



Communications Newsletter

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NSW SQUASH | Major boost for Thornleigh Squash through sport facility grant

Squash in NSW has received a major boost after the NSW Government announced a \$980,000 grant for upgrades to Thornleigh Squash Centre.

The grant was awarded to Squash NSW through the Greater Sydney Sports Fund which aims to enhance community participation and improve sports infrastructure.

READ MORE - <https://bit.ly/2D0z2FY>



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

2020 INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEPTEMBER 20 - 22

SANDGATE

JUNIOR STATE AND COACHING CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 23 - 24

SANDGATE

QUEENSLAND OPEN STATE TITLES

SEPTEMBER 25 - 27

DAISY HILL

QUEENSLAND SQUASH | September Events

Queensland Squash is setting itself up for a big September with the running of its 2020 Individual Junior Championships, Junior State Camp and Coaching Conference and Queensland Open 2020 State Titles.

READ MORE - <https://bit.ly/2FK5zRN>



JOBKEEPER UPDATE | AUGUST 25

Business Eligibility

To be eligible for JobKeeper Payments under the extension, businesses and not-for-profits will still need to demonstrate that they have experienced a decline in turnover of:

- 50 percent for those with an aggregated turnover of more than \$1 billion;
- 30 percent for those with an aggregated turnover of \$1 billion or less;
- 15 percent for Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission-registered charities (excluding schools and universities).

In order to be eligible for the **first JobKeeper Payment extension** period of 28 September 2020 to 3 January 2021, businesses and not-for-profits will need to demonstrate that their actual GST turnover has significantly fallen in the September 2020 quarter **only** relative to comparable periods (generally the corresponding quarters in 2019). It was originally announced that the reduction in turnover had to be in both the June and September 2020 quarters.

In order to be eligible for the **second JobKeeper Payment extension** period of 4 January 2021 to 28 March 2021, businesses and not-for-profits will again need to demonstrate that their actual GST turnover has significantly fallen in the December 2020 quarter **only** relative to comparable periods (generally the corresponding quarters in 2019). It was originally announced that the reduction in turnover had to be in all of the June, September and December 2020 quarters.

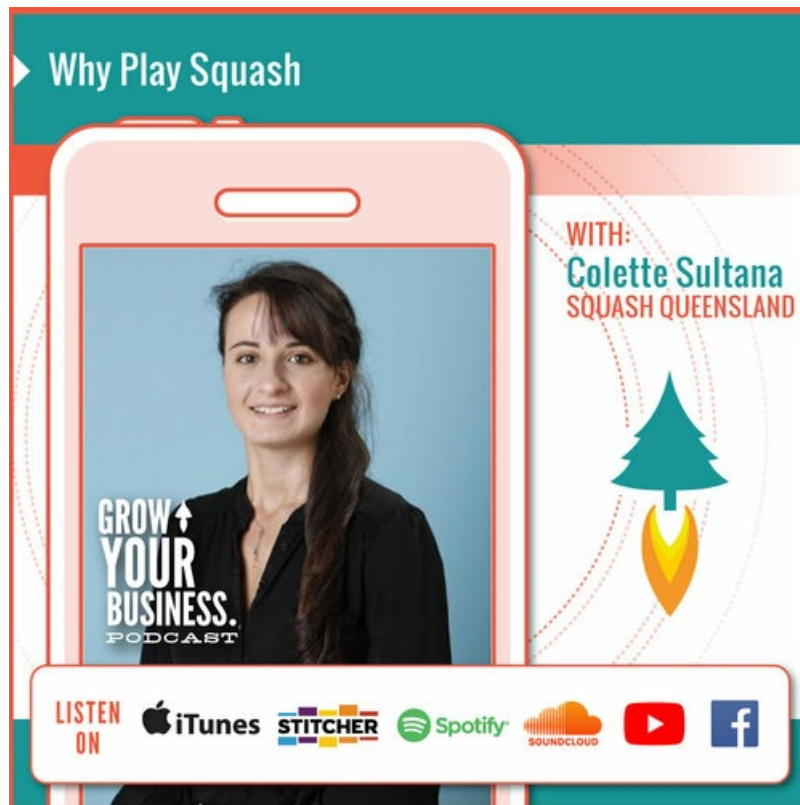
If a business or not-for-profit does not meet the additional turnover tests for the extension period, this does not affect their eligibility prior to 28 September 2020.

Employees

The eligibility rules for employees have also changed. Now employees who are currently employed by eligible employers in either a full-time, part-time or a long-term casual role from **1 July 2020** are eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy. Previously only employees in the aforementioned roles who were employed at 1 March 2020 were eligible.

The self-employed will remain eligible to receive the JobKeeper Payment where they meet the relevant turnover test and are not a permanent employee of another employer.

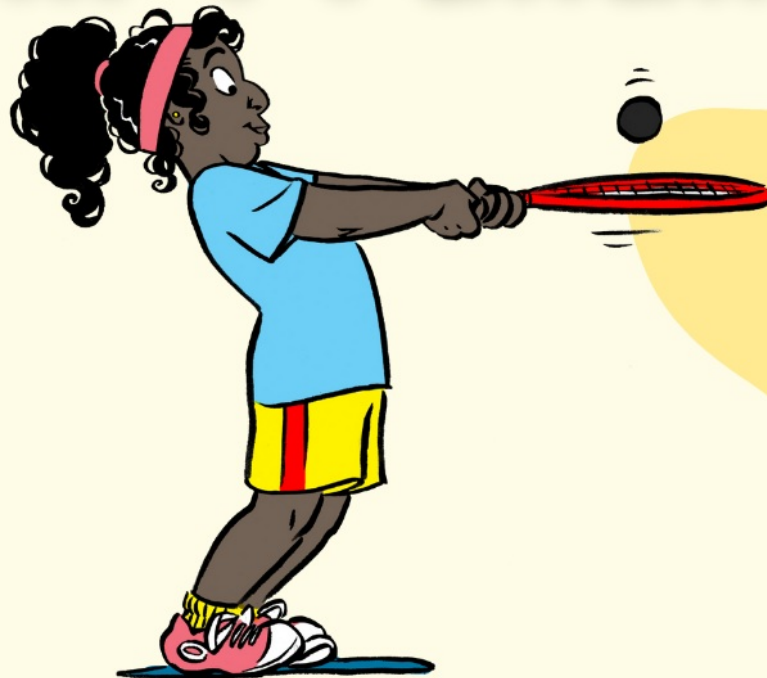
Read the full document - [EXTENSION OF JOBKEEPER PAYMENT](#)



Colette Sultana from Queensland Squash recently caught up with Saul Edmonds from Roundhouse - The Creative Agency.

Find out how you can listen to this compelling podcast via the following link - [Why Play Squash](#)

Apply now for Sporting Schools Term 4 Funding



Sporting Schools Update - Term 4

Update for Term 4

Applications for Term 4 **Sporting Schools** funding will close 8pm AEST on **Friday 4 September 2020**.

For primary schools across Australia, there has never been a better time to apply, and get our OzSquash program into your school!

Successful schools that opt-in to receive the funding could receive between \$400 and \$1,400 depending on how many schools apply.

The supplemental grant pool will be distributed equally across eligible schools.

Apply: <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools>

OzSquash program: <https://www.squash.org.au/w/participation/programmes/ozsquash>



SQUASH MEDIA | Corowa Free Press - Building squash, gymnastics and homes

Check out this brilliant story on Bill Bock who has a tremendous history with Squash in the town of Corowa.

READ STORY - <https://bit.ly/3gspste>





SQUASH AUSTRALIA IN THE MEDIA | Sportageous - Donna Lobban

Donna Lobban is a professional Squash player from Australia and is the top-ranked Australian woman on the PSA World Tour. She excelled at a junior level, winning 5 Australian Junior titles in addition to claiming a runner-up spot at the 2003 British Junior Open.

Donna started playing on the PSA World Tour in 2006 and by the end of that year had risen more than 100 places in the world rankings to no.52. We recently caught up with the Aussie great, to chat all things squash.

Sportageous is a proud media partner of Squash Australia. Stay tuned for fortnightly stories from Squash Australia on Sportageous.

Read the full story - [Donna Lobban on playing squash at the optimal level](#)



SQUASH AUSTRALIA | Recognising Volunteers

Craig Stewart from Seize The Light - Craig Stewart is an outstanding volunteer photographer based on the Gold Coast.

Craig is responsible for some of the best photos of International and National events at the Australian National Squash Centre on the Gold Coast and other events on the SE Queensland region.

Check out his new website here - <https://bit.ly/2CjrkGN>



PR and Communications Coordinator Chris Yeend catches up with Saul Edmonds from the Roundhouse 'The Creative Agency' to discuss in length about the Growth of Squash in Australia.

Saul, a fellow Squashie, has tremendous dedication and experience in building and developing business marketing strategies for businesses throughout Australia. Check out the link here - <https://roundhouse.cc>

PODCAST

Check out the full podcast via the any of the following links below -

Website - <https://roundhouse.cc/grow-your-business-podcast/the-growth-of-squash-in-australia>

Spotify - <https://open.spotify.com/show/16h0lwZk8HD4cj0vDY00QH>



WORLD SQUASH DAY
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 2020



Squash takes to the streets on Saturday October 10th as part of the biggest social media campaign in the sport's history.

Players representing clubs and federations will be hitting balls in public settings close to some of the world's most iconic buildings to generate massive media coverage for the game.

With Covid-19 restrictions making it difficult for clubs to hold open days on World Squash Day designed to attract groups of newcomers, squash players will be invited to take to the streets instead to promote the game.

But men's world champion Tarek Momen, from Egypt, hopes it won't be too long before players will be able to get back on court.

"I hope to see fans around the world celebrate World Squash Day and, if possible, get on court to show their support for squash," said Momen.

"As professional players, we have all been desperate to get back on court to play the sport we love, and I know that will also be true of all the recreational players out there who have been unable to play due to COVID-19.

"World Squash Day is the perfect time for clubs to get involved and ensure that as many people as possible get on court, or, if that's not possible, do something special to celebrate squash."

Momen is expected to be in action on October 10 as World Squash Day coincides with the first day of the CIB Egyptian Open, the first Platinum tournament to feature as the PSA World Tour reopens next month.

World Squash Day is endorsed by both the World Squash Federation (WSF) and the Professional Squash Association (PSA).

Federations will be inviting star players not involved in Egypt to show off their skills in a series of carefully orchestrated, Covid-compliant public displays.

World Squash Day Ambassadors from local clubs will also be encouraged to join in to generate widespread media coverage.

With health issues currently top of the global news agenda, Ambassadors will also be sharing news about the enormous health benefits of playing squash.

William Louis-Marie, Chief Executive Officer of the World Squash Federation, said: "The squash community is eager to show its creativity and its ability to play squash in a very surprising way, especially if clubs are unable to hold group gatherings on World Squash Day.

"Creating the biggest social media campaign the game has ever seen is a fantastic alternative to promote our sport and reach out to new audiences as traditional events, like open days, may not be possible because of Covid-19 restrictions."

Further information from World Squash Day Founder Alan Thatcher:

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