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## Richard Vaughan

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We are fast approaching the end of 2019 and one that we look back on with tremendous success on and off the courts.

The National Squash Centre in Carrara earlier this year played host to the World Doubles Championships where Australia featured prominently in the medals.

Congratulations to Donna Lobban, Christine Nunn, Ryan Cuskelly and Cameron Pilley in winning the Women's, Men's and Mixed Gold Medals, and congratulations to all of our other players on a successful campaign.

Through this period the centre benefitted from a \$315,000 federal grant to complete further works to the National centre which will shortly see the final completion of the Interactive Show Court.

We are generating a strong focus in growing Squash in Australia through the growth in participation programs, events and engagement strategies that are playing a key role in seeing numbers Australia-wide pushing to 200,000 led by the Squash Girls Can program and the introduction of an expanded High Performance team. This new programme will add 2000 new female squash players in universities through the next twelve months.

The Australian Junior Championships and Australia University Championships ran in Tasmania and Queensland across the school holidays in September and October. Both events were a great success with a 40% increase in entries at the National University Championships.

At the AJC there were many highlights across the tournament, but it would be fitting to single out the performance of South Australia's Alex Haydon who celebrated a record-breaking seventh National title. This is an outstanding effort from one of the most promising junior players in the world and inspire young players across the country to play the game.

Moving forward all sights are set on the World Junior Championships at the National Squash Centre on the Gold Coast next July.

Squash Australia is looking forward to welcoming the best junior players in the world at the home of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in one of the most beautiful regions in Australia.

Our team is working very hard to make it a memorable stand-out event and a great advertisement for Squash in Australia.

A special thank you to MP Peta Murphy for facilitating the World Squash Day event at Parliament House in the past weeks. This event was used to launch the Squash Girls Can programme and it was great to get so many MPs down on the Parliament courts in the promotion of squash.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the support and encouragement from the clubs and States for helping us grow participation and player engagement across the country. We have a quality team at Squash Australia that is passionate and driven to work hard to make the sport the best that it can be and to grow Squash in Australia.

If you have any feedback or questions relating to Squash, please email me directly - [ceo@squash.org.au](mailto:ceo@squash.org.au)

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# Around the Clubs



## 1 South Australia

It has been another great year for Squash in South Australia in 2019.

There was a tremendous increase in events across the year with our clubs working extremely hard to put on quality events to attract players from around the country.

South Australia was represented at the Australian Masters Squash Championships in Carrara.

Our teams put in an impressive performance by winning three Division titles (Division 8, 9 and 18) while finishing runners-up in one (Division 17).

South Australia are thrilled and proud of all of its players in the 2019 Australian Junior Championships in Tasmania.



Alex Haydon broke the record of most junior titles ever won by an Australian when she won the Under 19s Girls event.

Squash South Australia is extremely proud of her efforts and thrilled with

her progress and development as one of the brightest young talents in the country.

It was a South Australia domination in the age group with fellow South Australian's Remashree Muniandy and Kate Winters finishing second and third respectively.

The South Australia Junior Open in July was a great success for the locals who performed exceptionally well.

Joel Haydon, Thomas Searles, Alex Haydon, Jay Molloy, John Kelton, Chi Phan, Chiaran Shouksmith and Chathula Kiripitige all performing well in the two-day tournament with great success. Congratulations to all involved.

The Steel City MAX South Australian Open in August was a great success with quality talent from around Australia and nearby countries taking part.

Queensland's Jess Turnbull trailed number one seed Tong Tsz-Wing 0-2 in the Women's final before winning the last three games to win in five.

Scotland's Angus Gillams defeated Moustafa El Sirty in four games to win the Men's Open.

## 2 NT



Northern Territory has had an impressive year with its players performing well in events across Australia.

The Australian Junior Championships in Devonport, Tasmania was where it made its mark with four quality junior players making the big trip. Ashley, Will, Henry and Jaime represented their State extremely well across the competition.

The quartet were outstanding across the tournament with impressive efforts each day. Will was one of the stand-out performers by finishing in the Top 5 while Ashley, Henry and Jaime played exceptionally well.

The group provided tremendous inspiration for other younger players in the State and to give them something to strive for in its quest for AJC glory in Canberra next year. It is hoped that more players can be part of this experience and take on the best junior players in the country in such a major event.

Northern Territory was excited to be represented at the Australian Masters Squash Championships in Carrara in September.

A number of players represented the State with great enthusiasm and confidence. The skill level was high and it was exciting to see Wendy Beard steal the show in the 45-49 Division 2 Women's age group with an impressive victory in the finals.

Our players worked hard in the teams event with NT 3 finishing runners-up in the Division 21 final to Western Australia.

Congratulations to all players that represented the State and we look forward to producing some quality efforts in South Australia next year.

## 3 Tasmania

It's been a fantastic year for Squash in Tasmania on and off the court in 2019.

Off the court, it was thrilled to host the 2019 Australian Junior Championships in Devonport. This event was a tremendous success for the centre with more than 150 junior players from across Australia taking part in a very hard-fought event.

The teams event was a thriller with Queensland just edging out Victoria on the final day of competition in one of the more thrilling finishes to a competition in recent memory, and on Tasmania soil.

Isaac Brammich was outstanding in the Novice event to win from Hunter McConnell and Mackenzie Keating, all from Tasmania.

While the AJC was taking place, some of Tasmania's best young talent took to the court on the Gold Coast for the 2019 Australia University Event.

Congratulations to Grace Pattison for finishing second in the women's event while Jack Hudson also finished second in the men's event.

Overall, Tasmania finished in second place in the Teams event which is a testament to the hard-work and talent of its players across the Championship.

In the Australian Masters on the Gold Coast, Tasmania performed exceptionally well across the two-week event.

Congratulations to George Kovacs for winning the Division 3 65-69 Men's final and Gaye Mitchell for winning the 65-69 Open Women's Final.

Tasmania's Division 3 team also took out the title against Queensland in a remarkable effort.

The State is grateful to all of its players and clubs for helping to continue to grow the sport of Squash in Australia.



## 4 ACT

Dickson Squash Club produced fantastic social competitions for both singles and doubles to introduce new players into the competitive spirit of the game or to help people come back to the sport after injury or an extended period off.

The club boasts the largest membership numbers in the ACT and is thriving in all areas of our sport.

The Vikings Squash Club, although small has exceeded all expectations hosting their 8th Vikings Junior Challenges, a silver ranked event seeing participants from all across ACT and its surrounding regions participate to prove their ability against the competition. It was a huge success and the club is excited to take it into its ninth year for 2020.

In the last 12 months, Yass Squash Club has doubled in size and shown their love for the sport, hosting weekly pennant matches, social competitions and training sessions for both juniors and seniors.

South Canberra Squash Club has been able to boast about junior player Sam Sergo. Although a Cooma boy, ACT have claimed him as its own as

Sergo plays for SCSC in local ACT pennant's and represents the ACT for National events.

Sam represented Australia in the World Junior's competition in Malaysia, and has worked hard to maintain a high level of performance on the court.

Queanbeyan Squash Club has seen an increase in junior participants in the last 12-months, ensuring to keep squash alive in the young ones.

New coach Corey Markham, has done an incredible job promoting the sport within his club and working hard with the juniors to ensure the love for the sport and continues and give them the push they need to progress into a more competitive environment.

## 5 New South Wales

Despite defeating South Australia, Tasmania and the ACT, NSW were relegated to a fourth position this year on a count back of ties at the Australian Junior Championships. With quite a few débutantes, as well as some veterans of the event, the team pulled together and supported each other well throughout the individuals event and the teams event.

NSW players took the gongs in the Under 11s Boys with Marcus Wang, Under 13 Girls with Maja Maziuk and the Under 19 Boys with Jacob Ford. Maeghan Wang (Girls Under 11s), Ken Lamb (Boys Under 15s) and Maggie Goodman (Girls Under 17s) finished runners-up.

Ken, however, exacted his revenge on Andre Lynn in the teams event with a clinical reversal of the individuals result.

The coaching staff of Melody Francis, Corben White, Tracey Johnson and Jemma Wratten would like to acknowledge the excellent leadership of this year's team captains Georgia Lane and Mitchell Black. Both showed exemplary character traits and are brilliant role models for the younger juniors.

Monika Maziuk kept the team fed and on their toes right across the event, her efforts were much appreciated.

Congratulations to debutants Maeghan Wang, Tara Black, Sophie Simpson, Kieran Willathgamuwa, Patrick Newey and Sam Goodman. We look forward to seeing your progress and continued development over the years.

In an effort to help the team decompress from the grind of the events, head coach Melody set the challenge to the team where she would donate \$1 to the charity of their choosing for every game they won.

The team chose the Cancer Council and raised a fantastic \$210 over the course of the two events.

The coaches are all exceptionally proud of each and every team member and we all look forward to working with you again in the future.



## 6 Western Australia



Mandurah Squash Club held its first Junior tournament in September this year. This was a well-run event from all volunteers to make it a great success that produced some wonderful Squash being played.

Alexander Marsh defeated Ashton Clement in Division 4. Miles Heyward won the Division 3 title over Isla McMullen, Caitlin Pratt and Hannah Slyth had a close encounter in the Division 2 with Caitlin just getting over the line while Remi Young proved too strong for Jackson Kiely to take home Division 1.

The first-ever Cambridge Junior Teams Challenge took place with more than 60 players taking to the court. This event is expected to grow in 2020 on the back of this year's great success.

The 2019 Golden Open PSA Challenger event was a success.

In the women's PSA event, Vanessa Chu (Hong Kong) proved too strong for Australia's Jessica Turnbull.

In other Divisions, Amanda Hopps (Division 1 and Masters), Jacqui Tonkin (Division 2), Hannah Slyth (Division 3), Dianne Watts (Division 4) and Caitlin Pratt (Division 2) were the winners.

In the men's PSA event, Japan's Ryunosuke took down Malaysia's Mohd Syafiq Kamal in four games.

In the other Divisions, Oscar Curtis (Division 1), Travis Hosking (Division 2), Mark Dalton (Division 3), Eric Marsh (Division 4), Henco Smit (Division 5), Paul Campbell (Masters), Dylan Classen (Junior Division 1) and Alexander Marsh (Junior Division 3) were the winners.

In earlier Platinum events in 2019, Oscar Curtis won the Boys Under 15 title at the Oceania Junior Championships.

Eric Marsh won the Boys Under 11 Oceania title and finished fourth in the AJO.

Isla Harris showcased her impressive year with runners-up performances at the Australian Junior Championships and the Australian Junior Open.

Greg Chan finished runners-up and third (twice) in three major events this year.

## 7 Queensland

Queensland Squash has been overwhelmed with tremendous success on the court in 2019.

The Australian Junior Championships produced four incredible individual winners and also taking out the Team title ahead of Victoria in a thrilling final day in Tasmania.

Congratulations to Sarbani Maitra (Under 11 Girls), Joshua Rahul Raj (Under 13 Boys), Madison Lyon (Under 15 Girls), Brendan Macdonald (Under 17 Boys) and Katie Davies (Under 17 Girls) for winning the National Championships in their respective age groups.



A big congratulations to Flynn Bartlett (Under 11 Boys) for making the final.

In the Australian Unisport Championships, Tom Calvert took home the Men's title, Jessica Osborne finished third and University of Queensland won the team's event.

In the Masters, Queensland secured 15 National Singles Championships and secured four Teams titles.

In the Australian Doubles event earlier this year, Zac Alexander and Tom Calvert won the Men's title, Rachael Grinham and Melissa Martin won the Women's title and finally, Rachael Grinham and Jordan Till won the Mixed title.

The World Doubles Championship had Queenslanders secure 3 silver and 1 bronze medal. Zac Alexander teamed up with Rex Hedrick to take silver in the Men's Doubles.

Jessica Turnbull teamed up with Sarah Cardwell to take silver in the Women's Doubles and Ethan Eyles teamed up with Christine Nunn to take silver in the Mixed. Zac Alexander and partner Alex Haydon won Bronze in the Mixed Doubles.

In the Australian National Championships, Jessica Turnbull won Bronze in the Women's Closed event.



## 8 Victoria

The Ballarat Open Racquetball event this year was yet again a major success. More than 110 players entered what is the third longest running Racquetball tournament in Australia, starting in 1985.

The highlights from the weekend included, Ryan McCarter capturing his second Men's Open title for the year which catapulted him into third placing on the 2019 Victorian Rankings table, just behind Garry Pedersen and Cam White, Bairnsdale's seven time Australian Open Champion Judy Wright, claiming her fourth Women's Open Crown for 2019, and remaining undefeated for the year, the Brigden (Amelia & Alex), and the Haberecht (Connor & Harrison) youngsters, winning their respective events, plus local Seth Adams claiming back to back Ballarat Open A Grade titles. Results - Summary

### Singles

Men's Open - Ryan McCarter (winner)  
Women's Open - Judy Kool (winner)  
A Grade - Seth Adams (winner)  
B Grade - Russell McLean (winner)  
C Grade - Alex Bridgen (winner)  
D Grade - Ilija Pantelich (winner)  
E Grade - Harrison Haberecht (winner)  
F Grade - Sue Moses (winner)  
Junior Girls - Amelia Brigden (winner)  
Junior Boys - Connor Haberecht (winner)

### Doubles

Open - Hain/Bayley (winners)  
A Grade - Tiet /Horvat (winners)  
B Grade - Dawson/Da Silva (winners)  
C Grade - Smits/Clancy (winners)  
D Grade - Crawford/Toogood (winners)  
E Grade - Morgan/Goulding (winners)

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# World Junior Championships - 2020

Many of the world's best junior athletes will converge on the Gold Coast in July for the 2020 WSF World Junior Championships.

The National Squash Centre in Carrara will play host to more than 150 talented athletes across Singles and Teams event for the honour to be crowned Junior World Champions and what better place to do it than in one of the best locations in Australia, the Gold Coast.

Squash players and fans will enjoy playing on world-class facilities in Carrara but glory of playing against the best players may be on par with the best of what Gold Coast has to offer, right around the corner.

Surfers Paradise is a short trip nearby with its stunning beaches, shops and restaurants. Join in with the locals by hiring a Surf board and catch some great waves at the beach or head across to Main Beach, enjoy some jet-skiing and then sit out on the deck of one of the restaurants, overlooking a sunset afterwards.

Pacific Fair is a short drive away. It is in the top five of the biggest major shopping centres in Australia and offers a unique shopping experience with plenty of eateries and outdoor entertainment that can leave Squash fans extending

their stay to get quality shopping in. Less than 20-minutes away is one of the best locations in Australia for quality attractions with Movie World, Sea World, Wet n Wild, Dream World and White Water World all within small proximity of each other and offering a week of entertainment on its own.

Get in touch with local wildlife at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and learn about the wildlife in Australia.

See some of Australia's most stunning birds with the Wildskies Free Flight Bird Show and enjoy the colour of the Lorikeets with special feedings. See the best of Australiana and reptiles while celebrating Australia's rich local aboriginal culture with an Aboriginal Dance Show.

Take a 40-minute drive south along the beach and explore Coolangatta while taking in some of the best beach scenery that the Gold Coast has to offer. Take a walk through some of the stunning parks along the ocean, enjoy a meal at one of the many Surf Lifesaving Clubs right on the beach or explore the many nice shops and cafes in towns such as Burleigh and Robina.

Want to explore nature at its finest? Mount Tambourine Rainforest Walk is a short 40-minute drive from the Squash courts and offers incredible rainforest bush walks and stunning waterfalls.

Do yourself a favour by hiring a car, and extend your stay around the World Junior Championships and embrace the great beauty that Gold Coast has to offer and enrich your experience.

The weather in July is perfect with temperatures always in the mid 20 degrees and producing lots of sunshine. It is the perfect way to spend the winter and of course, see some pulsating quality Squash at one of the best facilities in the country. It really doesn't get any better than that.

Photos: Destination Gold Coast

**AJO 2020**  
The 2020 Australian Junior Open takes place at the National Squash Centre in Carrara from Thursday July 9 to Sunday July 12.

**International Junior Training Camp**  
The International Junior Training Camp takes place at the Centre between the Australian Junior Open and World Junior Championships





# Australian Junior Championships

Squash Australia was thrilled to host the Australian Junior Championships in September and October this year in Devonport, Tasmania.

## Individuals

A staggering 164 players took to the court for the Individuals event at Devonport Squash Club.

Queensland and New South Wales produced the most individual winners with seven between them while South Australian Under 19 superstar Alex Haydon took home a

record-breaking seventh National Title after beating fellow South Australian Remashree Muniandy in the final.

Western Australia's Gregory Chan and ACT's Amber Chen won the MC Hazell awards respectively as the Best and Fairest players across the competition.

## Results

	Winner	Runner up	3rd place
Novice	Isaac Bramich (TAS)	Hunter McConnell (TAS)	Mackenzie Keating (TAS)

	Boys			Girls		
	Winner	Runner up	3rd place	Winner	Runner up	3rd place
U/11	Marcus Wang (NSW)	Flynn Bartlett (QLD)	Joel Roshan Raj (QLD)	Sarbani Maitra (QLD)	Maeghan Wang (NSW)	
U/13	Joshua Rahul Raj (QLD)	Aryan Madan (SA)	Darcy Hayes (VIC)	Maja Maziuk (NSW)	Isla Harris (WA)	Hannah Slyth (WA)
U/15	Andre Lynn (VIC)	Kenneth Lamb (NSW)	Josh Porter (QLD)	Madison Lyon (QLD)	Gabrielle Baines (VIC)	Caitlin Pratt (WA)
U/17	Brendan Macdonald (QLD)	Luke Eyles (QLD)	Dylan Classen (WA)	Katie Davies (QLD)	Maggie Goodman (NSW)	Kurstyn Mather (QLD)
U/19	Jacob Ford (NSW)	Gregory Chan (WA)	Dylan Molinaro (VIC)	Alex Haydon (SA)	Remashree Muniandy (SA)	Kate Winters (SA)

## Total

	QLD	NSW	WA	SA	VIC	TAS	ACT
Total	4	3	2	1	1	1	1

## Teams

It all came down to the final day of the Teams event in Devonport to determine the 2019 National Junior Champions in the Under 13, 15, 17 and 19 male and female teams.

It was always going to be an absolute battle for the two top seeds, Queensland and Victoria as they nervously took to the court eager to hold onto the top position in their respective age groups to get the win overall.

Final day match-ups had QLD v VIC, NSW v SA, ACT v TAS.

In the Under 15 boys Queensland Victoria match-up, Connor Hayes (Vic) took on Lachlan Erba (QLD). It was an upset that couldn't be missed as the favoured Victorian opponent went down in straight sets to his lower ranked Queensland opponent, 12-10, 11-7, 11-5.

It was from here that the competition really started to heat up as it turned into a race to the finish with the outlook of the winner constantly tipping to and from Queensland and Victoria.

Tasmin Swan (QLD) and Lara du Plessis (Vic) battled out a memorable encounter in the Under 19 girls event. It appeared that Queensland had the match in the bag, getting out of the gate a little bit faster. However, the match proved to be closer than initially anticipated.

Victoria wasn't about to let this one slip, as Lara fought to hold on in each game, showing that she was a worthy contender. The final match result ended in a win to Victoria, 9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-13, 11-9.

If things weren't already heated enough the final decider came down to the very last match of the day between Joshua Penfold (QLD)

and Dylan Molinaro (Vic) in the Under 19 boys.

It was a nail-biting five-setter with all spectators on the edge of their seats eagerly awaiting to see who would take out the overall winners of the team's competition!

It looked like the end prize was falling straight into Victoria's laps with Molinaro up 2-0, however, Queensland wasn't ready to give up the fight that easily with Joshua Penfold holding on tighter than ever to ensure to bring the match back to an even 2-2.

There was absolute silence as the rallies played out, with all eyes glued to the ball to see the final result. Cheering was ear-splitting as the Queenslander's and Victoria's clapped, screamed and whistled as their respective teammates won each rally.

It all came down to the wire, with the result finishing on a 'no let' call, on 10-9 in the fifth, allowing the win to fall into the hands of QLD. Joshua Penfold defeated Dylan Molinaro 7-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-9 in 47-minutes.

Tasmania finished strongly to claim fifth place ahead of ACT while South Australia didn't get a win but still won enough ties overall to claim a solid third place finish

*Squash Australia would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for their support of this event: Tasmanian Government, Devonport City Council, The Goodstone Group, and of course the team at the Devonport Squash Club.*

## Final Standings

U13	Score (ties)
VIC	130 (5)
QLD	101 (4)
SA	79 (3)
NSW	64 (2)
ACT	29 (1)
TAS	17 (0)

U15	Score (ties)
QLD	117 (4)
VIC	116 (5)
NSW	84 (3)
SA	40 (2)
ACT	40 (1)
TAS	23 (0)

U17	Score (ties)
QLD	136 (5)
VIC	105 (4)
SA	85 (3)
NSW	23 (2)
ACT	20 (1)
TAS	9 (0)

U19	Score (ties)
QLD	108 (5)
VIC	107 (4)
SA	78 (3)
TAS	57 (2)
ACT	38 (1)
NSW	14 (0)

OVERALL	Score (ties)
QLD	461 (19)
VIC	459 (17)
SA	217 (10)
NSW	247 (8)
ACT	120 (3)
TAS	116 (3)

## AJC 2020

The 2020 Australian Junior Championships will be held in Woden, ACT. The event runs from Saturday, September 26 to Sunday, October 4. For more details, check out the website [squash.org.au](http://squash.org.au)



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# Bert Armstrong - The Ultimate Squash Collector

Bert recently donated 20 historic racquets Squash Australia to be proudly displayed at National Squash Centre in Carrara on the Gold Coast.

Squash Australia wish to thank Bert for his thoughtful gesture and assisting in helping the organisation grow and promote Squash in Australia.



Bert has a unique collection of rackets made in the era of 1900 to 1930 by companies in England that no longer exist and that he has purchased off E-Bay. He also has over 40 wooden rackets still in wrapping from the 1960s to 1980s that look amazing.

His collection continues to grow with some very unique pieces including items other than Squash rackets.

Bert has a rare Hazel Streamline Badminton racket that was made by Grays in 1930,



When it comes to the sport of Squash, Melbourne's Bert Armstrong's love of the game is as rare as it comes. He is one of few Squashies in the world who fell in love with the game so much that he decided to collect Squash memorabilia from across the world.

Bert has one of the finest Squash collections in the world with more than 950 rackets at his Mt Waverley home that he has been collecting since he has lived adjacent the Riverside Golf Club since 1980.

A genuine lover of Squash with enough talent on the court to hold his own socially, Bert built a Squash court and then wrapped his house around it.

He has played more than 1000 games of Pennant Squash across his life-time, and now in his late 70s, has played most of those games after the age of 46, highlighting that you can still enjoy a lifetime of loving a new passion later in life.

The court has been home to many social events with lots of pennant and exhibition matches while providing accommodation to overseas Golf and Squash players who play in tournaments in Melbourne.



Anyone who has visited his house have fallen in love with the growing collection in Bert's house and have often added to the collection themselves during stays.



Bert, a former Mechanical Engineer, Cereal Farmer and Lumber and Property Developer has a collection of over 950 rackets that he has been collecting since the 1980s.

His collection spans more than 200 brands from 24 countries with the earliest one dating back to 1890.

Like the start of most collections, Bert had a few rackets in cupboards and didn't have space for them. He started to put them on display in his family home, liked the look of it and then started to add to it around the house. It took on a whole new life of its own across almost 40 years.

Unfortunately he has not yet acquired the Squash model, only 2 are known to exist worldwide, has anyone got one ?

He also has Australian Professional Squash Championship Cup from 1931, another rare piece.

He also has many books, magazines and pamphlets signed by some incredible players including Eustace Miles, Geoff Hunt, Jonah Barrington, Heather McKay and numerous items signed by world championship players.

Friends would often visit and donate to the racket collection which has contributed to his growing racket variety that help showcase the evolution of the Squash racket over the past 130 years.



Check out Bert's breath-taking collection via the following link:

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	TOTAL CLUBS CURRENTLY BENEFITING FROM FREE SPORTYHQ	FINANCIAL BENEFIT	IF ALL CLUBS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF FREE SPORTYHQ	FINANCIAL BENEFIT
	11	\$14,460.00	84	\$140,720.00
	27	\$13,020.00	158	\$262,866.00
	36	\$60,480.00	132	\$221,760.00
	9	\$13,680.00	17	\$24,720.00
	14	\$20,940.00	56	\$94,080.00
	5	\$7,260.00	11	\$19,320.00
	2	\$20,160.00	65	\$108,060.00
	11	\$5,400.00	6	\$7,500.00
	<b>115</b>	<b>\$155,400.00</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>\$879,026.00</b>

BASED ON LATEST DATA



THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT

TOTAL CLUBS	115	TOTAL CLUBS	529
FINANCIAL BENEFIT	\$155,400.00	FINANCIAL BENEFIT	\$879,026.00

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# Sporty HQ

SportyHQ it is a fantastic tool to help your club run efficiently with online bookings, tournaments, ladders, membership payments, your website and more.

**FREE Centre/Club website**

**FREE online court booking system**

**FREE club member system**

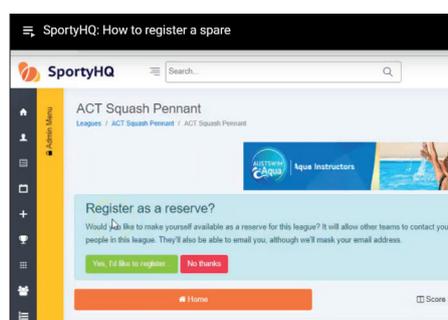
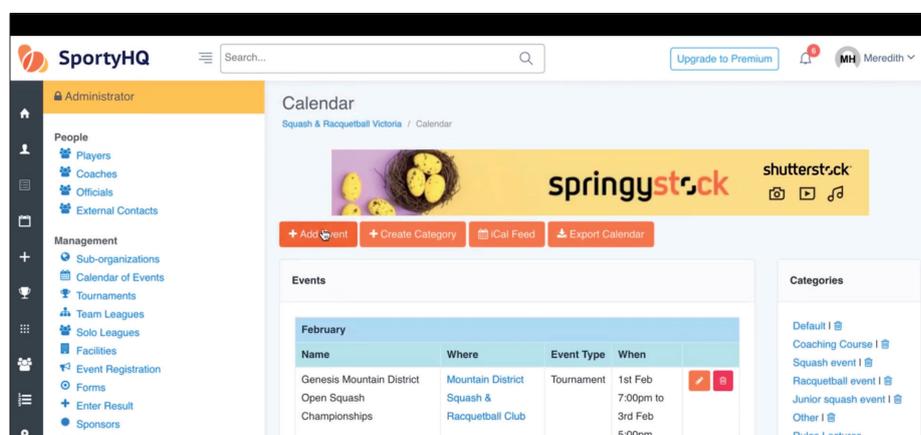
It's the perfect application to allow members to view their current standings and match schedule online while improving player participation and engagement by making these services readily available and right at your fingertips.

When used to its maximum potential, SportyHQ has the ability to help clubs and states manage and communicate with all of their members, this includes the set-up and processing of different membership types and payments, the ability to pay regional/state affiliations from the initial club sign-up page, mass communication and effective tools to promote events and participation.

When the system is used to its full potential, participation numbers are more readily accessible.

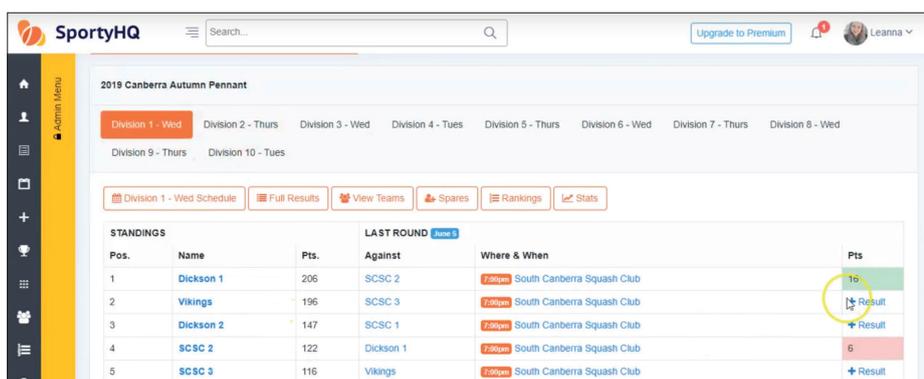
## What SportyHQ does:

- Subsidised SportyHQ modules for affiliated clubs!
- Easy to use and accessible functions for managing and communicating with members
- The set-up of membership plans and the ability to pay state and regional affiliations in the one place
- Online booking and court payment system, ability to add funds to an account, reports for court usage
- Court booking app for players
- Easy to use performance module; running of pennants, tournaments, in-house competitions and various other events.
- Simple and effective scheduling tools for tournaments and leagues.
- Simple sign-up process for players to enter events and register their interest.
- Quick payment processes
- Easy to use phone app for scoring Score Squash
- Website Builder



## Benefits of SportyHQ:

- Allows for greater communication between state, club and players.
- Easy to use and effective league, tournament and scheduling processes
- Increased participation in tournaments/leagues
- Effective reporting of participation numbers to assist with grant applications
- Faster payment processes
- Stronger emphasis on user engagement
- One stop shop for all things membership, leagues, bookings and communication.



# National Squash Centre Update

**The National Squash Centre at Carrara, Gold Coast has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success over the past 12 months as the home of Squash in Australia.**

The Centre was the benefit of the Commonwealth Games Legacy Project as the home for Squash Australia's High Performance programs, major events and for grass-roots squash on the Gold Coast.



The courts were among the 20,000 assets gifted back to the community under the Sports Assets Legacy Program from the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

It has held International, National and Local club events that have seen thousands of players from across Australia, and the world enjoy its facilities.

The Centre held the 2019 WSF World Doubles tournament in June this year with some of the best players in the world competing together and against each other in the Women, Men and Mixed events.

The Australian's dominated across the tournament winning Gold medals in all three events, much to the delight of an adoring crowd.

The Centre was home to one of the biggest Squash events in Australia when it played host to the 2019 Australian Masters Squash Championships in September involving more than 700 players and volunteers across two weeks of competition.



It also held the 2019 Australian Squash University Championships with more than 80 players from across the country participating in the event, a record for Squash in the Championships.

Squash Australia use its facilities to run its High Performance program. It is a training venue to some of the best promising Squash athletes in Australia.

Carrara has been home to a number of school holiday programs where kids have taken to the courts for a day of fun-filled Squash activities with a happy atmosphere. It is an outstanding experience for the local kids who have the opportunity to engage and participate in a camp on world-class facilities.

Aside from hosting some of the best events in the world and Australia, the Centre is home to numerous Pennant and Doubles competitions weekly, ensuring that the courts are regularly used by lovers of the sport who are new to the game or are keen to pick the game up again.



The quality of the facilities has encouraged a number of former players to pick up a racquet and participate in weekly or National competitions like the Masters, and showcasing its aim of increasing participation across all age groups.

The National Squash Centre will soon take a look into the future with the development of a 24/7 access and online booking and payment system through SportyHQ. This will be easy to use, efficient and will be in use at the Squash courts by the end of 2019.

This will enhance the safety and access when participants want to play and further strengthen the Centre as a premier world-class facility.

The Centre will have an Interactive

Squash Court which will encourage more players to participate and engage with the sport and take it into a new high-tech era. This new addition will see an increase of participation in younger players across the region.



The National Squash Centre is preparing for its greatest event in 2020 when it opens its doors to the world in July 2020 for the World Junior Championships.

Players, coaches, volunteers and families from across the world and Australia will call Gold Coast home in July where the best junior players in the world will compete for the highest honour in the sport for their age.

This event will further highlight the Carrara Squash Centre as one of the best Squash Centres in Australia.





# Carrara Squash Centre



## THEN

**THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES CAMPAIGN FOR A NATIONAL SQUASH CENTRE BEGAN IN 2015 A 'HOME OF SQUASH' IN THE CARRARA INDOOR STADIUM.**

**THE ORIGINAL LEGACY HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND THE COURTS WERE TO BE SOLD.**

**THE CENTRE CONCEPT WAS ONLY CONFIRMED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE GAMES, A GREAT OUTCOME FOR THE SPORT.**

**THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT AND SQUASH AUSTRALIA COMBINED FOUND THE \$500,000 TO MAKE THE INSTALLATIONS AND SET UP WORK.**



## NOW

**THE FACILITY BOASTS SIX SQUASH COURTS AND HAS BENEFITED FROM A FURTHER \$400,000 IN GRANTS SINCE IT OPENED.**

**THERE IS A NEW INTERACTIVE COURT BEING INSTALLED.**

**THERE IS BUILT-IN STREAMING SET UP.**

**THE CENTRE IS HOME TO SQUASH AUSTRALIA NATIONAL TRAINING.**

**THE CENTRE HAS A THRIVING SQUASH CLUB AND IS HELPING EMBED SQUASH TO THE LOCAL GOLD COAST COMMUNITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER SQUASH CENTRES.**

**THE CENTRE HOSTED THE WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2019.**

**THE CENTRE WILL HOST THE WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2020.**



# NO. 1 BALL

## WORLD'S # 1 BALL



### PRO

#### Advanced Players

The Pro squash ball has the lowest bounce of all four balls in the range. Suitable for advanced players.

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STANDARD

### COMPETITION

#### Intermediate Players

The Competition squash ball is the same size as the Pro but has a 10% longer hang time. Suitable for intermediate players.

HANGTIME

+10%

### PROGRESS

#### Improve Players

The Progress squash ball is 6% larger and has a 20% longer hang time than the Pro. Suitable for improve players.

HANGTIME

+20%

### INTRO

#### Beginner Players

The Intro squash ball is 12% larger and has a 40% longer hang time than the Pro. Suitable for beginner players.

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Official Ball



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SQUASH AUSTRALIA

DUNLOP SPORT

OFFICIAL PARTNER

Here is a selection of competition standard 2-dot or double-yellow balls to see which one was the lord of the bounce.



### Dunlop:

Cost: AUD\$39.99 per dozen  
Speed through air: 5/10  
Durability: 4/5  
Bounce Height: 

**OVERVIEW:** With around 90% of global sales Dunlop are the de-facto standard setter and the automatic go-to choice for players around the world. The characteristics of the Dunlop ball, the bounce, the feel and the durability, just feel 'right' and are what all other balls must be judged against. The consistency of product -with the odd ball in occasional boxes performing slightly different to the bulk - is the only negative to what is a stellar product.



### Wilson:

Cost: AUD\$46.95 per dozen  
Speed through air: 7/10  
Durability: 3/5  
Bounce Height: 

**OVERVIEW:** The most similar ball to the Dunlop on test, the Wilson enjoyed similar speed and durability but had a marginally lower bounce in the back court resulting in a more 'dead' back-wall rebound putting more pressure on the retriever. It was marginally more 'spongy' off the racket face also. It was the easiest and quickest ball to warm to sufficient temperature and the gunshot sound effects that accompanied any smashing drive was a source of many smiles.



### Harrow:

Cost: AUD\$42.50 per dozen  
Speed through air: 4/10  
Durability: 2/5  
Bounce Height: 

**OVERVIEW:** The most unpredictable ball on test, the Harrow felt wayward at times, delivering greater hang time through the air and a slower speed that meant a much lower bounce off the floor. The most varied in terms of bounce consistency, it was much harder to find a repeating length in play but the variation proved to be an positive training stimulus to keep players on their toes for unsuspected bounces at all times.



### Karakal:

Cost: AUD\$45.50 per dozen  
Speed through air: 8/10  
Durability: 3.5/5  
Bounce Height: 

**OVERVIEW:** Similar to the Black Knight, the Karakal ball played closer in characteristic to a Dunlop One Dot, requiring much less pace and power to play constant punishing length drives. Flying faster through the air it made striking volleys a tougher task but was a joy on front-court defensive play, with much less wrist and power required to play an inch-perfect lob.



### Black Knight:

Cost: AUD\$48.50 per dozen  
Speed through air: 9/10  
Durability: 2/5  
Bounce Height: 

**OVERVIEW:** While feeling similar to the Dunlop in weight, the Black Knight ball was much faster through the air - requiring much less force to hit the back corners and bouncing with much greater height as a result - giving the striker more time on the shot akin to a Dunlop single-yellow ball. The high speed off the front wall made finding a consistent length more difficult while the logo and colour faded quickest on test.



### Victor:

Cost: AUD \$39.99 per dozen  
Speed through air: 5/10  
Durability: 3.5/5  
Bounce Height: 

**OVERVIEW:** Victor balls feel slightly heavier off the racket face in comparison to the Dunlop and the other balls on test. The weight, along with a little added texture, allows greater purchase on short play - leading to increased feeling of control - but means that an extra punch is needed to find the perfect length drive. The slight weight difference resulted in a lower bounce in the back corners, meaning a sweetly struck drive delivered a satisfactory winner.

## CONCLUSION:

As the go-to ball for players around the world and the unquestioned behemoth in the squash ball arena, it is hard to look past Dunlop as a leader of the pack. With consistent performance that just feels 'right', Dunlop continue to be the ball that all others aspire to be. While some of the competition offer better feel on the front court shots (Victor and Karakal) or easier length hitting (Black Knight), none have yet combined all elements of speed through the air, rebound height off the front wall, durability, height and bounce off the floor and texture to mount a serious challenge to the Dunlop product just yet. Having said that, the Victor ball at its cheaper price point, offers best value for money.

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# 2019 Australia University Squash Championships - Carrara

## Squash Australia host the 2019 Australia University Squash Division One Championships at the National Squash Centre in September and October.

University of Queensland were the stand-out performers by producing wins in the Teams event and the Men's Final.

ACU led the way in the Women's event with Shehana Vithana winning the final.

University of Tasmania produced the best overall performance for the week by finishing runners-up in the Team event, and Grace Pattison and Jack Hudson finishing runners-up in the Women's and Men's Gold medal finals

### Teams

#### Gold

University of Queensland 120  
University of Tasmania 96

#### Bronze

Melbourne University 118  
University of Sydney 67

#### 5th v 6th

University of New England 91  
Bond University 50

#### 7th

University of NSW

#### 8th

Monash University

#### 9th

Griffith University

### Final Pool Standings

A - UQ, UTAS, Melb, UNSW, GU  
B - USYD, Bond, UNE, MON  
J - UNSW, MON, GU

### Women

#### Gold

Shehana Vithana defeated Grace Pattison 3-0

#### Bronze

Jessica Osborne defeated Jessica Graham 3-1

### Final Pool Standings

A Division - Jessica Graham (15), Jessica Osborne (13), Kiara Guruge (11), Nancy Brown (9), Preem Itthiboon (7), Elane Ya Goa (2).

B - Shehana Vithana (15), Grace Pattison (13), Summer Palmer (11), Ka Yi Hui (9), Georgia Colbourne (7), Sophie Rooney (5).

### Men

#### Gold

Tom Calvert defeated Jack Hudson 3-0.

#### Bronze

Jon Van Der Kreek defeated Aidan Rowston 3-1.

### Final Pool Results

A Division - Jack Hudson (15), Tom Freire (13), Ben Van Der Kreek (11), Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan (9), Edoardo Santagta (3), Nick Calvert (2).

B - Tom Calvert (15), Ho Hend Chong (13), Martin Collins (11), Nathan Castles (9), Isaac Law (6), Alex Ingall (5).

C - Joel Luca (15), Aiden Rowston (13), Jacob Bird (11), Thammita Laki (9), Dominic Givney (7), Jake Kabbout (5).

D - Jon Van Der Kreek (15), Matt Hui, Muhammed Hussain, Geoff Murphy (11), Manuel Lequerica (7), Mradul Agrawal (4).

E - Josh Stack-Masula (15), Jamie Pattison (13), James Kavourkis (11), Ishaan Mehta (9), Michael Pryor (7), Adam Bourke (5).

F - Nathan Laver (15), Zargham Muhammed Javed (13), Haider Shah (11), Josh Croft (9), Will Howard (7), Stephanus Malan (5).

**Aus University Nationals**  
**Division 1 and 2**  
will be held in Perth in 2020 from  
Saturday September 26 to Friday  
October 2



# Squash Girls Can: Squash Australia's latest initiative to encourage more women and girls on court playing squash.



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[www.squashgirlscan.com.au](http://www.squashgirlscan.com.au)

**The program is funded by Sport Australia's Move It AUS participation grant initiative (\$213,000, ending June 30 2020).**

The Move It AUS Participation Grant Program was received in March 2019 and provided Squash Australia with an opportunity to get Australian's moving and to support the aspiration to make Australia the world's most active and healthy nation.

Squash Girls Can is aimed at females attending or involved within universities across Australia.

Squash Australia identified this target market because statistics show a significant drop off in female participation in physical activity at this life stage.

It is a modifiable six-week course that provides women and girls with an opportunity to learn the skills of squash in a judgement-free and fun environment.

Participants cover the basics of squash, the rules and eventually play a full match.

Participants gain confidence to continue with squash in whichever format they choose, whether it be further coaching programs or social squash nights.

Squash Girls Can provides squash clubs associated with universities a fantastic opportunity to build awareness and player membership.

Squash Australia is excited to work with Sport Australia and the university sector across Australia to grow female participation in sport.

In 2019, Squash Australia developed Squash Girls Can from the previous Hits and Giggles Program from Squash Victoria.

Canberra University, Sydney University and Bond University were part of phase 1; with Adelaide University, Flinders University and Melbourne University involved in phase 2.

Squash Australia wish to thank all coordinators, coaches and volunteers that helped bring this program to life.

Squash Australia is looking to fully roll-out Squash Girls Can in 2020 so universities and clubs across Australia can be involved. It has marketing and program resources ready, and support from staff to get the program up and running.

Squash Girls Can is perfect for university students as it is a quick, fun and engaging form of exercise that can fit into any busy schedule. It is a great way to bolster club membership by building a new pathway into the sport for women and girls. To find out more please contact Meredith at:

[participation@squash.org.au](mailto:participation@squash.org.au)



# AUSTRALIAN DOUBLES OPEN

## 15-16 Feb 2020



**NATIONAL SQUASH CENTRE, GOLD COAST**

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**MEN'S, WOMEN'S & MIXED  
OPEN AST EVENTS**



**COMBINED GRADED EVENTS  
COMBINED JUNIOR EVENTS**



**CITY OF  
GOLDCOAST.**



# Masters Trans Tasman

Front Row L to R Sarah Nelson (NSW), Kym Phillips (Qld), Sue Davis (Qld), Sue Hillier (WA), Gaye Mitchell (Tas), Anne Richards (WA), Melissa Martin (Qld)  
 Back Row L to R: Warren Miller (Vic), Peter Bastow (NSW), Jeff Bond (NSW), Brad Freeme (Qld), Kelvin Smith (Qld), Mark O'Hare (Vic), Michael Brown (Tas)

## First Trans Tasman Test 14th October

With a very healthy and enthusiastic crowd of over 100, the battle for the Vic Belsham Trophy began. An official Maori Welcome at the Timaru Squash Club was held before matches commenced. The Australian and New Zealand Managers then introduced their players. As in previous Series, all present sang their national anthems which were performed by local school children.

The match results were as follows:

Men's 40 Mark O'Hare def Allan Crome 11/4, 5/11, 12/10, 8/11, 11/5

Women's 60 Anne Richards def Karen Walton 11/8, 11/9, 11/7

Women's 55 Sue Hillier def Kay Newman 11/8, 11/5, 11/4

Men's 65 Michael Brown lost to Wayne Seebeck 6/11, 8/11, 9/11

Men's 55 Warren Miller def Brett Meyer 11/13, 12/10, 11/2, 11/4

Women's 65 Gaye Mitchell def Freda Walker 6/11, 12/10, 13/11, 13/11

Women's 35 Kym Phillips lost to Karen Roberts 9/11, 11/7, 8/11, 7/11

Men's 35 Brad Freeme def Kashif Shuja 11/5, 11/8, 11/8

Men's 60 Kelvin Smith def Mark Waldin 11/8, 7/11, 11/4, 11/1

Women's 50 Sarah Nelson def Lisa Cowlard 16/6, 9/11, 11/5, 13/11

Women's 40 Melissa Martin def Debbie Dunbar 11/7, 11/6, 5/11, 6/11, 11/2

Men's 45 Jeff Bond def Scott Gardiner 11/9, 11/8, 11/6

Men's 50 Peter Bastow lost to Gary Duberly 4/11, 11/6, 5/11, 11/9, 7/11

Women's 45 Sue Davis def Nadine Cull 5/11, 11/9, 11/3, 11/2

Australia secured a very decisive win (11) matches to (3), (36) games to (19) and (540) points to (436).

This gave Australia a 1-0 lead in the best of three (3) Test Series.

## Second Trans Tasman Test 15th October

The Second Test was again played in front of another enthusiastic crowd of approx 100 locals and visitors at Timaru Squash Club.

The match results were as follows:

Women's 65 Gaye Mitchell def Freda Walker 10/12, 11/3, 11/6, 11/8

Men's 40 Mark O'Hare def Allan Crome 8/11, 11/9, 11/7, 11/8

Men's 35 Brad Freeme def Kashif Shuja 6/11, 13/11, 11/4, 11/5

Women's 45 Sue Davis def Nadine Cull 2/11, 16/14, 6/11, 11/8, 11/9

Women's 50 Sarah Nelson lost to Lisa Cowlard 9/11, 5/11, 10/12

Men's 55 Warren Miller def Brett Meyer 2/11, 13/11, 13/11, 4/11, 11/8

Men's 60 Kelvin Smith def Mark Waldin 11/5, 11/9, 11/4

Women's 35 Kym Phillips lost to Karen Roberts 11/9, 7/11, 8/11, 11/7, 7/11

Women's 55 Sue Hillier def Kay Newman 10/12, 11/1, 11/6, 11/7

Men's 65 Michael Brown lost to Wayne Seebeck 14/12, 7/11, 11/4, 5/11, 6/11

Men's 45 Jeff Bond lost to Scott Gardiner 8/11, 11/5, 4/11, 11/5, 12/14

Women's 60 Anne Richards def Karen Walton 11/9, 13/11, 11/9

Women's 40 Melissa Martin def Debbie Dunbar 11/5, 12/10, 11/9

Men's 50 Peter Bastow def Gary Duberly 11/9, 11/7, 11/6

Australia won the 2nd Test (10) matches to (4), (36) games to (20) and (547) points to (497), therefore defending the Vic Belsham Shield with an unassailable 2-0 Series lead.

## Third Trans Tasman Test 17th October

The Third and final Test was played in front of another enthusiastic crowd of approx 150 locals and visitors at Timaru Squash Club.

The match results were as follows:

Men's 50 Peter Bastow def Gary Duberly 4/11, 11/9, 12/10, 11/7

Women's 60 Anne Richards def Karen Walton 11/9, 6/11, 11/9, 11/9

Women's 65 Gaye Mitchell def Freda Walker 11/7, 9/11, 7/11, 11/5, 11/8

Men's 35 Brad Freeme def Kashif Shuja 10/12, 11/8, 11/9, 11/6

Men's 40 Mark O'Hare def Allan Crome 8/11, 11/6, 17/15, 11/5

Women's 55 Sue Hillier def Kay Newman 11/3, 11/6, 11/8

Women's 45 Sue Davis def Nadine Cull 15/13, 7/11, 11/3, 11/6

Men's 60 Kelvin Smith def Mark Waldin 11/1, 11/5, 10/12, 11/6

Men's 45 Jeff Bond lost to Scott Gardiner 11/13, 7/11, 11/4, 9/11

Women's 35 Kym Phillips lost to Karen Roberts 11/4, 11/13, 9/11, 7/11

Women's 50 Sarah Nelson lost to Lisa Cowlard 9/11, 10/12, 5/11

Men's 65 Michael Brown def Wayne Seebeck 14/12, 11/4, 6/11, 11/5

Men's 55 Warren Miller def Brett Meyer 11/8, 3/11, 11/4, 11/5

Women's 40 Melissa Martin def Debbie Dunbar 11/9, 11/5, 11/7

Australia won the 3rd Test (11) matches to (3), (35) games to (19) and (549) points to (452), hence completing a clean sweep of the Series.



# Eye Protection in Squash

## Dr Jason Daley

As iMASK puts it, Money can't buy another eye.

Hello! My name is Dr Jason Daley and my two biggest passions are Squash and Medicine. This is why I would like to inform you of the need to wear eye protection whilst playing Squash. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, there are over 700 Australians each year who come to hospital with a sports-related eye injury. This can be a minor injury such as a cut to the eyelid or be catastrophic, such as a ball to the eye leading to blindness.

Eye injuries in Squash are rare, but one in every four players will experience some form of eye injury in their playing career. Fortunately, with proper eye protection like Squash goggles, and the iMASK, this risk is largely avoided. They are designed to absorb the impact from the ball or a racket. A lot of the time, you'll be surrounded by players not wearing them, but why take a chance with your eyes?

Australian Squash policy is that all juniors, coaches and doubles players must wear protective eye-wear whilst on court. As a doctor who has spent time in the eye clinic, I have seen some of the devastating eye injuries. I definitely wear squash goggles when I'm on court, and I recommend you do the same.

Jason is a medical graduate of Bond University who has a passion for eye health and enjoys playing Squash in his free time.

Jason's video can be viewed on the Squash Australia YouTube page.



Jason Daley



# Commonwealth Games Australia

## Who are we?

Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) is a member-based organisation (our members are the National Sporting Organisations (NSO's) representing the sports participating in Commonwealth Games), which receives no Federal Government funding and exists to administer, control and coordinate the participation of program sports and their respective athletes and officials in the Commonwealth Games. However, we do much more than this!

We relish the role of being both a leader and collaborative delivery agency in the Australian and international Commonwealth Games movement and more generally the Australian sporting sector. We see ourselves as an open, collaborative, supportive and high performing element of the Australian and International Commonwealth Games movement. Our DNA is based on being "first among equals" in everything we do!

We are committed to accurately identifying the specific needs of our members, partners and stakeholders and to developing/delivering systems, programs and support designed specifically to meet these needs.

## High performance partners

Commonwealth Games Australia is committed to working with partner sports and high performance partners to ensure the best possible preparation for Australian athletes to compete at the Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth Games Australia would like to acknowledge our partnerships with the AIS and APC.

In 2016, Commonwealth Games Australia announced a new \$2 million partnership with the AIS to assist athlete preparation for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

The additional \$2 million contribution to the AIS funding program went directly to athletes to ensure the best preparation possible for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth Games Australia was also proud to partner with the Australian Paralympics Committee for Gold Coast 2018. More than 50 para-athletes were part of the Australian Team for Gold Coast 2018.

## What is the 'commonwealth'?

The Commonwealth is an association of sovereign nations which support each other and work together towards international goals. There are 52 member countries, spanning across Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Pacific – all of which have equal say, regardless of size or economic stature. This ensures even the smallest member countries have a voice in shaping the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Games is open to eligible competitors of the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) of all Commonwealth countries, colonies and dependent or associated territories of a Commonwealth country.

Although there are 52 Commonwealth nations, the Commonwealth Games Movement recognises 70 nations and territories. Each of these nations/territories has a CGA. CGAs have exclusive authority to send athletes to participate in the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games.



33% COMMONWEALTH  
67% REST OF THE WORLD

LAND AREA BREAKDOWN



21% COMMONWEALTH  
79% REST OF THE WORLD



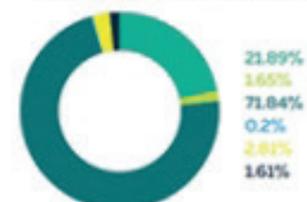
POPULATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
**2,328,000,000**

# 71

NATIONS AND TERRITORIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH



TOTAL POPULATION PER REGION





Women	Men	Mixed
 <b>Christine Nunn/ Donna Lobban (AUS)</b>	 <b>Ryan Cuskelly/ Cameron Pilley (AUS)</b>	 <b>Cameron Pilley/ Donna Lobban (AUS)</b>
 <b>Sarah Cardwell/ Jess Turnbull (AUS)</b>	 <b>Zac Alexander/ Rex Hedrick (AUS)</b>	 <b>Ethan Eyles/ Christine Nunn (AUS)</b>
 <b>Selena Shaikh/ Taylor Flavell (AUS)</b>	 <b>Jean-Pierre Brits/ Christo Potgieter (RSA) and Andres Herrera and Juan Camilo Vargas (COL)</b>	 <b>Zac Alexander/Alex Haydon (AUS) and Catalina Pelaez/Matias Knudsen (COL)</b>

## Australia's Cameron Pilley and Donna Lobban swept the final day of the WSF World Doubles Championships, with the cousins from New South Wales both claiming two gold medals.

Pilley and Ryan Cuskelly defended their world title, again claiming gold in the men's event with victory over fellow Australian's Zac Alexander (QLD) and Rex Hedrick (VIC).

Cuskelly and Pilley set the tone early racing to a lead in the first game and taking it convincingly 11-5. In the second, Alexander and Hedrick fought hard with Cuskelly taking issue to a number of refereeing decisions. The experienced duo from New South Wales managed to prevail in the second to secure a second straight world championship title.

"That second game was very much 50-50 and could have been anyone's but very happy that we pulled back that deficit at the end of the last one," Pilley said.

"They had us a little nervous at the end but they played some good squash by we're just happy to have got the job done," Cuskelly added.

Pilley joined with Lobban to take gold in the mixed decider as well. The combination which was victorious at the 2018 Commonwealth Games again proved too strong to defeat Australian pair Ethan Eyles and Christine Nunn.

Seventeen-year-old Eyles, making his Australian senior debut, was impressive in the final against his more experienced opponents.

Nunn added to her silver medal in the mixed and Lobban to her gold, with the pair teaming to win gold in the women's doubles event.

The experienced duo, who were partnered for the first time in this tournament, were pushed by fellow Australian's Sarah Cardwell and Jessica Turnbull.

Lobban and Nunn claimed a tight first game 11-9 and were up 2-0 in the second game before a heavy collision between Nunn and Cardwell sent the latter to the floor. Cardwell hit her head in the fall, but was cleared by medical staff and was able to resume the match.

Lobban and Nunn stayed composed despite the delay in play and went on to win the second 11-4.

"I'm really happy with how we played and stayed focused throughout the tournament," Nunn said.

"It's been a good week and we've been able to build on every match."

The two said their immediate concern after the match was for the health of their team-mate (Cardwell) but were elated with the result.

Victorian pair Taylor Flavell and Selena Shaikh ensured an Australian clean sweep of the medals, defeating Colombian sisters Maria and Laura Tovar in the bronze medal match 11-6 11-8.

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# World Doubles

## Carrara Squash Centre, Gold Coast

### Finals - Gold Medal Matches

**Women:** Donna Lobban/Christine Nunn (Aust) defeated Sarah Cardwell/Jessica Turnbull (Aust) 2-0 (11-9, 11-4)

**Men:** Ryan Cuskelly/Cameron Pilley (Aust) 2-0 defeated Zac Alexander/Rex Hedrick (Aust) 2-0 (11-5, 11-10)

**Mixed:** Donna Lobban/Cameron Pilley (Aust) 2-0 defeated Christine Nunn/Ethan Eyles (Aust) 2-0 (11-5, 11-8)

### SEMI FINALS

**Women:** Sarah Cardwell/Jessica Turnbull (Aust) defeated Laura Tovar/Maria Tovar (Col) 2-1 (11-8, 5-11, 11-5)

Taylor Flavell/Selena Shaikh (Aust) defeated Jemyca Aribado/Aysah Dalida (Phi) 2-0 (11-7, 11-6)

**Men:** Ryan Cuskelly/Cameron Pilley (Aust) defeated Andres Herrera/Juan Camilo Vargas (Col) 2-0 (11-5, 11-7)

Zac Alexander/Rex Hedrick (Aust) defeated Jean-Pierre Brits/Christo Potgieter (RSA) 2-0 (11-9, 11-4)

**Mixed:** Donna Lobban/Cameron Pilley (Aust) defeated Alex Haydon/Zac Alexander (Aust) 2-0 (11-7, 11-9)

Christine Nunn/Ethan Eyles (Aust) defeated Catalina Pelaez/Matias Knudsen (Col) 2-0 (11-10, 11-6)

### WSF World Doubles Championships 2021

Will be hosted at the National Squash Centre in Carrara on the Goldcoast from Thursday, July 1 to Monday, July 5 2021



# bles Championships 2019

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## PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

### Round 1

**Women:** Donna Lobban/Christine Nunn (Aust) defeated Laura Tovar/Maria Tovar (Col) 2-0 (11-8, 11-5)  
Sarah Cardwell/Jessica Turnbull (Aust) defeated Jemyca Aribado/Aysah Dalida (Phi) 2-0 (11-8, 11-9)

**Men:** Ryan Cuskelly/Cameron Pilley (Aust) defeated Jean-Pierre Britts/Christo Potgieter (RSA) 2-1 (11-3, 7-11, 11-5)  
Nick Calvert/Tom Calvert (Aust) defeated Robert Garcia/David Pelino (Phi) 2-0 (11-9, 11-5)  
Zac Alexander/Rex Hedrick (Aust) defeated Darren Chan/Bryan Lim (Mas) 2-0 (11-7, 11-9)  
Andres Herrera/Juan Camilo Vargas (Col) defeated Ravindu Laksiri/Shamil Wakeel (Sri) 2-0 (11-6, 11-9)

**Mixed:** Caralina Pelaez/Matias Knudsen (Col) defeated Colette Sultana/Kijan Sultana (MLT) 2-0 (11-1, 11-2)  
Alex Haydon/Zac Alexander (Aust) defeated Aysah Dalida/Reymark Begornia (Phi) 2-0 (11-6, 11-9)  
Donna Lobban/Cameron Pilley (Aust) defeated Jemyca Aribado/Robert Garcia (Phi) 2-0 (11-5, 11-9)



### Round 2

**Women:** Donna Lobban/Christine Nunn (Aust) defeated Taylor Flavell/Selena Shaikh (Aust) 2-0 (11-6, 11-8)  
Laura Tovar/Maria Tovar (Col) defeated Jemyca Aribado/Aysah Dalida (Phi) 2-0 (11-4, 11-7)

**Men:** Ryan Cuskelly/Cameron Pilley (Aust) defeated Madison Eggert/Thomas King (Can) 2-0 (11-1, 11-5)  
Jean-Pierre Britts/Christo Potgieter (RSA) defeated Robert Garcia/David Pelino (Phi) 2-1 (11-5, 8-11, 11-9)  
Zac Alexander/Rex Hedrick (Aust) defeated Bradley Hindle/Kijan Sultana (MLT) 2-0 (11-2, 11-2)  
Darren Chan Bryan Lim (Mas) defeated Ravindu Laksiri/Shamil Wakeel (Sri) 2-1 (11-7, 4-11, 11-9)  
Nick Calvert/Tom Calvert (Aust) defeated Madison Eggert/Tom King (Can) 2-0 (11-6, 11-8)  
Ryan Cuskelly/Cameron Pilley (Aust) defeated Robert Garcia/David Pelino (Phi) 2-0 (11-5, 11-5)  
Andres Herrera/Juan Camilo Vargas (Col) defeated Bradley Hindle/Kijan Sultana (MLT) 2-0 (11-4, 11-6)  
Zac Alexander/Rex Hedrick (Aust) defeated Ravindu Laksiri/Shamil Wakeel (Sri) 2-0 (11-6, 11-5)

**Mixed:** Christine Nunn/Ethan Eyles (Aust) defeated Jemyca Aribado/Robert Garcia (Phi) 2-0 (11-4, 11-10)  
Catalina Pelaez/Matias Knudsen (Col) defeated Alex Haydon/Zac Alexander (Aust) 2-0 (11-9, 11-4)  
Colette Sultana/Kijan Sultana (MLT) defeated Aysah Dalida/Reymark Begornia (Phi) 2-0 (11-8, 11-10)

### Round 3

**Women:** Sarah Cardwell/Jessica Turnbull (Aust) defeated Taylor Flavell/Selena Shaikh (Aust) 2-0 (11-9, 11-7)  
Donna Lobban/Christine Nunn (Aust) defeated Jemyca Aribado/Aysah Dalida (Phi) 2-0 (11-7, 11-3).

**Men:** Jean-Pierre Britts/Christo Potgieter (RSA) defeated Nick Calvert/Tom Calvert (Aust) 2-0 (11-1, 11-4)  
Robert Garcia/David Pelino (Phi) defeated Madison Eggert/Tom King (Can) 2-0 (11-7, 11-10)  
Andres Herrera/Juan Camilo Vargas (Col) defeated Darren Chan/Bryan Lim (Mas) 2-1 (9-11, 11-9, 11-6)  
Bradley Hindle/Kijan Sultana (MLT) defeated Ravindu Laksiri/Shamil Wakeel (Sri) 2-0 (11-8, 11-8)  
Zac Alexander/Rex Hedrick (Aust) defeated Andres Herrera/Juan Camilo Vargas (Col) 2-0 (11-8, 11-6)  
Darren Chan/Bryan Lim (Mas) defeated Bradley Hindle/Kijan Sultana (MLT) 2-0 (11-7, 11-10)

**Mixed:** Donna Lobban/Cameron Pilley (Aust) defeated Christine Nunn/Ethan Eyles (Aust) 2-0 (11-4, 11-5)  
Catalina Pelaez/Matias Knudsen (Col) defeated Aysah Dalida/Reymark Begornia (Phi) 2-0 (11-3, 11-9)  
Alex Haydon/Zac Alexander (Aust) defeated Colette Sultana/Kijan Sultana (MLT) 2-0 (11-5, 11-7)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JANUARY

17-19 Jan - Gold Coast Carrara PSA Satellite \$1k (Carrara, QLD)

18 Jan - Carrara Club Champs (Venue, Carrara QLD)

19 Jan - Carrara Junior Open (Carrara, QLD) AJST Bronze

## FEBRUARY

7-9 Feb - Australian National Championships (Venue, Carrara QLD)

15-16 Feb - Australian Doubles (Venue, Carrara QLD)

15-16 Feb - Mackay Junior (Mackay, QLD) AJST Bronze

16 Feb - Coffs Junior One Day Challenge (Coffs Harbour, NSW) AJST Bronze

16 Feb - Maroochydore Junior Open (Maroochydore, QLD) AJST Bronze

28 Feb - 1 March - ACT Masters (Venue, Woden ACT)

## MARCH

7-8 March - South Australia Racquetball Open

14 March - Gold Coast Doubles (Venue, Carrara QLD)

14-15 March - Townsville Junior (Townsville, QLD) AJST Bronze

21-22 March - Anthony Ricketts Challenge (Venue, Woden ACT) AJST Silver

22 March - Ipswich Junior Open (PCYC Ipswich, QLD) AJST Bronze

## APRIL

3-6 April - Sandgate Squash MS Open (Sandgate, QLD) PSA 5 W

3-4 April - Campbelltown Open (The ARC Campbelltown, SA)

10-13 April - Oceania Junior Championships (Venue, Carrara QLD) - AJST Platinum

14-15 April - Trans Tasman Test Match (Venue, Carrara QLD)

## MAY

2-3 May - Cairns Junior (Cairns, QLD) AJST Silver

2-3 May - Gold Coast Junior Championships (Nerang, QLD) AJST Silver

9-10 May - Whyalla Open, Senior Graded and Junior Silver Open (Venue, Whyalla SA) - AJST Silver

16-17 May - ACT Junior Open - (Venue, Woden ACT) - AJST Gold

30-31 May - Coffs Junior Classic (Venue, Coffs Harbour NSW) AJST Silver

30 May - 1 June - City of Kalgoorlie Golden Open (Kalgoorlie, WA) PSA 5 MW

## JUNE

20-21 June - Vic Junior State Titles (Templestowe, VIC) AJST Gold

25-28 June - Bendigo International (Bendigo, VIC) PSA 5 MW

28 June - 1 July - QLD Junior Championships Individuals (Cairns, QLD) AJST Gold



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## JULY

2-5 July - Victorian Open (Mulgrave, VIC) PSA 5 MW

3-5 July - QLD Junior Championships Teams (Cairns, QLD)

4-5 July - South Australia Open (Venue TBC)

4-5 July - South Australia Junior Age (Venue TBC) AJST Gold

9-12 July - Australian Junior Open (Venue, Carrara QLD) AJST Platinum

13-17 July - International Junior Training Camp (Carrara, QLD)

17-23 July - World University Squash Championships (Venue, Shanghai CHINA)

19-24 July - World Junior Individuals (Venue, Gold Coast, QLD)

25-30 July - World Junior Men's Team (Venue, Gold Coast QLD)

30 July - 2 August - Shepparton International (Shepparton, VIC) PSA 5 MW

## AUGUST

2 August - Campbelltown Junior Tournament (The ARC, SA) - AJST Bronze

7-9 August - Tasmanian Open

9 August - Toowoomba Junior Open (Toowoomba, QLD) AJST Bronze

13-16 August - Squash Melbourne Open (Moorabbin, VIC) PSA 5 MW

15-16 August - Vikings Junior Challenge - (Venue, Active Leisure Centre ACT) AJST Silver

20-23 August - North Coast Open (Coffs Harbour, NSW) PSA 5 MW

26-30 August -



Australian Open (Venue, Bega NSW) PSA 10 MW

## SEPTEMBER

13 Sept - Labrador Junior Open (Labrador GC, QLD) AJST Bronze

26-29 Sept - Australian Junior Championships Individuals (Canberra, ACT) AJST Platinum

26 Sept - 2 Oct - Aus UniSport Nationals Div 1 (Venue, Perth WA)

## OCTOBER

1-4 October - Australian Junior Championships - Teams (Canberra, ACT)

24-25 October - Iron Triangle Senior Junior Graded (Venue, Whyalla SA) - AJST Silver

## NOVEMBER

7-12 November - Pan Pacific Masters Games (Carrara, QLD)

21 November - Canberra Cup - (Woden, ACT) AJST Bronze

## DECEMBER

11-13 December - Australian Club Championships



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# Australian Doubles Open 2019

The Australian Doubles Open held at Carrara Squash Centre 14-16 June 2019 saw a record 47 teams competing in a total of 120 matches.



The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by players and spectators alike, with plenty of exciting doubles action and even a few upsets.

Experience proved valuable particularly in the Women's Doubles event where Rachael Grinham and Melissa Martin were too strong for their much younger opponents, winning the final over third seeds Christine Nunn and Taylor Flavell in straight games 11-8, 11-8 (19 mins).

The Men's Doubles event saw numerous upsets right throughout the draw but ultimately the top seeds Zac Alexander and Thomas Calvert took the title defeating fifth seeds Rhys Dowling and Alex Eustace in a tightly contested two games 11-8, 11-9 (30 mins).

## 2020 Australian Open Doubles

Will be held at the National Squash Centre in Carrara on the Gold Coast from Saturday February 15 to Sunday February 16 2020

The crowd were treated to another exciting match to finish off the tournament with the Mixed Doubles final. Again experience won through with Rachael Grinham completing the double by claiming the Mixed Doubles title with partner Jordan Till who has now won this title back after first claiming it in 2017. Grinham and Till saw off a strong fight from 2018 Commonwealth Games Mixed Doubles Gold Medalist Donna Lobban and youthful partner Gregory Chan 11-5, 8-11, 11-8 (30 mins).

### Women's Doubles

- Rachael Grinham/ Melissa Martin
- Christine Nunn/ Taylor Flavell
- Sarah Cardwell/ Selena Shaikh

### Men's Doubles

- Zac Alexander/ Thomas Calvert
- Rhys Dowling/ Alex Eustace
- Brad Freeme/ Nathan Turnbull

### Mixed Doubles

- Rachael Grinham/ Jordan Till
- Donna Lobban/ Gregory Chan
- Sarah Cardwell/ Ethan Eyles

### A Grade Doubles

- Martin Collins/ Aidan Rowston
- Heather Pilley/ Miles Till
- Clay Canty/ Lachlan Woodforth

# Australian National Championships 2019

The 2019 Australian National Championships were decided over the weekend of 22-23 June 2019 at Carrara Squash Centre on the Gold Coast. It was the end of a massive 10 days of Squash on the Gold Coast with the Australian Doubles Open, World Doubles Championships and the Australian National Championships all being held back to back with our highest ranked players competing.

Ryan Cuskelly claimed his second Australian National Championship title after he defeated Cameron Pilley 11-8, 11-7, 11-9 in 34 minutes. +AKAAoA-

Donna Lobban on her way back from injury was too good for Christine Nunn winning 11-7, 11-6, 6-11, 11-8 also in 34 minutes.

The National Graded events were also run alongside with full placings listed.

### Closed PSA Men

- Ryan Cuskelly (NSW)
- Cameron Pilley (NSW)
- Rex Hedrick (VIC)

### Premier Grade Men

- Joel Luca (QLD)
- David Turner (QLD)
- Jordan Till (QLD)

### A Grade Men

- Chris Soldi (QLD)
- Jordan Ellery (NSW)
- Leigh O'Connell (VIC)

### Closed PSA Womens

- Donna Lobban (NSW)
- Christine Nunn (VIC)
- Jessica Turnbull (QLD)

### Premier Grade Womens

- Alex Haydon (SA)
- Selena Shaikh (VIC)

### B Grade Men

- Dan Wagner (QLD)
- Bevin Sturm (QLD)
- Darren O'Neill (VIC)



## 2020 Australian National Championships

Will be held at the National Squash Centre in Carrara on the Gold Coast from Friday February 7 to Sunday February 9 2020

# WSF World Coaches Conference 2018

An international group of coaches have labelled the 2018 WSF World Coaches Conference a huge success, after spending time on the Gold Coast (Australia).

Almost 50 coaches from Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Malaysia, USA, Egypt, Botswana, South Korea, Macau, Pakistan, England, Guatemala and China took part in the event.

The general theme of the conference was about "Excellence – A Global Perspective", with the aim of allowing attendees to learn from various coaching methods practiced all over the world.

Guest speakers included:

**Allistair McCaw:** world-renowned sports performance consultant and mindset coach

**Ashraf Hanafi:** Egyptian National Coach

**Paul Price:** Former World #4 & Australian National Coach

**Glen Wilson:** Commonwealth Games Doubles Gold Medallist and New Zealand Coaching Manager

**Mike Way:** Harvard University Head Coach & Coach of former World Champion Jonathon Power

**James Simpson:** Malaysian Senior Sports Analyst

**Major Maniam:** Director of WSF Coaching Committee

**Jamie Salter:** Swimming Australia Talent Identification

Event organiser Jordan Till says the conference was very well received.

"I think it was a good learning opportunity for anyone interested in not just coaching but the sport as a whole," Till said.

"To be able to learn from the world's best in the classroom and then apply those theories

to the court is such a valuable experience."

World-renowned sports performance consultant and mindset coach Allistair McCaw was a guest speaker at the event and says it was great to share experiences with those involved in squash.

"It was the experience of a lifetime, I thoroughly enjoyed it and learnt a lot," McCaw said.

"There was so many coaches learning and investing in themselves and there were so many relationships built up over the week.

"It was fantastic organisation by Squash Australia and WSF."

Australian National Coach Paul Price said that the experience is a must for all coaches.

"The amount of information shared and collaborated on was fantastic," Price said.

"I'm really looking forward to the next one and hope you can join us at the next one as well."

McCaw, Harvard University Coach Mike Way and Egyptian Coach Ashraf Hanafi were all involved in sessions with Australian players following the conference, sharing their experiences and knowledge with the next generation of players.



## National Coaches Conference

The 2020 National Coaches conference will be held in conjunction with the Australian Junior Open on the Gold Coast at Carrara Indoor Sports Indoor Stadium. This will provide coaches from all around the country the opportunity to listen, learn and share ideas with their fellow coaches. At the conference coaches will have the opportunity to network with other coaches from around Australia whilst learning from a range of keynote presentations from some of the leaders in coaching and coach education.

## National Referee Workshop

The 2020 National Referee Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Australian Open in Bega, NSW. At the workshop, referees will have the opportunity to network with other referees from around Australia whilst learning from a range of keynote presentations and practical workshops from some of the leaders in refereeing and referee education. The workshop will also allow referees the opportunity to be assessed to update or maintain their current refereeing accreditations.

## Squash Australia is hosting a Performance Development Coaching Course at Carrara Squash Centre

The Performance Development course is designed to train coaches with a process of HOW to coach players to compete at an International level. It addresses the key issues of 'Knowledge and Understanding' and the 'Skills of Delivery' utilising the 'Tools' of how to coach players to apply pressure utilising the key skills of a Perception & Decision making approach. Topics Include

### Skill Acquisition

- Understand the key principles behind a perception & decision-making based approach to squash coaching
- How to coach using a perception & decision-making approach
- Factors that may affect skill acquisition

### Developing Self And Others

- Understand your personal Coaching Philosophy, Values and Leadership Style
- How to develop a group culture
- Coaching the soft skills

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# Squash Girls Can launch at Parliament House



Squash Australia launched its Squash Girls Can program at Parliament House in Canberra on Wednesday, October 16.

The launch was done in conjunction with Member for Dunkley Peta Murphy who is a lifelong squash player & advocate for the sport.

One of the key focuses of the launch was to highlight and profile Squash Girls Can with representatives from Squash Australia, Squash ACT and Sport Australia were on hand to answer questions about the Squash Girls Can program and also provide tips on how to play Squash.

The launch was also part of the 2019 World Squash Day initiative where Squash clubs across the world opened their doors to the public as part of a bid to attract one million new squash players to the sport over the next 10 years.

Australia was a powerhouse in world squash over many decades, boasting champions such as the legendary Heather McKay, Vicki Cardwell, Sarah Fitzgerald, Geoff Hunt, David Palmer, and the talented Martin family – just to name a few.

Ms Murphy is confident that, with a little support, Australia can once more climb to the pinnacle of the world game.

“We need more squash players, it’s the best sport in the world. I’m encouraging everyone to become familiar with the most dynamic, healthiest, best racquet sport you could ever play,” Ms Murphy says.



To support Squash Girls Can and World Squash Day, Ms Murphy and Squash Australia hosted Parliamentarians for a hit of squash at the two glass courts at Parliament House.

Answering the call to support Squash and get on the court were the Hon Anthony Albanese, Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Sport Senator the Hon Don Farrell along with a number of Labor Members and Senators.

Squash Australia Chief Executive Officer Richard Vaughan highlighted the exciting progress that the sport is making in the country and Squash Australia’s focus on providing pathways for females to participate in the sport.

“We have recently launched the Squash Girls Can pilot program that is attracting new girls from across Australia to participate in structured Squash programs aimed at attracting and maintaining new members, and continue on the nation-wide participation increase.”

Squash Australia could not have done the work it has to promote female participation and engagement in the sport if not for the Move It Oz Participation Grant with the support from Sport Australia.

The launch and event at Parliament House plays a vital role in Squash Australia promoting and growing Squash in Australia and it is grateful for the support, encouragement and endorsements from Ms Murphy and her team.



# World Squash Day Global Hit

World Squash Day on October 12 2019 was a big hit around the globe.

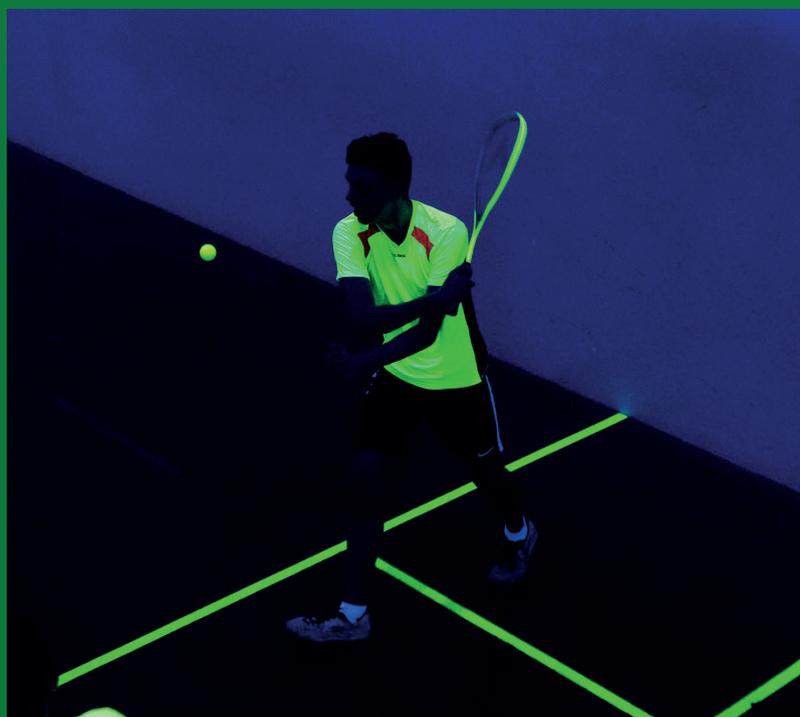
The initiative is brain-child of Alan Thatcher, a big fan of the sport who is driven to see 1 million new players to the sport over the next 10-years.

On World Squash Day this year, he had 1 million reasons to smile with Squash trending right across the world with a staggering 1 million engagements for World Squash Day right across the world.

More than a dozen clubs across Australia opened their doors to the public by running big events to draw interest from the public and local squash community.

One club had a radio station hold an outside broadcast across the day, another turned the lights off and showed its spectacular glow-in-the-dark courts, while others ran raffles, barbecues and provided an exciting atmosphere to bring people through the doors.

The day was a tremendous success across Australia with a number of clubs reporting a spike in new membership and helping Alan's ambition of seeing Squash attract 1 million new members over the next decade.



## AST FINALS 2019

Squash Australia hosts the Australian Squash Tour Finals at the National Squash Centre, Carrara on the Gold Coast from Friday, December 6 to Sunday, December 8.

The event features four of the best women and four of the best men in Australian Squash going head-to-head for a \$10,000 cash prize.



## 2020 Australian Masters Squash Championships

will be held in Adelaide from Monday  
October 12 to Friday October 23

# Australian Masters Squash Championships 2019

Squash Australia worked in partnership with Australian Masters Squash and Queensland Masters Squash to host the Australian Masters Squash Championships on the Gold Coast this month.

The two week Championship event welcomed more than 600 squash enthusiasts from New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia, ACT, Northern Territory, Tasmania, Queensland, New Zealand and USA.

The opening week featured the Individual events with 22 players crowned National Masters Champions across 12 different age groups for men and women.

There were many great highlights across the week including former World Number 1 and Queenslander, USA's John White beating his brother David (QLD) in the Over 45 Open final.

State pride was on the line in the second week of the Championship with Queensland taking the title over New South Wales in Division 1.

### Men

Open 35-39 - Steve Finitzis (QLD)  
Open 40-44 - Danny Woolbank (QLD)  
45-49 Open - John White (USA)  
45-49 Division 2 - Darryl Ball (WA)  
50-54 Open - Peter Bastow (NSW)  
50-54 Division 2 - Aaron Matthes (ACT)  
55-59 Open - Peter Gilbee (VIC)  
55-59 Division 2 - Bevin Sturm (QLD)  
60-64 Open - Kelvin Smith (QLD)  
60-64 Division 2 - Graham Baker (QLD)  
60-64 Division 3 - Geoff Selby (NSW)  
65-69 Open - Wayne Seebeck (NZ)  
65-69 Division 2 - Les Makarucha (Vic)  
65-69 Division 3 - George Kovacs (TAS)  
70-74 Open - Brian Cook (QLD)  
70-74 Division 2 - Jim Langby (NSW)  
75-79 Open - Mike McDonald (NSW)  
75-79 Division 2 - Bob Hood (NSW)  
80-84 Open - Dinny Hurley (VIC)  
90+ Open - Chas Renner (WA)

### Women

35-39 Open - Kym Phillips (QLD)  
40-44 Open - Melissa Martin (QLD)  
45-49 Open - Shannon McNamara (NSW)  
45-49 Division 2 - Wendy Beard (NT)  
50-54 Open - Sue Davis (QLD)  
50-54 Division 2 - Kay Giacomantonio (QLD)  
55-59 Open - Sue Hillier (WA)  
55-59 Division 2 - Michele Hedge (NSW)  
60-64 Open - Anne Richards (WA)  
60-64 Division 2 - Melissa Elliott (QLD)  
65-69 Open - Gaye Mitchell (TAS)  
65-69 Division 2 - Lynne White (WA)  
65-69 Division 3 - Dianne Elliott (NSW)  
70-74 Open - Robyn Prentice (QLD)  
70-74 Division 2 - Leslie Obstoy (QLD)  
75-79 Open - Robyne Bamberry (QLD)  
80-84 Open - Jan Whackett (QLD)  
85-89 Open - Eileen Barnard (QLD)



## Teams

### Division 1

Winner - QLD 1  
Runner up - NSW 1

### Division 2

Winner - VIC 1  
Runner up - QLD 2

### Division 3

Winner - TAS 2  
Runner up - QLD 3

### Division 4

Winner - WA 2  
Runner up - QLD 5

### Division 5

Winner - NSW 8  
Runner up - VIC 4

### Division 6

Winner - QLD 7  
Runner up - NSW 9

### Division 7

Winner - VIC 6  
Runner up - QLD 9

### Division 8

Winner - SA 3  
Runner up - ACT 5

### Division 9

Winner - SA 5  
Runner up - NSW 13

### Division 10

Winner - VIC 9  
Runner up - VIC 8

### Division 1

Winner - NSW 15  
Runner up - WA 8

### Division 12

Winner - QLD 15  
Runner up - ACT 7

### Division 13

Winner - VIC 12  
Runner up - WA 9

### Division 14

Winner - NSW 18  
Runner up - VIC 13

### Division 15

Winner - NSW 20  
Runner up - WA 10

### Division 16

Winner - VIC 16  
Runner up - NSW 22

### Division 17

Winner - NSW 23  
Runner up - SA 8

### Division 18

Winner - QLD 24  
Runner up - QLD 23

### Division 19

Winner - SA 9  
Runner up - QLD 25

### Division 20

Winner - WA 15  
Runner up - TAS 9

### Division 21

Winner - WA 16  
Runner up - NT 3

### Division 22

Winner - WA 17  
Runner up - NSW 30

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# 2020 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUALS : 26 SEP - 29 SEP

TEAMS : 1 OCT - 4 OCT

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# Athlete Talent Pathway

Squash Australia has made significant developments in the Athlete Talent Pathway area in 2019, with a number of staff recruitments increasing our capacity to support talented and passionate juniors across the country.

Jenny Duncalf, a former World Number 2 and multiple Commonwealth Games medallist, joined Squash Australia in 2019 as the Performance Pathway Coach. In this role, Duncalf will work with National Junior Teams at the Trans-Tasman Series and the World Junior Championships. Duncalf will work closely with the National Junior Coaching Team in order to ensure athletes selected in these teams are well prepared and receive the best possible support during these tournaments.

Duncalf will also have a broader role in working with junior coaches and athletes across the country to assist in supporting young talent as they progress through the age groups in the junior pathway. Having the expertise of Jenny in Squash Australia's coaching team will provide junior players and coaches with an opportunity to ensure their training and competition activities are focused on developing the aspects of their game which are integral to world class performance at a U/19 and open level.

In her role, Duncalf will be working closely with newly appointed National Coach, Stewart Boswell. Boswell joins Squash Australia after seven years at the Aspire Academy in Qatar, where he coached after finishing an illustrious playing career as one of Australia's greatest male players. While Boswell will mainly be working with Senior National Teams and Winning Edge players, he will also work with athletes and coaches in the Athlete Talent Pathway. The involvement of Boswell and Duncalf in the national Athlete Talent Pathway highlights the commitment Squash Australia is

making to developing this area of High Performance.

Further to these roles, Squash Australia will be investing further in the Athlete Talent Pathway in 2020 through a Workforce Grant provided by the Australian Institute of Sport. Squash Australia will work closely with the AIS early in 2020 to identify areas in the Athlete Talent Pathway where funding can be targeted to achieve the best outcomes.

## Winning Edge

Squash Australia's Winning Edge program continued in 2019, with several athletes added to the program as we look to deepen the pool of capable medal-winning athletes for future Commonwealth Games and World Championships.

Fourteen-year-old West Australian Oscar Curtis and 20-year-old Queensland Nicholas Calvert were the two athletes who achieved the Winning Edge competition criteria in 2019 and received Winning Edge contracts. Curtis is an up and coming junior who produced an outstanding performance to finish fourth in the Under 19 event at this year's Australian Junior Championships. Calvert entered the Winning Edge program after impressive performances at PSA events in 2018 saw him achieve the competition criteria for the program.

Winning Edge athletes who train at the National Squash Centre at Carrara receive coaching and strength and conditioning support, as well as access to additional services such as physiotherapy, physiology and psychology. Winning Edge athletes based



Stewart Boswell



Jenny Duncalf



Sarah Roder

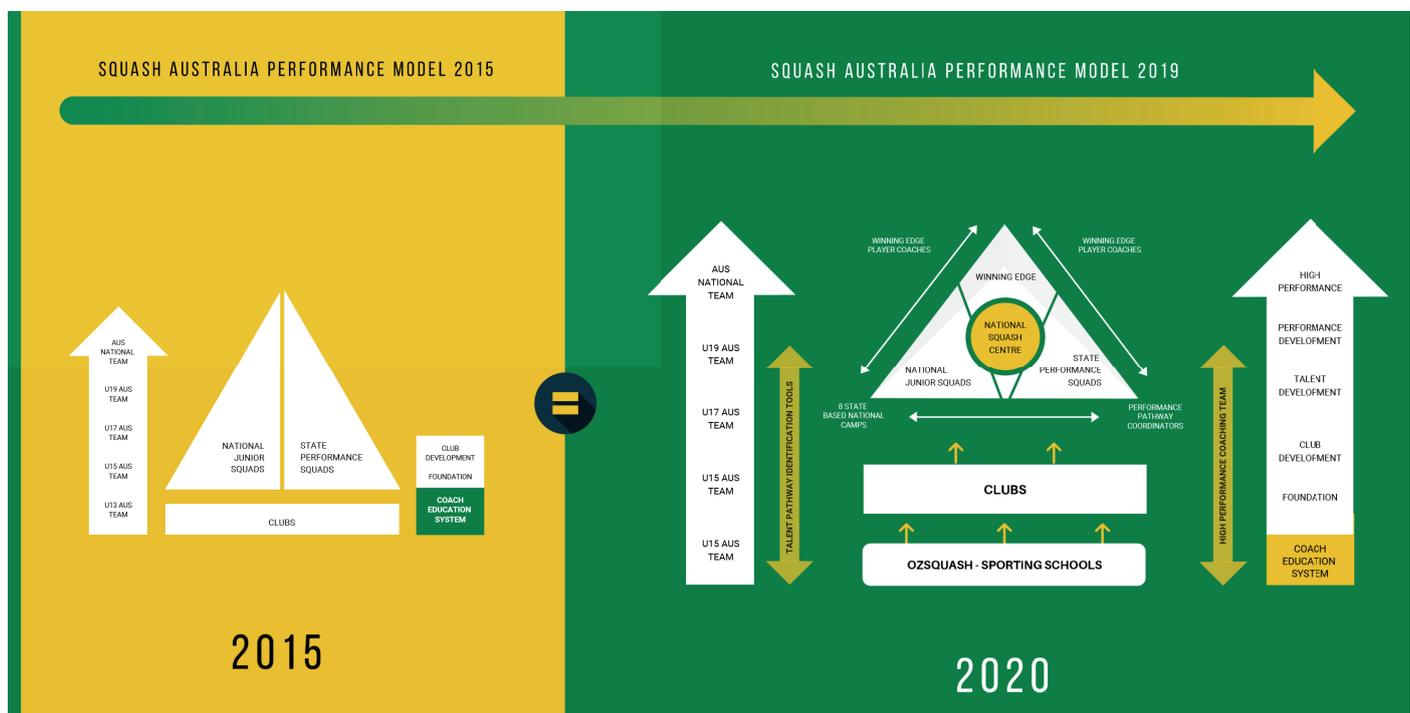
outside of the Gold Coast, either domestically or internationally, receive support towards targeted tournaments to assist them as they seek to progress their ranking and performance at an international level.

The full Winning Edge squad for 2019 is listed below.

## Finals

Womens
Sarah Cardwell (VIC)
Alex Haydon (SA)
Donna Lobban (NSW)
Sze Yu Lee (NSW)
Christine Nunn (VIC)

Mens
Zac Alexander (QLD)
Nicholas Calvert (QLD)
Gregory Chan (WA)
Oscar Curtis (WA)
Ryan Cuskelly (NSW)
Ethan Eyles (QLD)
Rex Hedrick (VIC)
Cameron Pilley (NSW)





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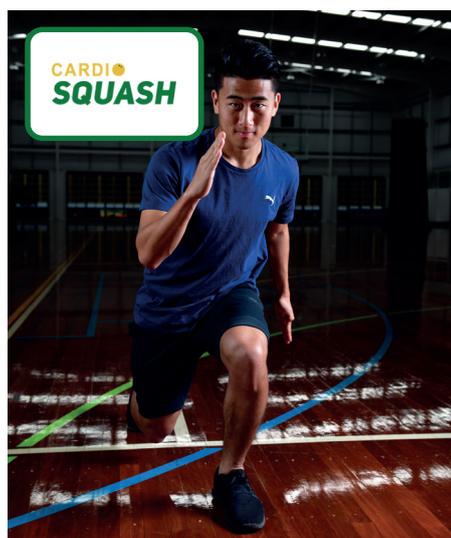


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# Cardio Squash



Cardio Squash is a fitness based court session that gets you into shape for the squash court.

It focuses on circuit type training with some basic squash drills, balance, flexibility, and functional movement patterns.

It is perfect for fitness for getting back in shape or maintaining fitness while on the squash court.

One of the main benefits of Cardio Squash is that you don't need to be a Squash player to enjoy it. The fitness building and speed of the sessions can assist the fitness and add variety to training for many team and individual outdoor and indoor sports.

Cardio Squash focuses on improving and maintaining a quality of level of Speed, Agility, Strength, Balance and Flexibility which are key skills that are essential to most sports in Australia.

## Benefits

### For Squash players:

- Mix up your training regime and add a fitness routine
- Take your squash game to the next level by building sport-specific fitness
- Workout with your squash team mates
- Reduce chance of injury

### For non-Squash players

- Get fit using the world's healthiest sport
- Try something new and fun
- Provide a great stepping-stone for getting into squash or Racquetball
- Workout with friends

## Six components for success

1. Gradually build your fitness
2. Enhance your mobility
3. Work on Speed and Agility
4. Quality over Quantity
5. Build your Strength
6. Flexibility and Balance

## How programs operate

The following four points focus on the running of a Cardio Squash session.

### 1. Warm up

Warm ups are important as they help prepare the body for exercise, reduce the risk of injuries and mentally prepare the participant for what lies ahead. Participants should break the sweat in the warm-up with low impact work.

### 2. Exercises

Quality and technique is the most important factor during the workout but shouldn't involve lengthy discussions or repetitive demonstrations. Briefly explain the exercise and give the participants cues before each exercise.

### 3. Speed/Agility

Once the participants have been shown good technique with the exercises, speed and repetitions can be slowly increased. This should be only done when participants are comfortable with each exercise.

### 4. Cool Down

Here we introduce mobility and flexibility work as well as static stretching (when muscles are still warm) greatest benefits can be achieved. This will help reduce any soreness participants may feel the next day.

## Key resources used in programs

The following four points focus on how to add more variety to a Cardio Squash session.

### 1. Trigger Point Balls

Great for targeting specific hot spots or problem areas. More precise tool that is used to target smaller areas. Target & massage squash specific injury zones such as shoulders, elbows, knees, ankles and lower back.

### 2. Agility Ladder

Agility ladder drills are a great way to boost quickness, foot speed, coordination and body awareness. Training exercises that simulate squash practices (i.e. acceleration, deceleration, twisting, turning, stretching).

### 3. Sliding Boards

Quick and efficient core workout. Boards also simulate the way we need to activate our muscles in all different directions and patterns. Great for indoor squash surfaces.

### 4. Terra Bands & Skipping Rope

Simple and easy way to activate certain muscle groups that need strengthening, e.g. glutes, shoulders, abductors etc.

Cardio Squash will be available in 2020 depending on funding.

PROGRAM	2019		2020	
	JUNE	NOV (AGM)	JANUARY	NOV (AGM)
SQUASH AUSTRALIA PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS				
SQUASH GIRLS CAN	PILOT 6 UNI'S	PRESENTATION	LAUNCH →	
OZ SQUASH	→ LAUNCHED (NEEDS REVAMP)			REVAMP FOCUS
PLAY MOVE LEARN	PILOT- CARRARA	PRESENTATION		→ SOFT LAUNCH
CARDIO SQUASH	PILOT- CARRARA	PRESENTATION		→ SOFT LAUNCH
SOCIAL SQUASH			DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM	PRESENTATION
POP-UP SQUASH	FULLY LAUNCHED			

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UPGRADED QUALITY  
SAME PLAYABILITY



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material	100% Hi Modulus Graphite
headshape	heart
head size	462 cm <sup>2</sup>
weight and length	abt. 125 g 67,8 cm
balance	abt. 370 mm
max. stringing tension	14 kg   14 x 19 pattern
string	▲ Super Nick XL Micro yellow
extra	Concave, Engineered in Germany
bag	fullsize thermobag
Art.Nr.	158/4/0



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# PLAY • MOVE • LEARN

Play Move Learn is a multi-skill program designed for kids aged 3-5 years. It encourages the development of physical literacy through active play and prepares them for an active lifestyle - regardless of which sport they choose!

**PLAY** Through play, children develop a number of skills while having fun

**MOVE** Children learn to move their bodies in a number of ways, helping to develop their coordination and flexibility

**LEARN** Children learn a number of vital life skills as they are encouraged to listen to their teacher, line up and cheer others on

Play Learn Move consists of eight 45-minute sessions. Each session should be run on time and include a warm-up, skill teaching, skill consolidation and a cool-down.

## How to get Involved

### Parent

If you are looking to get your child involved in Play Move Learn, please fill out the Expression of Interest form online and someone will be in touch to help connect you to a program. Alternatively, please contact your relevant Play Move Learn contact for more information about programs currently running within your area.



### Instructor

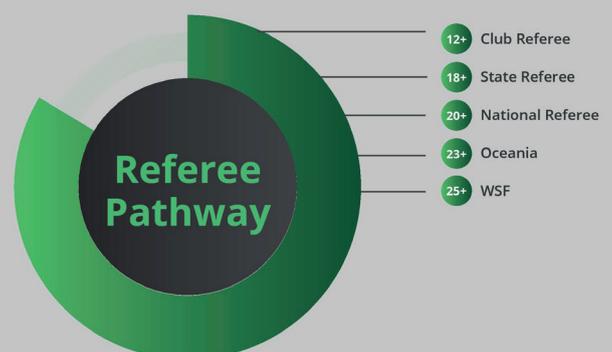
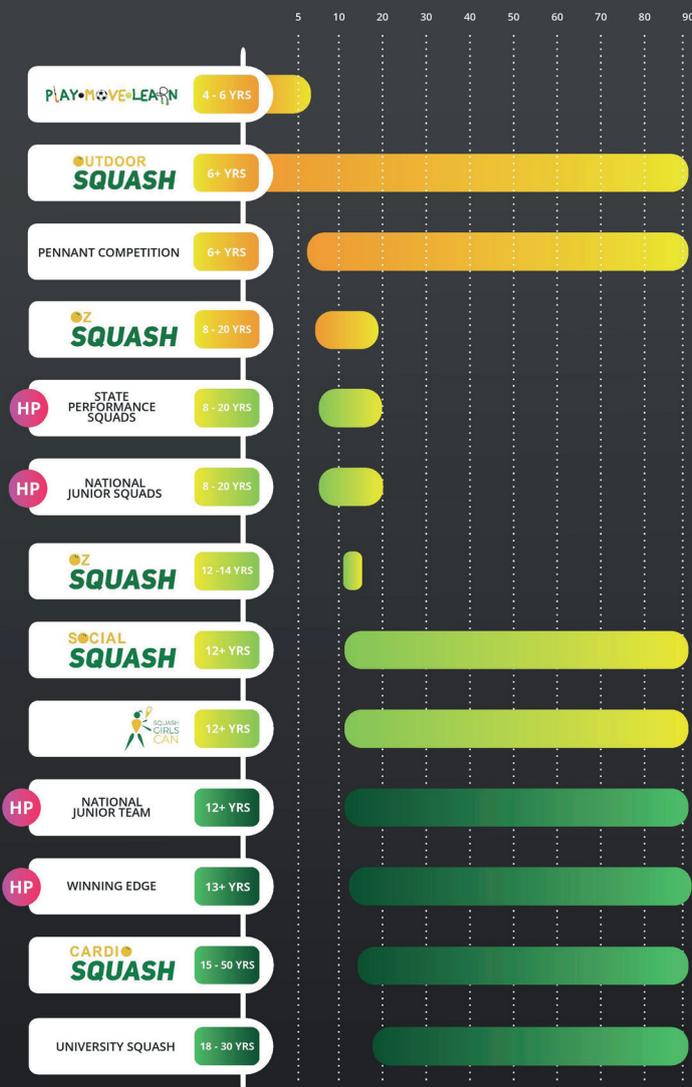
If you are interested in becoming a Play Move Learn instructor in your area, please contact your relevant Play Move Learn contact for more information on the program and the processes involved in becoming a certified instructor.

### School/Facility/Host

Play Move Learn can be hosted in a number of different locations, including but not limited to school halls, multi-purposes facilities and squash courts.

If you are looking to introduce Play Move Learn to your facility, please contact your relevant Play Move Learn contacts.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY





Appointments available  
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**Gabba &  
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# Sporting Schools

Sporting Schools is a \$240 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities.

Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.

To help achieve this, Sport Australia has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs). There is a program for primary schools, and a targeted program for Year 7 and 8 students in secondary schools.

Since Sporting Schools started in 2015, over 7,000 schools have received funding. This has provided more than five million participant opportunities to get students active, engaged and having fun while sampling a variety of different sports.

Sporting Schools and Squash Australia has worked together to produce the OzSquash program for children in schools.

OzSquash is a fun, play-based program designed to develop children's hand-eye coordination, striking and other sporting skills essential for squash, life-long health and well-being.

OzSquash uses a 'Playing for Life' approach to develop basic squash specific skills and concepts, as well as other important physical learning and cognitive skills, through fun games and activities.

The major emphasis is on maximum participation, high levels of activity in a fun, inclusive and safe environment using activities that are easily changed, modified or adapted.

Funded by the Australian Sports Commission, eligible schools are awarded grants to be used towards bringing a Sporting Schools Program to their school for a term.

OzSquash is the Squash offering within the Sporting Schools Program and is founded on the importance of nurturing a lifelong love of sport within young children.

OzSquash is a five-week program designed to engage juniors with the sport of Squash through fun drills and games. The program is able to be run in both schools and on court.

OzSquash can be either teacher run or run by an external coach. Teachers can become Foundation Level Coaches through the eLearning Portal and receive OzSquash equipment free of charge.

Clubs and centres can use the OzSquash program to attract more junior participants. The long-term

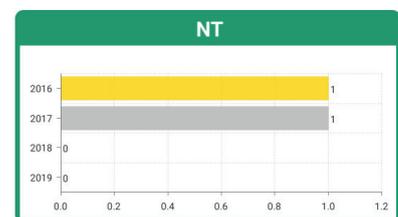
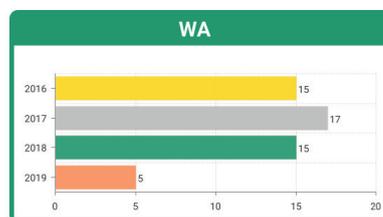
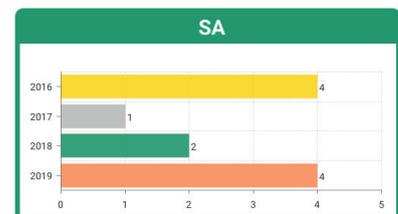
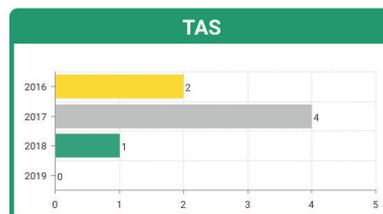
aim should be to build relationships with your nearby primary schools to have the OzSquash program run every year, giving more opportunities for youth to give Squash a go.

Try organising for OzSquash to be run at your club/centre or have the final week of the program run on an actual court rather than in school.

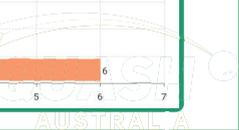
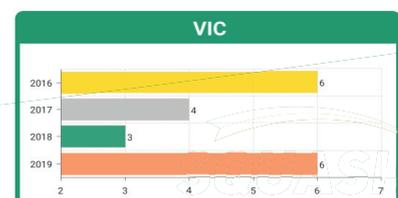
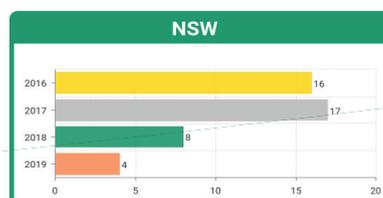
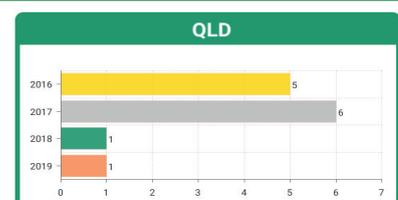
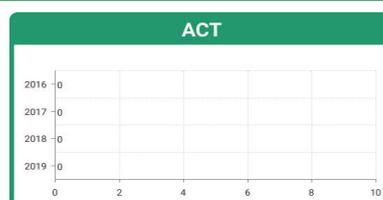
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## SPORTING SCHOOL BOOKINGS



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# National Integrity Framework

Squash Australia values the health, welfare, well-being and safety of its athletes, staff, supporters and partners.

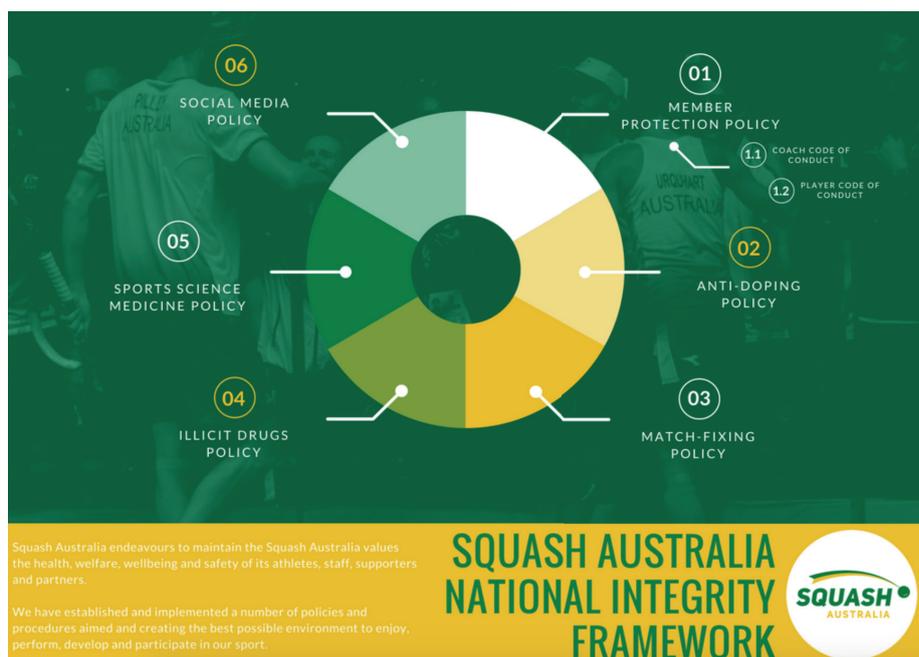
The National Integrity Framework describes the policies and educational resources to protect the integrity of Squash in Australia. The Framework applies to all competitions and events conducted by Squash Australia and its State/Territory associations; and is aligned to the organization's values:

**RESPECT**  
**COLLABORATION**  
**EXCELLENCE**  
**INTEGRITY**  
**INNOVATION**

The Framework acts not only as a preventative and protective measure but also to set the standard of behaviour that will be accepted within the sport. It ensures that timely action will be taken in response to those that breach the Framework and continue to improve the culture within the sport.

We have established and implemented several policies and procedures aimed at creating the best possible environment to enjoy, perform, develop and participate in our sport.

All State bodies have a responsibility to inform the Squash Clubs in their State about their Integrity Framework and oversee that it is compliant with Squash Australia Integrity Framework. This includes ensuring that all their members follow best practice; promote a culture of integrity; and comply with legislative and regulatory requirements.



State bodies should also have appropriate processes in place to regularly collect, analyse and review information regarding integrity activities and issues and these processes should be communicated to all the members (i.e. athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers).

## Child Protection

Squash Australia considers that the health, safety and well-being of children take priority over all other competing considerations. This is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all members and protect the image and reputation of squash in Australia. Squash Australia has a **zero-tolerance** approach to

child abuse and is committed to promoting and protecting children from abuse and neglect to the greatest extent possible. **All the clubs with under 18-year-old players need to have a Child Protection Officer who will be the first contact for all the concerns regarding underage children.**

## Anti-Doping and Match-Fixing

Squash Australia takes a position of zero tolerance toward doping and match-fixing in sport and works closely with ASADA and Sport Australia to ensure a drug-free and safe environment in Squash.

The clean doping record, excellent compliance record, zero tolerance for corruption and outstanding athletes all add to the excellent integrity record for the sport which makes it such a safe environment in which young players can develop.

To ensure this key strength continues, all our athletes, coaches and entourage need to comply with Squash Australia Education Requirements. Please find a table below which highlights the minimum standards of compliance for players, coaches, administrators and entourage.

Note the Australian Junior Championships is the event selected to benchmark against all State players and coaches.

Contact - [integrity@squash.org.au](mailto:integrity@squash.org.au)

Courses	Players			Coaches		Administrators		Entourage
	State (over 15s)	National Seniors (over 15s)	National Juniors (under 15s)	State	National	Squash Australia Staff/Board	State Staff/Board	Team Managers (if N/A to other categories)
ASADA Anti-Doping (level 1)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
ASADA Anti-Doping (level 2)		x			x	x		
Match Fixing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Working With Children Check				x	x	x	x	x

# Australian Open 2019

## Crouin and Subramaniam take Australian Open Titles

The prestigious Australian Open was held in Bega, NSW for the first time from 3-7 July 2019. This year's event was the largest prize money of all Australian PSA events being a \$10k event for both men and women.



Victor Crouin's unstoppable Australian run continued in Bega, becoming the first Frenchman to win the Australian Open with a 3-0 victory over Mohd Syafiq Kamal in Sunday's final. The women's Australian Open title will again return to Malaysia, with 20-year old Sivasangari Subramaniam emulating her countrywoman Low Wee Wern's 2018 victory, taking four games to overcome Satomi Watanabe.

Top seed Crouin was clinical in his straight games victory over Syafiq, taking only 32 minutes to claim his second consecutive title in Australia. A tight start to the match saw the pair locked together at 6-all in the first game, before Crouin's relentless length and accurate attacking saw him pull away to take it 11-8.

The Frenchman returned in the second game and continued to apply relentless pressure to his Malaysian opponent, who was attempting

to make it third-time lucky after falling at the last hurdle in his two most recent PSA events. However, Crouin simply didn't give Syafiq a look in, and closed out the second game 11-5.

The third game went the same way as the second, with Crouin racing to a 10-1 lead. With the outcome a foregone conclusion, Syafiq salvaged some consolation points and kept the capacity crowd at Bega Squash Club entertained with some aggressive shot making, though it was never going to be enough. Crouin took the game 11-4, winning his biggest PSA title and extending his unbeaten run to eight matches.

20-year old Crouin has become the talk of the Australian Squash Tour in recent weeks, now adding the prestigious Australian Open title to go with his Victorian Open win last week. After the match, Crouin attributed his recent form to his relaxed mental state. I'm on vacation right now I'm just enjoying competing and playing. When I'm on court, I don't really feel mentally tired.

The women's final was a closely contested affair, with 20-year olds Subramaniam and Watanabe having met four times previously in PSA events and on several other occasions throughout their junior career.

Fifth seed Watanabe was seeking to become the first Japanese female to win the Australian Open, and she started the match in impressive fashion, taking it 11-5 with a high-intensity and aggressive game plan. Watanabe couldn't keep the pace of the match at the same level in the second game, and Subramaniam used her high quality shot placement to move her opponent

around the court and work her way back into the contest, winning the game 11-9.

The second seeded Subramaniam took an early lead in the third game and maintained a one to two point advantage throughout, eventually closing it out 11-9 to put herself on the brink of victory. The young Malaysian then surged to an 8-3 lead in the fourth game, before seeing off a fightback from Watanabe to close out the match 11-9.

The women's final added another chapter in the Subramaniam-Watanabe rivalry, and the newly crowned Australian Open champion said Watanabe always provides a great challenge. We've played many times before, it's always close, she's always aggressive, said Subramaniam.

There was an Australian flavour to Subramaniam's victory, with the U.S. college student being coached by Australian legend David Palmer at Cornell University.

Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) defeated Satomi Watanabe (JPN) 3-1 (5-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-9) Victor Crouin (FRA) def Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) 3-0 (11-8, 11-5, 11-4)

### Australian Open 2020

Will be held at Bega, NSW from August 26 to August 30. The event features Men's, Women's and Mixed divisions, and Open AST, Combined Graded and Combined Junior events.

## National Squash Centre hosts Para-Squash Trial

The National Squash Centre on the Gold Coast held a successful 'Come and Try' Wheelchair Squash Day, the first of many planned for the centre.

Dion Reweti, who owns 'Wicket Wheelchairs' is a regular wheelchair tennis player and thought he would try squash with his mates Peter and Steve.

As this was the first para-squash trial on the Commonwealth Games legacy courts, we experimented with the types of racquets and balls used.

The players found that normal length racquets were best for reach, but opted for a racquetball style ball with higher bounce. They also adapted to allow two bounces per rally similar to wheelchair tennis.

Dion says they all found it challenging because they had to travel shorter distances in a shorter amount of time. They also had to manoeuvre their chairs faster in tighter turning circles to get the ball.

The feedback was great and there will be more trials held as the Carrara-based Centre looks to establish a Para-Squash club and a Wheelchair Squash League.

This takes place every Saturday at the National Squash Centre from 10am to 12pm.



# 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Argentina

Australia's duo of Alex Haydon and Ethan Eyles returned from the Youth Olympic Games hopeful that they'll get another chance to represent their country at Olympic level.

Squash was introduced as a showcase sport in Buenos Aires, with 38 players from 28 countries tasked with promoting the sport as squash eyes inclusion into the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

16-year-old Eyles, from Queensland, says the experience has been "awesome".

"It is a great opportunity to play on the glass court in Buenos Aires and I've been really enjoying it and showcasing the sport," Eyles said.

"It is pretty surreal seeing so many different athletes from different sports but it has been really cool.

"It would be nice to compete for a medal, everyone would really go for it and we'd really enjoy going for a medal and going for gold.

**"It is good to play kids from all over the world, but hopefully people see the sport and it promotes it to get into the Olympic Games."**

Like Eyles, 17-year-old South Australian Alex Haydon has also set a potential Olympic debut in the future as a personal goal.

"It has definitely been a learning experience playing people from all the other countries that I don't usually get to play.

"I've learnt a few things about my game about how it could be better."

Squash Australia CEO Richard Vaughan says he was impressed with both players.

**"Alex and Ethan as our showcase Ambassadors for Australia represented the sport and their country in the finest of fashion"**

Vaughan said.

Action from a state-of-the-art Glass Squash Court, complete with innovative interactive front-wall technology, at the Technopolis Park also served as the venue for the 2018 Youth Games Badminton, Futsal and Table Tennis competitions.



# 7 Keys to being a great coach

**STANDARDS**  
**METHOD**  
**ADAPT**  
**ENERGY**  
**INTER-PERSONAL**  
**SKILLS**  
**FUNDAMENTALS**  
**INVEST**

## Standards

Here Allistair discusses the three areas that are important when implementing standards. He prefers the term 'standards' instead of rules, as it creates a more collective 'buy in' from everyone involved. The first area is yourself, the standards you hold yourself accountable too. The second are the standards you hold you staff/workers too (work culture), and the third area are the standards the team members/players are held accountable too (ownership).

## Method

Allistair believes that every coach/leader/trainer etc. needs to have a defined method/philosophy in to how they operate and do things. Throughout one's journey in their profession, one's method can change overtime due to new experiences, observations and learnings along the way.

## Adapt

Allistair explains that coaches and leaders who fail to adapt to their audience and environment are eventually doomed to fail, or in his words, "adapt or die." Not only should a coach/leader be able to adapt to things like their environment, different cultures and different personalities, but more importantly to the different generations they are working with, and how they communicate and operate with those.

## Energy

As Allistair likes to put it: "in leadership and coaching, regardless of what field or work sector, we are in the people business.

That means that people are more attracted and drawn by the attitude and energy we put out. People don't want to work or be around negative, moody, self-centred or ego driven people. Energy is everything!

## Inter-Personal Skills

This is where a high (or low) level of emotional intelligence is revealed. It's about how we interact with others, how we communicate, how we react, and how we work together as a team and as a unit. The big question all successful employers/recruiters are asking themselves when they interview a prospect is: "Does this person have the right interpersonal skills, and are they able to get along with others and work as a team?"

## Fundamentals

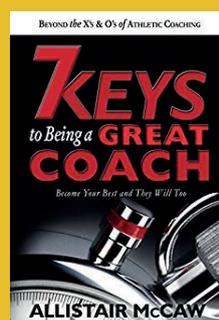
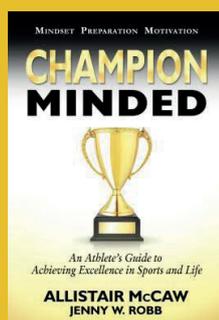
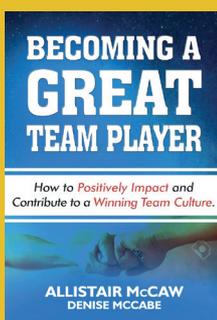
Today, there are so many distractions and so much information out there. For many it can sometimes be hard to decipher what is legit and what isn't. However, experience teaches you what is and what isn't. One of the best traits that all successful coaches, leaders, players, etc possess, is their ability to master the fundamentals and skills of their craft. They aren't sucked in by the 'fancy' stuff', but instead stick to the fundamentals.

## Invest

Great leaders and coaches are life-long learners. They wake up each day with a thirst to learn more. They are always investing in themselves, be it through reading, researching, attending workshops, podcasts etc. They are intentional in their quest to learn more so they can understand more. They know that when they get better, they too make those they lead better.



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# 2019 Annual Awards Night

Squash Australia held its 2019 Annual Awards Night on the Gold Coast in June alongside the World Doubles Championships. Squash Australia wishes to acknowledge all the great work done by volunteers around Australia and the Squash Australia Annual Awards recognises just a small percent of them.



**Player of the Year**  
Cameron Pilley  
Donna Lobban (Winner)  
Zac Alexander



**CGA Athlete of the Year Junior (Female)**  
Sze Yu Lee  
Alex Haydon (Winner)  
Ella Burge



**CGA Athlete of the Year Junior (Male)**  
Greg Chan (Winner)  
Oscar Curtis  
Ethan Eyles



**Ashaway Coach of the Year**  
Lisa Camilleri (Winner)  
Melody Francis  
Jayden Wadd



**Marsh Insurance Club of the Year**  
Bega Squash Club (NSW)  
Ingle Farm Squash Club (SA)  
Dalrymple Squash Club (QLD)  
Sandgate Squash Club (QLD)  
Daisy Hill Squash Club (QLD)



**Faulkner Sports State/Territory of the Year**  
Squash & Racquetball Victoria  
ACT Squash  
Squash SA (Winner)



**Royal Pines Referee of the Year**  
Nathan Turnbull (Winner)  
Brad Freeme  
Mike Palfreyman



**Victor Fair Play Award**  
Dylan Molinaro  
Jack Hudson (Winner)



**Dunlop Volunteer of the Year**  
George Deubler  
Rosemary Lord (Winner)  
Trish Medioli



**Schweppes Racquetball Club of the Year**  
The ARC Campbelltown  
Devonport Squash Club (Winner)  
Lakes Entrance Squash and Racquetball Club



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# Squash Australia ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



# President's Report



After three terms as a Director of Squash Australia and five and a half years as President, I thought it would be informative to compare where Squash in Australia is today to where it was five or six years ago. Because quite clearly it has taken some major steps forward.

Let me start with a whole of sport comment about participation. The Australian Bureau Statistics measured participation in 2013/14 when Squash had 104,000 players. This was down from almost one million [5-percent of the Australian population in the 1970's] for reasons we all know well.

However, after 30 or 40 years of continuous decline, Sport Australia now estimate there are over 180,000 players in Australia measured on a similar basis.

These numbers clearly include not only traditional squash players but also Masters and Racquetball, to whom we sometimes have not given the recognition they deserve. And this growth of almost 75-percent over five years is a wonderful foundation for further growth.

The earliest reference I could find to an electronic affiliation system for Squash in Australia, was in the AGM minutes for 2004. There may have been discussions prior, that I could not find. However, the

milestone that has been achieved in the last 12 months, is that every state in Australia is now using Sporty HQ.

Reaching this point has not been easy, and today it is not yet a complete solution, but the sport now has a common technology platform, that when fully developed, and its use optimised, will deliver against the dream of the last 15-years.

The annual accounts for 2014 showed revenue of \$1.65 million, compared with this year's number of more than \$2.6 million.

The growth of almost 60-percent in available funds now enables a staff of almost 10 FTE's to support all nine pillars of the sport rather than just high performance, is a significant achievement. These costs and revenues are all based on a sound financial footing.

Which leads to the establishment of the first ever National Squash Centre at Carrara, with legacy assets from the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. This is not only a High Performance Centre for squash, but also a local club for Gold Coast players. While it is still creating its own identity, with a small cash surplus in its first year of operation, it is clearly sustainable on all counts.

National events have returned to Squash in Australia. The Australian Open is once more an annual event. Graded Championships, Club Championships and others have been added to fill out the calendar.

These have been supplemented by World Squash Federation events, with one held each year, the next being the World Juniors in 2020. The next steps are to increase the profile and level of participation in each event, something we can learn from

Masters Squash.

During the period of the Glasgow and the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, and the World Championships in between, Australia's leading athletes have continued to win medals in doubles. The players commitment to representing Australia, and their personal performances at each of the events, I cannot speak highly enough of them. We applaud each of them.

The nature of a federated sport creates competing priorities across the landscape. This is true in Squash, as it is in many sports. In the period we have held two national conferences, the first for many years, to try and align objectives.

In the first conference, a National Strategic Plan was agreed on and it was supported more in spirit than in fact by the States.

And the second conference, it opened a conversation that could break down many of the internal barriers within the sport.

By addressing methods of communication and identifying roles and responsibilities of each of the levels of the organisation, these recommendations could provide the necessary catalysts for the next stage of aligned growth for Squash across Australia.

I hope that optimism is fulfilled.

And finally let me recognise the contribution of each of the Board members who are or have served Squash Australia over the last five years, and the staff who have done the same, thank you on behalf of the sport for delivering all of these significant milestones for Squash in Australia.

**David Mandel**

President

# SPORT AUS

## A message from Sport Australia

Sport and physical activity has enormous influence on our nation's health, education, social, economic and diplomatic outcomes.

It's why Sport Australia and the AIS remain steadfast in our vision: to make Australia the world's most active sporting nation, known for its integrity, sporting success and world-leading sports industry.

Australia's commitment, outlined in the Australian Government's national sport plan, Sport 2030, is to reduce physical inactivity by 15 per cent. It's a huge challenge Sport Australia enthusiastically accepts.

We are making significant progress and Sport Australia's programs are benefiting sport, as well as broader community health and well-being, including tackling issues such as obesity. Our partnerships with National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) remain fundamental, but we are also engaging more than ever with other networks to grow our sporting industry. Collaboration with physical activity providers, health, education and various levels of Government can deliver more for sport and all Australians.

This was highlighted in 2018-19 when Sport Australia, on behalf of the Australian Government, delivered \$150million in new participation programs. The \$100million Community Sport Infrastructure grants program is enhancing hundreds of grassroots facilities across Australia. The \$28.9million Participation grants program is encouraging innovative programs that help break the down barriers to physical activity. The new \$22.9million Better Ageing activity program is helping senior Australians 65 and older to get more active and socially connected.

Our national Sporting Schools program remains a key platform to address childhood inactivity and drive generational change. We have funded 7300 schools and recorded more than 5.2million attendances

since its launch in mid-2015. We continue to look at ways to maximise the impact of Sporting Schools and link it with our work in physical literacy. By teaching our children to run, throw, jump or kick, we put them on the path to better lives.

All this work is emphasised by our national behaviour change campaign, Move It AUS. Our call to action is to 'Find Your 30' minutes of physical activity every day, and enjoy the benefits.

We are continuing to build the capability of the sports industry, addressing governance reform to bring out the very best in our sporting organisations. The One Management project looks at helping sports align their strategy, workforce and financial management.

**There is no success without integrity. We continue to encourage environments that are inclusive and welcoming. Increasing diversity in our industry is critical and we want to make sport the benchmark for a more equitable society.**

The AIS, in partnership with the National Institute Network and National Sporting Organisations, is aligning Australia's high performance sport strategy too. The National High Performance Sport Strategy 2024 signals the first time all Federal and State/Territory sports agencies have signed up to a joint high performance strategy.

In November 2018, the AIS announced an updated investment model for high performance sport and through this improved framework, Olympic, Paralympics and Commonwealth Games sports will benefit from a longer term approach to funding. Instead of annual grants to sport, for the first time the AIS is providing longer-



term funding commitments to give sports more stability and certainty to plan ahead.

All of this work is important with the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics drawing near, and the 2022 Beijing Winter Games and Paris 2024 beyond that.

Enhancing athlete pathways and athlete well-being are primary areas of focus for the AIS, and are keys to creating long-term sustainable success. We have embedded 20 Athlete Well-being Managers across National Sporting Organisations working closely with the AIS Well-being and Engagement team, are delivering key programs and support from mental health programs, through to career guidance and connection to Australians at the community level.

The AIS is also leading collaborative sports research, applied technology and innovation initiatives including the Gold Medal Ready program, a unique partnership with the Australian Army to help athletes perform under pressure.

From backyards to benchmark international events, we believe unquestionably in the power of sport and physical activity to reflect the very best in our culture and to be a powerful vehicle for change.

Thank you for all you do for Australian sport and best wishes for the year ahead.

**John Wylie AM**



## Vision

**Education:** We will help children in Australia experience Squash through the school curriculum. Our volunteers and staff will work alongside teachers to help children experience and enjoy squash.

**Recreational:** We will promote squash as a key part of a healthy lifestyle that contributes to a positive work/life balance.

**Sporting:** We will ensure that everyone with athletic talent reaches their full potential by providing the appropriate pathways, funding and coaching. We will also provide the competition opportunities and programmes to assist Australian players compete with distinction on the world stage.

## Mission

To be an innovative and highly respectable sports organisation, and the most successful racquet sport in Australia by enabling Australian players, coaches and officials of all ages, cultural background and skill level to have the opportunity to excel in squash and in life!

## Goals

Squash will be a thriving participant sport for all Australians;

Provide an excellent Consumer Experience;

Run world class events for all members;

Stop the decline of Squash courts, by making facilities attractive, enticing, professionally operated and financially sustainable;

Win medals that matter for Australia;

Squash personnel will be competent to deliver the sport through a workforce development programme;

Squash Australia will have the network required to influence key decisions in its favour;

Squash will enhance its profile, through media and new technologies;

Squash will be well administered and focused on local delivery through a shared Australia wide vision.

## Values

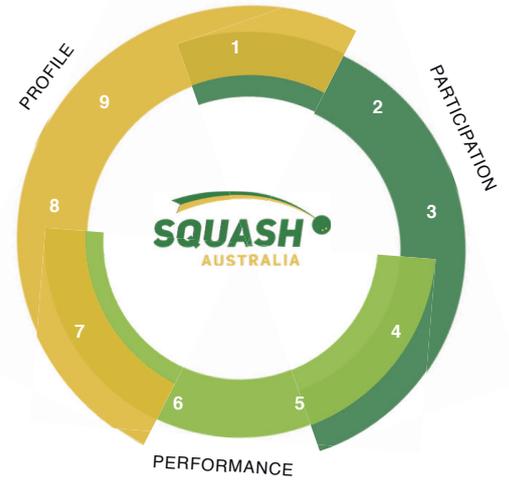
**Collaborative:** Working together as one for the good of the sport.

**Innovative:** Embrace change, be consumer focused and have a growth mindset.

**Inclusive:** Include all of society.

**Respectful:** To Listen, empathise, and be considerate of everyone.

**Excellence:** To strive for the highest standards in everything we do.



Participation Growth	Increased Profile	Performance Success	STRATEGIC OUTCOMES
Underpinned by quality experience .	A positive and dynamic perception of the sport.	Winning medals that matter for Australia.	
3 - 5% compound participation growth over four years. Increased commercial sponsorship by 25%.	Win two medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and regularly have players in the last eight at the World Junior Championships.		MEASURABLE GOALS
BUILDING A SYSTEM WHICH SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMMES THAT CAN ACHIEVE THESE GOALS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a collaborative, well organised and friendly sport</li> <li>• Increased funding to the whole of sport</li> <li>• Squash is well promoted</li> <li>• Enhanced use of digital technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A strong base of young performance players</li> <li>• Good refereeing and coaching throughout Australia</li> <li>• Ensure volunteers running clubs are well supported</li> <li>• Run a thriving competition structure</li> </ul>		ENABLERS

## WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

It helps to show the change



1	Sport rich in history	Sport for tomorrow
2	State centred	Customer centred
3	A focus on individual/group partisan interests	What is best for the whole of the sport for the next 100 years
4	A 100% reliance on government grants and affiliation monies	Self-sufficient with funding available through multiple income streams and reliance on government grants below 50% of overall income
5	Symptoms Reacting Approach	Strategic Systems Approach
6	Just a Member Protection Policy	Integrity Framework and culture for a safe, friendly and welcoming sport

# CEO Report: Richard Vaughan

We have recently passed the halfway mark of our Squash Australia 2016 – 2022 Strategy and it is a pleasure to report on a successful three years of delivery. This strategy was developed with all squash stakeholders in 2015 and over the past twelve months we have been able to review, reflect and enhance the sport we all love for the future.

Again, there have been many highlights over the period of this report, but I have picked out a few outstanding achievements:

- Eight medals; three gold, three silver and two bronze at the World Doubles Championships 2019
- Hosting a successful World Doubles Championships at the National Squash Centre ahead of budget;
- Two players participated in the Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Squash first appearance at the Youth Olympic Games.
- Hosting a successful World Coaches Conference, seen by many as the best World Conference of all time with world class speakers in Allistair McCaw, Mike Way, Paul Price and Ashraf Hanafi.
- The successful launch of the inaugural Australian Club Championships;
- Further development of the National Squash Centre with over \$400,000 external investment;
- Increasing AIS support by an additional \$210,000 for the HP programme;
- The best girls team result at the World Junior Championships since 2005, with the girls finishing a well-deserved seventh;
- Funding from Sport Australia has increased by 134% from \$740,000 in 2016 to \$1,731,000 in 2019;
- Over the past four years we have reduced insurance costs by 7.7% from a high of \$146,506 to \$135,307 in 2019;
- Since 2016 (end 2015) fully paid affiliation has increased 19% from 15,351 to 18,300 (end 2017).
- Participation recorded by Sport Australia, is up 74% from 104,500 in 2013/2014, to 181,900 in 2018/2019.

## Squash in Australia Strategic Plan 2016 – 2022

Squash Australia (SQA) continues to work collaboratively with those State Squash and Territory Associations (SSTA) that are willing to work towards achieving the national goals aligned to the national strategy for the sport.

Significant progress has continued to be made but we are fully aware of the considerable amount of work that still must be completed with the addition of new members of the Squash Australia team – Mark McLatchey, Lachlan Johnston, Stewart Boswell, Jenny Duncalf, Sarah Roder, and Chris Yeend.

Some modifications were made to maximise the National Squash Strategy, with a focus on the Consumer Experience and revisiting the values of the sport so they can be engrained in everything we do as a sport, to ensure we:

**Collaborate:** working together as one for the good of the sport

**Excellence:** to strive for excellence in everything we do

**Innovate:** embrace change, be customer focused and have a growth mindset

**Respectful:** to be open-minded and understanding

**Inclusive:** include all of society

The past year has seen the first full year of the new Strategic direction of SportAUS and their focus on health based activity and physical literacy, a challenge we will need to adapt to and support.

During this first year we have done very well, on top of the base core funding we have successfully received the following additional funds:

- In this first year we have done well with a number of additional grants. We received an additional \$315,000 for the National Squash Centre upgrades;
- We received \$43,000 in Gaming grants for participation and capital work relating to the National Squash Centre; and
- We received \$213,000 'MoveitAUS' grant to develop a female focused participation programme focused on University students through which we have developed the 'SquashGirlsCan' programme

Moving forward however the environment is less certain as we know core funding will be reduced by Sport Australia under their new Participation plan. This increases the pressure to be successful each year on targeted grants and increase commercial income.

Like many sports, squash continues to face the serious pressures. Increasing demands on people's time and the increasing explosion of health and fitness activities, the effects of entertainment, eSport, etc means that we are increasingly needing to compete with the wider commercial sector. here are three chronic areas of concern.

Despite some facility success stories, our research highlights a serious issue with the age and quality of squash facilities in general throughout Australia, and we know not being in the Olympics increases the challenges for all of us.

When I joined in 2015, I wanted to take a fresh look at the squash landscape, I engaged with colleagues, volunteers, and coaches at the grassroots of the game. What was very clear was a need to work together, behind a united vision of the game, a line across the sport that helps us grow squash in what is a very competitive Australian sporting environment.

Despite the size of the country I thought at times we had made progress with that, but unfortunately there is significant room to improve the culture within the sport by improving collaboration, cohesion and alignment. This remains the risk for the sport in Australia.

Over the past year, in line with the Squash Australia Strategy review we have taken a parallel review of the sport through the Sport Development Framework consultation to provide evidence to help guide decisions for the sport.

We have talked to as many different parts of the wider squash family and partners as we could. By intently listening to this feedback, we are going to better understand the challenges that we face and be able to make the right decisions for the sport to respond to these challenges.

What we are hearing is that we all want a sport that is as relevant, as accessible, welcoming and enjoyable as it possibly can be. Squash opened up! Opened to anyone with an interest in it, players of all abilities and backgrounds and significantly more fans and engagement across the sport.

While working through the consultation process, we have focused on three key areas:

**Empowerment:** in line with the organisational values we have worked collaboratively and respected all views of our STSA's and other stakeholders with the aim of finding the right structure, communication and decision-making process for all in the sport to get behind programmes, events and the sport as a whole.

An essential part of this has been the empowerment of all stakeholders in the process of establishing structures that everyone is bought in to and contribute. We have had a Working Group structure which acts as an Advisory board on the key strategic pillars. While these have been successful and

that places are open to all, we have failed to gain essential State expertise and buy in. To achieve this two Working Parties were established to look at communication within the sport and how we collaboratively make decisions that are in the best interest of the sport, roles and responsibilities.

These Working Parties contain approved members of the States, Sport Australia, other independents and one representative from Squash Australia.

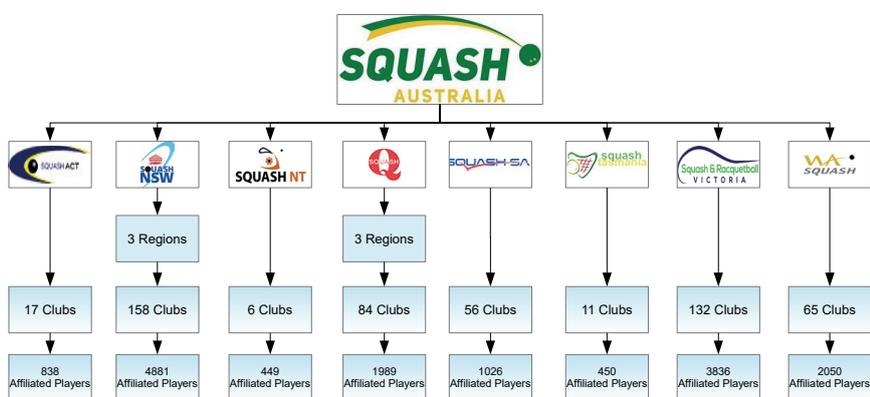
The independent results of these Working Parties are due at the end of 2019 and we hope everyone in the sport can buy in to one direction and move the sport forward, until that time the current Working Group structure has been placed in to advance.

**Ethics:** In line with the sports values of respect and integrity we have transformed the Integrity framework the past three years and are 100% complaint with the Sport Australia Mandatory Governance Principles.

These ethics are not only on paper, they are lived values which are intrinsic to everything we do at Squash Australia and we have a policy of 'zero tolerance' to behaviours and actions that breach these values and the Integrity Framework.

**Evolution:** Everyone recognises we need to ensure the sport is safe, exciting and interesting. We also understand that our competition is not traditional sport which is competitive enough but also that the younger generation have different behaviours and that the effects of entertainment, eSports and other distributors are increasingly going to a significant impact at sport. To combat this the brand of Squash must be different and the that view is aligned in the National Strategy:

- New participation programmes that target children and new participants to the sport which want specific outcomes from their time and at that point they have with limited time to invest further in the sport. We call these participants 'exposure' or 'social' players;
- An extension of this notion is the development of the 'Outdoor Squash' programme which aims to bring squash outside, so it is visible and inviting to all;
- There is a need for more flexible competition format for participants of all ages and competitions need to be fun and inviting;
- We need to engage the fan base and these new types of participants and our communication technology and channels need to adapt to be able to achieve this.



\* Club figures taken from SportyHQ facilities list for affiliated clubs  
 \* Affiliated Players figures taken from 2017/18 ASPR data

## Squash Australia Working Groups

Several Working Groups and Panels involving SQA, STSA's and external individuals have played important roles in progressing and delivering many strategic initiatives outlined in the plan, and while recognized later in this Annual Report, I would like to thank just some of the 35-40 individuals who volunteer their time to better the sport:

- Geoff Hunt – World champion player, coach (High Performance)
- Jamie Salter – Performance Manager Swimming Australia (High Performance)
- Shane Lemcke – Physio Lead/Owner QSMC (High Performance)
- David Palmer – Former World Champion (High Performance)
- Anthony Ricketts – World No3 player, coach (High Performance)
- Mark Band – CEO Parks and Leisure (Facilities)

- George Deubler – Analyst, Comm Bank (Facilities)
- Alexandra Kerr – Wyndam Hotels Marketing Manager (Profile)
- Julie Marks – Senior Communications Consultant (Profile)
- Daman Foy – KDV Marketing Director (Profile)
- Melissa Backhouse – Senior Consultant Vic Health (Participation)
- Anna Walker – Development Manager Surfing Australia (Participation)
- James Rogers – Development Manager Squash SA (Education)
- Richard Cagliarini – Squash Tutor (Education)
- Grant Gough – Squash Tutor (Education)

Through this Strategic Plan I am happy to say we remain fully rated green by Sport Australia across all areas. This status has been attained by increasing both full member and exposure participation. Governance has improved yet again and the financials are on a good footing with excellent reporting back to Sport Australia which they appreciate. It is important we keep up with any reforms in this area, so that we can retain and increase funding for the sport.

## National Squash Centre

The national squash centre has gone from strength to strength with an additional \$400,000 in grants being invested in the project through the period.

The national centre is home to the National High-Performance programme, the host of many national events and we hosted both the World Doubles Championships and World Coaches Conference in the period.

Financial performance has been on target and we look forward to turn the investment in to profit after the first three years.

### Membership Value

Through the year SQA has continued to try and add value to the benefits of affiliating. This value is passed on in a business to business format with the STSA's. At the end of the period it was jointly agreed to end the Benefits Portal due to low usage with approx. 370 users. We have however improved general service all round through coaching, referee and performance pathways. In April we made a huge commitment to the sport and made the Sporty HQ platform free to all clubs/centres in Australia and we are excited to announce the availability of new roles around Community Engagement, Performance Pathway and supporting the development of coaches who are developing some of the best young talents. An outline of the benefits to the squash community includes:

- SportyHQ Platform – the national digital platform has been made free for everyone saving the average club \$540 and providing amazing value/benefit to the State members totalling \$155,400 from current Sporty HQ usage and a potential \$879,026 if all clubs were fully engaged across all sections of the platform. The system offers the following for free:

- Club/Centre member management
- Website;
- Court booking system;
- Competition management software;
- Integrated MATRIX and complete integration across the entire platform.

- Sporty HQ Support through the Consumer Engagement Officers (2);
- Facility Grant Writing Services available to all Clubs/Centres;
- Support letters and general support to receive additional grants e.g. events;
- Coach Education and Referee Pathways;
- Free Equipment support for school and junior development;
- Development of an eLearning resource and additional source of funding through adhoc grants;

- Development and management of National events;
- Streaming of National events;
- Performance pathways with National camps, National Training Centre, Winning Edge funding and selection and funding of national teams;
- HR advice (recruitment, retention and general advice) via a dedicated SQA staff member;
- States can access funding from the State Department of Sport;
- State can access the Sporting School funding pots for school participation - \$1,800 per programme - \$15,000 claimed in 2018/2019.

### Benefits coming soon

**Community Engagement Coordinators:** on the ground support available in each State to get squash participation products into schools, universities and ensuring clubs/centres around Australia maximise the benefits of the Sporty HQ digital platform;

**Performance Pathway Coordinators:** on the ground support available in each State to help coach Australia's best junior talent, monitor talent identification systems and help develop coaches around Australia.

**Winning Edge Coach Funding:** Coach development support for the coaches of players who are part of the Winning Edge squad, rewarding and helping coaches get to events and continue their professional development by attending the National Squash Centre or the National Coaches Conference.

# Squash Australia

## Benefits of Affiliation

Referee Pathway

Coach Education

High Performance Systems

Squash Centres

e-Learning System

Membership Hotline

Merchandise Promotions

Newsletter Updates

Play in fixtures & tournaments

**MARSH INSURANCE**  
---- NATIONAL PROGRAM ----

Public liability insurance  
Management liability insurance  
Personal accident insurance  
Cyber Insurance

**SPORTYHQ**  
---- FREE ----

CRM System  
Websites  
Competition Software Integration  
Court Booking System  
3 Year Road Map

**STATE SUPPORT**  
---- FREE ----

Free squash racquets  
Free school packs  
Free squash balls  
Cash support towards initiatives  
Facility Grant Consultancy  
Pathway Support

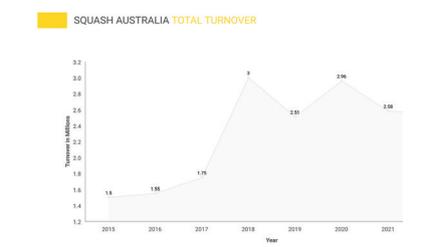
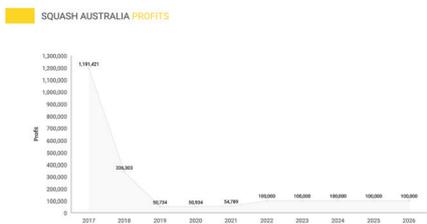
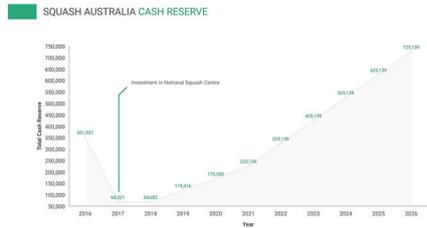
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# CEO: Finance Report

The finances the past twelve months have continued to be strong as we look to reinstate the recommended six-month cash reserve after the investment in the National Squash Centre. Below points out some highlights and explanations against the 2018/2019 also saw a strong performance:

- Profits for the year were \$336,290, approximate \$18,290 without capitalising asset additions and upgrades;
- Commercial income for the period increased \$183,118 (33%) from \$616,264 to \$799,382;
- Current assets increased \$19,011 (2.5%);
- Non-Current assets increased \$177,193 (10.1%);
- Liabilities were reduced \$140,085 (26.4%);
- Sponsorship was directly up \$9,950 (6.2%) from \$150,574 to \$160,524;
- Grants were up \$673,463 (40.2%) from \$1,004,626 to \$1,678,089;
- eShop sales increased \$12,459 (73%) from \$4,609 to \$17,068;
- Employment expenses increased \$195,054 (30%) from \$461,807 to \$656,861 as we built up the size of the team and the secondment of members of the operational team came to an end;
- Cash in the bank was reduced from \$284,189 to \$75,048 due to cash investment into the National Squash Centre;
- The \$50,000 Loan to Victoria Squash and Racquetball remains in place and entered its fourth year.



## Leadership and Governance

At the end of the 2018/2019 period the sport can look back with a sense of pride in what has been achieved over the past 12 months, and with hope looking forward with an expanding National Squash Centre, the first Interactive Squash Court in Australia and hosting the World Junior Championships on the Gold Coast.

I would like to acknowledge the loyal support and generous contribution from the Federal Government through SportAUS and the Australian Institute of Sport. The Minister for Sport, first, Hon Bridget McKenzie and then Hon. Richard Colbeck, the SportAUS Board under the leadership of John Wylie and CEO Kate Palmer, who have provided invaluable advice and support to our organization over the period.

Sincere thanks go to CEO Craig Phillips, and the Board of Management of Commonwealth Games of Australia for their continued support to Squash and our High-Performance Programme.

SQA continue to harness a strong relationship with each STSA during the 2018/2019 period and collectively we have worked collaboratively on a number of projects and initiatives that will continue to develop over the coming months and years. We thank the Presidents, Executive Directors and their support staff of each STSA.

To our valued sponsors and partners who are outlined throughout this publication, the SQA Board and staff extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation for these partnerships and look forward to continuing to develop these relationships collaboratively into the future. Existing partners the City of Gold Coast, Victor, Ashaway, Dunlop, Schweppes, Peters and Red Bull, Teuton Trainers and BLK clothing and we welcome new partnerships with iMask, Sibiosi Sport and the Shanghai Squash Academy.

SQA and the STSAs continued to work closely in partnership with the Squash Australia technology platform provided by SportyHQ to roll out and improve the events and participant payments platform. A priority for the past year has been to complete the rollout of the new Matrix system.

A special thanks is made to the SQA Board of Directors, staff, national working groups and volunteers for their continued commitment and dedication to the growth and development of the sport and brand of squash in Australia.

SQA also acknowledges World Squash Federation Vice President Sarah Fitz-Gerald for her invaluable work in this period.

## Leadership and Governance

In partnership with SportAUS, SQA has maintained its 100% compliance of the SportAUS Mandatory Governance Principles.

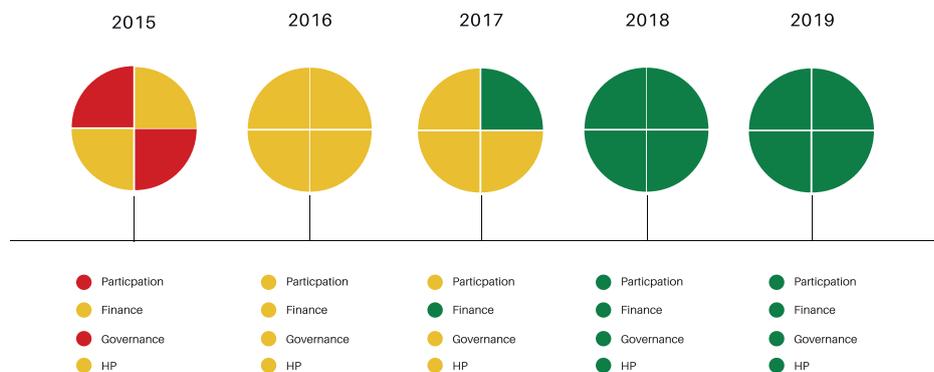
We note continued feedback for a State Governance Code, and we have provided incentive cash funding for improvements in State Governance via the State Investment Agreements.

The SA Audit, Finance and Risk Committee was very active improving the processes and systems in place through 2018/2019 led by AFRC Chair Richard Majlinder.

The Nominations Committee Chaired by Margot Foster likewise started its first year in full operation.

## In Memoriam

Throughout the past year, Squash communities throughout Australia have lost many loved and respected friends and members and we offer our prayers and thoughts to members of the squash family.





## Greater Together on the Gold Coast

The lead up to 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games was a landmark period for Commonwealth Games Australia, our member sports and our athletes.

Of course, much of CGA's focus during the reporting year was on preparation for and participation at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. To complement the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, we set ourselves an ambitious new strategic direction focused on four key areas: Building team success; Building a valued brand; Connecting with communities; and Leading the way.

In the lead-up to the Gold Coast Games the theme 'Greater Together' was developed. Greater Together was about the importance of every person and every role within our Australian Team of 756—the biggest Australian Commonwealth Games team in history. Together we were greater and collectively we all delivered on these strategic priorities. Our important work in these areas will continue in the lead up to Birmingham 2022 and beyond.

Our team total of 198 medals including 80 gold, 59 silver and 59 bronze topped the medal tally and was the best return since our previous home games, Melbourne 2006.

Squash made an important contribution to the team's success, with gold medals to Donna Urquhart and Cameron Pilley in the mixed doubles and six-time Commonwealth Games representative David Palmer joining Zac Alexander to win the men's doubles. In addition, Urquhart paired with five-time Games representative Rachael Grinham to win the bronze medal in women's doubles.

Our Australian Team was led superbly by Chef de Mission Steve Moneghetti AM, his contribution to CGA has been immense as both an athlete and team official.

To provide an environment conducive to success, we worked hand-in-hand with our member sports and the Australian sporting system. This work saw CGA form partnerships with Paralympics Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport and the National Institute Network. The partnership with the AIS included the successful roll out of the Sideline Champions program. During this Games cycle, CGA provided \$21.6 million in funding to member sports through programs ranging from youth to the elite. Squash Australia benefitted with \$530,000 spread across the Gold Coast Gold, NextGEN, DAIS and Podium Initiative programs.

CGA is very proud of this significant contribution to Australian sport, and we remain committed to working with our sports to improve our programs going forward.

It is important that we continue to engage with our member sports and the Australian sporting system, and this will be a priority of the newly shaped CGA Board. Work is already underway for Birmingham 2022 and we look forward to building on the successes of the Gold Coast 2018 campaign.

We thank Squash Australia for their support.

**CRAIG PHILLIPS**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Commonwealth Games Australia



# Meet the Board

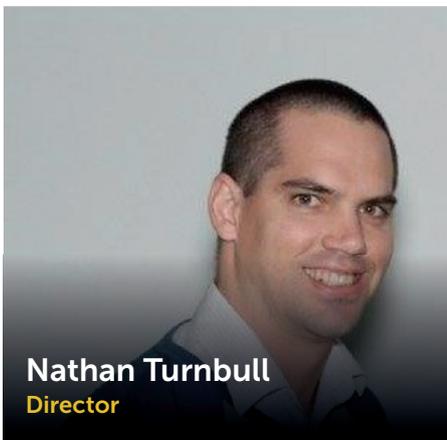


**David Mandel**  
PRESIDENT

David played squash for nearly 30-years at club level. This was from his university days at the University of Sussex, England, until ten years ago in Australia, when his knee failed. And in between, when in America he not only played but also commenced training as a referee, an activity that lapsed upon his return to Melbourne.

David has 25-years of employment by multinationals in the UK, USA and Australia, rising to running the Australia subsidiary of a listed USA Fortune 500 company. While the functional skills were finance and treasury, the strategic and analytical abilities have driven the contributions he has made in his current role.

David is now a Non-Executive Director as sound boards including Commonwealth Games Australia and is Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee at the World Squash Federation.



**Nathan Turnbull**  
Director

I have been playing squash at all levels for over 20 years, from worst player at my club to representing Australia at the World University Games.

I am heavily involved in coaching juniors at Sandgate Squash Centre which I am a part owner, I am also a World Squash Federation Referee and still a very serious squash player. Although my tournaments these days are far more social than professional it hasn't stopped the desire to win.

I have been involved on more committees and panels in squash then I can count and it has always been a passion of mine to move squash forward.

I was a Director of QSquash Ltd from 2016-2018.



**Michelle Martin**  
Director

Michelle Martin has been one of Australia's most prolific athletes on the international squash scene. She won three consecutive world titles in 1993, 94, and 95, and clinched six straight British Opens titles in 1993, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98. She also held the world No.1 ranking from 1993-95 and again in 1999.

This domination overflowed into her Australian representational duties, competing at six World Women's Team's Championships in 1987, 90, 92, 94, 96 and 98.

Martin also competed for Australia at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games winning two gold medals in the women's singles and the mixed doubles. She also represented Australia in the 1996 and 1999 World Cups. In addition to her outstanding international prowess she won seven Australian Open Championships in 1991, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98 and 99.

Her outstanding squash attributes have been acknowledge by both the Australian public and the World Squash Federation after being inducted into both respective Sports Halls of Fame. In March 2005 she was inducted into the inaugural Australian Squash Hall of Fame.

Martin has continued her commitment to Australian squash in the coaching field, and was manager/coach of the victorious Australian team at the 2004 World Women's Teams Championship in Amsterdam.

In 2013 the Australian government acknowledged Michelle's contribution and services to Squash and Australian sport with the award Medal of the Order of Australia.



**Mick Jaroszewicz**  
Director

Mick is passionate about a healthy lifestyle through participation in sport, volunteering with non for profit organisations and joining his organisations with charities involved in well-being. Mick played squash for 44 years and has held numerous senior club administration roles.

Between 2011-2016 he was Chairman of Briars@Thornleigh Squash Club and was the leader in the amalgamation of the two squash clubs. In 2015 he was elected to the Board of Directors of Briars Sports with over 1500 sporting members participating in six different sports.

Mick was elected to the Squash Australia Board in March 2015 and he has been chairperson of the Events and Facilities Working Groups. In the role of Chair of Facilities his mission is to build more squash courts. Currently he is negotiations with Canada Bay Council, NSW to bring squash courts back to the Municipality.

Mick has 39 years' experience as a Structural / Civil Engineer and Project Manager with major building projects in United Kingdom, Middle East and Australia. He has been a company director in Australia since 1989. In 2007 he founded MAJCON, providing corporate and government NSW with Structural / Civil Engineering, Building Repairs and Condition / Dilapidation Survey expertise.

Mick has been a Director of The Association of Consulting Structural Engineers, NSW since 2007. As President in 2012 he led the reform of the Articles of Association, oversaw its autonomy and self-governance away from Consult Australia which has resulted in substantial membership growth and new-found high-profile corporate sponsorship. He master planned the Association's Mission Statement and 5 year Strategic Plan in 2012 and he currently leads governance, corporate sponsorship and membership.

Mick A. Jaroszewicz BSc MICE MIE(Aust)  
CPEng NER APEC Engineer Int(Aust) Building Practitioner (Victoria) RPEQ



**Chris Sinclair**  
Director

In her teenage years Chris represented NSW in athletics, swimming, diving and netball and was also a National netball umpire. Chris started playing squash in Melbourne, then moved to Townsville and finished playing A grade in Sydney having played the second top grade. For NSW Squash Chris organised the Sydney Pennant competition when there were >260 women's and >350 men's teams of 5 players just in the north. Chris ran the Sydney Junior Pennant competition for many years and together with Beverley Gould and Ted Barlow, initiated the Australian Junior Championships.

Chris' love has always been refereeing and she was one of a small number of WSF World Referees (and the only female). Chris refereed all the top players including Jahangir, Jansher, Power, Matthew, Gaultier, Devoy, Fitz-Gerald and the 3 Martins over many years, including World Championship and Commonwealth Games finals. Chris is currently a member of the WSF Rules Committee and is a WSF Assessor.

Chris has given over 20 years to Community Aid and Meals on Wheels. Chris is a Researcher, Historian and Archivist with 3 university degrees and is currently completing a PhD. Chris is a part-time Lecturer, Mentor, Presenter and Tutor.



**Dale Robbins**  
Director

Dale an active squash player within the masters squash environment, has a specialist background in Marketing and Strategies working in the automotive industry. Dale is currently the state sales manager for Nissan Motor Co.



**Joanne Brodie**  
Director

Joanne is a Director on the Board of the Coffs Harbour, Bellingen Nambucca Community Transport, a Category Chief Judge for the Australian Institute of Project Management National Awards and a Landcare volunteer.

Joanne is an experienced Program Manager, with expertise in strategic planning, governance, risk management, safety and implementation. She is passionate about sport and wellbeing and has played representative level hockey and netball and participated in sailing, mixed indoor netball, mixed indoor cricket, scuba diving, martial arts and squash.

Joanne has worked at Qantas Airways for 15 years on a number of business transformation and aircraft projects, including setting up Jetstar Japan.



**Richard Majlinder**  
Chair Accounting Finance Risk Committee

Richard Majlinder has been the Chair of Squash Australia's Audit, Finance and Risk Committee since 2015. Richard is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and was formerly a Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is currently the Chief Commercial Officer at Madison Technologies.



**Margot Foster**  
Director

Margot Foster AM is a lawyer by profession and has spent many years on a variety of boards from local to international level, both private and government.

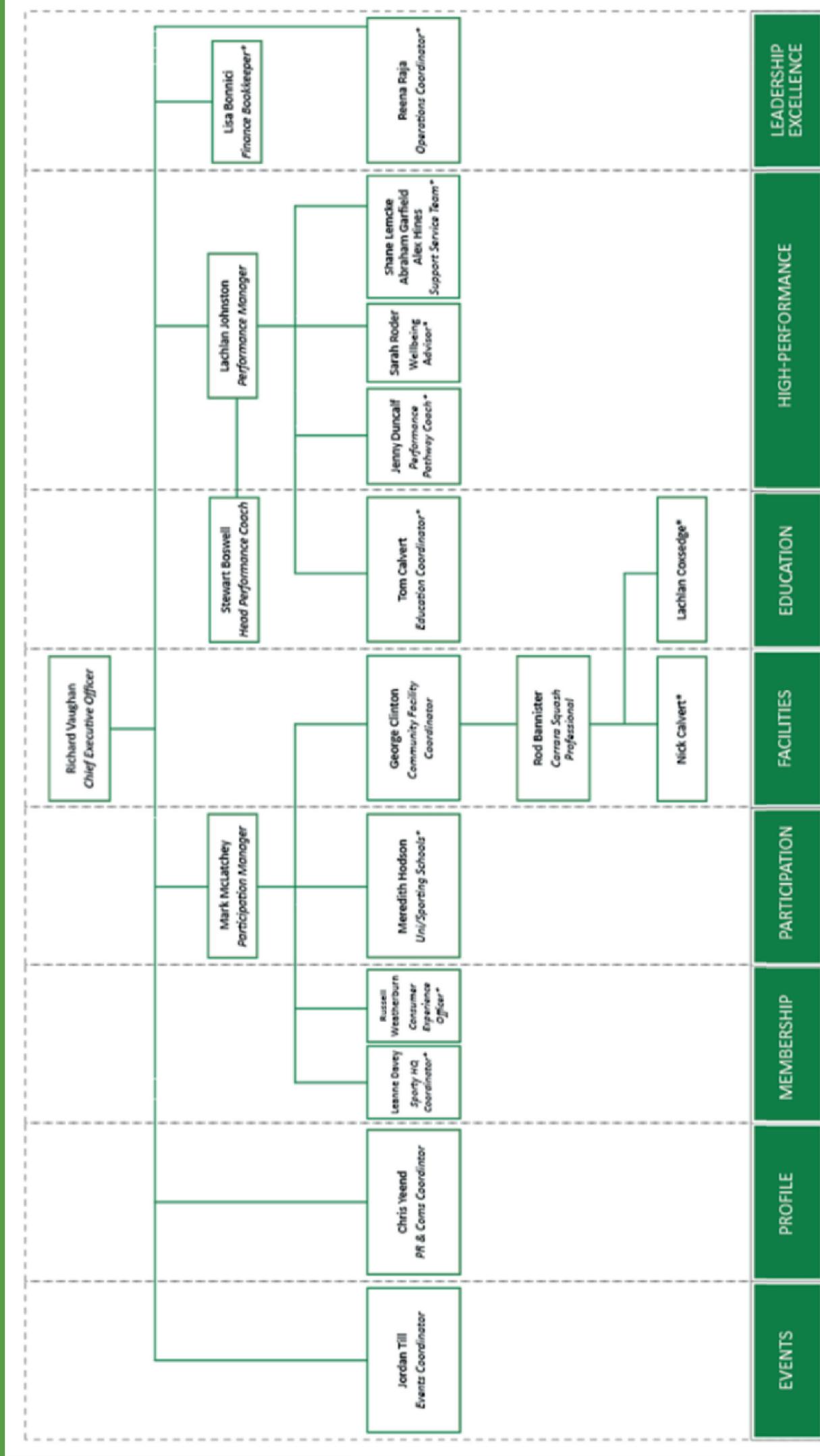
Margot's board roles have included the Australian Sports Commission (now Sport Australia), Gymnastics Australia, Rowing Australia, New Zealand Sports Commission, National Parks Advisory Council (Vic), Presbyterian Ladies' College Council, VicHealth and many others. She is currently on the board of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) (and is not a petrolhead!), Vicsport, the Olympians Club of Victoria and in December 2018 was appointed as chairman of a committee for the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) the world governing body for athletics.

In addition she is pleased to chair the Squash Australia Nominations Committee and has also sat on the Cricket Victoria nominations committee, and a variety of discipline and selection tribunals for a number of sports.

She runs her own problem-solving consultancy providing advice to organisations about their governance approaches and issues, and also offers dispute resolution and mediation services.

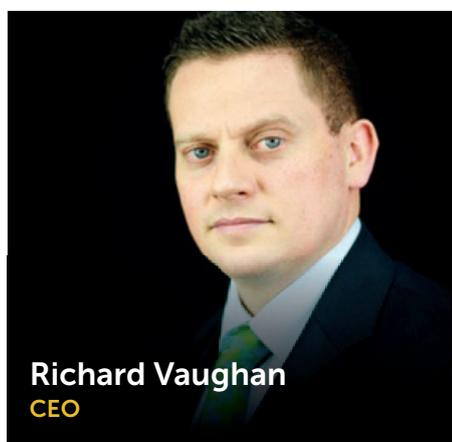
In her prior life Margot competed for Australia in rowing winning a bronze medal at the 1984 Olympic Games and a gold medal at the 1986 Commonwealth Games.

# Squash Australia Organisational Chart



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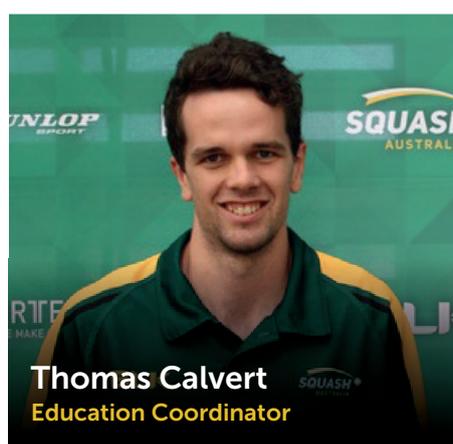
# Meet the Team



Richard Vaughan took the helm at Squash Australia in July of 2015, joining from Badminton Ireland where he was their Chief Executive Officer for four years.

In Ireland he oversaw the transformation of the organisation from one of insolvency in 2011 to one in 2015 which has a very healthy surplus, growing participation numbers, an exciting schools programme, best practice new media and ICT; two Olympians and three European Games medallists at Baku 2015.

As a former Olympic badminton player who reached No. 6 in the world and won European and Commonwealth medals, Richard has a wealth of knowledge in the performance sector. This has been exemplified by his work with the Badminton World Federation around the Olympic Games and Coach Education. Richard has a MBA from Leicester University and previously worked in the Digital area at FD Systems as well as a Masters in Education and BSc in Economics and Politics from Bath University.



Tom has been playing squash for 10 years and trains daily at the National Training Centre. For the last three years he has been coaching the Brisbane vipers and Queensland sharks. Tom has completed a Bachelor degree in Exercise and Movement Science at Queensland University of Technology and is now in the process of completing a Master's Degree in Sports Coaching.

Tom was on the Australian Junior Men's team 2012 and is currently competing on the PSA tour with highest world ranking to date, No.161 and Australian No. 8.

Outside on the office Tom enjoys playing other sports including tennis, touch and running.



Meredith has completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Melbourne and also a short course on Leading in the Digital Age by the Melbourne Business School.

She is passionate about all kinds of sports and is excited to be working in the sports industry. She has played netball, AFL, canoe polo, softball and soccer, and has also pursued athletics throughout high school. Squash is her next sport! She has also coached women's softball and AFL teams.



George joins the Squash Australia team as our Community Facilities Coordinator. He comes to us having worked with the Brisbane Broncos events team since 2015 and brings a drive and passion for working within the sports industry.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Business (with distinction) from the Queensland University of Technology, George will be focused on increasing facility numbers and funding, devising business plans for different facility types as well as creating state and national facility strategies.



After finishing a decorated playing career in 2019, Jenny leads the national junior coaching system as Squash Australia's Performance Pathway Coach. Jenny reached a career high of World Number 2 and is a triple Commonwealth Games medallist. Jenny's international experience will be a valuable resource for the athletes and coaches in Squash Australia's junior pathway.



**Russell Weatherburn**  
Consumer Experience Officer

Russell started in squash during his school days in the western suburbs of Sydney, playing juniors at Seven Hills Squash Club.

Starting a career in IT, Russell continued to play pennant matches and tournaments and decided to become a referee after other players told him that he didn't know the rules!

Russell is a WSF referee, who has refereed at three Commonwealth Games and numerous World Series and Platinum events.

Heavily involved with ACT squash as a player, coach and referee, Russell is combining his love of squash with his skills in IT to bring a new set of eyes to the membership space.

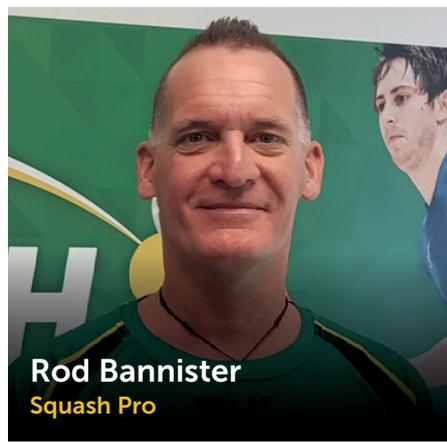


**Leanna Davey**  
Sporty HQ Coordinator

Leanna has been an active member within the squash community in ACT since 2006, having participated at a state level as a junior until a knee injury knocked her back, Leanna has gone on to join her club committee, the ACT Junior Committee and has taken on various roles within Squash ACT, her main focus is to see squash continue to grow within the Capital.

Whilst juggling her studies in Forensic Psychology at the University of Canberra, Leanna works at the Woden Squash Centre and helps with tournament organisation and is currently in charge of Junior Pennant.

Outside of work, Leanna enjoys traveling, spontaneous road trips and reading.



**Rod Bannister**  
Squash Pro

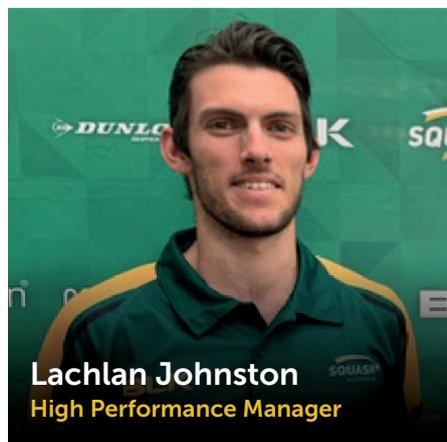
Rod joined the National Squash Centre in August 2019 and has a highly decorated playing and coaching career in squash.

Rod was a stand-out player in New Zealand where he won seven national titles across Juniors, Seniors and Masters. He has also represented New Zealand at National level.

Rod brings a wealth of experience to his position where he has coached in New Zealand, Australia, Trinidad, Namibia, Hong Kong and Germany from beginner to elite level.

He is very good with people and prides his communication and natural love of the sport and people to bring the best out of himself, the players that he coaches and through his networks.

Rod is also a published author with his book - Fitness from the Inside Out, 40 Life Lessons Learned Over 40.



**Lachlan Johnston**  
High Performance Manager

A competitive junior squash player, Lachlan has come to Squash Australia after over five years with the Queensland Academy of Sport, where he worked as a Performance Scientist. Lachlan spent most of this time with the rowing program, including touring with the Australian Rowing Team and coaching the Queensland Rowing Team. He brings with him an in-depth knowledge of the Australian sporting system and a passion and commitment to driving the High Performance Program forward.



**Mark McLatchey**  
Participation Manager

Mark is an experienced Sport Business Manager having worked within the Sports Industry for over 20 years of which 5.5 years were at Sport Australia in roles within the Sport Capability branch and as a Partnership Manager as the liaison between Sport Australia and a number of National Sporting Organisations relating to Participation activities and the Sporting School Program.

Previous to joining the Sport Australia he was the Game and Market Development Manager of Queensland Cricket for 12 years.

He has also done a number of international contracts within cricket for Malaysia, India and Sri Lankan Cricket Associations on behalf of Queensland Cricket specifically in the coach education area and the development of participation models, structures and processes.

He has completed the AICD Foundations of Directorship course and currently volunteers on the Brisbane Men's Hockey Board. Mark has only played Squash in a recreational capacity but not for many years.



**Reena Raja**  
Operations Manager

Reena has joined Squash Australia as the Executive assistant to the CEO. Reena has a bachelor's degree in Economics and Business and has a firm understanding of what it takes to deliver quality service with fantastic outcomes.

Reena is new to squash but has really embraced the sport and enjoys physical nature of playing the game. She has a background in Gymnastics and enjoys getting out and about in nature with her daughters. Outside of squash Reena enjoys reading, swimming, rock climbing and snowboarding.



**Chris Yeend**  
PR & Communications Coordinator

Chris joins Squash Australia as its Public Relations and Communications Coordinator. He, his wife Jess and two fur babies relocated to Brisbane from Victoria in May 2019 to enjoy the great weather and warm community culture.

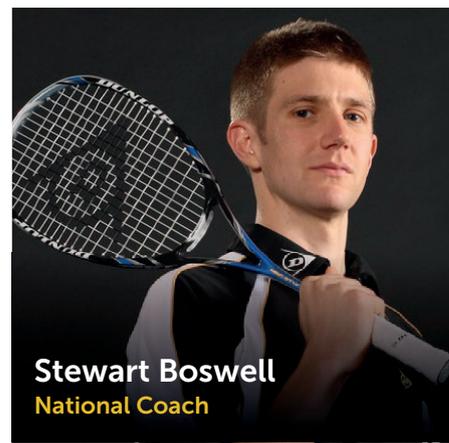
Chris spent his time growing up playing football (AFL), athletics, swimming, volleyball and basketball. His passion still remained for bringing the game to life after years spent calling games of footy in the backyard.

He studied Professional Writing at Victoria University while doing freelance work for his local football netball league at the Macedon Ranges Guardian. He eventually landed a full-time role as a sports journalist with the Midland Express and Macedon Ranges Guardian in 2010. In that time, he continued his love of footy by building, producing and being play by play commentator for Highlands FM in the Riddell District Football Netball League, winning numerous national awards.

Chris produced content for the RDFNL football record and was host for the first ever Web TV shows for the league. After leaving the Express in 2016, he joined AFL Goldfields as its Media, Marketing and Events Manager for two years before leaving the role in late 2018 and ultimately fulfil the lifetime dream of attending Wrestlemania in 2019 which was in New York.

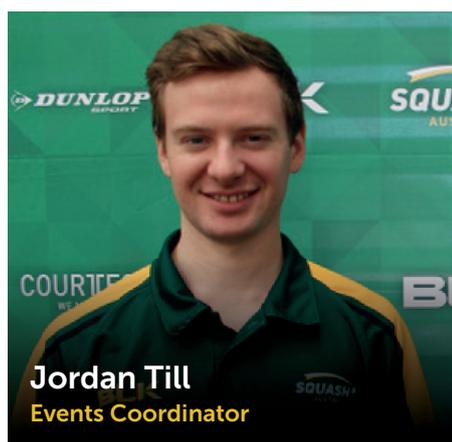
Chris and two of his best mates recorded a TV show for Channel 31 called Top Drop in 2012 which involved driving around Victoria and learning about local breweries, and has been a field umpire for local football since 2006. He has also taken up commentary for the Queensland AFL live streaming service.

Chris has a great passion for all sport and loves promoting local sport. His best sporting moment was seeing Peter Siddle get a hat-trick at the Gabba in 2010.



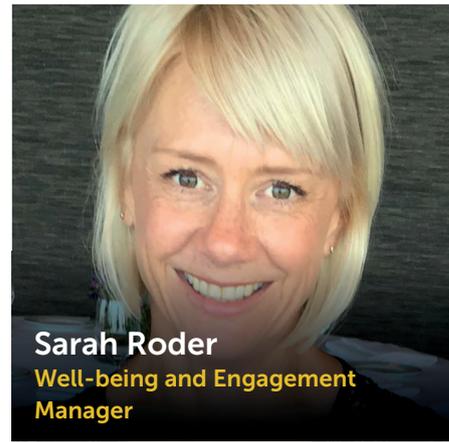
**Stewart Boswell**  
National Coach

Stewart is one of Australia's most successful players, having won four Commonwealth Games medals and reaching a career high of World Number 4. Stewart takes up the position of National Coach after spending seven years leading the Aspire Academy squash program in Qatar. Stewart will use his international coaching and playing experience to help equip our developing players with the ability to compete on the world stage.



**Jordan Till**  
Events Coordinator

Jordan has been playing squash for 18 years and is a qualified Regional level squash Referee as well as Club Development level qualified squash Coach. Jordan completed his Bachelor of Business Management, majoring in Physical Activity from University of Queensland in 2012. He has served on the Brisbane City Squash Committee for 7 years and worked as a Squash Manager at multi-sport facility Club Coops for 5 years.



**Sarah Roder**  
Well-being and Engagement Manager

Sarah is a registered psychologist and has extensive experience in the well-being and engagement area, having held similar roles with the Melbourne Victory, Victorian Institute of Sport and Gold Coast Suns. Sarah will be working with our Winning Edge players to provide support across areas affecting elite performance outside the squash court.

# State Reports



At the 2019 AGM John Small was elected to the board and subsequently elected to the Presidency. John has stepped into the role seamlessly working to improve the governance and focus for the future of the sport locally and nationally.

Within in NSW much of our governance focus has been putting in place the Child Safe Framework to comply with the National Child Safe Standard to be introduced in 2020.

Terri Bell has been a driving force within the board working with the CEO to develop the framework for publication in October.

One of the highlights for the year was hosting the Australian Junior Open at Thornleigh Squash Centre with almost 200 entries.

This event always attracts the highest calibre of players from across Australia and internationally showcasing the sport at the highest level with some hard-fought matches being played.

Squash NSW would like to thank Rex and his staff at Thornleigh Squash Centre for their outstanding service in hosting the event and also Jordan Till and Leanna Davey from Squash Australia as tournament control.

This year we saw one the icons of Australia Squash retire from the sport. Dawn Moggach OAM has been working tirelessly for squash not just in NSW but in Australia for over 50 years as a player, team manager, referee, selector, administrator and board director.

Dawn was recognised for her dedication and service to the sport in 2018 being awarded the Order of Australia Medal.

Squash NSW would like to thank Dawn for her dedication, passion and outstanding service to the sport of squash in NSW your contribution is immeasurable.

Going forward with a review of the strategic plan underway we will continue to work on improving our focus, culture, governance and direction to service our current members and players and to develop the sport to attract new players.

We look forward to working towards those goals in 2020.



The 2018-19 financial year saw a few changes to the staffing of Squash NT. Sarah Douglas started maternity leave in October 2018. This necessitated the hiring of an interim General Manager.

This role was filled by Billy Rees for a six-month contract. He obtained employment elsewhere even though Sarah extended her leave to the full year. This created a gap again.

Squash NT continued to operate the Darwin Squash Centre which was lucky enough to host the Australian Junior Championships. We welcomed Squash Australia staff and players from across Australia to Darwin for the event.

Our local squash community were also great supporters of this event with a number of people offering to volunteer their time to contribute to this major event as well as those who just came along to watch some great squash and support the players.

The annual NT Open was not held this year as we played host to the Arafura Games. We welcomed players from Australia and overseas to Darwin for the five-day tournament. This event included both doubles and singles. We also hosted the Darwin Racquetball Open and the Northern Territory Junior's Open.

Our Affiliated Clubs (Darwin Squash Association and NT Masters Squash Association) continued to run their various competitions throughout the year. The Alice Springs Squash Association maintained its commercial arrangement with a local gym, which has reduced their expenses tremendously.

Squash NT focused attention on the diversified use of the Darwin Squash Centre during off-peak hours. This included the introduction/expansion of use by disability services, a church, Kendo, Karate, fitness classes, a re-engagement school, etc.

There was also a focus on increasing local usage of the centres by increased coaching for beginner and women's groups. This expanded use and growth of programs will continue 2020.

Squash NT would like to thank the NT Government for their continued support which enables us to keep operating in the NT. Thanks also to the Squash Australia staff for their assistance throughout the year.



WA Squash has put a tremendous focus on building, and sustaining a positive, engaging and inviting culture across all clubs in 2019.

We are focused on respecting our volunteers, playing fairly, being safe on and off the court and most importantly, having fun at all levels in a way that shows a healthy lifestyle that is inviting to prospective new players.

At competition level, our Masters stole the show at the Australian Masters Championships on the Gold Coast this year.

Sue Hillier was outstanding in taking her sixth Australian title when she won the Over 55 title.

Anne Richards was flawless in the Over 60 Open event when she won the title, albeit while battling injury. This was her 12th Australian Masters Open Title.

Chas Renner took home his ninth title when he won the 90+ Open event in a remarkable display of Squash for someone of his age.

We'd like to congratulate Gregory Chan on finishing Runners-up in the Under 19s Boys event at the Australian Junior Championships in Tasmania.

Gregory had an incredible tournament and it was recognised on presentation night when he took home the prestigious MC Hazell award as the Best and Fairest for the boys across the competition.

Under 13 Isla Harris who played incredibly well to make the final. She went down in four difficult sets but represented herself and her State really well.

We held the Cambridge Junior Teams Challenge. This event was one of the great success points for our State this year as it attracted 63 players across 21 teams and the initiative to grow participation in our junior age group proved fruitful as almost 50-percent of players took to the court in their first ever tournament.

This was a second biggest event behind the State Junior Age Championships as the biggest junior competition in the State.

# State Reports



Squash Tasmania (ST) experienced significant growth in 2018. This brings to fruition, a strategy implemented by the board some three years ago to engage unaffiliated clubs in a conversation on affiliation.

This is particularly relevant in the Northern region where their membership numbers have been most at risk. The three clubs that took up affiliation in 2018 are Deloraine, Newstead and the Boozers (Theogenes), all northern based clubs.

Subsequently, Squash Tasmania membership in the Northern region increased by approximately 130 members. Obtaining public liability insurance for unaffiliated clubs has proved ST with some leverage to encourage affiliation. This has come about due to local government insisting that clubs using their facilities are adequately insured and affiliation provides umbrella liability/indemnity cover as part of their affiliation with ST.

With 543 members, ST's membership has increased overall by 37-percent (147) on 2017 figures.

State Junior Performance Pathway Program - 2018 was an exciting year for this program providing excellent training camps during the year.

Membership numbers remained static, giving us the opportunity to field good numbers at the Australian Junior Championships in Darwin.

The Under 19s showed their determination during this event and proudly became overall winners. Both Jack Hudson and Jamie Pattison flew Tasmania's flag high by taking out the Australian Junior Championships Doubles Challenge Event capping off a successful tour.

Squash Tasmania and the State Junior Performance Pathway can be very proud of our two juniors who were selected to represent Australia at the World's Junior Championships in India, well done Jack Hudson and Grace Pattison.

Ian Hocking Award - Squash Tasmania was very proud to present this prestigious award to Chris Doig, one of Squash Tasmania's hard working and dedicated advocate for Squash in our State. Sadly Chris has passed away but we will always remember him for his tireless work and contribution that he freely gave to Squash in Tasmania, and for that, we thank him.



One of our board members, Nathan Turnbull, elected to the Squash Australia board and due to this commitment, he had to resign.

Queensland Squash board elected two new board members with great squash pedigree, Bradley Hindle and Steve Finitis.

In July, the board engaged Colette Sultana to assist with the day-to-day coordination of Squash in Queensland where it has seen positive growth in both associated clubs and affiliated players over the last 12-months with a number of clubs who have been previously affiliated returning to the association.

The only area of declining numbers is on the Gold Coast. Since the opening of Carrara Squash Centre, the number of affiliated players on the Gold Coast has dropped to 53, as opposed to 293 in the year prior to Carrara's opening.

The 2018/19 affiliated memberships have increased by 29-percent on the previous year. We are seeing numbers return to levels not seen since the introduction of yearly affiliation and SportyHQ in Queensland.

Nathan Turnbull and Steve Finitis's tenure as Queensland Sharks coaches has continued and the Sharks at this year's AJC in Devonport, Tasmania regained the AJC Teams title. A big congratulations to the Sharks Management, parents and players.

We also had fantastic individual performances by Queensland players in the U17 Boys 1st - Brendan MacDonald 2nd - Luke Eyles, 3rd - Nicholas Briggs, U17 Girls 1st - Katie Davies 3rd - Kurstyn Mather, U15 Boys 3rd - Josh Porter, U15 Girls 1st - Madison Lyon, U13 Boys 1st - Joshua Rahul Raj, and U11 Boys 3rd - Joel Roshan Raj

Looking towards 2019/20, Queensland Squash hopes that Squash in Australia can actively take steps to build upon the great work by all states and territories.

Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Queensland Squash's community, centre owners, committee members, players, parents, all volunteers, coaches, supporters, sponsors and partners.



Since July without a CEO, our President Lao stepped in and held the boat steady, an amazing contribution to our sport as a volunteer.

In his time, he turned an almost sure deficit with unhappy funding agencies into an end of year profit, and appeased our supporting funding agencies. This was no easy feat and we thank Lao for his time at the helm.

In 2019 we have had a whole new operational team take the reigns with a long-term passionate volunteer Brendan who now manages all competitions and pennants in Victoria and a full changeover to the new SportyHQ.

Meredith Hodson's role as Program Manager is the Growing Participation in Sport program 'Squash & Racquetball GO!'. While doing this challenging role has redefined many other programs like Hits and Giggles, which has now become much more successful in our State.

This year we have had almost a whole new board come on Sarah Fitz-Gerald, Paul Vear, Adrian Boden, Karen Cagliarini (ex VIS and S&RV staff member), Leigh Evans and continuing on Olivia Coles and Kevin Quick.

We thank them for their tireless and dedicated work.

With a heavy focus on junior and adult participation, junior athlete development, unifying all club and centre support to survive and thrive in this current climate, all while making the S&RV organisation financially sound and able to support our state affiliates better.

Continuing the growth of the state's Grand Prix Circuit of events including 10 Squash and six Racquetball tournaments, participation is growing rapidly and now boasting the four PSA events in our State as part of this.

Racquetball is showing a force for hosting incredible numbers and engaging in so many families and players of all ages.



The past 12-months have been equally challenging and invigorating for Squash and Racquetball in South Australia.

We have a great product that is still rated as the healthiest sport in the world and new technology now allows squash courts to become large multi-use areas with the advent of moveable walls, then converted back to squash courts within minutes.

New courts at Port Pirie have helped resurrect squash in that city and there are increased participation numbers in day-time Squash and Racquetball at the ARC.

The Port Pirie and Campbelltown (ARC) courts are new facilities that have adopted the latest moveable wall technology.

We have achieved very good numbers for our High Schools competition that have included Squash and Racquetball in their physical education programs.

We are also getting our inflatable courts into primary schools, which is a great way to introduce the sport to younger participants.

Our 24/7 glass court at the Tonsley Innovation Precinct is continuing to get increased use.

At the Squash Australia National Awards dinner, Squash SA was recognised for its performance and named State Organisation of the Year for 2018 / 2019.

Alex Haydon was recognised as the Best Junior Female Athlete, and Ingle Farm Squash Club and the ARC Campbelltown Racquetball Club were both finalists in their respective Club of the Year categories.

Our strategic focus areas of, Organisational Excellence, Club and Venue Development, Participation, Pathways, Innovative Technology and Events, Communication and the Southern, will all be assessed against our objectives and the successes we have achieved.

Volunteers, staff and club personnel have been invaluable in ensuring our pennant competition, tournaments, squash programs, and elite programs flourish and on behalf of everyone who has enjoyed our sport over the past year, they receive our thanks for the effort and passion that has gone into their work.



It has been year of consolidation for squash in the ACT. While progress has been made in a number of areas, Squash ACT, like many sporting associations, does need to explore how to bring people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities into the sport.

We are looking at how we can meet the changing demographic, fit into the fast-paced working life of many, and engage with individuals, families and networks so they can 'pick up a racquet' at a time and place that works for them.

Squash ACT is excited to say that it received a generous ACT Government grant to allow for the set-up of a 24/7 system at Squash ACT's Woden Squash Centre. Recognising that squash is played whether hot, wet, cold or windy, in 2020, Squash ACT will run more sign-up days and membership drives to promote the sport.

Our aim is to increase participation numbers and ensure the 24/7 system is being used to its full potential.

2019 has seen Richard Lindsay take on the position of Head Coach of ACT Junior Squash. Richard has been working alongside former international player and coach, Anthony Ricketts, to ensure training programs are delivered to a high standard and that all players are training to the best of their ability.

Under Richard's watchful eye, we have seen fantastic new juniors enter the junior development program and high-quality squash is coming from these players. A new Junior Committee means a new fundraising drive has taken place with Gabrielle Rogan taking the lead to increase donations and funds coming in for junior squash.

Gabby has approached multiple businesses and Squash ACT juniors are currently working alongside Grill'd Woden to encourage the children and raise money for the junior squash program. Gabby has also set up a recycling bin at the Woden Squash Centre that was very kindly donated by Magnet Mart to collect bottles to be taken to the 10c drop-off points. To date, this initiative has raised around \$500 for ACT Junior Squash.

All fundraising money helps to alleviate some of the cost for the players travelling interstate, uniforms and squad fees.

Looking forward into 2020, ACT Squash is excited to be working alongside Squash Australia in hosting the Australian Junior Championships at Woden Squash Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote young national talent and allow the local players to see what the sport has to offer.

There's no doubt it will be all hands-on deck preparing for the whirlwind that will be 2020.



Squash NSW



Squash NT



WA Squash



Squash Tasmania



Queensland Squash



Squash Victoria



Squash SA



Squash ACT





# High Performance Working Group

## High Performance Working Group

Michelle Martin (NSW - Chair), Adam Gerasimou (ACT), David Palmer (NSW), Geoff Hunt (QLD), Jamie Salter (QLD), Shane Lemcke (QLD), Matthew Condie (SA).

## World Junior / World Doubles

Australia had another successful year on the international stage, with national teams performing extremely well at both the World Doubles Championships and World Junior Championships.

The World Doubles Championships were held on the Gold Coast in June, and Australia took full advantage as the tournament hosts to claim 8 medals across the women's, men's and mixed doubles events. Yamba's Donna Lobban (nee Urquhart) and Cameron Pilley finished the event as dual-gold medalists. The 2018 Mixed Doubles Commonwealth Games gold medalists again paired up to take the World Championship title.

Lobban then partnered with Victoria's Christine Nunn to take the Women's Doubles title, while Pilley teamed up with fellow New South Welshman Ryan Cuskelly to take the Men's Doubles World Championship. For Pilley and Cuskelly, it was a successful defence of the World Title they claimed in Manchester in 2017.

Australia's junior girls performed superbly at the 2019 World Junior Championships, reaching the quarter finals of the team's event for the first time since 2005. The Australian side of Alex Haydon (SA), Sze Yu Lee (NSW), Remashree Muniandy (SA) and Katie Davies (QLD) upset the Canadian team in the pool rounds to win through to the last eight, with Muniandy saving match balls in the deciding match to see Australia through.

A further eight Australians were also selected to compete in the individual event at the World Junior Championships. Erin Classen (WA), Kurstyn Mather (QLD), Ethan Eyles (QLD), Gregory Chan (WA), Abel Jin (WA), Dylan Molinaro (VIC), Sam Sergo (ACT) and Josh Penfold (QLD) travelled to Malaysia and gained valuable experience at the event. The 2020 World Junior Squash Championships will be held on the Gold Coast in July, with many of the 2019 team expected to be in contention to represent Australia at a home World Championships.



## High Performance System

The High Performance environment the National Squash Centre at Carrara continues to develop. We have developed excellent relationships with KDV Sport and the Gold Coast Suns, with open access to their world class performance spaces for our high performance athletes.

Athletes at the National Squash Centre also have access to an elite team of support staff, with strength and conditioning, physiotherapy, psychology and nutrition services providers all located in close proximity.

In response to feedback at the 2018 AGM, we have also worked closely with stakeholders and the AIS throughout the year to ensure there is clarity around improvements we can make to the high performance pathway. This work has been beneficial for the high performance system, with our AIS funding increasing for the first time in several years.

A special thank you to all the members of the Working Group and the entire High-Performance Coaching team who have done some great work this year.

### Lachlan Johnston

High Performance Manager

## Men's doubles



Cameron Pilley & Ryan Cuskelly



Zac Alexander & Rex Hedrick

## Women's Doubles



Donna Lobban & Christine Nunn



Sarah Cardwell & Jessica Turnbull



Selena Shaikh & Taylor Flavell

## Mixed Doubles



Donna Lobban & Cameron Pilley



Christine Nunn & Ethan Eyles



Alex Haydon & Zac Alexander



# Education Working Group

**Education Working Group**  
**Chris Sinclair (NSW - Chair), Grant Gough (NSW), James Rogers (SA), Richard Cagliarini (VIC).**

## Referees

The referees have had a busy period in the last few months, officiating at the Australian Doubles, Australian Junior Championships, World Doubles, Australian National Championships, Victorian Open, Australian Open, Tasmanian Open, Bendigo International, South Australian Open and Shepparton International, North Coast Open and Squash Melbourne Open

These events have been officiated in a fantastic and professional manner by all the referees involved. The referees were also provided with many successful opportunities for assessments during these events to maintain and upgrade their accreditations.

Moving forward, Squash Australia will ensure that there are assessors available for referees to complete their assessment requirements at the Australian Junior Championships, Australian Junior Open, Australian Open and Australian National Championships.

Squash Australia is pleased to see a continuing growth in referee numbers across Australia, particularly in those who are being re-accredited. If you are interested in becoming a referee, please email your expression of interest to - [education@squash.org.au](mailto:education@squash.org.au)

## Performance Development Course

A Performance Development Coach is competent to plan, conduct and evaluate advanced training programs suitable for players competing at Australian Open Championships (or higher) level competitions. The Performance Development Coach should have the experience and knowledge to provide coaching leadership and serve in a mentoring or educational role to assist Foundation, Club and Talent Development coaches.

Squash Australia is holding a Performance Development Coaching Course from 9-14 December 2019 at Carrara Indoor Sporting Complex.

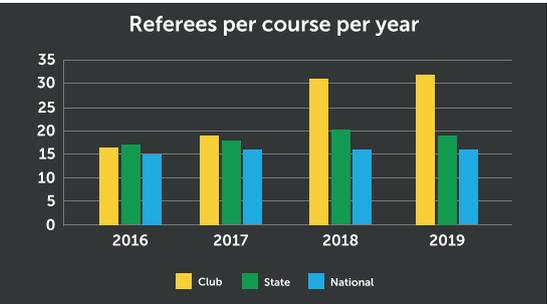
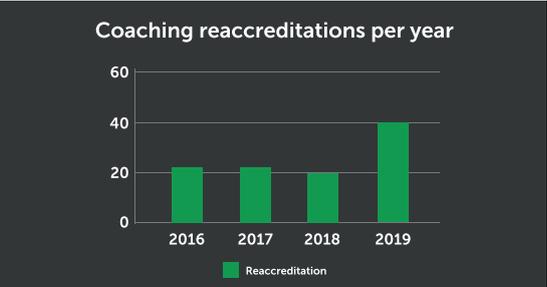
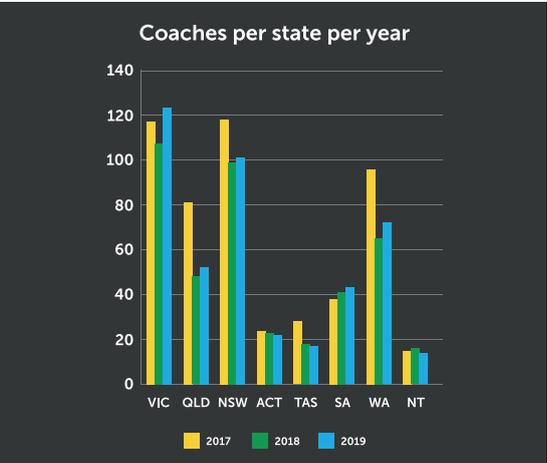
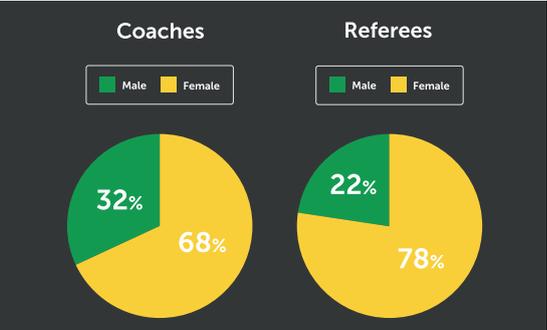
## Club Development Coaching Course

After completion of the course, the coach will be competent to plan, conduct and evaluate training programs suitable for the diverse range of ages and abilities found among registered club players. Club Development is the accepted standard for coaches implementing a diverse Squash Club/Centre program. The manual for the Club Development programs include basic information on the game of Squash, warm-up information including lots of warm-up games, coaching points of each skills, drills and activities for each skill and suggestions for changing each activity to suit the players' ability, modified games and strategies.

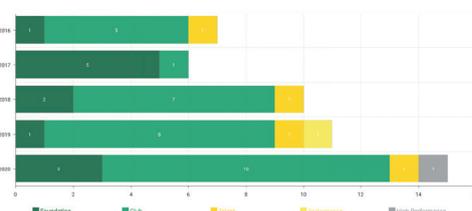
For further information, please contact [education@squash.org.au](mailto:education@squash.org.au)

Squash Australia held a Club Development Course at the Carrara Indoor Sporting Complex in October which was very well attended and received.

Squash Australia is focused on delivering more education courses in 2020 to provide people with more information and credentials to grow their clubs.



Total Number of Coach Education Courses



\*Data for 2019 only up to October 1st

# Profile Working Group



## Profile Working Group

Dale Robbins (QLD - Chair), Daman Foy (QLD), Alexandra Kerr, Jeremy Ryan (NSW), Julie Marks (QLD)

Through the period we have undertaken a number of planned activities:

- In September 2018 we opened the new National Squash Centre with the attendance of a number of key dignitaries paying tribute to the great work which had enabled the Commonwealth Games legacy facility to be built;
- Alongside the National Squash Centre we hosted the World Coaches Conference and in that week held a very successful business lunch with key note speaker Allistair McCaw.
- In October, Squash Australia sent 10 players and a coach to the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in Argentina. Squash was showcased for the first time as a youth space with a demonstration sport. The showcase was played on an interactive court, with technology and sport mixing to show off the marketability of the sport to the youth sector. SQA activated extensively around this with key stakeholders in Australia;

- Pop-up squash has featured at the Gold Coast Sports Festival as part of the global Sport Accord conference. Alongside the beach at Carrara, Squash Australia showcased the sport to school students who passed through the festival over two days.

The festival theme was "United Through Youth", with the event designed to get kids active and was a key part of the Sport Accord event.

In attendance on the Gold Coast for Sport Accord was World Squash Federation President Jacques Fontaine and WSF Vice-President Pablo Serna;

- In March 2019 we hosted a Womens Breakfast with a number of key note speakers including our own Michelle Martin
- In June we hosted the World Doubles Championships and successfully activated with a number of key stakeholders.

So a very busy year. Moving forward the main focus in this strategic area is a National Marketing Plan.

I would like to thank the working group members for their contribution through the year which has left the sport stronger in a better place.

While visiting for the WSF coaches conference late 2018, Allistair McCaw shared his experiences working with Olympians, Paralympians, world champion athletes and grand slam winners at a business lunch.

***"It was great to share my 25 years knowledge and experience of working with some of the best players and teams around the world,"***  
McCaw said.

An author and keynote speaker, McCaw is a leader in mindset, culture and athlete development. He headlined the luncheon that featured numerous other high profile guests from the sporting industry.

## Hashtag 'Squash in Australia'

In order to grow the branding, Squash Australia is driven on using the hashtag 'SquashinAustralia' to market the sport better around Australia.

Squash Australia is driven to promote all aspects of Squash in Australia which makes this simple social media initiative vital to reaching out to all States, Clubs and demographics of Squash across Australia.

To add more weight to this push, Squash Australia has also added hashtags to the individual States across Australia to further target the support for the sport in each State.

Since late 2019, Squash Australia has used the following to promote its States:

- #SquashinACT
- #SquashinNSW
- #SquashinNT
- #SquashinQLD
- #SquashinSA
- #SquashinTasmania
- #SquashinVictoria
- #SquashinWA

Squash Australia would like to see more Clubs and States get behind these hashtags on social media posts to help grow the unity and branding of the sport in our country which is unique to marketing of the sport around the world.

Join us in growing our sport in our country,

## #SquashinAustralia



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# Participation Working Group

The Ausplay participation data for Squash is shown in the Graph below compared to the Squash Australia membership as supplied by the State and Territory Squash Associations. The Squash Australia Sporting School Program participation is also depicted in the Graph below. A variety of other participation programs have been developed and trialled this year.

## Participation Working Group

Nathan Turnbull (QLD – Chair), Melissa Backhouse (VIC), Doug Minchin (WA), Lao Biesbroek (VIC), Meredith Hodson (VIC), Anna Walker (QLD).

## Squash Girls

This is a female participation program targeted at engaging inactive and less active university students (aged 18- 30 +). Squash Australia has used participant feedback from its successful Hits & Giggles program and refined and re-branded the program in conjunction with university delivery partners.

The objective is to get inactive and less active women between 18-30+ engaged in sport. Through partnerships with university trial sites, Squash Australia is proposing to build an industry leading program that will address key participation gaps for this demographic. Through the program engagement approach, we will also be able to spread messages about the broader health benefits of living an active healthy life through Squash.

There have been five university pilots conducted in 2019 and a full roll-out to up to 20 Universities across the country which have Squash courts at their facilities. This process has also been co-ordinated with the support of UNISPORT to have this program promote more female participants to be involved in their National Carnivals each year and ultimately within various Squash centres across Australia.

The Australian University Nationals for Squash were successfully held on the Gold Coast in 2019 and will be conducted in Perth in 2020. More than 80 players across Australia took part in the event, a record for Squash in this Championship.

## Cardio squash

This program has been trialled at the Nerang Squash Centre to review and seek independent feedback prior to looking to obtain government funding to assist it's available roll -out to interested State & /or Territory Squash Associations or affiliated centre owners

### It is Targets are:

- bring new people into the centre
- bring ex players back to Squash centres
- 15 plus age bracket up
- all standards and fitness levels welcome

### Goal/objective:

- build fitness/strength base in participants to build confidence to return to squash
- transfer to other squash programs in club (e.g private or group coaching, pennant, social Squash, in-house competition, etc)

## Play move learn

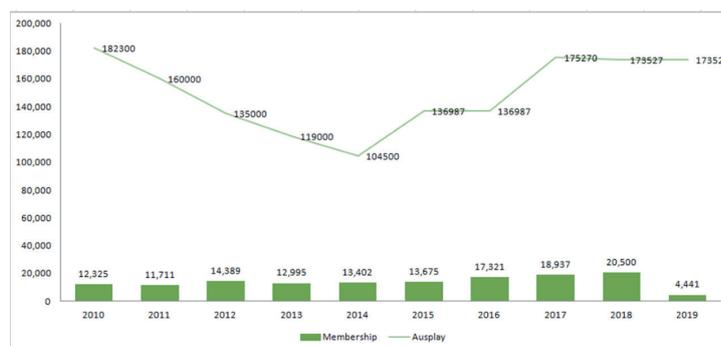
This program has been developed as a pre- school program for the ages below

### Targets:

- 3 to 6 year olds
- teach basic athletic skills (e.g. run, jump, kick, throw, hop)
- encourage fun games and social interaction or skills between participants

### Goal/objective:

- teach hand eye coordination
- for participants to progress to OzSquash or other school based program.



# Facilities Working Group

## Facilities Working Group

**Mick Jaroszewicz (NSW - Chair), Cameron Dalley (VIC), George Deubler (NSW), Fiona Young (VIC), Paul Mead (NT).**

The area of facilities has been active over 2019, with several new initiatives and opportunities arising in the space.

A nation-wide facility audit was completed earlier in the year, garnering positive results.

The audit showed an increase from 421 to 432 squash centres nationally from 2018 to 2019, but the lifecycle captured from the audit indicates a major issue with the age and quality of many facilities and the outlook for the next ten years is not positive.

Additionally, from the audit data, heat maps were created in order to map out facilities across the country and graphically portray areas of court surplus and deficit at a national, state, and metropolitan level.

Grants have become a key focus for facilities in 2019. Funding opportunities have been advertised to states and centres throughout the year, particularly through the Sport Australia and Clearinghouse for Sport websites and newsletters.

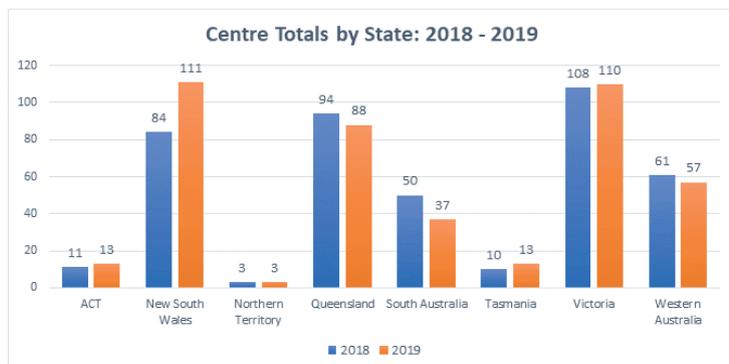
Related to this Squash Australia has also secured the services of grant writers which are available to all centres across Australia through a transparent process.

Facilities can apply for time with the writers of which applicants will be chosen on a best-case basis taking into consideration the appropriate criteria.

The formation of the facility type plans is an ongoing process, with drafts to be presented at the 2019 AGM. There are four in development (individually owned, education, private lifestyle and not for profit) with each catering to the separate needs and drivers of the different facility types.

Linked to this has been the continued fundraising activities of the Squash Foundation whose funds are 100% focused on developing facilities across Australia with the application process being similar to that have the grant writing services – [www.SquashFoundation.com.au](http://www.SquashFoundation.com.au).

**George Clinton**  
Community Facility Coordinator



# Consumer Experience Working Group

## Consumer Experience Working Group

David Mandel (VIC - Chair), David Mulcahy (TAS), Jonathan James (QLD), Tanya Virgens (SA), Anne Collins (TAS), Jonathan James (QLD), Leanna Davey (ACT).

## SportyHQ

SportyHQ website and software modules offered Free in February 2019. It provides benefits that include the following -

- Allows for greater communication between state, club and players.
- Easy to use and effective league, tournament and scheduling processes
- Increased participation in tournaments/leagues
- Effective reporting of participation numbers to assist with grant applications
- Faster payment processes
- Stronger emphasis on user engagement
- One stop shop for all things membership, leagues, bookings and communication.

## Insurance

Squash Australia registered members receive, as a benefit of their registration to their State or Territory Squash Association, access to insurance cover for squash-related activities. Squash Australia's partner in the facilitation of this service is Marsh, a leading insurance broker with substantial sporting industry experience. Affiliated Clubs/Centres can also access the national Squash Insurance program for:

- public and Products liability
- management liability
- professional indemnity
- volunteer personal accident cover

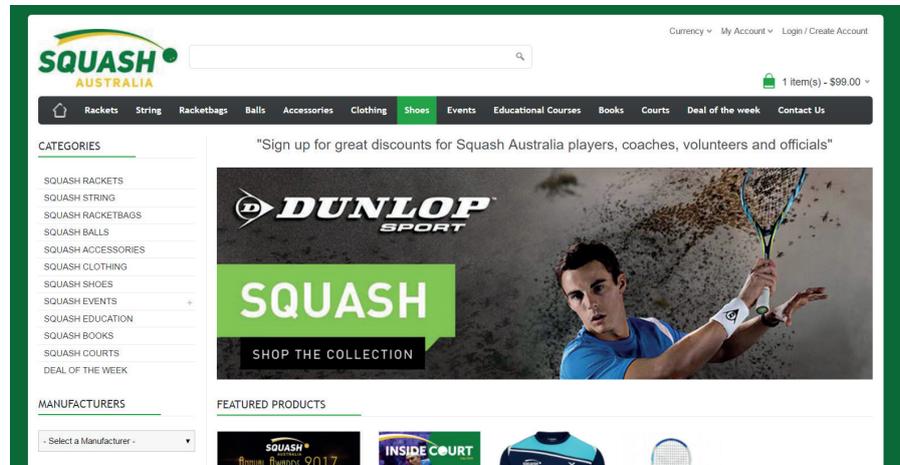
## Squash Australia E-Shop

The Squash Australia E-Shop offers the finest squash gear from Dunlop, Victor, Ashaway and Lonsdale plus Oz Squash participation packs and Squash Australia merchandise.

The E-Shop currently has Victor rackets to choose from and the latest clothing accessories that will make you look your best on the court. The e-shop has the best deals on Ashaway string and Dunlop balls with 10-percent discount for members.

## Digital Media

Squash Australia provides support and social media advice for clubs and States to promote themselves better online using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and websites across text, photo, video and audio platforms.



Squash Australia is driven to assist clubs and states to promote key events and player achievements across its social media platforms. Please feel free to contact Squash Australia via email or social media to express assistance in digital support and or player and club promotion. More events are being streamed online by Squash Australia and its clubs providing more video coverage of players from around the country and its international visitors. Players of all abilities participating in events are gaining more exposure on video streaming platforms which are being viewed online across Australia and other countries.

In order to grow and the sport and unite squash players across the country, Squash Australia has initiated a marketing campaign with a focus on the hashtag, #SquashinAustralia.

This social media campaign has further extended to uniting clubs within each state with hashtags including #SquashinACT, #SquashinVictoria and #SquashinSA.

With the growth and development of the Squash Girls Can university project, the #SquashGirlsCan hashtag has been used to drive more females into sport and its a hashtag that is used by other countries who are also pushing the program.

## Poster Pack

It contains invaluable resources that can be printed out and displayed around clubs, calls and community centres.

The Pack contains information including Eye Protection and Injury Prevention, Squash programs including Cardio Squash, OzSquash, Play Move Learn and Squash Girls Can.

Download the Child Protection Poster to display contact details of your club's Child Protection Officer.

To access the full list of and to print posters, log onto the following web address -

[www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/downloads](http://www.squash.org.au/w/about-us/downloads)





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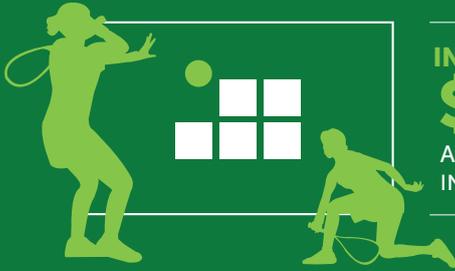
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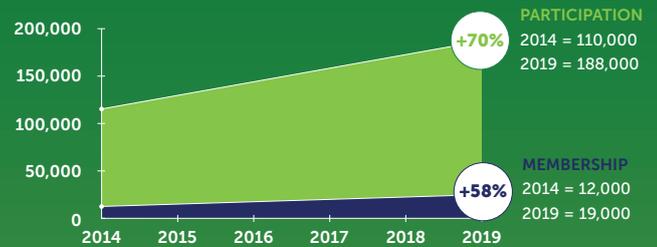
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