



Annual Report 2004

OUR MISSION

To provide innovative leadership and direction for the growth and development of Squash in Australia.

OUR VISION

Squash will be a flourishing participant sport for people of all ages from all sectors of the Australian community;

Squash will be a high profile sport in Australia, receiving extensive media coverage and maintaining a high level of community awareness;

Squash facilities will be attractive, enticing, professionally operated and managed, and be financially viable;

Australia will dominate squash internationally in terms of playing performance;

Squash will be effectively administered throughout Australia under the leadership of a financially strong national body (Squash Australia); and

Squash will be played in all major international (multi-sport) games.

OUR VALUES

In our relationship and dealings with our stakeholders and each other, we will:

be open and transparent;

communicate effectively;

accept responsibility for decisions and actions;

be responsive to their needs;

endeavour to reach a common understanding through consultation;

strive for excellence, effectiveness and efficiency to maximize our performance

be cooperative and operate as a team;

strive for continuous improvement; and

value the well-being and diversity of all our players.



Photos – Front Cover

Top to Bottom: Senior Women's Team, World Women's Team Championship medal presentation, Rachael Grinham and David Palmer, Byron Davis and Cameron White, David Palmer, Rachael Grinham

Photos – Back Cover

Top to Bottom: Senior Women's Team, Junior Men's Team, World Doubles medal winners, Dan Jenson and Natalie Grinham, Commonwealth Games Squad, Senior Women's Team



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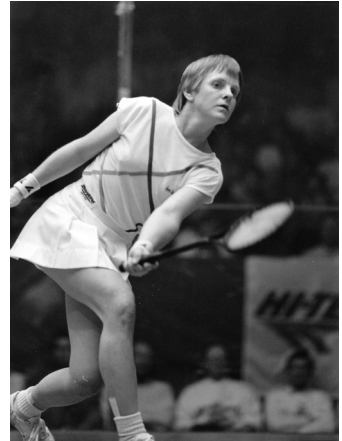
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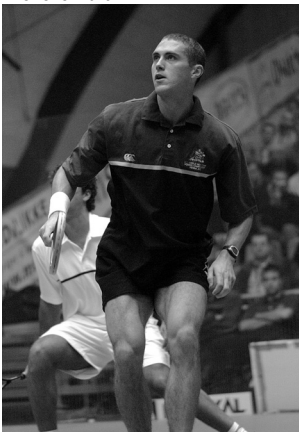


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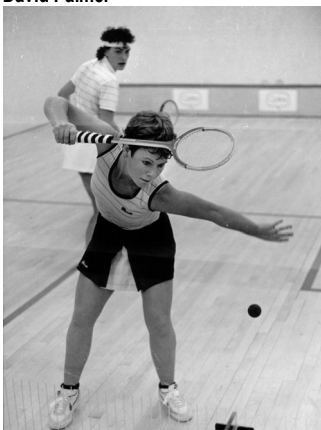
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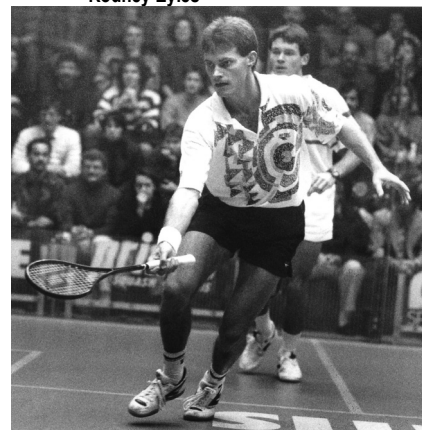
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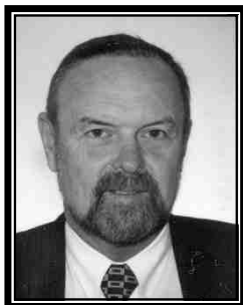
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Photo courtesy of Squash Rackets Federation of India

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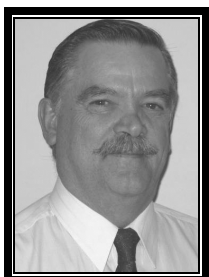
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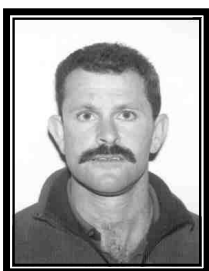
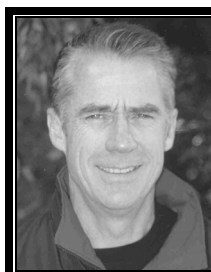
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Founded 1934	Founding member of International Squash Rackets Federation (1976) now the World Squash Federation (WSF)
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National Coaching Committee	Jeff Wollstein (Chairman), Mike Cornish, Geoff Davenport, Byron Davis, Barbara de Bruine, Kaye Reeves.
National Junior Committee	Sandie Davis (Chairman), Randell Cook, Susan Cowell, Greg Hutchings, Dawn Moggach, Melissa Prentice, Kaye Reeves, Kim Schramm, Karen Morrissey, Reto Vogel and Steve Barnes
Rules and Refereeing Committee	John Small (Chairman), Alan Mott, Bill Patterson, Chris Sinclair, Damien Green, Michael Redman
Selectors - Men	Byron Davis, Roger Flynn, Dean Landy
Selectors – Women	Dawn Moggach, Kaye Reeves, Kim Schramm
Women's Committee	Carol Kawaljenko (Chairman), Michael Redman, Sandie Davis, Robyn Cooper
SAEOG	Ross Jones, Paul Vear, Richard Tisher, Andrew Stanbury, Carol Kawaljenko, Kim Schramm, Richard Colbran, Geoff Lucas, Norman Fry, John Holland



Men's Final 2004 World Doubles Championship (Byron Davis, Cameron White)
Photo Courtesy of Squash Rackets Federation of India



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2004 has been a very successful and exciting year for Australian Squash. We have had excellent results from our international playing contingent, our administration continues to strengthen and we are seeing investment in facilities which has been long overdue.

The Australian Women's Team of Rachael and Natalie Grinham, Melissa Martin and Amelia

Pittock won the 14th World Women's Team Championships in Amsterdam. David Palmer and Rachael Grinham won the Men's and Women's British Opens and our team for the World Doubles Championships in Chennai won Gold in all events, the Men's, Women's and Mixed.

A large amount of this success is due to the AIS Squash Unit and we are indeed fortunate to have such a facility and we are grateful for the ongoing Government support which enables us to access such talented coaches as Geoff Hunt, Byron Davis and Rodney Martin.

The Operations Committee was reintroduced this year as the Squash Australia Executive Officers Group (SAEOG) and will be meeting face to face twice a year. The group has been formed to ensure that each state/territory is able to share information and work closer together in promoting and administering our sport.

The National Rating System has been adopted and is fully operational in several states and close to implementation in several others. It is a priority for Squash Australia to see this system truly national within the next twelve months.

Unfortunately our deal with ASM to source sponsorship has collapsed due to the demise of ASM and we will look to form a partnership with another marketing company to capitalise on our marketing opportunities.

Our Media exposure has continued to improve thanks to our Media Liaison Officer, Gordon Dexter and also to the WSF Media Officer, Howard Harding. Howard provides a comprehensive results service on all PSA and WISPA events and it is well worth getting on his email list.

The Board held a meeting in Perth this year to enable members to attend a "Leaders in Sport Conference". One of the many interesting items to come out of this conference was that there is a need for our sport to review our clothing policy and ensure that we become attractive to younger people – some of our regulations are quite outdated by today's standards.

Whilst in Perth we naturally visited the new Western Australian Offices and courts – an excellent facility which has enormous potential. The Board of WA Squash are to be congratulated for their initiative and particularly for their skilful negotiating.

Your Board also approved the introduction of a Squash Hall of Fame and tremendous amount of work has been put in to research potential inductees and ascertain priorities.

The Commonwealth Games are now only a little over twelve months away and this year has seen a huge effort put in to ensure we present the best Squash Tournament possible. Greg Hutchings with assistance from Paul Vear has been working hard to ensure that all areas of the sport are covered from volunteers right through to facilities. Due to funding restrictions, the M2006 Office was unable to commit to providing the required facilities but with thanks to Squash SA, who will be purchasing the Glass Court and renting it to M2006, we have been able to secure the upgrade to the Squash Courts at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The Games will now have a convertible glass doubles court and four convertible doubles courts at MSAC. Funding has ensured that our Commonwealth Games Squad has had opportunities to play and train together and we should be on target to achieve our planned medal results.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any sporting body and we are fortunate to have a strong contingent supporting the national body. Our referees in particular deserve a huge vote of thanks for performing what in many cases is a difficult and trying task. Funding has been allocated to further train these officials for the Commonwealth Games and I urge you all to encourage people to become involved in refereeing – it is a vital part of our sport and can prove very rewarding.

Our contractors all contributed strongly to ensure that their particular fields of operation performed to expectations. Greg Hutchings (National Competition Manager), Geoff Hunt (High Performance Manager), John Small (National Referee Director) and Jeff Wollstein all achieved the plans which were set for them and Squash Australia is indeed fortunate to have such a talented group who all have a real passion for the sport.

Our office team under the guidance of our CEO Norman Fry are setting a very high standard in sports administration. Jacqueline Souwer (Finance and Administration Officer) and Larissa Williams (Administration Assistant) along with Norman have formed a most cooperative team and are a pleasure to work with.

Your Squash Australia Board of Richard Best, Steve Derbyshire, Sandie Davis and Carol Kawaljenko have worked very well together in setting the directions for squash in Australia and making sure that the strategic plan which was set by our members, remains both relevant and a focus. Working with them has been and I trust will continue to be, most enjoyable.

Thank you all for your support and I assure you that I will continue to strive to grow our sport and lift our profile.

Regards,

John Holland
President



2004 WSF Conference Mauritius

WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION

CONFERENCE & AGM

Mauritius was a spectacular location for the 34th AGM and Conference for the World Squash Federation. A good representation from the membership ensured that there was plenty of opportunity to share information and pick up on new initiatives.

In opening the Conference on the Thursday, the Minister for Tourism in Mauritius shared what he called the secret for tourism success – the total experience must be positive and unforgettable, from the products and services right through to the people. The same basics which are required for success in any business, including Squash.

The delegates then workshoped three subjects in separate groups and reported back to the meeting.

The three groups were:

1. World Championships/Scoring/Rules and Referees
2. Development/Coaching/Youth/Women
3. Marketing/Promotion/Media

There was not much new in the feedback and it appears most nations have the same issues. One of the main points in the Marketing area is the ability for Squash to be played literally anywhere through the use of a Glass Court. This should be a huge marketing tool and we need to make more use of this unique feature throughout the world.

Andrew Shelly presented a report from WISPA on their world tour initiative where each year, two highly ranked female players take their sport to a developing region and showcase their skills. They also give their time to the local squash organisations to provide coaching clinics and general publicity for the sport.

The PSA report was presented by Jack Hendrick and he highlighted their "streaming" initiative. Streaming is a method of relaying live matches to be viewed via a dedicated website. The quality is now excellent and a strong future is predicted for this method of squash coverage.

Alan Thatcher gave a short presentation on World Squash Day which is reportedly gaining impetus and the organisers have identified two targets for 2005. They hope that every Squash Centre will open their doors on the day to promote the sport and that all squash bodies "take squash to the streets" to push for Olympic inclusion. World Squash Day is Saturday March 19th 2005 and the dedicated website is www.worldsquashday.org.

On the Friday the day commenced with a report on the progress made by squash since 1986 in our bid for Olympic inclusion.

We now have the best opportunity to date for success with the Olympic Committee now reviewing all current sports plus five new sports. The new sports included in the review are Rugby, Golf, Squash, Karate and Roller Sports. All sports are being evaluated against 33 set criteria and the results should be out mid 2005. The new sports can only be admitted at the expense of existing sports and the results of this review will confirm the sports for the games in 2012 – if we are not successful now some of us may never have the opportunity to see Squash in the Olympics.

The Referee Review which was presented at last year's conference has been reformatted and the concise plan was adopted by the conference. A new DVD will shortly be available replacing the "Let Please" video.

The World Games are rapidly approaching – 14th to 24th July 2005 and Squash will be held in Mülheim in a complex with 14 courts as well as tennis and fitness facilities. The World Games are for all sports not represented at Olympics and Australia has qualified to compete in both the Men's and Women's event. We need to ensure that we get the best representation possible to ensure that these games achieve the profile required.

Palmer Page presented a report from American Squash which highlighted their efforts in rebranding our sport in the USA.

They use the slogan –

Your Squash
Your Team
Your community

This is all aimed at appealing to people's values and emotion rather than push the sport in the conventional way – i.e. fun & fitness.

Gerard DeCourcy presented a report on the New Zealand Squash benchmarking project. They are benchmarking all areas of the business to compare regions – ratios are used to provide meaningful comparisons between differing sized regions.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the Saturday where Mauritius was admitted as a new member.

Tenders for World Championships were submitted and the following resolved.

World Women's Team Championships 2006 – Canada
World Masters Team Championships 2006 – South Africa
World Men's Team Championships 2007 – India
World Junior Women's Championships 2004 – Hong Kong
World Junior Men's Championships 2008 – Switzerland
World Masters Championships 2008 – New Zealand

Australia also indicated we would be formally tendering for the 2005 World Doubles Championships.

Sarah Fitz-Gerald was admitted to the WSF Squash Hall of Fame and I was honoured to accept the award on behalf of Sarah.

Sandie Davis had nominated for a position on WSF Management Committee but was unfortunately unsuccessful with the successful nominees being:

President	Jahangir Khan
Vice Presidents	Joyce Buckley A Sani Karim Mohamed El Menshawy

Susie Sincock was reinstated as Emeritus President as a result of a proposal from Jahangir Khan.

Another very interesting and enjoyable conference with good opportunity for discussion with other delegates – It seems we all have the same issues and we need to share more of our successes.

John Holland
President



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

What a great positive year we have just completed. As I approach the end of my second year in the CEO role it is most satisfying to reflect upon a year that was so productive towards the building of better systems for our sport and one which produced so many achievements, both nationally and internationally.

It is obvious that particularly those from outside the sport often judge the health and well being of a sport, by the international results that are achieved. You may recall that in my last report I stated that only well trained athletes from a well-organised and productive system could maintain the high status that Australia enjoyed in the international arena.

This was certainly put to the test in 2004. Our athletes, supported by coaches, administrators, volunteers, referees and supporters again met the main objectives set before them. Both senior and junior athletes performed with distinction in Australia and overseas in a variety of tournaments. The year commenced with the continuation of training for the 2006 Commonwealth Games Squad, which went to England where it defeated an English team 12-3 in a doubles test. The Senior Women's team was the next Australian team to participate, winning a great victory in Amsterdam and retaining their World Teams title against a very strong field. The Junior Boys team then competed in Pakistan achieving eleventh place at their World Championship. The Australia mixed team then met up again in India to contest the World Doubles Championships. This event produced an excellent result for Australia (three gold and two bronze medals). During the year I continued to work very closely with the top twenty senior athletes both in and out of competitive environments. I was most impressed with how every national athlete displayed firm dedication to squash and to achieving the set objectives. There is no doubt that their performances assisted Australia in maintaining its status as one of the top squash nations in 2004.

During the year the cooperation between Squash Australia and its members was further strengthened with the introduction of the SAEOG (Squash Australia Executive Officers Group). The conduct of national tasks was certainly assisted by the majority of members who provided Squash Australia with positive advice and support during the year. My thanks to the State/Territory CEO.

As new systems and requirements are introduced into the sport the tasks of the Squash Australia staff and sub-committees continue to rise. Squash is very fortunate to have a handful of dedicated, full-time, part-time personnel and volunteers who contributed to the achievement of our mission during 2004. The professional office systems are now humming along operated by Jacqueline Souwer (Finance and Administration Officer) and Larissa Williams (Administration Assistant). Their efforts and work productivity have been excellent and both employees are a credit to Squash Australia.

It has been a very busy year for the Directors and Managers of the national organisation seeking to improve every aspect of squash from coaching to refereeing. The effort these part-time personnel have put into their tasks has been impressive and this is reflected in the outcomes that have been achieved. My thanks to Gordon Dexter (Media Liaison Officer), Geoff Hunt (High Performance Manager), Greg Hutchings (National Competitions Manager), John Small (National Refereeing Director) and Jeff Wollstein (National Coaching Director) for their support and advice.

Squash Australia is well served by a number of sub-committees, which are comprised of volunteers. The sub-committees cover all aspects of squash from coaching to national selection. The work of these groups is often completed without any fanfare or reward. There is no doubt without them a number of critical aspects could not be achieved. The achievements of the High Performance Committee, the National Coaching Committee, the National Referees Committee, the National Junior Committee, the Women's Committee and the National Selectors are acknowledged.

In 2004 a number of new initiatives were introduced into Squash in Australia. Some of these will be ongoing in 2005. A National Juniors Coaches Panel was formed to provide coaching staff for National junior squads and teams. Research has commenced into Australian Squash History with the aim of producing a book on the subject. A Hall of Fame is being developed to honour those who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of Squash with the first inductees being introduced at an awards dinner on the 12 March 2005. A new underpinning program has been introduced to assist state high performance programs and the AIS, as has a new High Performance Coaching Program, which replaces the old Elite Coaches Program. The National Talent Squad process and cycle has been revised to produce a more progressive training pathway.

The 2006 Commonwealth Games is providing Squash with one of its major objectives. Work is well underway for the preparation of the Australian team, the competition and the venue. A note of thanks to the two coaches (Geoff Hunt and Byron Davis) and the athletes as they continue to prepare. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Hutchings for acting as the Squash Australia Liaison Officer with M2006 the Games organisers and to Paul Vear and the VSF for their assistance to Greg and M2006 in the preparation of the competition and venue.

My thanks to Squash SA, ACT Squash, Q Squash and the VSF for successfully conducting national tournaments on behalf of Squash Australia. The tournaments were all well supported and conducted professionally.

Our younger athletes continue to receive quality training and support from both the AIS and the VIS squash units. Results of the coaching efforts of Geoff Hunt, Byron Davis, Rodney Martin and Roger Flynn have been clearly displayed on the world circuit this year by Australian athletes. Congratulations and thanks to these coaches for their support to Squash Australia and work within their two institutes.

It is pleasing to continually receive positive feedback and comment on the operations of Squash Australia. There are some major national objectives to be achieved in 2005 and I am confident that Squash Australia supported by the Squash community will succeed in meeting these.

Good squashing in 2005.

Norman Fry



L-R: Jahangir Khan, Norman Fry, Geoff Hunt
Photo Courtesy of Cyrus Poncha



NATIONAL COMPETITION MANAGERS REPORT

How quick a year passes. Squash Australia experienced another very busy year, the competition area was no exception.

The review of event regulations continued from the previous year, particularly with relation the National Junior Series & Australian Junior Open. A work group met in the ACT during the Australian Junior Championships to determine recommendations for the Board concerning the structure of junior selection events. A National Junior Squash Policy was also drafted utilising a template provided by the ASC.

Q Squash hosted the National Junior Selection Series. A total of 688 entries were received including a very large contingent from NZ, Malaysia, New Caledonia, Pakistan & India. The large number of matches played during three events once again attracted considerable discussion. Squash Australia has reviewed the series for 2005 & split the events into two tournaments in April & one tournament in June.

The Australian Junior Championships (AJC) conducted in the ACT was one of the smoothest & incident free championships in recent years. Special mention must be made regarding the thorough pre event planning carried out by Melissa Prentice. Tournament software is one aspect of Squash Australia's direct

involvement with national junior tournaments and was scrutinised during the AJC. The T & R tournament management software was utilised to organise the Australian Junior Championships. Roger Flynn spent countless hours enhancing the T & R software as part of the ongoing product development. This work is performed free of charge, and the product is provided free of charge. Smudgware attended the championships demonstrating a similar product. Squash Australia is considering the options available for the future management of events.

With financial support provided by Squash Australia the local PSA/WISPA circuit continues to grow. A total of 23 PSA & 7 WISPA events were registered on the 2004 National Calendar

The Australian Open & National Team Championship was again hosted successfully by Squash South Australia. Des Panizza & team are always organised and a pleasure to work with. The prize money level of the Australian Open however continues to fall well short of the events status & player expectation. Squash Australia must work towards finding a solution.

The second Australian Closed Championships staged in Bendigo Victoria was well organised by the country venue & the VSF. Similar to the Australian Open prize money increase is required to entice the strongest standard of entry.

The Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games is fast approaching. Squash Australia has consumed many hours ensuring that preparations will not only present the best CG but also ensure a legacy for squash. Some areas of major involvement are venue, referees, test events & volunteers.

I would like to thank the team in the Squash Australia office, referees, administrators, tournament organisers & overseas contacts for their support & commitment to the development of Squash in Australia.

Greg Hutchings
National Competition Manager



MEDIA LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Australian squash players have performed admirably in overseas tournaments throughout 2004 and the media recognised their feats - particularly in the higher profile events, which took place predominantly during the second half of the year. Most of the coverage was through state and regional newspapers but there was also interest shown from sports magazines and radio and TV stations.

There has been a constant flow of media releases on all squash-related issues, including overseas and Australian-based tournaments, which were distributed on virtually a daily basis to print and electronic media outlets.

Squash gained greater publicity this year than in 2003 and the success of Australians on the world circuit certainly assisted on this front. Rachael Grinham became world No. 1 for the first time and retained her British Open crown, and also picked up two gold medals at the world doubles titles, while younger sister Natalie reached the World Open final and grabbed a gold medal at the world doubles. David Palmer again clinched the British Open title and scored gold in the mixed event at the world doubles titles, while Byron Davis and Cameron White upset the men's seedings to secure a gold medal at the world doubles in Chennai.

The media recognises that Australia is a major force in world squash, currently holding the men's and women's world teams championships, the men's, women's and mixed world doubles crowns, and the men's and women's British Open titles - and the sport is gradually gaining a foothold in the sporting sections of

newspapers.

When Australia won the men's teams title in October it was publicised in most major newspapers in this country and received widespread radio coverage, and there was substantial print and electronic media interest with Australia's triple gold success at the world doubles championships at the end of the year.

Interaction between state bodies and the media liaison officer took place throughout the year and it is critical that newsworthy items and sponsorship ideas are communicated to the media liaison officer.

Squash Australia's inaugural Hall of Fame awards dinner will be held in Brisbane in March, 2005, and renowned national sports television presenter Ian Maurice was secured in late 2004 to be Master of Ceremonies (MC). The print media will be invited to the event and in return it is hoped they will be able to offer wide coverage to the announcement of the first group of inductees into the Australian Squash Hall of Fame.

National Media Monitors kept track of all squash articles in newspapers nationally during the first half of the year and this demonstrated the wide coverage the sport was given in newspapers.

The idea of a national women's squash calendar was discussed and it is envisaged this will be acted upon during 2005, and then it can be released a couple of months before the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

The Australian media is renowned for giving blanket exposure to football codes, cricket, golf and swimming, and being fickle with coverage of so-called "smaller" sports, which are often relegated to newspaper briefs. Therefore everyone involved with our sport, both at a regional, State and national level, needs to assist the media liaison officer with snippets of news to help increase the sport's profile in Australia.

Gordon Dexter
Media Liaison Officer



NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR REPORT

The squash coaching area continued to grow from strength to strength in 2004 on the back of the most productive year in the last decade.

Significant Advances in Coach Education in 2004

There were several significant advances in the coach education area in 2004 including:

- 1) the conduct of the 2nd and final week of an inaugural High Performance Level 3 Course, June 2004.
- 2) the conduct of another Level 2 Course, Perth, May 2004, with 18 participants being the greatest number of aspirant L2 candidate coaches in the history of Squash Australia.
- 3) negotiations between Squash Australia and the PSCAA to become the peak coaching body.
- 4) the decision by the National Coaching Committee to adopt a new "program-based" coach education system in the future.

Coach Accreditation Numbers

Our coach accreditation numbers continued to increase in 2004. There are a considerable number of new and re-accrediting coaches in late 2004 who are still to appear on our database which will occur in 2005. I expect our numbers to increase beyond 500 in 2005.

As at end-December 2004 the total number of male and female coach accreditation numbers State-by-State is represented in the table below. For comparison purposes the totals for Level 1, 2, 3 and HP are provided at the bottom of the table for 2002 and 2003 under a new ASC reporting system.

State	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	HP	Total
ACT	19	2	0	0	21
NSW	78	6	0	0	84
QLD	82	11	0	1	94
VIC	96	12	0	0	108
TAS	11	3	0	0	14
SA	31	4	0	0	35
WA	88	3	0	0	91
NT	3	3	0	0	6
Overseas	7	3	0	0	10
Totals	415	47	0	1	463
2003	396	55	0	#	451
2002	342	43	0	#	385

One HP Coach was officially recorded at the HP level for 2002 and 2003 but does not appear in the new ASC statistics.

Extended Agreement with PSCAA to Supply Coach Accreditation Data for ASC Database

This year was the 5th consecutive year where the PSCAA has voluntarily processed all coach accreditation data and supplied details to the ASC for updating of our Squash database of coach accreditation details. This is intended to continue in 2005 but under a new agreement with the PSCAA whereby they become the peak coaching body for Squash Australia.

Negotiations with the PSCAA to become our Peak Coaching Body

The closer working relationship between the NCD and the PSCAA to carry out the function of inputting coach accreditation data to the ASC rapidly developed in 2004. Squash Australia representatives attended a special Workshop with the PSCAA in August 2004 to enter into initial discussions regarding their interest in becoming the peak coaching body for Squash Australia rather than being a "recognised body" on our current Organisational Chart. Negotiations are continuing representing the most exciting change for the coaching area in 20 years.

Level 2 Course - Perth, WA

Another annual Level 2 Course was conducted in Perth, WA in May 2004 and there were 18 candidate L1 coaches with 7 participants from within WA itself and

11 from interstate including 2 AIS Scholarship Holders being Stewart Boswell and Anthony Ricketts. This was the greatest number of participants attending any L2 Course in the history of Squash Australia.

I was ably assisted by Roger Flynn and Ken Watson for the full duration of this 36 hour coach education event. Further support was given by Mike Cornish and Geoff Davenport for a few days prior to and after the Bunbury Squash Australia sponsored closed squash tournament which had many top 20 Australian players competing.

Level 3 Course - Melbourne, 2nd & Final Week, June 2004

The 2nd and final week of our inaugural Level 3 Course was successfully conducted at MSAC in Melbourne after an enormous amount of planning and organisation. Roger Flynn and I as NCD have acted as the L3 Co-Course Manager's since February 2003 and were once again ably assisted by Geoff Hunt and Ken Watson who join Roger and I in acting as the Level 3 Assessment Panel.

This High Performance coach education event was challenging for all L3 Assessment Panel members and all participants. I expect that between 5-10 candidate coaches will be awarded their Level 3 in 2005 and maybe a few more in 2006.

The amount of work to achieve Level 3 is considerable and onerous and some 400 plus hours of work will be assessed by me for each candidate in consultation with our L3 Assessment Panel over the next 12 months. Several L2 coaches will be granted Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC) under current ASC guidelines to gain their L3.

Special appreciation must go to Squash Australia for providing the necessary support and resources to enable one of the largest coaching projects ever conducted by Squash Australia to go ahead, this being our inaugural Level 3 Course.

NCAS Coach Education Training Documents (2nd Editions)

The 2nd Editions of our Level 1, 2 and 3 Training Documents were approved in 2004 by the ASC as follows:

- Levels 1 and 2 approved in February 2004 without changes;
- Level 3 approved in November 2004 after some changes.

Annual Workshops and Meetings

One of the busiest times in the coaching calendar was at the start of 2004 when final preparations took place leading up to the Squash Australia AGM for the following 2 events:

- Annual SCD/ SDO's Workshop, 26 March 2004
 - National Coaching Committee Meetings, 26-27 March 2004
- Most NCC members attended the 2004 AGM and follow up Seminars. These face-to-face Workshops and meetings laid the foundations for the rest of 2004.

National Coaching Committee (NCC)

The National Coaching Committee members who have helped Squash Australia with our CEO, Norman Fry, in 2004 comprise:

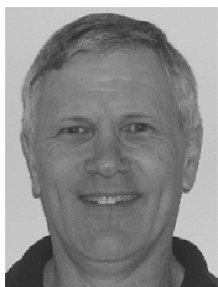
Kaye Reeves - re-appointed member for a 2 year term until 2006 (SA)
 Mike Cornish - 2 year appointment expiry in 2005 (WA)
 Geoff Davenport - 2 year appointment expiry in 2005 (SA)
 Barbara de Bruine - new member for a 2 year term until March 2006 (ACT)
 Byron Davis - new member for a 2 year term (until March 2006) (SA)
 Roger Flynn - on-going PSCAA representative
 Jeffrey Wollstein - Chairman

The NCC has been successfully functioning for 15 years since a former National Coaching Director, Barbara de Bruine, originally set up this advisory body for Squash Australia. This advisory body in the coaching area may, in 2005, become the PSCAA to take over all the existing functions and responsibilities of the NCC which I have recommended to Squash Australia with negotiations still taking place.

The excellent support from Norman himself to the coaching area in 2004 is graciously acknowledged along with outstanding support from Jacqueline Souwer and Larissa Williams. We have the best staff team ever and 2005 will be a challenging year to pick up ourselves another notch better in seeking our organisational goals. We must do better than we have already done in 2004 which was a year without exception.

Jeffrey Wollstein
National Coaching Director

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NATIONAL REFEREEING DIRECTOR REPORT

2004 saw refereeing continue with a number of programs which had been in place in 2003, as well as starting some new initiatives. The budget provided by the Board was again sufficient to pursue these programs, especially when combined with a scholarship received from the ASC and initial funding for Commonwealth Games training initiatives.

Again the most important work done during the year was the provision of referees and officials at national tournaments. This year, these were the Australian Open, the Australian National Teams, the National Junior Tri-Series and the Australian Junior Championships. Also, as part of improving the standard of our referees, particularly for the senior championships, the opportunity was taken to visit the AIS Squash Unit in Brisbane during the Tri-Series to seek feedback from our senior coaches and players. This proved valuable and a follow-up session was held in Adelaide prior to the Australian Open to consolidate the gains made.

The cost of refereeing at national tournaments was held in check this year, although it continues to be a major tournament cost. Host states continued to provide good support through the provision of accommodation and local transport, and states sending referees are now funding daily allowances. Further gains are required to ensure that states which are unable to send referees pay the full cost of sending one from another state.

As mentioned above, Australian refereeing benefited greatly this year by gaining a scholarship for National referee Damien Green under the ASC's new National Officiating Scholarship Program. This saw Damien funded to attend the AIS session in Brisbane, three tournaments in Australia and three tournaments overseas. Also assistance was provided to his mentor, Chris Sinclair, to attend these tournaments with him. The outcome is that Damien has now refereed more than thirty matches involving elite players in the last three years and has received eight positive assessments from three International assessors. We fully expect him to have achieved International accreditation when appointments are announced early in 2005. We are looking to repeat this success with National referee Alan Williams, who has been awarded a similar scholarship for 2005.

Our contribution to WSF refereeing has also expanded considerably from last year. As well as World referee Chris Sinclair, we have gained International referee Harvey Bowlit, who emigrated from South Africa. Overall, our contribution has included:

- o Chris Sinclair being tournament referee and officiating in Qatar at the PSA and WISPA Grand Prix, refereeing at the Hong Kong Men's PSA event, including refereeing the final, and refereeing at the World Doubles in Chennai, including running clinics there. She is also on the WSF's Rules Committee, working on the next revision to the Singles rules;
- o Harvey Bowlit refereeing at the World Women's in Kuala Lumpur;
- o Damien Green refereeing at the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur, the European Teams Championships in Rennes and the World Doubles in Chennai; and
- o Chris Sinclair and John Small playing a leading role in developing the working paper presented to the WSF AGM on improving International refereeing. Further work is anticipated in implementing the paper's recommendations.

Expanding activity at National and International level has not been matched by activity in the States. Refereeing infrastructure, funding and support has remained static or waned in a number of States and it is anticipated that more State association support will be required to reverse this trend. One of the outcomes of the reduced state activity was that many States were unable to take advantage of national refereeing funding to support their improvement programs.

A number of activities have been undertaken during the year to meet the performance indicators for refereeing in Squash Australia's Strategic Plan. Outcomes against the indicators for 2004, or outstanding at the end of 2003, are:

- o Total referee numbers stand at 220 and are well in excess of the 185 currently required by the plan. However these figures hide a significant drop expected in 2005, when most referees will require to be re-accredited on the four year cycle of the ASC's National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS). Also, the low state activity has meant that only 2 new referees have been accredited at entry level, only 11 are in training and only a few have been upgraded from Club to State level;
- o International referee numbers have met the target of 2;
- o National referee numbers have dropped to 11, with one resignation and no new recruits, against a target of 17. However, across 4 States, 4 State level referees are actively engaged in upgrading their skills to National level, and 4 Premier grade players have expressed interest in seeking National accreditation and have commenced working towards this;
- o A new Rules Accredited Player course has been developed for State grade and high performance players;
- o A National Assessor Training Program for NOAS registration is nearing completion; and
- o Doubles training programs for NOAS registration have been deferred to early 2005 and will be developed in conjunction with Technical Official training for the Commonwealth Games.

Beyond the programs undertaken specifically for Squash, John Small has been working with the ASC as part of its reference group to review its General Officiating Principles curriculum and in assisting State development officers to assist Sports develop officiating training programs.

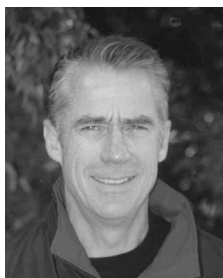
Refereeing priorities for 2005 will be dominated by the need to undertake an extensive Technical Official Training Program to meet our officiating responsibilities for the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006. Our aim is to have 4 referees at or near International level and 16 markers able to mark International level matches in singles and doubles. This will be particularly challenging for doubles, where local referees have little experience. The program includes overseas tournament exposure for potential referees and marker training in conjunction with many major singles and doubles tournaments in Australia. In conjunction with this, marker training programs for NOAS registration will be developed.

Other refereeing priorities will include:

- o continuing our refereeing development and improvement programs, particularly at the National level;
- o redeveloping our singles referee training programs for NOAS registration, as required every 4 years by the NOAS; and
- o encouraging State associations to increase the importance of and support for local refereeing;

My thanks for their support during the year go to the members of the Rules & Refereeing Committee: Damien Green, Alan Mott, Bill Patterson, Michael Redman and Chris Sinclair. Excellent support to refereeing has also been provided by CEO Norman Fry throughout the year.

John Small
National Refereeing Director



HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER REPORT

This year again there has been some significant developments in the High Performance area building upon that already achieved in the few years prior. The main changes are a) the development of a Junior Coaches Panel – to commence late 2004 b) the organisation and funding of overseas National Talent Squad tours for the four squads – to commence in late 2004, c) funding of underpinning programs and d) a presentation to the QAS to have squash included as one of their sports in 2005. I have outlined these and the other high performance areas in more detail below.

The other members of the High Performance Committee included Dean Landy, Roger Flynn, Michelle Martin (new during the year), Byron Davis and Australian Sports Commission representative Martin Roberts.

We achieved most of the annual objectives including the Australian Women's team winning the World Teams Title. The position of our Australian Junior Men's team finishing outside the top eight was our only disappointment.

1. High Performance Coaching Program (formally the Elite Coach Program).

For the second time a Coaching Retreat was held in Brisbane late January with a number of coaches attending. The coaches in this year's program included the following, although all did not elect to attend the retreat.

VIC – Richard Cagliarini, Eddie French, Tom Spark, Adrian McCormack, Karen Morrissey, Terry White, Neil Young, Marc O'Brian.

TAS – Chris Doig.

QLD – John Arcidiacono, Jeff Wollstein, Mark Forster.

ACT – Sean Rogers, ACT Squash.

WA – Mike Thompson, Mike Cornish

NSW – Grant Gough, Glenn Reece, Dean Landy, Kelly Fowler, Neil Forsyth, Michelle Martin, Peter Saxby.

2. National Talent Squad.

The four squads making up the National Talent Squad – 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007. A camp for the boys 2004 squad was run in Sydney with team coaches Dean Landy & Mike Cornish. The girl's 2005 squad camp was run by Byron Davis & Mark Forster in Brisbane followed by the boy's 2006 squad camp with Byron Davis and Geoff Davenport. The girl's 2007 camp is also to be held in Canberra in January with Barbara de Bruine and Vicky Cardwell.

The squads were as follows.

2004 Morgan Pilley (NSW), Nathan Turnbull (QLD), Ryan Cuskelly (NSW), Matthew Karwalski (NSW), Andrew Budd (NSW), Scott Arnold (NSW), Ben Reece (NSW), Risto Krauss (QLD), Ryan Cuskelly (NSW), Steven Robinson (Vic), Tom Steward (VIC).

2005 Donna Urquhart (NSW), Peta Hughes (QLD), Kasey Sinclair (QLD), Skye Millar (NSW), Jessica Gillett (Vic), Caitlin Hemming (QLD), Larissa Huffer (VIC), Kimberley Bessell (Vic).

2006 Matt Reece (NSW), Matt Arnold (NSW), Jamie Wheatley (NSW), Nathan Stevenson (QLD), Tim Cowell (WA), Nathan Kam (NSW), Tom Steward (VIC), Rex Hedrick (VIC), Nathan Takacs (VIC).

2007 Kimberley Bessell (SA), Larissa Huffer (Vic), Samantha Davies (QLD), Laura Stock (QLD), Melody Francis (Vic), Tamryn Beveridge (NSW), Maggy Marshall (TAS), Kacey Cusack (QLD).

3. Junior Athlete Support Scheme.

Funding support was provided for a number of players to attend the US, Scottish and British Junior championships with Noel Forster accompanying the players.

Funding support was also provided to a number of players who attended the Malaysian Junior Championships in May with Coach Mike Cornish.

4. National Coaches Panel

A National Coaches panel was formed later in the year consisting of 12 coaches. The roles for these coaches is to run the National Talent Squad camps, take the Squad teams to major junior events overseas and to provide direction for National Talent Squad members who do not have permanent coaches.

The coaches are as follows – Barbara Slotemaker de Bruine, Karen Morrissey, Kelly Fowler, John Arcidiacono, Mike Cornish, Dean Landy, Grant Gough, Glenn Reece, Roger Flynn, Jeff Wollstein, Noel Forster & Geoff Davenport.

5. Commonwealth Games Youth Squad.

A funding grant was provided towards International tournaments expenses for a number of 23 Year old and younger players in the Junior Commonwealth Games Squad. These included Cameron Pilley, Dianne Desira, Paul Davis, Amelia Pittock, Aaron Frankcomb & Luke Margan (he did not take up the offer due to injury).

6. Underpinning Program Funding

This new initiative rewarded the State Associations who were actively seeking to have their high performance programs included or already had established programs in their respective state or territory Institute or Academy.

7. The 2005 – 2009 Squash Presentation

Norman Fry & I went to Canberra to present the Squash Australia High Performance plan for 2005 to 2009 to the Australian Sports Commission, AIS and State & Territory Institutes and Academies. This was to secure funding for the same period for Squash Australia. The presentation was well received & opened up the possibility of squash being included in the QAS. Norman, Kim Shramm & I presented our case to the QAS board with a decision to be made in early 2005.

8. Squash Australia High Performance Plan for 2004

The funding allocations remained similar to the previous year with once again funding being diverted from the World Cup (not played again in this period) to support a number of PSA and WISPA events in Australia that would help our up and coming International players.

9. Commonwealth Games Squad

With funding provided by the Commonwealth Games Association we were able to send our Commonwealth Games Squad to a camp in England as well as the World Doubles Championships in India. Results in a test match against England were impressive whilst winning all three world doubles championships was outstanding.

Geoff Hunt
High Performance Manager

EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT KASEY BROWN



In 2004 Kasey Brown completed her final year as a Junior athlete. Kasey has achieved much during the year. In addition to winning the 2004 Australian Junior Women's Open, Kasey was also a quarter finalist in the 2004 Australian Senior Open. Kasey attained an AIS scholarship during 2004 which was renewed at the end of 2004 for 2005. Through her excellent playing performances Kasey was selected into the 2006 Commonwealth Games Australian Squash Squad and represented Australia against England in a Doubles test. Kasey continued her

surge and reached the ranking of 40 on the WISPA rankings and 8th in the

Australia Senior Women's rankings. Kasey's most outstanding recent achievement was to reach the last 32 in the World Open in KL. In December 2004 she was selected to represent Australia in the 2nd World Doubles Championship where she partnered Melissa Martin in the women's pairs finishing in eighth place. Kasey has maintained her position in the 2006 Commonwealth Games Squad. During 2004 she fully demonstrated her capabilities as the top junior female squash player in Australia.

The impact of her achievements during 2004 is best noted in the encouragement and drive that she has imparted to other junior female athletes who are now attempting to follow in her footsteps. Kasey has shown all young athletes that dedication and hard work pays a dividend and is rewarded. She is an excellent role model for other athletes both on and off the court. Squash Australia acknowledges this exceptional effort in 2004 by Kasey Brown.

Norman Fry
CEO

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RACHAEL GRINHAM



Rachael Grinham secured the world No.1 ranking for the first time in her career in August and then accomplished what is considered to be even harder – retaining the top spot for the remainder of the year.

The Toowoomba 27-year-old won an impressive five titles during 2004, including the coveted British Open crown in Nottingham, England in November, and was the key to Australia retaining the women's world teams championship in early October.

Rachael made history when she became the first player to win two gold medals at a world doubles championship. She partnered younger sister Natalie to the women's title and teamed up with David Palmer to take out the mixed title in Chennai, India.

Cairo-based Rachael began the year in style as the world No.4 overpowered Cassie Jackman of England to win the Kuwait Open final in four games. She followed that triumph with another victory over the then world No.1 Jackman in the final of the Texas Open in April, this time in straight games.

Rachael travelled to China in June to head a one-week WISPA promotional tour, which featured exhibitions, clinics, press conferences and meetings with sporting bodies in Shanghai and Beijing.

She then picked up the Hurchada International title in July when she defeated Egyptian world junior champion Omneya Abdel Kawy in straight games in the showpiece, which ultimately propelled her to the top spot in world rankings two weeks later. In the same month she lost a thrilling five-game final at the Brunei International to Vanessa Atkinson of the Netherlands.

In September Rachael collected the Bahrain Classic title with a four-game final win over Jackman.

She then headed to Amsterdam at the end of the month for the women's world teams championship, where she beat Jackman in a titanic five-game opening match of the final to push Australia towards victory over arch rival England. Success continued to follow Rachael on her travels, as she collected the British Open for the second successive year following a four-game final victory over Natalie Grainger of the USA.

But Rachael then suffered disappointment - firstly losing the Qatar Classic final to Atkinson and a week later she bowed out of the semi-finals of the World Open in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to the same opponent.

However, Rachael will again be the player to beat on the World Tour in 2005 when she will be vying for a hat-trick of British Open titles as well as her first World Open crown, and she will be attempting to hold her world No.1 ranking for a further 12 months.

Gordon Dexter
Media Liaison Officer

DAVID PALMER



David Palmer remains Australia's current leading male squash player after successfully defending his British Open crown in Nottingham, England and then reaching the semi-finals of the World Open in Doha, Qatar.

The 28-year-old from Lithgow, NSW was also an integral part of Australia's success at December's world doubles championships in Chennai, India when he partnered Rachael Grinham to the mixed title.

David began the year ranked six in the world and set his sights extremely high – to return to the world No.1 spot he last held in December, 2001 and to win the two most prestigious tournaments, the British Open and World Open.

He has moved a step closer to his first goal, after finishing 2004 as world No.4, and achieved half of his second goal – a fine achievement given the stiff competition he faced.

David worked extremely hard to win his third British Open title – beating England's world No.1 Lee Beachill in a marathon five-game semi-final, before

overcoming Egypt's 2003 world champion Amr Shabana in a tense four-game final.

David won the World Open in 2002 to join Geoff Hunt, Rodney Martin and Rodney Eyles as the only Australians to have been crowned world champion. And he was on course for a tilt at a second world title when he impressively moved through to the semi-finals, taking the scalp of defending champion Shabana in the quarter-finals. Beachill stood between David and another World Open final – but the Englishman took the match in a fourth game tiebreaker.

David reached the final of the Bermuda Open in March, going down to Beachill, after earlier disposing of two of the biggest names in world squash – Peter Nicol and Jonathon Power.

He followed that performance by impressively reaching the final of the Qatar Masters in Doha in April, after victories over the then world No.1 John White and Beachill but went down to Nicol in four games.

Palmer then took a three-month break from the World Tour to concentrate on extensive training in readiness for the second half of the year. It's fair to say Palmer is nearly at the peak of his powers and will relish the prospect of winning more titles over the next 12 months.

Gordon Dexter
Media Liaison Officer

VIS REPORT

The VIS Squash Program continued on its mission to encourage more players onto the international professional tours by bringing through more junior players. The innovative training program continues to integrate new ideas and methods to stimulate and nurture the talent of scholarship holders. The growing Australian PSA and WISPA circuits have provided many opportunities for our players to accrue world ranking points without the cost and drama of having to travel overseas until they are ready.

The move of the VIS headquarters to the "Glasshouse", opposite the National Tennis Centre, has been extremely well received by the players and the added recovery facilities are already having an impact as the players report the benefits of being able to carry out regular and consistent recovery programs using state-of-the-art equipment. We are currently planning to completely revamp the

physical preparation programs and training programs are being altered to allow for the increased availability of these facilities.

Throughout the year, we continued to host players from a variety of countries including Korea, USA, Ireland, India, Malaysia, Denmark, Japan and New Zealand. This continues to provide variety for our players while enhancing the reputation of the VIS program world-wide.

The VIS/VSF High Performance Program and State Junior League continues to grow with more and more young players emerging from across the state to join this innovative talent-development pathway that also provides opportunities for coaches interested in developing their high performance coaching skills to become involved. A major coup occurred during the year when our Gippsland program was accepted into the Gippsland Academy of Sport under the leadership of one of our most productive coaches, Neil Young. Talks have also been held with the Bendigo Academy of Sport in preparation for our Bendigo HPP, under coach Richard Cagliarini, to be accepted into their program.

Once again, our annual VIS/VSF HPP Training Camp in December was an

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amazing success with 11 players (and two coaches) from all over South Africa, 5 Northern Territorians, a Western Australian and various HPP players from Victoria, coming to Melbourne for five days of activities including plentiful squash, technical skill, physical and psychological skills assessments by HPP coaches and VIS specialists Kris Hinck and Dr. Noel Blundell, with healthy meals and chats prepared by our VIS Dietitian, Jo Shinewell. A tour of the new VIS facility and a "Test" Match against the visiting players filled out the program. 5-Time World Squash Champion, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, continued to actively promote the

sport by popping in to speak to and answer questions from the participants and was mobbed when she offered to autograph the players' camp T-shirts - all of which ended up with the famous signature.

Overall, this has been a very successful year for the initiatives of the VIS and the VSF in developing its talent development pathway.

Roger Flynn



AIS SQUASH PROGRAM REPORT

The AIS Squash Program had 11 scholarship holders in 2004, made up of 7 males and 4 females. The results achieved by the scholarship holders were excellent, with performances at the respective World Men's, Women's, Teams and Doubles Championships being a highlight. The AIS athletes contributed heavily to the make-up of the various senior teams selected to represent Australia throughout the year. The program also had to deal with a number of serious long-term injuries and received outstanding support from the AIS and its consultancy staff.

The AIS Squash Programs consultants remained unchanged for 2004 with Scott Dickinson as Strength and Conditioning Coach, Shane Lemcke (Physiotherapist), Greg Thorne (Psychology), Simon Locke (Sports Medicine), Kerry Leech (Nutrition), and Darryl McCormack (ACE) who finished in August. The consultants were an integral part in the success of the AIS program in 2004.

The program continued to utilise the Hibiscus Gardens Squash Centre, whose courts underwent an upgrade during the year. The AIS program further developed links with the Queensland Academy of Sport and began training in its new gym facility at the beginning of February.

Rodney Martin continues to work for the AIS on a part time basis and is currently in the process of setting up an overseas base in New York for AIS athletes. This will enable athletes to receive quality coaching and training while competing overseas, and greater access to competition. Geoff Hunt has moved into a consultancy position and also worked on a part time basis with the program. I continued to work with the program on a full time basis.

Scott Arnold:-

Australian Number 1 Under 19

P.S.A World Ranking 255 (December 2004)

Scott had a difficult year after having to undergo knee surgery in April. Scott was initially selected for the Australian Junior Team which went to the World Junior Championships in Pakistan, but was forced to withdraw due to the injury. Scott spent 4 months rehabilitating before making a successful comeback at the Australian Junior Championships in September. Scott made the final of the Australian under 19 Championship, losing to fellow AIS scholarship holder Aaron Frankcomb 3/1 in the final. Scott is currently ranked Number 1 in Australia for the under 19 age group.

Stewart Boswell:-

Stewart has also had another frustrating year where he has received continued treatment to his lower back to enable him to return to competition. Stewart seems to have finally turned the corner after receiving treatment from a specialist in Adelaide, and is once again on court training. It is hoped that he will return to international competition in the first half of next year.

Kasey Brown:-

Australian Number 1 Under 19

W.I.S.P.A World Ranking 44 (December 2004)

Kasey has had an excellent year, achieving great results both domestically and internationally. Amongst the highlights for Kasey this year have been reaching the finals of 3 WISPA Tour events in New Zealand and Australia, as well as qualifying for the World Open in Malaysia in December. Kasey was also selected as a member of the Commonwealth Games Squad and represented Australia at the World Doubles Championships in Chennai, India. Kasey retained her Australian under 19 Title at the Australian Junior Championships in September.

Aaron Frankcomb:-

P.S.A World Ranking 88 (December 2004)

Aaron has had a year of consolidation where he has been working on a number of technical changes to his game to enable him to break through to the highest level. Aaron's P.S.A ranking improved over the year with a number of consistent results domestically and internationally. Aaron made the semi-finals of a number of PSA events including the Evolution Open in Mexico, Tech Valley Open in New York and the Wheatbelt Open in Merredin as well as the final of the Queensland Open in Rockhampton. Aaron also retained his Australian under 19 Championship in September defeating Scott Arnold in the final.



AIS Squad Members L-R: Heidi Mather, Byron Davis, Cameron Pilley, Scott Arnold, Rodney Martin, Kasey Brown
Photo courtesy of the ASC

Natalie Grinham:-

W.I.S.P.A Ranking 5 (December 2004)

Natalie had a career best year in 2004 with a number of impressive results recorded on the WISPA Tour. The highlight was her performance to reach the final of the World Open in Malaysia where she played very well to overcome hometown hero Nicol David in the semi finals before losing to Vanessa Atkinson in the final. Natalie was also a key member of the Australian Team that retained the World Women's Championship in Amsterdam, and remained undefeated. Natalie also won the Women's Doubles Championship, with her sister Rachael, at the World Championships in India. Natalie won the Australian Women's Open in Adelaide for the first time defeating fellow AIS scholarship holder Amelia Pittock 3/0 in the final.

Joseph Kneipp:-

PSA World Ranking 11 (December 2004)

Joseph had a very consistent year making the quarter finals and semi finals of several major events including the British Open, U.S Open and the final of the St. Louis Open. Joseph had a number of good wins against players inside the top ten which has given him confidence. Joseph consolidated his ranking around the top ten and spent time with the program throughout the year to work on a number of areas in an effort to push his ranking inside the top ten.

Luke Margan:-

Luke was unable to compete this year as his ongoing back problems meant that he returned to Adelaide in April where he sought specialist treatment for the injury. After a long process Luke has returned to the court where he is now undertaking steps to resume his squash career.

Heidi Mather:-

WISPA Ranking 36 (December 2004)

Heidi reached the final of the Queensland Open and the semi-final of the Australian Open. Internationally she also reached the semi finals of the Global Diamond Open in Los Angeles and the Ottawa International in Canada. Heidi had

a number of solid performances however her world ranking dropped slightly since the start of the year.

Cameron Pilley:-

PSA World Ranking 40 (December 2004)

Cameron had a very good year on the PSA circuit where he registered the two best wins of his career so far, capturing both the Talisman Pro-Am in Canada and Tennyson Fog Title in San Francisco. Cameron followed this up with making the final of the Papua New Guinea Open in July. These titles pushed his ranking up to 40 in the world by December. Cameron also performed well in Australia when he won the Yamba Open and also made the final of the Australian Open.

Amelia Pittock:-

WISPA World Ranking 30 (December 2004)

Amelia was a member of the Australian Women's Team that retained the World Team Championship in Amsterdam. Amelia also made the semi finals of the Atlanta Masters, Singapore Open and the final of the Australian Open. Amelia's ranking was down slightly since the start of the year.

Anthony Ricketts:-

PSA World Ranking 14 (December 2004)

Anthony returned to Australia at the start of the year after damaging his knee late in 2003. He underwent surgery twice in the first 6 months of the year necessitating an extended break from international competition. After a successful rehabilitation, Anthony returned to the PSA tour and registered a number of fine performances at the end of the year. Anthony was a quarter finalist at the British Open and World Open, before reaching the final of the Pakistan Open. These results should provide the platform for Anthony to push back into the top ten early next year.

Byron Davis

AIS Squash Coach

JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

The 13th World Junior Men's Championships were held in Islamabad, Pakistan in August 2004. The relatively inexperienced team of Matthew Karwalski, Ryan Cuskelly, Steven Robinson and Andrew Budd found the foreign conditions difficult during the tournament. The climate, culture, intense security, environment and sickness and injury made for a difficult tournament experience for the boys.

The tournament was conducted at a first class venue that included a magnificent 4 glass wall centre court that seated about 800 people. The Individual event saw all the boys' progress to the 2nd round, where they met more experienced and seasoned opponents and all departed into the plate events. All the players

progressed through the Plate Events and gained valuable match practise for the Teams Event.

In the Teams Event, Australia was seeded 9 and the crucial match against Germany (seeded 5) which took 4 hours of tremendous squash and effort from all the boys eventually saw us lose 2/1 in a match that could have gone either way. A win would have secured a top 8 finish, but the loss saw Australia finally finish 11th in the Teams event.

Overall, the players improved tremendously during the tournament, but their lack of international experience combined with the difficult overall conditions in Pakistan took its toll. Much was learnt from these World Championships and Squash Australia is determined to ensure the best preparation for future Australian Junior Teams.

DEAN LANDY & MIKE CORNISH (COACHES)

L-R: Dean Landy (Manager/Coach), Matthew Karwalski, Andrew Budd, Steven Robinson, Ryan Cuskelly, Mike Cornish (Assistant Coach)

2nd WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

CHENNAI, INDIA
13-17 December 2004

Squash Australia sent twelve selected athletes from the 2006 Commonwealth Games Squash Squad to India to compete in the 2nd World Doubles Championship. The Australian team was made up of the following personnel:

Rachael Grinham	Natalie Grinham	Amelia Pittock	Kasey Brown
Melissa Martin	Heidi Mather	Diane Desira	David Palmer
Anthony Ricketts	Cameron Pilley	Cameron White	Dan Jenson
Byron Davis	Geoff Hunt	Norman Fry	

The tournament was conducted during the period 13-17 December 2004. The venue for the tournament was the Indian Cements Squash Academy, Chennai. There were four normal doubles courts and one doubles glass court in the central stadium. The athletes classed the courts as very good with the glass court as being excellent to play on.

Participating countries in the tournament were; Australia, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, Singapore, and the United States of America. England, Canada, Bermuda and Scotland withdrew prior to the commencement of the tournament. It is understood that Scotland's withdrawal was due to injuries and the rest were due to funding problems.

There were two official functions attended by the team. Both were held at the hotel. The opening ceremony was very formal and was attended by a number of prominent Indian dignitaries. There were also two functions held for the officials of all the teams. The functions were all of a high standard and the hosts made every effort to provide entertaining occasions.

All team members played well considering that many had just finished a grueling few months on the PSA/WISPA circuits, which included the individual World Championships in the week's prior.

Mention must be made of the efforts of Rachael Grinham winning two titles (Women's and Mixed) and the Australian Men's third pair of Byron Davis and Cameron White who defeated the first and second seeded teams (Australia One and Pakistan One) to go on and win the final against India's number one team.

The overall results of the tournament proved to be a great success for the Australian Team winning three out of three Gold Medals, taking two Bronze Medals, two fifths and an eighth. The detailed results are as follows:

Men's Doubles

1st	Australia	(Byron Davis and Cameron White)
2nd	India	(Ritwik Bhattacharya and Saurav Ghosal)
3rd	Australia	(David Palmer and Anthony Ricketts)
4th	USA	(Jamie Crombie and Preston Quick)
5th	Australia	(Dan Jenson and Cameron Pilley)
6th	Pakistan	(Safeerullah Khan and Farrukh Zaman)
7th	Pakistan	(Mansoor Zaman and Shahid Zaman)
8th	Hong Kong	(Wai Hang Wong and Roger Ngan)
9th	India	(Vikas Jangra and Harinder Pal Singh)
10th	India	(Bala Nurugan and A Parthiban)
11th	South Africa	(Paul Atkinson and Michael Tootill)
12th	India	(Gaurav Nandrajog and Niraj Shirgaokar)
13th	Malaysia	(Raymond Arnold and S Maniam)
14th	India	(Naishadh Lalwani and Rushabh Vora)
15th	Malaysia	(Mohd Azlan Iskandar and Ong Beng Hee)

Women's Doubles

1st	Australia	(Rachael and Natalie Grinham)
2nd	New Zealand	(Louise Crome and Lara Petera)
3rd	New Zealand	(Shelley Kitchen and Tamsyn Leevey)
4th	Malaysia	(Nicol David and Tricia Chuah)
5th	Australia	(Heidi Mather and Amelia Pittock)
6th	USA	(Louisa Hall and Latasha Khan)
7th	South Africa	(Diana Argyll and Angie Clifton Parks)
8th	Australia	(Melissa Martin and Kasey Brown)

Mixed Doubles

1st	Australia	(Rachael Grinham and David Palmer)
2nd	New Zealand	(Shelly kitchen and Glen Wilson)
3rd	Australia	(Natalie Grinham and Dan Jenson)
4th	Australia	(Diane Desira and Cameron White)
5th	Hong Kong	(Rebecca Chiu and Faheem Khan)
6th	New Zealand	(Lara Petera and Callum O'Brien)
7th	India	(Joshna Chinappa and Saurav Ghosal)
8th	Malaysia	(Tricia Chuah and Mohd Azlan Iskander)
9th	South Africa	(Angie Clifton-Parks and Michael Tootill)
10th	South Africa	(Diana Argyll and Paul Atkinson)
11th	USA	(Latasha Khan and Jamie Crombie)
12th	Malaysia	(Nicol David and Ong Bee Hee)
13th	USA	(Louisa Hall and Preston Quick)

The deployment of the Australian Team to the 2nd World Doubles Championship was funded by the ACGA in accordance with the Squash Australia 2006 Games preparation plan.

The participation in the Chennai tournament proved to be an excellent opportunity for the coaches to experiment with the doubles combinations and expose the athletes to international doubles competition. Attendance at the tournament was part of the 2006 Games preparation plan and provided a good conclusion to 2004. The Squad will now move onto the next phase in 2005, with another training camp in the UK and a test series against England and possibly other European nations concluding in 2005/2006 with a World Doubles Championship in Australia just prior to the 2006 Games.

Norman Fry CEO



L-R: Cameron White, Byron Davis, Natalie Grinham, Rachael Grinham, David Palmer

2nd WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

PHOTOS



L-R: Anthony Ricketts, Byron Davis, Rachael Grinham, Amelia Pittock, David Palmer, Heidi Mather, Dan Jenson, Natalie Grinham, Kasey Brown, Cameron Pilley, Cameron White, Norman Fry, Melissa Martin, Geoff Hunt, Dianne Desira



Men's Final: Australia vs India (Byron Davis and Cameron White)

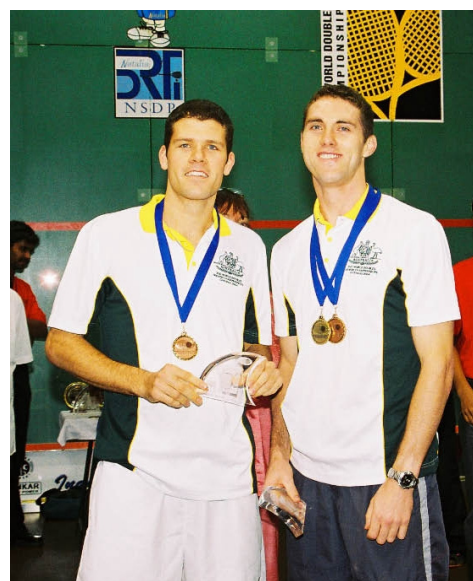


Mixed Final: Australia vs New Zealand (Rachael Grinham and David Palmer)



Back L-R: Cameron White, Anthony Ricketts, Byron Davis, Major Maniam, Dan Jenson, David Palmer
Front L-R: Rachael Grinham, Natalie Grinham

Photographs courtesy of the Squash Rackets Federation of India



Anthony Ricketts & David Palmer

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THE AUSTRALIAN WOMENS TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONS

IN ACTION AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
AMSTERDAM 2004



Rachael Grinham



Natalie Grinham



Amelia Pittock



Melissa Martin

Photographs: Fritz Borchert



Australian Team

Back L-R: Natalie Grinham, Michelle Martin (Manager/Coach), Tessa Hinds (Physio)
Front L-R: Rachael Grinham, Amelia Pittock, Melissa Martin



L-R: Rachael Grinham, Amelia Pittock, Melissa Martin, Natalie Grinham



L-R: Rachael Grinham, Natalie Grinham, Amelia Pittock, Melissa Martin



Team Meeting



L-R: England Team, Australia Team, NZ Team



Waiting for the Bus

WORLD WOMENS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

REPORT



Frans Otten Stadion, AMSTERDAM
Sunday 26th September - Saturday 2nd October 2004

The venue for the championship was the Frans Otten Stadion which has 21 squash courts, one being the 3 wall glass show court, the centre itself being 1 year old and of exceptional quality in all areas. During the championships practise courts were allocated on your match court but as it is such a big centre courts were available for practise at any time. The centre was only a 20-25 minute bus drive from the Championship Hotel, Hotel Schiphol.

The opening function was held at the championship hotel and dinner was served in the hotel restaurant on Saturday 25th September. The closing ceremony was held close to the club and once again was catered for the players and officials.

Squash Australia appointed a team physiotherapist who worked well with the girls and although there was no major injury a few little niggles were kept at bay.

Team matches were as follows;

Sunday 26th Sept, 2004

The flag ceremony was held at 2pm followed by our first round pool match.

Australia v's Ireland

Amelia Pittock bt Laura Mylotta 9/0, 9/1, 9/1

Rachael Grinham bt Madlene Perry 9/1, 9/4, 9/5

Natalie Grinham bt Aisling Blake 9/2, 9/1, 9/1

Monday 27th Sept, 2004

Australia v's Germany

Natalie Grinham bt Katharina Witt 9/3, 9/2, 9/0

Rachael Grinham bt Kathrin Rahmuller 9/4, 9/0, 9/3

Melissa Martin bt Carola Weiss 5/9, 9/2, 5/9, 9/2, 9/3

Australia v's Switzerland

Natalie Grinham bt Olivia Hauser 9/3, 9/0, 9/1

Rachael Grinham bt Manuela Zehner 9/1, 9/0, 9/0

Amelia Pittock bt Gabi Hegi 9/0, 9/0, 9/0

Tuesday 28th Sept, 2004

Australia v's Canada

Rachael Grinham bt Runa Reta 9/0, 9/3, 9/1

Natalie Grinham bt Alana Miller 9/4, 9/0, 9/1

Amelia Pittock bt Marnie Baizley 9/1, 9/2, 9/5

Wednesday 29th Sept, 2004

Rest day for Australia with all pool matches played

The pool matches went according to plan and the team wasn't really put under any pressure.

Thursday 30th Sept, 2004

Quarter Finals

Australia v's Malaysia

Rachael Grinham bt Nicol David 9/1, 9/2, 9/3

Amelia Pittock bt Tricia Chua 9/2, 9/1, 9/0

Natalie Grinham bt Sharon Wee 9/2, 9/1 (best of 3)

This was the start of the business end of the tournament. It was the first real test for Rachael playing against Nicol David on the back courts which were very hot and very bouncy. It gave Rachael some quality match time even though it was 3/0. Amelia Pittock continued performing above expectations and sealed the match for Australia. Natalie played the dead rubber winning 2/0.

Friday 1st Oct, 2004

Semi Finals

Australia v's Egypt

Amelia Pittock bt Eman El Amir 10/8, 10/8, 9/4

Rachael Grinham bt Omneya Abdel Kawy 6/9, 9/5, 10/8, 9/5

Natalie Grinham bt Engy Kherallah 9/2, 9/0 (best of 3)

Amelia Pittock was drawn to play first against Egypt and started with an excellent 3/0 win over Eman El Amir. We expected this to be a tough match for Amelia but she controlled the match throughout and put Australia in a commanding 1/0 lead. Rachael was next to take to the court playing the World Junior Champion. Rachael was put under some pressure to start and was looking very hesitant throughout the match but eventually sealed the tie for Australia. It was a good match for both Amelia and Rachael to play leading into the finals as no one had really put much pressure on them until now. Natalie once again played the dead rubber best of 3 winning 2/0.

Saturday 2nd Oct, 2004

Finals

Australia v's England

Rachael Grinham beat Cassie Jackman 3/9, 9/5, 6/9, 9/1, 9/5

Natalie Grinham beat Linda Elriani 9/4, 9/7, 9/2

This was definitely our match of the tournament and the draw for the day helped us mentally over England. The draw was to play No's 1, 2 and 3. Rachael took the court to start and although lost the first game had worked Cassie quite hard with Rachael's deceptive game. Rachael picked up her length in the second and took the lead to tie the match at 1/1. Rachael lead the 3rd game and at 5/2 was looking very convincing but then seemed to drop her length and concentration to let Cassie back into the game. The fourth game Rachael came out and worked Cassie hard with her deceptive drives and drops walking away with a convincing 9/1 win. The fifth saw Rachael start very well going to a 5/2 lead only to once again stall and let Cassie back into the match drawing at 5/5. A few errors by Cassie and well placed drops and drives by Rachael and the match and first rubber went to Australia.

This put Australia in a commanding lead with the pressure now really on Linda Elriani. Natalie's fast retrieving proved too much for Linda as she quickly ran out of steam and could not handle the long rallies with Natalie always looking like she was going to win. Natalie kept control of the match throughout and sealed the World Teams Championship once again for Australia.

This was an exceptional win for Australia and once again proved the Green and Gold is too strong for the mental game against England.

MICHELLE MARTIN
Manager/Coach



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2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES SQUASH SQUAD

The 2006 Australian Commonwealth Games Squash Squad met in Manchester for its first training camp and to participate in an international doubles competition with the English squad. The camp was conducted during the period 3-10 April 2004 with the test match against England played on the 8 April 2004.

All training and competition took place at the National Squash Centre, (Sportcity) in Manchester.

For training, the Australian squad was provided with the sole use of five doubles courts and singles courts as required. The courts were provided free of charge by the City of Manchester.

The following made up the Australian squad:

Women

Kasey Brown
Robyn Cooper
Dianne Desira
Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Natalie Grinham
Rachael Grinham
Amanda Hopps
Melissa Martin
Amelia Pittock

Men

Mike Corren
Daniel Jensen
Joseph Kneipp
David Palmer
Cameron Pilley
Cameron White

Coaches: Geoff Hunt, Byron Davis
Manager: Norman Fry

Five squad athletes did not attend the training camp for medical or employment reasons (Anthony Ricketts, John Williams, Stewart Boswell, Paul Price, and Heidi Mather).

The squad trained well together with athletes arriving at varying times. Every player had a few games of same gender doubles with at least two different partners. On the second day each player had a minimum of four games in both sessions with different partners from the first day. There was also one all day test

match session against England. Each player had two matches as per the format for the previous days.

A most successful training period and test match was achieved. The general attitude of the players to the doubles camp and test match was excellent. There was real cooperation between everyone, which meant the jobs of managing and coaching were easy and pleasant experiences.

Some of the players had no doubles experience on the doubles court, however, overall they adapted well especially by the time the test match was played.

The camp and training was to prove very valuable later in the year when the Australian team went to compete in the World Doubles Championships in India.

Norman Fry
CEO



Commonwealth Games Squad in Manchester

AUSTRALIAN OPEN REPORT

The organisation of the 2004 Australian Open was excellent. A Player's Pass for Next Generation entry was created to allow quick access to the facility. A Championship Programme -including the National Teams Championship was produced by Squash SA's Lindy Foureur.

The media coverage in the local paper "The Advertiser" was good with daily stories by Warren Partland and action pictures of our No1 seeds Dan Jensen and Natalie Grinham before and after the Event. The players are to be commended for their cooperation in providing interviews to the media. Gordon Dexter collated and distributed results and organised Australian Associated Press to interview our top players.

The players provided quality squash and the spectators were appreciative of their efforts. The finals attracted a good crowd with the large screen in the lounge area catering for those unable to find a spot near the match court.

The Presentation Function with John Holland as Master of Ceremonies, ran smoothly with National Team players and our Referees receiving a bottle of SA wine from sponsor Middlebrook Wines for their efforts. The Australian Open winners Natalie Grinham and Dan Jensen thanked our sponsors the OR&S, IGT, Squash Australia and the Australian Sports Commission and the Tournament organisers for a well run Event.

At the next Australian Open especially, if it is a stand alone event, the provision of a Plate Event or "Skins" format competition would give the Event more excitement and more viewing potential. Currently, only 4 matches are played Saturday and 2 Sunday - these days the Courts are available and more spectators could be catered for by broadening the format. This would cost only a few hundred dollars.



Winners: Dan Jensen & Natalie Grinham

Finally congratulation must go to the Winners Natalie Grinham and Dan Jensen, and also the Runners-Up, Amelia Pittock and Cameron Pilley.

The Australian Open final results were
Women: Natalie Grinham def Amelia Pittock 9.0, 9.0, 9.4
Men: Dan Jensen def Cameron Pilley 4.15, 15.5, 15.8, 15.5

Des Panizza
Tournament Organiser

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AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

REPORT



2004 Junior Champions Kasey Brown & Aaron Frankcomb

Opening Function

The opening function was held at the Hellenic Club – in their Apollo Room. Drinks and finger food was supplied. The room was perhaps a little small for the numbers of participants. Formal opening was done by Mr Ted Quinlan, the ACT Minister of Sport.

Team photos were taken at the conclusion of the function. This took more time than planned but the final resultant photos were of an excellent quality and testament to the time taken to get the photo balance and set-up correct.

Playing Venues

Woden squash Centre was the primary venue for the championships. Facilities were upgraded in preparation for the championships with all lighting being upgraded and all courts painted. A new entry/foyer for the centre was also constructed in the weeks leading up to the championships.

Generally, the centre coped very well with the number of visitors. The lack of glass back courts did make viewing more difficult. Provision of tiered seating allowed many spectators to be seated. It is a long range plan of Squash ACT to incorporate a glass back court into the centre.

Over flow matches were held at the nearby Weston Creek Community Centre (WCCC) which has 4 glass back courts. This venue was very well received by players and parents and coaches enjoying the better viewing and much quieter atmosphere. Management at WCCC were very happy with the outcome for the tournament.

Presentation Function

This was well received by players and parents. The food was plentiful and of a high standard. The entertainment was enjoyed by the players at the conclusion of the awards and speeches. Shadow Federal Sports Minister Kate Lundy was the guest of honour.

Program

A 24 page program was produced which contained the draws, team event information and forewords from the President of Squash Australia and a welcome

from the local sports Minister. The program was produced by volunteer parent Jane Jones.

Media

We received excellent media coverage throughout the tournament. The good performances of two local girls certainly helped in this regard. Local TV Stations WIN and SC Ten as well as radio station FM104.7 carried news of the tournament. The Canberra Times ran a significant back-page article on local Rebecca Jones when she had made it through to the semi finals on the 17YAG.

Catering

A large variety of foods were available. A large number of volunteer parents provided the labour for this service. Bev Henman as catering Manager did an enormous amount of work.

Team's Event

Ran very well over the four days of play. The result of the Team's Event came down to the last tie between Queensland and NSW with Queensland winning for the first time in 11 years.

Teams Presentation

This was held on court with the majority of players being seated on court. Conditions were a little close but it sufficed.

Tournament Administration

Software

Under the experienced hand on our tournament administrator, Melissa Prentice, the tournament software ran very well, however some additional work is still necessary to overcome some of the programs faults and limitations. Some problems were encountered in the Teams event processing and these issues should be addressed before 2005

Other

The Tournament Control provided by Inform Connection was of the highest standard, professional in its administration and application. All participants appreciated the efforts on the Inform Team and were highly complementary of the effective and efficient conduct of the event.

Tournament Director

Player Behaviour / Discipline

The behaviour of the players was excellent throughout the event. The referees did not report a single case of poor conduct.

Role of the Technical Director

The participation of a representative of Squash Australia as Technical Director for the event provides a useful means to improve the level of consistency with which issues are addressed from year to year.

Tournament Control/Administration

Tournament control and administration ran extremely smoothly and efficiently throughout the event. No complaints about the management of the event were received. The venues provided by Squash ACT performed well and easily coped with the large number of matches.

Tournament Referee

A separate report was provided direct to Squash Australia by the Tournament Referee. From a hosts perspective we were very impressed with the quite but effective manner that Mick Redman completed his duties.

Ross Jones

Squash ACT

2004 AUSTRALIAN CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

The Bendigo Squash Club was once again chosen to host the Australian Closed & Graded Championships, which attracted 141 entries, including 38 (24 men and 14 women) in the Closed Championship events.

With the men's event registered as a PSA Closed Satellite and the women's as a WISPA Super Challenger, combined with a total prize pool of \$10,000, both events attracted high quality fields, which led to capacity crowds.

To maximize the event's potential, comprehensive promotional and media strategies were devised, which included:

- The conduct of several Squash In Schools sessions throughout the week leading up to the Championships, by VSF Development Officer, Mark Ikin.
- A Come & Try session at the centre for new players and an autograph session with Sarah Fitz-Gerald, who was literally mobbed by the participants and their parents.
- A monster junior squash clinic involving nearly 50 country players, commencing with a special panel comprising Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Roger Flynn and Karen Morrissey, which then broke into small groups for a 'Coaching with the Stars' clinic.
- Media Launch featuring the Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo, Greg Williams, who teamed up with Telstra's Corporate Business Manager, Jeremy Swift, in a Challenge match against Sarah Fitz-Gerald.
- A special tournament dinner on Saturday evening.

The event generated outstanding media coverage from all regional print and electronic outlets, including a banner headline by the Bendigo Advertiser on the morning of the first day of the event, plus extensive half hourly coverage on radio news.

Although event numbers were near venue capacity, the professionalism of the event management team was reflected in the numerous comments and thanks received from the players, all of whom insisted that they wished to return in 2005. The Bendigo Squash Club can be justifiably proud of their tournament group, in particular Mandy and Greg Hamilton, Daryl Cheeseman and Alyson McCulloch, all once again excelling in their roles.

In a repeat of her 2003 performance, five times world open squash champion, Sarah Fitz-Gerald (who has only been beaten once in the past 6 years), defeated fellow VIS player, Dianne Desira, 9-1, 9-1, 9-1, to win the women's crown, with world number 22, Dan Jenson (SA), prevailing in an enthralling and hard fought five games, over the 2003 champion Cameron White (VIS), 13-15, 16-17, 15-4, 15-8, 15-5, to take out the men's event.

An Event of this magnitude does not occur without the hard work of a large number of people and our sincere thanks must go to everyone who gave of their time freely to ensure these Championships were an outstanding success.

- Special thanks to the official referees for the tournament – Damien Green and Geoff Argae – for their diligent and professional approach to refereeing.
- The support provided by our principal partner, the Australian Sports Commission, via Squash Australia.
- Once again, Telstra Country Wide were the events naming rights sponsor, as well, provided a free internet café facility for the weekend that promoted their ADSL broadband technology, which was in constant use and provided excellent additional exposure for them.
- The host of local sponsors, in particular, the City of Greater Bendigo, the Country Victoria Tourism Council, Bendigo Pottery and the Bendigo Advertiser.
- Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the 'Face of the Championships', who gave so much of her valuable time to ensure our marketing opportunities were maximized.

Interestingly, the economic spin-off from this event is enormous, with many local businesses reaping the benefits of increased trade. It has been estimated this event generates an economic benefit to the region well in excess of \$50,000 during the Championship period.

Paul Vear
Victorian Squash Federation

2004 AUSTRALIAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

This Event was held in conjunction with the Australian Open and is held over three days at the spacious KP Fitness Centre, Kidman Park from Friday August 6 to Sunday August 8. In 2004, all States and Territories entered a Team in the Championship with most teams bringing 3 men and 3 women including Reserve players to share the work load of 5 matches in two and half days.

Practice sessions were available Thursday but a number of players were part of the Australian Open and were competing in that Event from Wednesday. Two pools of four Teams play a Round Robin on Friday and Saturday morning with a cross-over of Teams in the Semi-finals Saturday afternoon and the Final Position Round played on Sunday morning. All matches were officiated by our volunteer Referees who performed their difficult job admirably. Thanks to National Referees Director John Small and Chris Sinclair for their efforts in organising their referees.

The parents of our State Junior Squad provided refreshments and "home cooked" meals throughout the three days at very reasonable costs.

This year several players competing in both the Australian Open and the National Teams found the schedule of competing in both Events difficult to manage and Reserve players were necessary. This was due to a smaller number of high World-ranked players competing in the Australian Open this year.

The Teams and Referees all looked the part with new tracksuits, polar-fleece tops and State coloured shirts on display. A photographer was in attendance on Friday capturing a formal and a funny photo of all Teams- these will be made over with computer imagery and sent out to each State Association.

Squash SA staff and Board Member Manfred Lang acted as Tournament Controllers throughout the three days.

After surveying players in 2003 it was decided a social evening should be arranged Saturday night. This was very popular and about 90 attended a relaxed and very well priced dinner at The Kentish Arms, North Adelaide. Balloons in State colours thanks to Kerrie Bessell decorated the tables.

The exciting Grand final match between Queensland and Western Australia was played at Next Generation where it was hoped spectators arriving early for the Australian Open finals might enjoy some extra entertainment on the court adjacent the Open matches.
The Final Position Round results were

Positions
1 / 2-Queensland 18 def Western Australia 10
Cindy Meintjes 3 def Sue Davis 0
Greg Laurence 0 lost to Steven Finitsis 3
Amanda Hopps 3 def Lisa Camilleri 2
Paul Ratcliff 0 lost to Craig Rowland 3

Positions
3 / 4 - ACT 21 def NSW 7
5 / 6 - SA 21 def VIC 7
7 / 8 - TAS 16 def NT 12

Congratulations to Queensland who received glass platters from Squash Australia's Sandy Davis and the National Teams Shield to commemorate their success. Queensland captain Craig Rowland thanked all competitors and organisers to conclude the Presentation at Next Generation.

Des Panizza
Championship Controller

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SQUASH ACT REPORT

This year has been a most exciting but challenging one for the Association characterised by the purchase of the Woden Squash Centre and the hosting of the Australian Junior Squash Championships.

As foreshadowed in our 2003 report, the future status of the Woden Centre was seen as pivotal to the future of the sport in the ACT. This of course was but a first if not insignificant step forward, as much work remained to be done to upgrade the facility. The support of the ACT Government through Sport & Recreation ACT cannot be understated in this process, as not only did they provide major funds and support for the purchase, but assisted in a similar vein for the considerable task of upgrading the facility.

The major challenge now facing the Association is of course converting this good fortune into major gains for the sport and the full implementation of our 2005 Business Plan. The employment of a Centre Manager and completion of stage 1 of the facility renovations in time for the Australian junior Championships provided the first major impetus and the success of that event was greatly enhanced by these actions. The completion of stage 2 of the renovations in December/January will provide a platform for the Association and the Centre to plan for 2005 and the implementation of the player development programs outlined in the Association's Business Plan

The second major event of 2004 was the hosting of the Australian Junior Championships. The challenge of upgrading the Woden Centre in time for the

Championships was a difficult one to achieve, and although completion of the planned changes was only achieved in the dying moments of the lead up to the event, the results were extremely worthwhile and added greatly to the conduct of the Championships and playing conditions.

From an ACT prospective, the championships were an outstanding success and great testimony to the efforts of the organising committee. Our efforts in fielding full teams in all age groups strained our playing resources somewhat but were well appreciated by other States and despite some bruised spirits, by the ACT juniors.

On another optimistic note the Association has continued the development and refinement of our "Matrix" Pennant management system, that we now share with South Australia and which is now under trial by NSW for the Sydney competition and under consideration by at least two regional centres within that State. Squash ACT's other notable successes included:

- The continued growth of the ACT Open, under the management of Inform Connection, as a major event on the squash calendar.
- The successful conduct of an "International PSA Tournament"™ hosted by Tim Manning and involving the majority of the Australia based PSA players and a liberal sprinkling of overseas players. The event was won by Phillip Barker from the UK
- The successful participation in the NSW & Australian Team Championships, leading to the nomination of the ACT Team for ACT Sports Awards to be decided in December. The team is up against the likes of ACT Capitals (Women's Basketball) and ACT Brumbies (Rugby) and it is good to see the sport receiving such recognition in such high quality company.

Ross Jones
General Manager, Squash ACT



SQUASH NT REPORT

2004 was another challenging year for squash across the NT with new management in both the Alice Springs and Darwin courts. It has been pleasing to see that competition numbers have been sustained at around 300-320 and the committees and staff at the centres around the NT are to be congratulated for their commitment to squash.

The small membership base of the sport and the enormous geographical area to be covered makes the cost of delivering development programs and participating in both Territory and National events an ongoing challenge.

Squash in the NT is fortunate to enjoy the ongoing financial support of both the NT Government and several key sponsors such as Nortruss Builders Supplies, Minolta Darwin and Paspaley Pearls. The future viability of the sport is dependent on the continuing support of these organisations.

Organisation for the 2005 Arafura Games is already well underway, and it is hoped that squash will be well supported with entries from a range of local and international teams. The NT Open will again be held in conjunction with the Games in the hope that it will attract some high quality players from around the region.

Development programs in the areas of coaching and refereeing were well supported during the year with some involvement from regional areas. Jeffery Wollstein ran a successful Level 1 coaching course in Darwin with 5 attendees

and Pam Addison ran a Level 1 refereeing course which was also well attended, including 2 representatives from Nhulunbuy.

Junior programs are going from strength to strength and continue to provide a strong base for the future of the sport. It is pleasing to see programs continuing to be run in Darwin, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy. The Junior Squash Academy remains an excellent means of assisting our junior players to improve their performances and achieve strong results at a wide range of local, state and national competitions.

The increasing number of juniors at level 1 (2 – Alice Springs and 6 – Darwin) and level 2 (8 or 9 – Darwin) bear testament to the enormous amount of work put in by the NT Coaching Director, Clive Naylor, for his commitment and dedication.

The NT again sent a team to the National Teams Tittle and while the competition is tough all of NT representatives enjoyed the opportunity to play against players of such a high standard.

I am pleased to say that Carol Kawaljenko continues to be the Territory's representative on the board of Squash Australia and is doing a great job. The time and effort that Carol puts into squash is to be admired and I would like to thank her for the contribution that she continues to make both here and on the national scene.

In my short time as president I have been impressed by the commitment and dedication of the members of the Squash NT executive – there is quite a few people from around the NT who give up significant amounts of their own time to ensure the long term prosperity of squash in the NT. I would also like to thank Tanya Naylor, who provides our administrative support, and does a wonderful job of keeping us all going in the right direction.

On behalf of Squash NT I would like to thank Squash Australia for its assistance in 2004 and wish the Chief Executive Officer, his team and Board all the best in 2005.

Neil Almond
President, Squash NT

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Squash SA

REPORT

Squash SA welcomed our new High performance Coach, Geoff Davenport after Byron Davis accepted a role at the AIS. The change of Coach presented an opportunity to look at the program structure and increase the number of participants. Unfortunately Squash was declined a position in the South Australian Sports Institute so the South Australian Academy of Squash (SAAS) was conceived. SAAS athletes and Squash SA fund the program. Funding from Squash Australia later in the year was greatly appreciated and strengthened the relationship with the National body and provided further benefits for those athletes in the program.

South Australia once again hosted the Australian Open and Australian National Teams Championship at Next Generation and KP Fitness. Natalie Grinham took home the trophy for the women's and once again Dan Jenson made SA proud taking out the Men's final in the Australian Open. Queensland defeated Western Australia in the National Teams final played at Next Generation. A formal presentation followed the finals where sponsors, referees and others involved were thanked for their assistance and players thanked for their participation.

As the 2005 Australian Open is to be held in Melbourne as a lead up to the Commonwealth Games, SA will only be hosting the National Teams Championship in 2005. We are hoping Next Generation will allow us to host the event from start to finish at their venue so everyone can enjoy the atmosphere and catering facilities. The venue will be confirmed closer to the tournament date.

The introduction of the Matrix continues to show benefits by improving the competitiveness of Pennant. Although some players are still getting use to the idea of being rated, most are starting to appreciate the positive impact on how the Matrix ratings are making Pennant a better competition by having people play in their correct order of merit. Teams are also playing within their actual combined skill level, which has seen an increase in movement throughout the grades. Gone are the days of teams playing where they have been for countless seasons. Thanks to our new Pennant Committee and Lindy who have taken on the task of implementing and promoting the changes.

Squash SA continues to investigate possibilities relating to a South Australian State Squash facility. The latest venture with a new South Australian aquatic centre has been put on hold due to a change in direction by the State Government but we will keep our options open whilst investigating all other possibilities.

Squash SA has secured funding to purchase a glass court to be used in the 2006 Commonwealth Games. Giving an opportunity to take squash to the community, the court will be used as a marketing tool for squash in South Australia and should present the opportunity to be used in tournaments throughout Australia and New Zealand.

The President of Squash SA John Holland was presented with a small gift of appreciation at the December Pennant Presentation night in recognition of 10 consecutive years as a Board Member.

Squash SA would like to thank the South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport for their funding assistance. This funding supports the core business areas of Squash SA and the SA Open.

Finally I would like to thank the Board of Management, Referees, Coordinators and all other volunteers involved with Squash in SA for their priceless commitment to Squash in South Australia. I would also like to thank my team of staff at Squash SA and Racquets SA for their continued commitment and professionalism.

Richard Tisher
General Manager, SRASA

Squash Tasmania

REPORT

Overall I believe 2004 was a good year for our affiliated squash players.

Our masters players did well with Gaye Mitchell winning the Women's Australian Over 50's Title. Michael Brown was runner up in the Men's Over 50's. There were also some good results in the graded teams events.

Tasmania sent representative teams to the Australian Teams Championships and the Australian Junior.

The reintroduction of the Australian Teams event in 2003 has had a positive effect on local squash. State team selection is now a goal for our young players. Our players did well to finish 7th in front of the Northern Territory.

We were able to field teams in the Boys 17 year, 15 year and 13 year age groups. Unfortunately we were unable to field teams in the Boys 19-Year Age Group. We were not able to field any girls' teams.

Our efforts were commendable in the age groups we contested especially taking into account that we had a few players with injuries. We finished 5th in Boys 17-Year Age Group, 7th in boys 15-Year Age Group and 5th in Boys 13 Year Age Group.

Our juniors were again ranked well nationally with Maggy Marshall achieving a ranking of 3 in the Girls 15-Year Age Group. Leigh Ellis, Tim Clark, Mitchell Scatchard, Sam Hunt and Melanie Dunn also gained national rankings in their respective age groups.

A total of 11 open tournaments and 8 junior tournaments were held during the year. Parsons Sports again hosted the Tasmanian Open, Devonport ran its first tournament for a number of years, and the Tasmanian Squash Academy ran the rest. Several of the Tasmanian Squash Academy's tournaments were held at Kingborough Sports Centre. The rest of the junior tournaments were held at Eastside. Two masters' tournaments were run by the Tasmanian Masters Association, one in Launceston and one in Hobart.

In-House and interclub pennants were run successfully in Hobart and the North West Coast. A very successful masters' pennant was run on Monday nights at Eastside Squash Centre.

The Tasmanian Squash Academy continues to provide junior programs for juniors from 5 years of age. The best of these players progress into the Academy's Talent and Development Squads. All of the State Junior team members came from these squads. The Tasmanian Squash Academy Scholarship Program has recently been classified as Squash Tasmania's underpinning program to the Australian Institute of Sport.

On the administration side Squash Tasmania has not had a paid administrator for a number of years. This means all administrative tasks need to be completed by volunteers. This has meant that we have not been able to achieve much more than the very basic administration tasks. Important tasks such as keeping in contact with each club and ensuring affiliation fees (including player insurance) are collected on time are difficult to complete.

Insurance is a major expense and continues to be an important issue to resolve. It seems everyone, Squash Australia, Squash Tasmania, each squash club, each squash venue and each squash player, is paying insurance but we don't know if we are all insuring against the same threat. No one seems to know.

Geoff Lucas has put in a great effort this year in preparing a grant application to the State Government. Hopefully we will be successful and be able to utilise the funds to achieve some of our Strategic Objectives in 2005.

Chris Doig
President, Squash Tasmania



Eastside Winners



State Team

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VSF REPORT

For the major part of 2004, the Federation was heavily involved with Greg Hutchings and Norman Fry in the planning for M2006CG, but also some significant advances were registered in most components of the sport.

Our Development Manager, Karen Morrissey has been working closely with our major sponsor, VicHealth, to increase participation in healthy and welcoming sporting environments. Through our VicHealth agreement the Federation is forming partnerships with clubs to help them provide junior club structures and a variety of junior programs to increase player participation as well as conducting coaching and Totball courses.

Re-structure of the VSF's Junior Pathway is near completion, which will include new, structured junior programs for club coaches with associated resources. The Totball program has become a major focus with the existing Instructor training manual being updated and to be produced on CD as well as the development of new resources and instructors courses to support the program.

Our existing Skills Program is being totally re-developed and resource production is well underway. The Junior Pathway will be launched region by region and a major component will include one-to-one support for all clubs involved. **Interesting to note, this year, Sunbury's Natasha Cirona became our first Totballer to graduate through to Victorian Junior Team selection.** Following the resignation of Karyn Woodyard, former world touring player, Mark Ikin, was appointed as the Federation's Development Officer and since May, nearly 5,000 students have been involved in our Squash & Racquetball In Schools program, of which up to 20% have attended the follow up Come & Try sessions which is an extremely high conversion rate.

During 2004 the VSF took over the total management of the Victorian Junior Tournament Circuit which comprises both **Junior Graded** and **Junior Age** events. Formats for each individual tournament were established, along with minimum standards. A tournament organiser's manual was produced to assist clubs to conduct their events and during 2005 the VSF will be conducting tournament management training courses. This initiative is in an effort to raise the standard of all events and ensure consistency for participants.

During the year three additional Graded tournaments were conducted along with seven Junior Age events, plus 8 rounds of the State Junior League (SJL) competition, which provides regular head to head competition for players competing for state ranking points in their respective age groups. The SJL is rapidly growing in popularity with the number of participants increasing by 50% over the 2003 entry. We also introduced the 23 YAG division into our junior age tournaments, which not only provided competitive opportunities for players just out of juniors, but also enabled our top 17 and 19 year olds to play in a second event against many world touring players.

At the Australian Junior Individual Championships, Victoria finished second on the medal table, with Kimberley Bessell (15YAG) and Tom Steward (17YAG) both winning titles, and Sarah Cardwell (13YAG) and Jessica Gillett (17YAG) both finishing runners-up.

One of the great positives for the year has been the return to Victoria of the Bessell family (Kerrie, Kimberley and Daryl) all of whom have been enormous contributors to the sport, in particular Kerrie in her role as Director of the Junior Fundraising Committee, with nearly \$11,000 being raised by that group for junior squash in Victoria.

The VSF/VIS High Performance Program had 55 registered players participating in this monthly training program with 52 players attending the annual camp held in December, including 11 internationals.

During the year the Federation conducted several major events including:

- Australian Closed & Graded Championships, held in Bendigo in conjunction with the Bendigo Open (Refer separate report).
- For the 10th consecutive year the Wangaratta Squash Club, hosted the Victorian Open & Graded Championships, and although this was a stand-alone event, twenty-five internationals participated.
The Open results were:
 - Men's – Cameron White winning his 3rd Vic title beating 2nd seed Raj Nanda, 9-15, 15-8, 15-7, 15-3.
 - Women's – Sarah Fitz-Gerald overcoming a kidney infection to win her 5th Vic Open title and securing her 65th World Tour Title, defeating New Zealander, Louise Crome, 9-1, 9-4, 9-5.
- Continuation of the Victorian Grand Prix Graded Circuit which involved three major tournaments to decide Victorian Champions (both men's and women's) in five categories below open status. All circuit events were played under the Swiss Draw System and points were awarded for players finishing order in each of these events. In 2005 it is planned to increase the number of Grand Prix tournaments to at least five.
- A highly successful Country Teams Championships (Hopman Cup) and Individual Country Championships were held, both highlighting the enormous increase in junior player numbers, within country Victoria over the past five years.

Once again our referees were well to the fore officiating at all tournaments plus the weekly sessions and finals series of the State Pennant competitions.

Our partnership with the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) continued to prosper under the leadership of head coach, Roger Flynn, providing high performance training for 26 scholarship holders. Underpinning the VIS program is our monthly centralised program at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, complemented by our regional units in Ballarat, Bendigo, Gippsland and the North East. The great news for our Gippsland constituents was the acceptance of Squash into the Gippsland Sports Academy. This has been achieved due to the fantastic work by one of our state team coaches, Neil Young, who has worked tirelessly for many years throughout the region, as our Gippsland High Performance Coach, and co-incidentally, his protégés have won three national junior championships. Discussions have also commenced with the Bendigo Academy of Sport in preparation for our Bendigo HPP, under Richard Cagliarini, to be accepted into their program.

Another initiative of the Federation was the introduction of the Victorian Squash Hall of Fame. To qualify for this award a person has to have made a significant contribution to the sport of Squash as a Victorian, at any level, since the sport's inception in Victoria around 1928.

Our seven inaugural inductees were:

- Gordon Watson
- Vic Hunt
- Judith Fitzgerald
- Brian Boys
- Geoff Hunt
- Margaret Zachariah
- Sarah Fitz-Gerald

Following the trial of the squash Protective Eyewear Program initiative (PEP1), a further 25 Victorian venues have been invited to participate in the extension of the program, particularly focusing on rural and regional Victoria.

During the year we were approached by the Australian Deaf Sports Association to conduct the 2005 World Deaf Squash Championships and a major legacy from this event will be the implementation of a trial program to introduce deaf squash players into mainstream squash programs. The Victorian State Government was again a major contributor to our sport which also included a recent funding announcement for our Female Squash Towards 2006 project which focuses upon developing 'female friendly squash venues' and greatly increasing the number of female participants within our sport.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Norman Fry for completing the arduous task of updating the Squash Australia Regulations & Procedures Manual which has provided an excellent template for state associations. Over the past 12 months, the Squash Australia office has provided excellent leadership for our sport and they have continued to work closely with each of the associations which has provided enormous benefits for us all.

Paul Vear
Executive Director, VSF



NSW SQUASH REPORT

The Administration of Squash in NSW changed substantially in the past year with Chris Bennett leaving the Board. Chris was replaced by Louise Barnes. Also, Greg Middleton, who after a considerable term of service to the sport and NSW Squash, decided not to stand for re-election as a Board Member as did Bob Arnold. NSW Squash appreciates the contribution of these retiring member's in particular Greg's contribution and efforts not only as a former President of NSW Squash but also his support of the sport both locally and nationally. The NSW Board now consists of Peter Aitken, Louise Barnes, Phil Budge, Carol Menzies, Jan Miller and Dick Best (President), who are now addressing the many difficult issues which have befallen NSW Squash as a result of a number of changing issues.

A number of administrative and operational policies were adopted by NSW Squash based on those provided by Government and Squash Australia. NSW Squash Competition By-Laws were updated thanks to the hard work contributed by Bill Mudford and Chris Sinclair to this project

Richard Colbran left the role of CEO in September being replaced by Magda Cawthorne as the Acting CEO. NSW Squash thanks Richard for his contribution to the continued advancement of the sport in New South Wales, in particular the marketing of the sport, which has seen an increased profile reflects both his and his team's hard work. As a result of these changes, Australian Squash Management (ASM) was put temporarily on hold due to economic pressures and a shifting focus of the organisation.

NSW Squash has had a number of successful events in the past year including the Aussie Squash Series, 2004 Australian Squash Expo and the Easter Show. The Australian Squash Expo was held during the NSW junior Championships and featured special guest Sarah Fitzgerald, who conducted a coaching clinic. There was also a Coaches Workshop and a Premier Players workshop with special guest Ken Hiscoe.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show gave NSW Squash an opportunity to showcase the sport and 5000 people expressed interest in trying the sport.

NSW Squash Super Teams Championship was held at Erina and featured leading teams in NSW and the ACT in a mixed teams format which was won by ACT.

In 2004 NSW Squash launched the NSW Squash Member Awards to celebrate the achievements and contributions of members of the NSW Squash community. The awards were announced and presented at the completion of the Autumn 2004 Sydney Pennant Competition.

Club of the Year	Nicole Gibson, Winston Hills Squash & Fitness
Centre of the Year	Greg Don, Big River (Grafton)
Personality of the Year	Doug Holmes, Fitness 2000 (Erina)
Player of the Year	David Palmer, Lithgow
Junior of the Year	Scott Arnold, Engadine & AIS
Coach of the Year	Zip Summerell, Bega
Referee of the Year	Lorraine Andrews

NSW Squash congratulates David Palmer on his many successes in 2004. He continues to be an inspiration for younger players coming in to the sport.

The Australian Junior Men's Team competed at the 2004 World Junior Championships in Pakistan and the Trans Tasman Series against New Zealand. Australia retained the Trans Tasman title. Players included Matthew Karwalski (Wyong), Ryan Cuskelly (Elanora), Andrew Budd (Nambucca Heads), Ben Reece (Port Macquarie) and Stephen Robinson from Victoria with Dean Landy as Coach.

The 2004 NSW Open hosted for the 3rd year by Greg Don and Steve Pilley at Big River Squash & Fitness in Grafton was another successful event. The winners were Cameron Pilley and Amelia Pittock.

Kasey Brown and Scott Arnold completed their first year as AIS scholarship holders, with Donna Urquhart being accepted for 2005.

The NSW Squash support for coaching continues with four Level 1 NCAS Coaching courses being held, two in Sydney, one in Bega and one in Wagga.

NSW Squash would like to thank all involved with Australian squash, particularly all the volunteers. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable 2005.

Richard Best
President NSW Squash



WA SQUASH REPORT

2004 was a ground-breaking year for WA Squash in which the Association has engineered a significant change in the way it is to operate. This year witnessed a changed of General Manager (Andrew Stanbury replacing Scott Jarvis) and Development Officer (Don Huffer having recently replaced Richard Slim). Steve Bowen also replaced Ray Smith as President of the Association mid-year. However, the most significant development was the assumption of a State Squash facility to be managed by, and provide a home for, the Association. In November WA Squash moved into what has become known as Terrace Squash, located in the Hyatt Business Centre on the outskirts of the Perth CBD.

Terrace Squash is by any standards an impressive facility. It boasts eight glass-backed air-conditioned courts and quality change facilities and surrounds. It comes with ample and smart office space. The Centre had remained unused for nine years and WA Squash had been appraising it for some time. Negotiations led to terms offered which the Association believed were very favourable and we assumed a lease that can be extended for up to twenty years. The decision for WA Squash to manage the facility (as opposed to trying to sub-let it) was not taken lightly, but was believed to be the best way of generating value in the venture for Association members and taking a direct hand in the prospects of Squash in the State.

The year was a challenging one for Squash, as recent years have been, but WA

Squash has endeavored to be proactive in addressing these challenges. Pennant team numbers continued to decline, two Squash Centres (of 22 in the Metropolitan area) closed, and funding pressure has been a constant threat. Apart from the advent of Terrace Squash, the Association has built closer links with Court Operators, experimented with a radio promotional campaign, undertaken a festival of Squash on World Squash Day, conducted an open planning forum and tried to reinvigorate the social side of Squash in the State. The Squash Ball in October, run on the weekend of the WA Open, was the first in a few years and was a success. Our State Junior Squad broke the official world record for the duration of a rally (over 1500 shots) on World Squash Day. It proved to be a bit of fun that generated some publicity. We are of the view that we need to bring back social interaction as a key ingredient in the Squash mix. Masters Squash in WA is flourishing, the Friday night event having spilled over to two venues in the city, and sets the example for how well organised social Squash can develop greater commitment to the game.

The WA Squash Schools programs, 'Mini Squash' and 'Just Squash It', continue to operate well, although the absence of a genuine Development Officer hampered the operation of events such as the Junior Camp. The Terrace Squash venture has been conceived to utilise the facility and its staff to significantly enhance the development efforts of WA Squash. We have been able to employ a person dedicated to marketing the activities of WA Squash and the centre itself as part of a Development team. Don Huffer, a recruit from Victoria whose name will be familiar to some of you, will act as Development and Terrace Squash Centre Manager.

We were pleased with the performance of the WA State Junior and Senior teams at national events. The Juniors finished third in the team event at the AJC and the Seniors second in the Teams at the Nationals in Adelaide. Tim Cowell was nominated Junior Player of the Year based on criteria which reflect a strong all-round contribution to Junior Squash in WA, although the efforts of Mikayla Maricic, the first female AJC Age Group Champion from WA since 1986, deserves special mention. Mike Cornish and Mike Thompson have overseen a significant improvement in the State Squad set-

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up in recent times and should be commended.

Amanda Hopps set the standard in the women's game in WA in 2004, and continues to push for a place in the Commonwealth Games team. She won the ever-popular Golden Open in Kalgoorlie in June, beating Amelia Pittock along the way. Paul Ratcliff held onto the top ranking in the men's game.

Country week remains the biggest single event in the WA Squash calendar in terms of player numbers and continues to generate a great atmosphere. WA Squash recognises, however, that it needs to do more for its Country members. To this end, at present, we are appraising a significant change to the way we deliver coaching and

Country development work that would put people on the ground and generate greater commitment to coaching in rural areas under the auspices of WA Squash.

The DSR and Healthway, our main funding partners in WA, remain supportive to WA Squash. We remain confident that recent developments, a proactive Board of WA Squash and a growing spirit of cooperation in the Squash community in WA, will deliver benefits to and help grow the sport of Squash in WA.

Andrew Stanbury
General Manager, WA Squash



Q SQUASH REPORT

In a nutshell, 2004 was the Year of the Queenslander! Queensland won both the Junior and Senior National Team Titles. The Junior Title was extra special breaking the 11 year domination by NSW.

Queensland hosted the 2004 National Junior Tri Series at Acacia Ridge in April. Congratulations to Queenslanders Jacob Alexander (3 titles – 13YAG), Dijo Sexton (2 titles – 11YAG) Sam Fife (11YAG), Peta Hughes (17YAG) and Zoe Petrovansky (15YAG) on winning your respective age groups.

The 2004 Unlock the Pyramid was conducted at Squash World Rockhampton with Brisbane Region securing the jackpot of \$2,100. From this event the Queensland Senior Team was selected to compete at the National Teams Championship in Adelaide in August. Craig Rowland, Brad Freeme, Steve Finitis, Lisa Camilleri, Sue Davis and Kristy Taylor won the right to represent Queensland.

The 2004 Marie Donnelly Queensland Junior Championships were conducted in June/July at Blake Street Squash Centre Toowoomba. The Championships were well organised by the Southern Region. In the Individual Championship, Brisbane's Zoe Petrovansky won her fourth double title in as many years. This year Zoe won the 14YAG and 15YAG Girls Events. Peta Hughes won her second double title winning the 17YAG and 19YAG Girls events. Both girls have now won 9 State Titles each.

Brisbane Region again dominated the Team Championship winning 81 rubbers and only losing 27 rubbers. Again the inclusion of doubles in the Teams Championship proved very popular.

Nathan Turnbull took out the prestigious Peter Nance Achievement Award for most outstanding male player whilst Peta Hughes won the Rachael Grinham Achievement Award for being the most outstanding female player. Both players were then rewarded with the Captaincy of the Queensland Sharks.

Queensland won the 2004 National Teams Championship in Adelaide in August. The mighty maroons defeated WA in a close tie. In the final Craig Rowland and Steve Finitis had comfortable wins whilst Lisa Camilleri set up the victory by securing two games against Amanda Hopps. Sue Davis secured very good points despite losing in three.

The 2004 Q Open was again held at Squash World in Rockhampton and attracted 178 entries compared to 163 entries in 2003, 145 in 2002, 144 in 2001 and 92 in 2000. The 2004 Open Champions were Raj Nanda (VIC) and Natalie Grinham (QLD).

Thanks to the generous support of Squash Australia and the Australian Sports Commission both open events were run as Satellites. This ensured full fields and a wonderful mix of local, interstate and international players.

Our Q Team attended the 2004 Australian Junior Championships in Canberra in September. A total of 34 Queenslanders participated in the Championship. We won the 13YAG Boys, Girls and Combined Teams. This ensured we won the overall title for the 4th year running. Congratulations to Jacob Alexander, Matt Hopkin, Jamie McErvale, Rachael McMahon, Kelly Preston and Dijo Sexton.

We won the 15YAG Boys, Girls and Combined Teams. Congratulations to Zac Alexander, Julius Krauss, Adam Morgan, Rheanne Niebling, Zoe Petrovansky and Leanne Ward.

We won the 17YAG Girls and Combined Teams. We had to settle for 2nd in the Boys Teams but special mention must be made of the Nathan Stevenson victory over Andrew Budd. It ensured a 3-1 victory for our Combined Teams. Congratulations to Nathan Stevenson, Peter Taylor, Jayden Wadd, Samantha Davies, Peta Hughes, Kasey Sinclair.

Our 19YAG Team had to settle for second in all categories but their efforts ensured an overall victory for Queensland. Congratulations to Luke Forster, Risto Krauss, Nathan Turnbull, Britt Marie Paasonen and Laura Stock.

Two coaches deserve very special recognition. Noel Forster and Kay Barclay influenced a fantastic victory. Thank you for everything.

Three Queenslanders became Australian Champions: Matt Hopkin (Boys 13YAG), Zac Alexander (Boys 15YAG), Kasey Sinclair (Girls 17YAG). Zac Alexander won the Austin Adarraga Achievement Medal whilst Rheanne Niebling won the Kay Barclay Achievement Medal in recognition of their consistent performances throughout the Championships. Nathan Stevenson won the SUPERSHARK Award for the Most Valuable Player as voted by all Queensland Team Members.

Queensland selected a squad of 14 players to compete at the Grays Australian Junior Graded Championships in Melbourne in December. Bethany Brazier, Samantha Davies, Angela Fisher, Andrew Fraser, Jaymee Haylock, Caitlin McCutchen became Australian Graded Champions winning their respective grades in the Individual Event.

Samantha Davies and Cassandra Harradine teamed up again to win the Girls A Grade I Mask Australian Graded Doubles Championship. It was back to back championships for a pair who still remain undefeated.

Coaching & Refereeing Development was positive in 2004. The Girls Development Program remains our prime development program. The Program looks after the girls for the entire year each week during the school terms.

Four Girls from the GDP were selected to represent Queensland at the Australian Junior Graded Championships. Three Champions emerged: Angela Fisher (C Grade), Bethany Brazier (D Grade) Caitlin McCutchen (Novice).

A new program has just commenced in Mackay with 20 girls under the watchful eye of State Coach Kay Barclay.

Our State Government continues to support our sport extremely well. Their financial contribution each year is critical and very much appreciated.

A BIG Thank you to all Q Squash member clubs who supported the State Body throughout the year. We look forward to your ongoing support in 2005.

Thank you to my current administration team: Marc Forster, Kerri Kal, Amie Lloyd and Damian Tomasich for all your efforts and achievements throughout 2004.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Directors and all our volunteers for their contributions in 2004. The following people deserve special recognition: Muriel Atherton, Kay Barclay, Pat Barrett, Lisa Camilleri, Bob Cartwright, Steve Derbyshire, Steve Finitis, Noel Forster, Ian Freeme, Meryl Loss, Alex Petrovansky, Tony Sinclair, Anne Turnbull and Nathan Turnbull.

Kim Schramm
Executive Director, Q Squash

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AUSTRALIAN HALL OF FAME

*THE FIRST HALL OF
FAME INDUCTEES WILL
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THE 12 MARCH 2005*

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Victor Belsham A.M
John Cameron
Col Clapper
Bob Finch
Geoff Hunt M.B.E.; A.M
Heather McKay M.B.E., AM
Patricia Walker

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1967 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt Richard Carter Cameron Nancarrow	1989 Ken Hiscoe (Manager) Chris Dittmar Rodney Martin Chris Robertson Brett Martin
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1971 Ken Hiscoe Geoff Hunt Cameron Nancarrow Richard Carter	1993 Rodney Martin Brett Martin Rodney Eyles Tristan Nancarrow
1973 Cameron Nancarrow David Wright Michael Donnelly Lionel Robberds	1995 Geoff Hunt (Manager) Craig Rowland Rodney Eyles (Captain) Anthony Hill
1976 <i>(Being Researched)</i> 1977 Dean Williams Frank Donnelly Terry Cheetham (captain) Ian Yeates	1997 Geoff Hunt (Coach/Manager) Rodney Eyles Craig Rowland Dan Jenson Brett Martin
1978 Cameron Nancarrow (Captain) Kevin Shawcross Dean Williams Steven Bowditch	1999 Anthony Hill Dan Jenson Rodney Eyles Paul Price
1979 Frank Donnelly Glen Brumby Ian Yeates Ross Thorne	2001 Steward Boswell David Palmer Paul Price John Williams
1981 <i>(Being Researched)</i> 1983 Dean Williams Ross Thorne Chris Dittmar Ricki Hill	2003 Josph Kneipp Paul Price David Palmer Anthony Ricketts
1985 Dean Williams Greg Pollard Ross Thorne Glen Brumby	
1987 Chris Dittmar Rodney Martin Chris Robertson Ross Thorne	

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

1979 Rae Anderson Vicki Hoffman Barbara Oldfield Ronda Thorne	1994 Michelle Martin Elizabeth Irving Sarah Fitz-Gerald Carol Owens
1981 Ronda Thorne (Captain) Carin Clonda Jan Miller Diane Davis	1996 Di Davis (Manager/Coach) Michelle Martin Sarah Fitz-Gerald Elizabeth Irving
1983 Ronda Thorne (Captain) Carin Clonda Jan Miller Diane Davis	1998 Di Davis (Coach/Manager) Michelle Martin Sarah Fitz-Gerald Carol Owens Elizabeth Irving
1985 Jan Millar (Captain) Tracey Smith Carin Clonda Di Davis	2000 Sarah Fitz-Gerald Natalie Grinham Robyn Cooper Laura Keating
1987 Vicki Cardwell (Captain) Robyn Friday Sarah Fitz-Gerald Michelle Martin (Player/Manager)	2002 Sarah Fitz-Gerald Rachael Grinham Natalie Grinham Robyn Cooper
1989 Vicki Cardwell (Captain/Coach) Danielle Drady Elizabeth Irving Robyn Lambourne	2004 Rachael Grinham Natalie Grinham Amelia Pittock Melissa Martin
1990 Robyn Lambourne Michelle Martin Danielle Drady Elizabeth Irving	
1992 Di Davis (Coach/Manager) Robyn Lambourne Michelle Martin Sarah Fitz-Gerald Elizabeth Irving	

WORLD MEN'S OPEN

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

WORLD WOMEN'S OPEN

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

WORLD MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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

WORLD WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1976	Australia	(Australia)
1979	Great Britain	(England)
1981	Australia	(Canada)
1983	Australia	(Australia)
1985	Great Britain	(Ireland)
1987	England	(New Zealand)
1989	England	(Netherlands)
1990	England	(Australia)
1992	Australia	(Canada)
1994	Australia	(Guernsey)
1996	Australia	(Malaysia)
1998	Australia	(Germany)
2000	England	(England)
2002	Australia	(Denmark)
2004	Australia	(Netherlands)

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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

BRITISH OPEN MEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

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

BRITISH OPEN WOMEN AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

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

WORLD JUNIOR MEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

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

WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1983	Robyn Friday	(AUS)	Australia
1993	Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	Malaysia

WORLD GAMES

1996	Australia	(Hong Kong)
1999	England	(Netherlands)

WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS AUSTRALIAN MEDALISTS

1997	Mixed Gold:	Dan Jenson	(AUS)	Hong Kong
		Liz Irving	(AUS)	Hong Kong
2004	Men's Gold:	Byron Davis	(AUS)	India
		Cameron White	(AUS)	India
	Men's Bronze:	Anthony Ricketts	(AUS)	India
		David Palmer	(AUS)	India
	Women's Gold:	Natalie Grinham	(AUS)	India
		Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	India
	Mixed Gold:	David Palmer	(AUS)	India
		Rachael Grinham	(AUS)	India
	Mixed Bronze:	Natalie Grinham	(AUS)	India
		Dan Jenson	(AUS)	India

WORLD AMATEUR MEN'S

1967	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	Australia
1969	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	England
1971	Geoff Hunt	(AUS)	New Zealand
1973	Cam Nancarrow	(AUS)	South Africa
1975	K Shawcross	(AUS)	England
1977	M Ahmed	(PAK)	Canada
1979	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Australia
1981	S Bowditch	(AUS)	Sweden
1983	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	New Zealand
1985	Jahangir Khan	(PAK)	Egypt

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

1998: Men's Singles

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

Women's Singles

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

Men's Doubles

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

Women's Doubles

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

Mixed Doubles

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

2002: Mens Singles

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

Womens Singles

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

Mens Doubles

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

Womens Doubles

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

Mixed Doubles

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

MASTERS WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONS

1979	Kevin Adams	45
1979	Len Atkins	45
1983	Ken Hiscoe	45
1991	Ian Hocking	55
1991	Gregory Robberds	45
1991	Dean Williams	35
1993	Ian Hocking	60
1993	Peter White	50
1995	Vic Hunt	75
1995	Fred Green	65
1995	Max Smyth	65
1995	Terry Rippon	60
1995	Max Samblebe	50
1995	Brian Cook	45
1995	Ian Frame	40
1999	Peter White	55
2001	Tomas Spark	45
2003	Brian Cook	55
2003	Geoffrey Davenport	45

MASTERS WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS

1983	Margaret Zachariah	35
1987	Jenny Irving	50
1987	Heather Mckay	45
1990	Rita Paulos	50
1990	Heather Mckay	45
1990	Robyn Prentice	40
1990	Dianne Davis	40
1990	Vicki Cardwell	35
1993	Margaret Doueal	55
1993	Heather Mckay	50
1995	Roma Casey	65
1995	Margaret Doueal	60
1995	Heather Mckay	50
1997	Diane Ricardo	35
2001	Sue Volzke	50
2001	Vicki Cardwell	45
2001	Mary Sceney	40

AUSTRALIAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATUER MEN

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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS AMATUER WOMEN

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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN MEN

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

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS OPEN WOMEN

1979	V. Hoffman	SA
1980	V. Hoffman	SA
1981	R. Thorne	QLD
1982	V. Cardwell	SA
1983	V. Cardwell	SA
1984	V. Cardwell	SA
1985	J. Miller	SA
1986	L. Opie	ENG
1987	L. Opie	ENG
1988	V. Cardwell	VIC
1989	V. Cardwell	VIC
1990	S. Devoy	NZ
1991	M. Martin	QLD
1992	S. Devoy	NZ
1993	M. Martin	NSW
1994	M. Martin	NSW
1995	M. Martin	NSW
1996	M. Martin	NSW
1997	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1998	M. Martin	NSW
1999	M. Martin	NSW
2000	L. Joyce	NZ
2001	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2002	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2003	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
2004	Natalie Grinham	QLD

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR MEN

1958	R. Carter	NSW	1982	T. Nancarrow	QLD
1959	G. Pares	NSW	1983	C. Robertson	QLD
1960	T. Quick	SA	1984	C. Robertson	QLD
1961	R. Pratt	NSW	1985	R. Eyles	QLD
1962	R. Pratt	NSW	1986	R. Eyles	QLD
1963	G. Hunt	VIC	1987	A. Hill	VIC
1964	M. Cutler	NSW	1988	M. Carlyon	QLD
1965	K. Shawcross	NSW	1989	J. Williams	VIC
1966	B. Shea	VIC	1990	C. Rowland	QLD
1967	W. Reedmand	NSW	1991	B. Haddrell	VIC
1968	R. Jolly	VIC	1992	G. Hickson	QLD
1969	R. Jolly	VIC	1993	D. Jenson	SA
1970	D. Thomas	QLD	1994	D. Jenson	SA
1971	M. Perry	NSW	1995	D. Palmer	NSW
1972	M. Perry	NSW	1996	S. Boswell	ACT
1973	M. Mounsey	VIC	1997	S. Boswell	ACT
1974	D. Williams	WA	1998	A. Ricketts	NSW
1975	I. Yeates	NSW	1999	K. Sinclair	NSW
1976	K. Richards	VIC	2000	C. Pilley	NSW
1977	G. Brumby	SA	2001	C. Pilley	NSW
1978	G. Brumby	SA	2002	L. Margan	SA
1979	G. Pollard	NSW	2003	A. Frankcomb	TAS
1980	P. Nance	QLD	2004	A. Frankcomb	TAS
1981	C. Dittmar	SA			

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS JUNIOR WOMEN

1964	J. McDevitt	QLD	1985	M. Martin	QLD
1965	J. McDevitt	QLD	1986	D. Drady	QLD
1966	R. Kennedy	VIC	1987	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1967	C. Hunter	NSW	1988	A. Hopps	WA
1968	S. Newman	NSW	1989	R. Cooper	QLD
1969	L. Collins	WA	1990	C. Owens	VIC
1970	L. Collins	WA	1991	L. Marsh	NZ
1971	J. Palin	VIC	1992	S. Cook	NZ
1972	R. Shapland	QLD	1993	R. Grinham	QLD
1973	S. Heaney	VIC	1994	K. Keevil	NSW
1974	R. Shapland	QLD	1995	K. Major	NSW
1975	R. Shapland	QLD	1996	R. Grinham	QLD
1976	R. Shapland	QLD	1997	N. Grinham	QLD
1977	K. Johnstone	NSW	1998	L. Keating	ACT
1978	C. Clonda	NSW	1999	N. David	MAL
1979	S. Post	QLD	2000	S. Dubois	NSW
1980	W. Williams	VIC	2001	S. Dubois	NSW
1981	T. Smith	VIC	2002	A. Pittock	VIC
1982	W. Williams	VIC	2003	K. Brown	VIC
1983	E. Irving	QLD	2004	K. Brown	VIC
1984	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC			

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR MEN

1992	Perry Daly	NSW
1993	Michael Soo	MAL
1994	Dan Jenson	SA
1995	Cameron White	VIC
1996	Stewart Boswell	ACT
1997	Shane Doherty	NSW
1998	Peter Hughes	ACT
1999	Paul Davis	SA
2000	Luke Marqan	SA
2001	Matt Reece	NSW
2002	Aaron Frankcomb	NSW
2003	Daniel Blackney	WA
2004	Rex Hedrick	VIC

MC HAZELL AWARD JUNIOR WOMEN

1992	Kym Keevil	NSW
1993	Emma Major	NSW
1994	Kym Keevil	NSW
1995	C. Fitzpatrick & J. Gruer	VIC
1996	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1997	Natalie Grinham	QLD
1998	Sarah Dubois	NSW
1999	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2000	Kasey Sinclair	QLD
2001	Larissa Huffer	VIC
2002	Amelia Pittock	VIC
2003	Kasey Brown	NSW
2004	Christine Nunn	ACT

MISCELLANEOUS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

AUSTRALIAN 13 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	M. Carlyon	QLD
1983	S. Ellul	WA
1984	M. Joint	VIC
1985	S. Baker	VIC
1986	J. Kneipp	QLD
1987	A. Micallef	NSW
1988	D. Jenson	SA
1989	M. Fiteni	VIC
1990	P. Peters	NSW
1998	A. Frankcomb	TAS
1999	S. Arnold	NSW
2000	A. Budd	NSW
2001	M. Reece	NSW
2002	M. Arnold	NSW
2003	K. Khan	MAL
2004	M. Hopkins	QLD

AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	R. Eyles	QLD
1983	A. Schreiber	NSW
1984	A. Hill	VIC
1985	S. Ellul	WA
1986	M. Joint	VIC
1987	J. Williams	VIC
1988	P. Daly	NSW
1989	C. Dellar	VIC
1990	D. Jenson	SA
1991	M. Fiteni	VIC
1992	L. Kenny	WA
1993	S. Boswell	ACT
1994	B. Ong	MAL
1995	S. Reynolds	NSW
1996	M. Iskadar	MAL
1997	M. Arcidiacono	QLD
1998	J. Rogers	SA
1999	S. Huffer	VIC
2000	A. Frankcomb	NSW
2001	S. Arnold	NSW
2002	A. Budd	NSW
2003	T. Steward	VIC
2004	Z. Alexander	QLD

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG BOYS CHAMPION

1982	S. O'Connor	QLD
1983	S. O'Connor	QLD
1984	R. Eyles	QLD
1985	A. Hill	VIC
1986	A. Hill	VIC
1987	G. Wilson	NZ
1988	J. Williams	VIC
1989	J. Williams	VIC
1990	G. Hixon	QLD
1991	D. Jenson	SA
1992	D. Jenson	SA
1993	M. Fiteni	VIC
1994	S. Boswell	ACT
1995	S. Boswell	ACT
1996	A. Ricketts	NSW
1997	S. Doherty	NSW
1998	P. Davis	SA
1999	M. Arcidiacono	QLD
2000	L. Margan	SA
2001	J. Gough	NSW
2002	A. Frankcomb	NSW
2003	S. Arnold	NSW
2004	T. Steward	VIC

AUSTRALIAN 13 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	C. Greenhouse	WA
1983	N. James	TAS
1984	R. Cooper	QLD
1985	C. Rowland	QLD
1986	C. Rowland	QLD
1987	R. Grinham	QLD
1988	R. Grinham	QLD
1989	M. Vacca	SA
1990	N. Grinham	QLD
1998	K. Brown	NSW
1999	S. Looi	MAL
2000	K. Sinclair	QLD
2001	K. Bessell	QLD
2002	L. Wee Wern	MAL
2003	L. Wern	MAL
2004	M. Maricic	WA

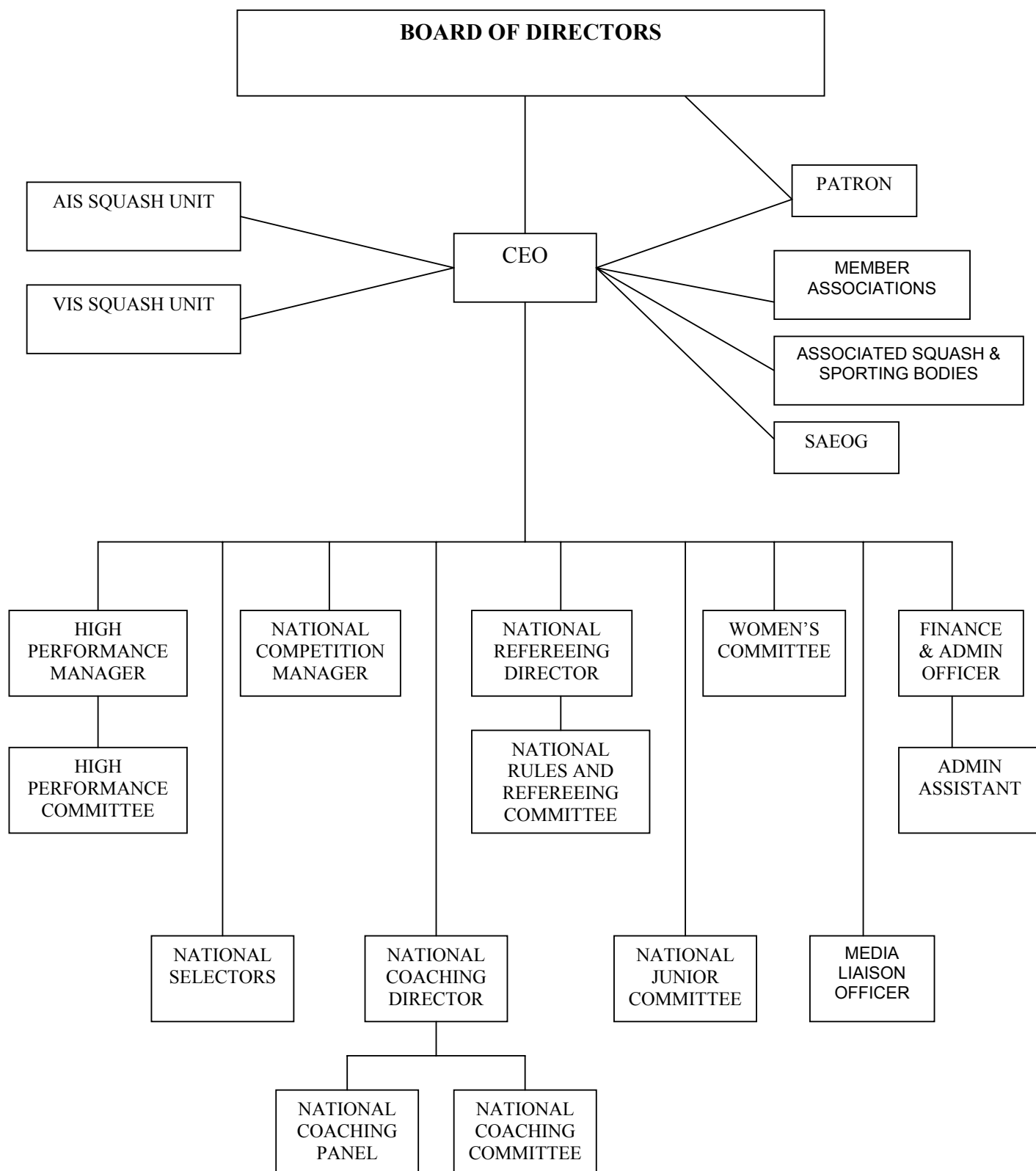
AUSTRALIAN 15 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	D. Drady	QLD
1983	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1984	A. Hopps	WA
1985	R. Cooper	QLD
1986	S. McNamara	NSW
1987	M. Bell	VIC
1988	C. Rowland	QLD
1989	R. Grinham	QLD
1990	N. Tippet	QLD
1991	J. Wilson	NZ
1992	K. Major	NSW
1993	J. Mills	SA
1994	K. Townsend	NSW
1995	L. Siu Lynn	MAL
1996	N. David	MAL
1997	S. Dubois	NSW
1998	A. Pittock	VIC
1999	G. Davis	NSW
2000	K. Brown	NSW
2001	D. Urquhart	NSW
2002	P. Hughes	QLD
2003	L. Huffer	VIC
2004	K. Bessell	VIC

AUSTRALIAN 17 YAG GIRLS CHAMPION

1982	D. Baertschiger	VIC
1983	S. Radford	VIC
1984	S. Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1985	A. Johnson	VIC
1986	A. Hopps	WA
1987	S. McNamara	NSW
1988	R. Cooper	QLD
1989	M. Bell	VIC
1990	L. Marsh	NSW
1991	S. Cook	NZ
1992	K. Keevil	NSW
1993	J. Loader	QLD
1994	K. Major	NSW
1995	S. Kitchen	NZ
1996	C. McIver	NSW
1997	N. David	MAL
1998	S. Dubois	NSW
1999	A. Pittock	VIC
2000	A. Pittock	VIC
2001	G. Davis	NSW
2002	D. Urquhart	NSW
2003	D. Urquhart	NSW
2004	K. Sinclair	QLD

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