AUS)
Mixed doubles	Cameron Pilley & Kasey Brown (AUS)	Martin Knight & Joelle King (NZL)	Nicol David & Ong Beng Hee (MAS)

## Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's singles	Nick Matthew (ENG)	James Willstrop (ENG)	Peter Barker (ENG)
Women's singles	Nicol David (MAS)	Laura Massaro (ENG)	Joelle King (NZL)
Men's doubles	Cameron Pilley & David Palmer (AUS)	Nick Matthew & Adrian Grant (ENG)	James Willstrop & Daryl Selby (ENG)
Women's doubles	Dipika Pallikal & Joshna Chinappa (IND)	Jenny Duncalf & Laura Massaro (ENG)	Alison Waters & Emma Beddoes (ENG)
Mixed doubles	Racheal Grinham & David Palmer (AUS)	Alison Waters & Peter Baker (ENG)	Kasey Brown & Cameron Pilley (AUS)



# Rules

- A match consists of the best of 3 games in doubles and the best of 5 games in singles to 11 points
- Every time there is a serve, there is a point scored
- After the ball hits the front wall, it is allowed to bounce once on the floor before a player must return it.
- The side winning their rally adds the point to their score
- The player who scores 11 points first wins the game except if the score reaches 10-all, when the game continues until one player leads by two points
- The server, on winning a rally, scores a point and retains the service
- The receiver, on winning a rally, scores a point and becomes the server

## Points are awarded if, during the course of play:

1. The receiver fails to strike the ball before it has bounced twice
2. The receiver hits the ball out (either on or above the outline, or on the tin) or misses the front wall
3. Interference resulting in a stroke, i.e. point to the obstructed player

## Squash Jargon

- **Boast** - a shot hit to the near sidewall before it hits the front wall.
- **Drive** - a typical groundstroke usually hit for good length.
- **Drop** - a shot hit short, usually not too high above the tin.
- **Game** - Each game is played to 11 points, except that if the score reaches 10-all, the game continues until one player leads by 2 points.
- **Get** - a difficult retrieval of an opponent's shot. Often heard in the complimentary phrase 'nice get'.
- **Hot ball** - when the squash ball has physically warmed up from being struck. It is bouncier in this state.
- **Kill** - a hard-hit shot that ends a point definitively.
- **Lob** - a ball hit so that it travels high in the air after hitting the front wall.
- **Nick** - a ball that hits the crack between the floor and a wall once it bounces off the front wall. This is usually a winner.
- **Reverse** - a ball hit into the opposite side wall before it reaches the front wall.
- **The tin** - a barrier across the lower part of the front wall. All shots must contact the front wall above this barrier to be good.



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Squash Matrix

[www.squashmatrix.com](http://www.squashmatrix.com)

Sporting Schools [www.sportingschools.gov.au](http://www.sportingschools.gov.au)

Gold Coast 2018

[www.gc2018.com](http://www.gc2018.com)

Australian Commonwealth Games Association

[www.commonwealthgames.org.au](http://www.commonwealthgames.org.au)

Australian Institute of Sport

[www.ausport.gov.au](http://www.ausport.gov.au)

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World Squash Federation

[www.worldsquash.org](http://www.worldsquash.org)

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players registered to take part in the World Squash Day Challenge, which demonstrated **global support for the sport's 2020 Olympic bid**. More than **800 clubs** from over **70 nations** joined in, with players representing Team Squash and Team 2020



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was World  
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## Heather McKay

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Australia won **22**  
world titles between  
1970 and 2007

## Cameron Pilley



world speed  
record in 2011  
**175mph**

## 17

Australian World  
Champions since 1976

Australia has won **30 medals** in  
Commonwealth Games since 1998

**23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Most popular  
sport in the  
world

## 30/50

medals were won at the  
Commonwealth Games  
since 1998

Bronze  
13



Gold  
9

Silver  
8

Total medals won by Squash Aus at  
the Commonwealth Games since 1998