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MEETING AGENDA BOARD OF SQUASH AUSTRALIA 0830 EST, Saturday 8th August - Melbourne

1. Strategy Focus Groups

Through August and early September there will be eight Focus groups across the States and Territories. The main aim of the sessions are to add much valued local State focus to National strategies. This will help Maximise synergies and set targets for the next Strategic period.

Richard Vaughan the New Squash Australia CEO is also new to the role, and the sessions will also help him understand the Squash landscape across Australia.

2. High Performance Review – Phase II

After the 1^{st} Phase of the High Performance review, a second stage with approximately 20 Squash Stakeholders is to be held in partnership with the Australian Institute of Sport on the 20^{th} and 21^{st} August.

3. Commonwealth Games 2018 – Gold Coast

The Games development in 2018 is fast moving. The original plans for Runaway Bay have been altered after consultation with Gold Coast City Council, and we are waiting for final plans for the event. It seems the changes will hit Squash negatively in terms of legacy post 2018.

4. Mantra Hotel Partnership

Squash Australia have a new partnership with the Mantra Hotel Group. Members can benefit from the lowest cost bookings via a portal direct from the Squash Australia website - <u>http://www.squash.org.au/</u>, just click on the Mantra hotel brand logo on the bottom right side of the site.





5. Events Update

A number of concerns have been raised by the current makeup of the senior PSA events circuit in Australia. Through the focus groups and external advise, we need to establish the appropriate levels and mix of events that are suitable for the development of the sport and Australian Squash players. Update to follow.

6. Stakeholder Update

We have received some disappointing news with regards some of key important stakeholders. First the Dunlop deal was significantly reduced in June, with Dunlop taking another direction and signing an agreement with Squash.com.

Secondly the ASC are again reviewing funding and governance agreements with Squash Australia. In addition to the significant cut revived this year (70k) and a guaranteed 65k reduction next year. The ASC are insisting we reduce our expenditure by 300k in the next two years, until we do this out funding has been suspended.

Our income streams are significantly depended upon ASC funding and as an organisation we really need to focus on new funding streams away from the ASC in order to make our programmes sustainable.

8. Squash Annual Awards Function

The Squash Australia have an excellent attendance in 2015, helped by being associated with the Australian Open. It is suggested to have the Awards alongside the Australian Open in 2016 and we aim to launch the Awards to the membership earlier in September 2015 with confirmed award titles and criteria.

9. Affiliation Structure

The affiliation structure was discussed. It is crucial for ASC funding and for the development of the sport that we have a central member database which can be used by Clubs, States and the National Body. Play Squash is the start of that process.

10. Aboriginal Courtesy

The Board have approved the appropriate aboriginal courtesy recognition at Squash Australia events across Australia.

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