



Squash Australia Memorandum – August

(Post August 13th Board Meeting – Melbourne, Victoria)

1. Squash Australia - Organisation Contact points

Through the restructure phase the transition period of a number of consultants (Craig Simmich and Anna Walker) has now come to an end, we would like to thank them for their fine work in this period. For any issue relating to any work stream area please contact the corresponding responsible person (please see below) – [click here to see the team](#).

Work Stream	Squash Australia Contact
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Events	Tara Montgomery events@squash.org.au
Participation	Jordan Till participation@squash.org.au
High Performance	Stewart Carson hp@squash.org.au ;
Education (Coaches/Referees)	Zac Alexander education@squash.org.au

2. WSF World Championships Bids

We were informed recently we were unsuccessful for our 2018 World Championships bid. The event has gone to England.

We would however like to bid for the following events and I would be grateful if interested States could submit interest by the **14th September 1200 (midday)**.

- World Junior Championships – 2018 July/August
- World Doubles Championships – 2019 Date TBC
- World Masters Championships – 2020 Date TBC
- World Men’s Team Championships – 2021 November
- World Doubles Championships – 2021 Date TBC
- World Women’s Team Championships – 2022 November

Please contact Richard Vaughan ceo@squash.org.au for more information.

3. Event Update

Event regulations have been updated, they can be found [by clicking here](#).

We have also just received notice of bids for the following events:

- Australian Open 2018
- Australian Closed 2018

If there are any States interested in these events please complete the relevant documentation and send to events@squash.org.au by 14th September.

4. Executive Council

The Executive Council met at the recent Australian Open event in Melbourne. On a packed agenda the main two items were:

- a. An update on IT, the new Squash Australia website, the State website timeline and integrated services including a new benefits section for all involved with squash in Australia <http://benefits.squash.org.au> and a eLearning portal that will shortly be launched <http://elearning.squash.org.au>.
- b. Participation consultant Anan Walker completed a thorough presentation on the changing landscape of participation, affiliation and funding models. This provided compelling evidence and argument for change in the way we approach the capturing of player information.

This presentation is attached – [Activating Squash](#). Also attached a recent presentation by Cricket Australia which covers a number of recent changes in the same space by other sports.

5. Australian Squash Tour 2017

For 2017 Squash Australia would like to launch a new Australian PSA Squash Tour. The basic idea behind the project would be that we increase the branding and profile of the event series in Australia by providing both a ranking for the Australian events and subsequent prize fund for the top 3 male and female players, encouraging more players to play the events.

Can you please ensure all PSA events in the State are registered by the 1st September 2016. There is no cost for registering with squash Australia. **No PSA registration fee discount will be available if they are not registered by this date as we will bulk register in September.**

6. Awards Evening

The 2016 Squash Australia Awards Evening took place in Melbourne on the 13th August. A big thank you to all the supporters, the winners on the night can be found [by clicking here](#).

7. Squash Australia AGM

The Squash Australia Forum and AGM has been confirmed for the 26th and 27th November in Brisbane. Both the forum and AGM are open to all of the squash community, and we would welcome as many attendees as possible.

The Executive Meeting will be Friday 25th November at the Squash Australia office, Brisbane.

As a welcome addition this year's Forum and AGM will be streamed to all the squash community.

Please contact Iain at membership@squash.org.au who will email more details shortly.

8. Working Groups

The Awards and History Working Group closing date has passed. We had a healthy number of applications which is great news. These will be applied against a criteria for selection at the next Squash Australia Board meeting in Sydney next month.

All the remaining Working Groups have completed their 4 year plans in their areas. This was a core commitment from the Squash Australia/State workshop in February. These will be circulated in due course. Feedback is of course welcomed.

There has been some slight alignment with Director positions on the Working Groups due to the addition of new directors and new skill sets they bring. The current external participants remain the same. The Director allocation is now:

- Profile – Sam Chadwick
- High Performance – Michelle Martin
- Commercial – Cassandra Heilbronn
- Participation – Doug Minchin
- Coach Education – Dale Robbins
- Facilities – Mick Jaroszewicz
- Events – Mick Jaroszewicz
- Awards & History – David Mandel (NEW)

9. New Squash Australia Directors

Squash Australia has welcomed three new Directors to the board. Dough Minchin from Western Australia, Sam Chadwick from New South Wales and Cassandra Heilbronn from Queensland. A warm welcome to all and for those that did not meet them in Melbourne you will at the AJC in Sydney or the Squash Australia AGM in Brisbane this November.

More information can be found here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/our-team/meet-the-team/our-board>

10. Rankings

We appreciate all the feedback we have had on the ranking system – generally all positive. We have some comments for enhancements and these will be looked at by the Working Group.

There has been one launching issue and that was a batch of missing date of births which was required to separate players in to the age groups. This is being fixed, if it does affect any of your players please contact Tara on events@squash.org.au.

11. Fox Sports

Please find attached the schedule of Major Squash events that have been confirmed with Fox Sports. Please spread the word so we can get some good numbers watching, so we get more events signed up.

You can see nearly all the action from the recent Australian Open and World Doubles Championships on www.SquashAustralia.TV.

The Australian Junior Championships will be streamed live from Sydney!