

## **KEVIN QUICK**

Kevin has tirelessly dedicated himself to grow the profile of the sports of squash and racquetball in North East Victoria (and border regions) by creating the association of SARNEVA. He continues to volunteer his own time, money and resources to planning and developing public, educational and club level activities which encourage more people to take up the sports. He has also sought funding opportunities in the hopes of renewing the Lavington Sports Club's squash facilities, to become a base of operations for the organisation as well as a junior training and development ground.

With his lead, SARVENA has:

- Delivered in school clinics to St Patricks Parish Primary School, Albury (2017)

- Assisted in the development of an Interclub squash competition (Riverina area)

- Attended Wodonga Children's Fair (which saw over 200 children try racquetball on the inflatable court)

- Developed promotional materials for SARNEVA's use, as well as generic club promotional material and resources

- Guest speakers and presenters

- Engagement with local school sports associations

- & The formalisation of the organisation as a registered entity (including all administration)

SARNEVA would not be what it is, a group of volunteers and supporters coming together to grow the sport, if it weren't for Kevin's vision and tireless dedication to both the sport, and the realised potential of this organisation.

## **JOHN TOBIN**

John Tobin has made a huge, selfless contribution to the sport of squash in Ballarat. Over a long period of time John has volunteered his time maintaining the courts and buildings of the centre in Ballarat. In particular, over the last few years John has restored all the walls and floors using all his own tools and carpentry skills. In an ageing squash centre this has been a massive task requiring 40-50 hours per week for at least 6 weeks per year. Climbing ladders, hand sanding, patching old walls, re-thickening floorboards, replacing tins, painting walls and fixing all other issues that arise in an ageing facility. It would be fair to say without John Tobin's huge contribution to the centre the courts would be in a very run down state. In September 2017, Ballarat was lucky to host the Australian Masters Squash Tournament. It was decided that more courts were required for this tournament, so John Tobin went and restored the long forgotten courts at Ballarat East High School just for the tournament. As well as restoring courts John Tobin has also made and continues to make a large contribution to the coaching and mentoring of junior squash and racquetball players in Ballarat. In fact, it is hard to find a player from Ballarat that "Tobes" hasn't coached and mentored. The sport will be forever richer for the contribution that John Tobin has made to it. On behalf of the Ballarat Squash and Racquetball Association Committee, we would like to nominate John Tobin for a Squash and Racquetball Victoria volunteer award 2017.