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Squash Australia Memorandum – Post August 8th Board Meeting

1. Squash Australia Annual General Meeting and National Forum

The Squash Australia Annual forum and AGM will be on the 22-24th November at the Carrara Sports Complex, Gold Coast.

Friday 22nd November - State SportyHQ Session (suitable for State Pennant users)

Saturday 23rd November – Squash Australia Annual Forum and Annual Dinner (at Royal Pines Hotel)

Sunday 24th November – Squash Australia Annual General Meeting

Delegates have the option of booking a reduced rate room at the 5* Royal Pines Hotel.

Accommodation is available at a rate of \$199 per night for a single and \$219 for a twin room (B&B).

Dinner will be held on Saturday 23rd November at Royal Pines Hotel – the cost of this will be \$40 per person.

Please contact rraja@squash.org.au to book.

Accommodation needs to be confirmed by 1st October.

http://www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/governance-documents/national_forum

2. Development Framework Research

Between March and June this year Squash Australia undertook extensive stakeholder feedback around all aspects of the development framework, this included events, participation pathways and education.

Attached we have provided the results of this research for your information which should help you guide the direction of a number of key areas to help improve the sport.

3. Facility Insights – Heat Maps

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Attached there is an example Metro Heat Map from the 2018 SportAUS participation data. This is the first example of the methodology we have followed in applying the previously audited facility data George reviewed in Q1 2019.

It will take a little time to iron out some issues with the interface and data, but the attached will give you a snap shot of what it looks like when applied.

This will form the core of the data that will go in to all State Facility Plans and future squash facility applications.

4. State Investment Agreements

The State Investment Agreements (SIA) were due on the 1st August, thanks to those who have returned them with all the data they contain. Mark Mclatchy will reach out to everyone and help where needed to complete.

The SIA is not compulsory to sign. They are simply a means of reporting back data needed for Sport Australia funding and Insurance purposes; and they provide information for Squash Australia to provide the State funding and equipment against measures of strategic delivery.

The SIA serves a number of other purposes:

1st they allow us to receive an update on your current board and staff contacts. Else we do not know about changes and communications don't get through to the right person. This is the one point to ensure we get the right people to be in contact with.

2nd they provide us with your latest strategies or facility plans. Else we do not know about them;

3rd they confirm to us your various participation numbers which you record. These are needed for the Sport Australia reporting due in October which in turn impacts the funding going in to the sport and for the insurance renewal which will be prepared in the October window for 2019, without these numbers we cannot run the numbers to get quotes around insurance. In

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the past these numbers have been different, so we have tried to collect in one document so the numbers we use are accurate.

In previous years we have been provided multiple different numbers within each State and this has led to confusion over which number is used for Sport Australia, Insurance etc. So we have consolidated this report in to one with the goal of making it easier for everyone.

In addition to the SIA in place we are welcoming other suggestions and ideas for funding. Mark McLatchey has been in touch with each State requesting ideas for submission by the 1st October. The strategic purpose of this funding will be around delivering the Squash Australia strategy KPI's.

5. SQA Team Contact points and Communication

Key contacts are below and there are no changes. The full contact details can be found on the website www.Squash.org.au/Governance/MeetTheTeam.

Strategic Area	eMail	Contact
Events	events@squash.org.au	Jordan Till
Membership	membership@squash.org.au	Russell Weatherburn
Education (Coach and Referee)	education@squash.org.au	Tom Calvert
High Performance	hp@squash.org.au	Lachlan Johnston
Participation	participation@squash.org.au	Mark McLatchey
Facilities	facilities@squash.org.au	George Clinton
Profile	media@squash.org.au	Chris Yeend
Other Key Areas		

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Sporty HQ	sportyhq@squash.org.au	Leanna Davey
Sporting Schools	mhodson@squash.org.au	Meredith Hodson
Integrity	integrity@squash.org.au	Reena Raja

6. Regulation Review – Regulation 5 – Financial Guidelines Policy

The Squash Australia Board have made some minor changes to Regulation 5 – Financial Guidelines Policy which was due for updating. The away from home allowance as been increased by \$10 from \$50 to \$60 a day and there has been some stipulations added for part day allowances where individuals are not away from home all day. There are no other changes.

Regulation 5 Financial Guidelines Policy along with all other policies can be found here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/governance-documents/regulations>.

7. Australian Junior Championships

The Australian Junior Championships are in Devonport this September from the 28-5th October. Note we are a day short this year as no WA team and the entry fee has been reduced in line with the one less day play.

As per the policy seedings will be based from the rankings and there will be a seeding panel in place to adjust as required.

There will also be a presentation on the evening of the 30th September from the performance team around the HP programme, AIS categorization and what this means for various players.

Entries are now closed and are going well. All contact on the AJC should go to Jordan Till events@squash.org.au.

8. Integrity Framework

A requirement for the AJC is for all players and coaches from each state to have complied with the National Integrity framework which can be found here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/nat-integrity>.

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Please contact Reena Raja for any questions around the integrity framework – integrity@squash.org.au.

9. National Insurance Workshop

A reminder that Marsh are facilitating a discussion around everything insurance via the **National Insurance workshop on September 11th 1400 -1630 in Melbourne or via phone.** An invitation has been sent out to all States with information please contact Russell Weatherburn for any further information on rweatherburn@squash.org.au.

10. Poster pack 2020

The five year Squash Australia events calendars are saved on the Executive Council folder on dropbox. They are updated each month.

We convert these dates in to a calendar each year. Can you please ensure your events are in the excel calendars by the 20th September.

Please feedback any and all comments to Jordan Till on events@squash.org.au.

11. New Service - Facility Grant Writing Services

Over the past three years the funding avenues across Australia has been transformed at National, State and local levels. Now more than ever there are avenues open to local facility owners and managers based on strategic health and participant experience outcomes. Many of the traditional national and State core funding pots have been opened up to everyone within the health, entertainment and exercise sector under targeted grants.

Squash Australia has investigated the development of a national resource of a consultancy grant writing service which can support the grant applications of facilities across Australia, aimed to increase the total money coming in to the sport as a whole.

This will be a free service but there will be an application process against a strategic criteria as we anticipate more applications than we can support.

The first round of these application should be open for September and more news will follow.

For more information please contact George Clinton on facilities@squash.org.au.

12. World Junior Championships – Volunteers Very Wanted!

Squash Australia is hosting the World Junior Championships on the Gold Coast 19 – 29th July 2020 and we are looking at finalising the team that delivers the event. We had some great

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volunteers for the 2019 World Doubles Championships, but we need twice as many for 2020 with over 500 people coming in for the event.

We would be grateful if each State could circulate a request for volunteers to all your participants for the event. Squash Australia will provide accommodation and food for the duration of their time at the event.

More details on the event can be found here - <http://www.squash.org.au/w/events/world-junior-championships>

For more volunteer details please contact Reena Raja rraja@squash.org.au.

Thanks in advance for your support.

13. Squash Australia Events Location File

Please find attached the current event location file with current event locations, bids for events and events yet to be allocated. Please express the required interest to events@squash.org.au.

14. Clearinghouse for Sport

The Clearinghouse for Sport (Clearinghouse) is the information and knowledge sharing platform for Australian sport.

Clearinghouse brings together Australia's leading sport and active recreation agencies—using [Sport Australia](http://www.sportaustralia.gov.au) as the principal information coordination point—to share news, evidence and insights about sport, human performance, and physical activity—all in one place.

Please see the link below to access more information and to become a member (note: this is free).

<https://www.clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/about>

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15. Funding Opportunities

In regards to funding, grants, etc. the following link to Sport Australia's Grants & Funding page contains links to both national and state grant opportunities that centres can look at applying for: https://origin.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding

Additionally you can view the 'Participation Grants and Funding for Sport and Recreation' page on Clearinghouse which also provides information on national and state funding prospects as well as further resources and readings regarding the grant space (note: you will need to become a member of Clearinghouse to access this page).

A noteworthy upcoming grant is the \$50m federal Energy Efficient Communities Program. From October community organisations will be eligible for grants of up to \$12,500 for solar, solar + battery storage, energy efficient lighting upgrades, energy audits etc. This program would be particularly beneficial to clubs with high overheads. To find out more information, follow the link provided: <https://www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-programs/energy-efficient-communities-program>

16. Free Grant Writing Services

As per the communication last week, Squash Australia has procured the services of grant writers.

Facilities will be able to apply for time with the writers of which applicants will be chosen on a best-case basis.

The page is now live on the Squash Australia website under the membership tab, use the following link to access it now: <http://www.squash.org.au/w/membership/facility-grant-writers>

17. Coach Finder

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The coach finder function on the website is currently being updated to help promote clubs and their coaches.

If you would like your club coaches to be added to the coach finder function, please send all necessary information (i.e. coach name, club name, etc.) to education@squash.org.au.

18. Marsh rebate

Marsh Advantage Insurance will pay the Referring State/Territory fee of 20% of commission on the Brokerage Earned per policy on Insurance Policies finalised or renewed by Marsh Advantage Insurance on behalf of Referrer Members during the currency of this Agreement. The fee shall be calculated and paid monthly in arrears to the Referrer within sixty (60) days after the end of the month in which the premium is paid.

What this means is for the new business policy and subsequent renewals we will pay an on-going payment

In other words

Premium	\$ 1,000
Commission (say 20%)	\$ 200
Rebate @ 20%	\$ 40

19. Key dates for 2019 – 2020 Squash Australia Events and Coach Education

- A. **Australian Masters Championships, Gold Coast, QLD – 2-13th September**
- B. **Australian Junior Championships, Devonport TAS - 28 – 5 October 2019**
- C. **Squash Australia National Forum and AGM, Gold Coast QLD – 22 – 24 November 2019**
- D. **Performance Development Course, Gold Coast QLD (FIRST EVER) – 9-14th of December 2019**
- E. **Australian Club Championships, Gold Coast QLD – 6-8th December 2019**

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- F. **Australian Squash Tour Finals, Gold Coast QLD** – 7-8th December 2019
- G. **Gold Coast - Carrara PSA Satellite, Gold Coast QLD** – January dates TBC 2020
- H. **Gold Coast - Southport PSA Satellite, Gold Coast QLD** – January dates TBC 2020
- I. **Australian Doubles, Gold Coast QLD** – February 14-16th 2020
- J. **Australian National Championships, Gold Coast QLD** – 2020 TBC
- K. **Oceania Junior Championships, Gold Coast QLD** – April 10 – 13th 2020
- L. **Australian Junior Open, Gold Coast QLD** – July 9 – 12th 2020
- M. **National Coaches Conference, Gold Coast QLD** – Over two evenings alongside the AJO July 2020
- N. **International Camp, Gold Coast QLD** – 13th 17th July 2020
- O. **World Junior Championships, Gold Coast QLD** – 19 – 29th July 2020
- P. **National Referee Workshop, Bega NSW** – Alongside the Australian Open dates TBC 2020
- Q. **Australian Open, Bega NSW** – Date TBC 2020

- R. **Australian Junior Championships, Canberra ACT** – September/October 2020

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