

# Internal Release for members June, 2017

## **Media Response**

A recent Messenger article announced the possibility of Norwood Squash Centre closing to make way for a redevelopment. You can read the full article <u>here</u>.

Squash SA understand that this may cause uncertainty within the squash community, particularly for those who frequent, or are members of Norwood Squash Centre. We will therefore do our best to keep people informed of any changes at Norwood. In the meantime, you may find the questions and answers below beneficial.

### Can I still play at Norwood?

It is business as usual at Norwood Squash Centre. Norwood management has informed Squash SA that there is no change to competitions, social or casual bookings. Racquet sales, restring services and coaching continue to be offered.

### What if the development is approved?

No firm decision has been made to close the courts. Even if approval for development is granted, the decision will depend on the financial impact and return of development vs current business. We may not be aware of a decision for quite some time.

### What will happen if the courts ultimately close?

Squash SA will continue to work with Norwood Squash Centre to ensure that competitions are transitioned to alternate venues with as little inconvenience to players as possible. Squash SA will attempt to keep players informed of changes and find the most suitable solution for them to continue to play.

### Is this the start of a trend?

There is no need for concern. Squash in South Australia has seen an increase in player numbers. Players registered for competition remains steady with significant growth found in university and social participation. The last few years has seen new courts built in the Barossa, Campbelltown and Tonsley Park, with future construction planned for Pt Pirie, Pt Lincoln and Kadina. Traction is building for squash courts with moveable walls as a Multi-use Sports Space which will ultimately increase the access to squash with courts in more venues.

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