



OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S COURT



on behalf of your board ...

- **Chair:** Dean Morzone QC
- **Vice-chair:** Brad Hindle
- **Secretary/CEO:** Colette Sultana
- **Finance:** Jonathan James
- **Directors:** Liz Irving, David White, Steve Finitsis, Matty Scott, Andrew Dent

Thanks and Farewell

It's with a heavy heart and overwhelming gratitude that we farewell our Executive Officer of 2.5 years, valued board director and dear friend - Colette Sultana.

Colette joined Squash Queensland in July 2019 with the objective of overseeing our operations, strengthen relations with government, increase funding, better support clubs and centres, build membership confidence, improve affiliation benefits, and increase participation. And, under Colette's determined and steady management, has left a great legacy

- Successive representations to the Minister and the department of Sport & Recreation have strengthened our standing in the State sporting landscape.
- In conjunction with Squash Australia, we are confident of increase core funding and supplementary grant opportunities as we stare down the Olympics in 2032. Our financial viability is all the more assured by Colette's tireless work.
- We have surveyed and consulted players, clubs and centres to better understand their challenges in order to better support their business delivery, especially through COVID-19.
- Club memberships have increased almost 5 fold to 45 member clubs around the state. There is an identified need for centres (without clubs) to be better serviced under our umbrella.
- Player memberships increased 100% to almost 2000 members (since impacted by COVID-19; Our members now enjoy unprecedented benefits through their affiliation, including enhanced insurance, one stop info via SportyHQ, connecting via SquashLab App, 10% discount with Quest Hotel, discount fuel with Freedom; 30% redemption with Dulux and more.
- Participation has increased commensurate with affiliation, but work is continuing how to reach the more than 30,000 casual players, with an eye on introducing juniors to squash through Sporting Schools and national marketing with Squash Australia.



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In her dual executive and board roles, Colette has advised the Board on the strategic direction, chaired our Participation subcommittee, co-ordinated regions and clubs, directed championship tournaments, and shared valuable insight as a professional player in her own right.

Please take a moment to thank Colette when she undertakes her last official role as tournament Director of the Squash 2021 Squash Queensland Open in Bundaberg. We thank and congratulate Colette for her passion, resilience and contribution to the sport, and wish her all the very best in her new phase of professional and business life.

A New Era..

Our recruitment of a new Executive Officer is almost complete. We were honoured to receive interest from outstanding applicants with notable strengths in sports administration, finance and funding, practical business acumen, participation, marketing, and more. The successful applicant has very big shoes to fill. We are confident that our operational management will be in very safe hands indeed.

Up-coming events ... 2021 Squash Queensland Open

Our premium State championship - 2021 Squash Queensland Open - PSA & Graded Event, from 5 -7 November 2021 in Bundaberg. It will be an exciting competitive journey for all, especially professional players in the PSA. We are grateful to Colette as tournament director, Bundaberg Squash Club, and many others for the continuing commitment to Central region and local club.

We wish athletes, organisers and all our the very best. Work hard in your preparation for QJC. And a very special thanks to our sponsors - Bundaberg Regional Council, Beasley's, Custombuilt, Casey RVs, Natures Emporium, Bundaberg Bean Co., G.James, and Lynda's Tiles in Style.

We wish all well, fair play, and fun both on and off the court. Please take the opportunity to explore Bundaberg and its tourist destination in support of the generous sponsors and the local community.

Participation ...

Lead by Colette, we have worked hard to continue to improve Squash Queensland's relationship with state government and prospects of funding for future years. Although we have yet to reap financial rewards in the form of government funding, Colette (in partnership with our affiliated clubs) has successfully managed current state government funding to facilitate:

- 10 Get Active Open Days around the state of QLD, reaching thousands of new, casual players with the opportunity to access free squash and physical activity opportunities.



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- 7 School or Holiday Programs around QLD reaching over 200 children around the state.
- Referee Education and Support program that was available to all affiliated player members. 35 candidates around QLD furthered their rules of squash knowledge (thanks to the volunteer assistance of Nathan Turnbull); a number of who went on to become certified referees.
- 11 Junior LEARN To PLAY Squash Programs that brought 206 new children to the sport of squash.
- Delivery of 2 state camps reaching over 100 developing and elite level players in QLD.
- Delivery of the QJC and QOpen (also during the pandemic), with excellent participation levels, given the circumstances.
- New sponsors and partners for QLD state teams and other deals and benefits for our Player and Centre affiliates.

Promotion and Membership Drive ...

Squash is the perfect Queensland sport – it is perfectly suited to our uniquely diverse weather and lifestyle. It is the healthiest sport on earth, it promotes physical fitness and agility, it is fun and social for healthier minds and spirit, it is played indoors undeterred by any weather conditions, it is accessible day and night, it is a safe child and family environment, it has no boundaries of age, gender or race ... please spread the word.

Keep sharing your passion for our great game with your community, Instagram, Facebook and other social media.

You can post to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SquashQueenslandLtd/>.

See you on the court!

Dean Morzone

President - Squash Queensland Ltd



PLAYER NEWS!



2021 QUEENSLAND JUNIOR STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS!



2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Boys Under 9
 Runner-Up: Toby Trewern . Winner: Kai Dumbleton. Third: Grayson Coleman.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Girls Under 9
 Runner-Up: Riyo Kawabata. Winner: Chloe Baxter. Third: Abbey Boswell.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Boys Under 11
 Third: Grayson Coleman. Winner: Cameron Ackroyd. Runner-Up: Kai Dumbleton.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Girls Under 11
 Runner-Up: Chloe Baxter. Winner: Leena Elkomy. Third: Riyo Kawabata.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Boys Under 13
 Runner-Up: Flynn Bartlett. Winner: Michael Lawrence. Third: Joel Roshan Raj.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Girls Under 13
 Runner-Up: Orla Clarke. Winner: Sarbani Maltra. Third: Hayley Menta.



PLAYER NEWS!



Congratulations!

2021 Queensland Junior Champions



Boys Under 15
Third: Michael Lawrence. Winner: Joshua Rahul Raj. Runner-Up: Flynn Bartlett.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions



Girls Under 15
Runner-Up: Kayce Hoani-Vincent. Winner: Sarbani Maltra. Third: Hannah O'Toole.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions



Boys Under 17
Runner-Up: Joshua Rahul Raj, Winner: Josh Porter. Third: Lachlan Erba..

2021 Queensland Junior Champions



Girls Under 17
Third: Kayce Hoani-Vincent. Winner: Shona Coxsedge. Runner-Up: Kiara Stublely.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions



Boys Under 19
Runner-Up: Josh Penfold, Winner: Kijan Sultana. Third: Brendan MacDonald.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions



Girls Under 19
Third: Shona Coxsedge. Winner: Kurstyn Mather. Runner-Up: Sophie Fadeely.



PLAYER NEWS!



Congratulations!

2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Mixed Under 21
Winner: Kobe Weder. Runner-Up: Kurstyn Mather. Third: Ryan Spargo.

2021 Queensland Junior Champions

Novice Event
Runner-Up: Indigo-Rose Lawson. Winner: John Morris.

2021 QUEENSLAND JUNIOR STATE TEAM CHAMPIONS!

2021 QJC - Northern Redbacks

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CENTRE NEWS!

EVENTS AT DAISY HILL SQUASH!

WORLD SQUASH DAY 2021



WE LOVE SQUASH

Daisy Hill Squash Club has had a very busy few weeks! The club welcomed the QMSA Masters at the end of September for their annual tournament, followed by the weekend of WORLD SQUASH DAY celebrations on the first weekend of October.

Club Manager Bryan Lim hosted a 2032 minute squash marathon which saw one of the courts live streamed and active for a duration of 2032 continuous minutes! This initiative helped spread awareness of the game of squash on WORLD SQUASH DAY and fundraised over \$3000 for Queensland Juniors and the local community at Daisy Hill! The event was also a great way to initiate QLD's bid for the inclusion of SQUASH in the 2032 Olympic Games in Brisbane, and we look forward to working with Squash Australia to make the Olympic dream a reality.

On Sunday October 10th Daisy Hill hosted their largest doubles tournament yet, with over 85 players over 7 categories. Levels ranged from Professional to Beginners. Thanks to Logan City Council and other sponsors, the event was able to attract the very best players and continued to promote squash on the WORLD SQUASH DAY weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS Daisy Hill and thank you for working to





QMSA CORNER



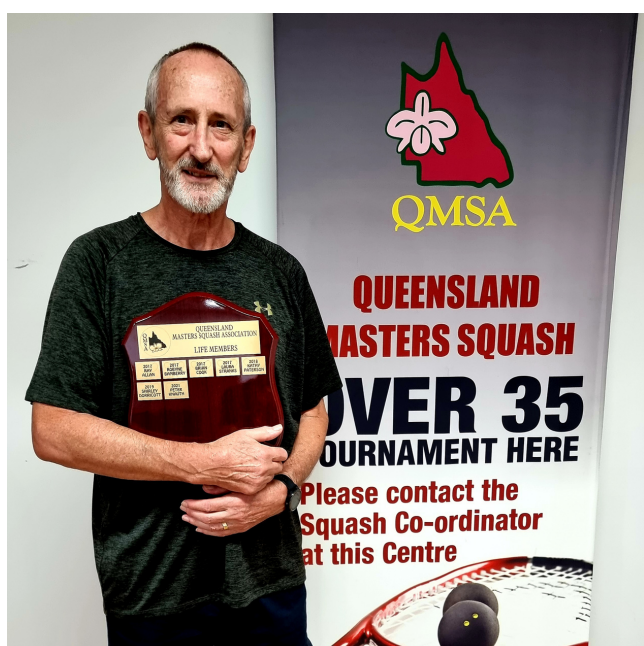
Despite Covid, QMSA have been fortunate to have another big year with 16 tournaments already being hosted throughout the State! The Inaugural Forever Young State Graded Masters Teams Titles kicked off to a good start in March this year with 108 entries and from the feedback this event will be even more popular going forwards.

We of course have to mention our very successful Remax Property Group State Titles in Cairns. which attracted 140 players chasing their

State Masters titles and enjoying the great camaraderie of their fellow Masters. One of the many highlights of the State Titles in Cairns was the Guest Speaker appearance of Geoff Hunt AM. MBE. Geoff shared some of his squash life experiences during the dinner dance evening. Geoff was ranked World # 1 from 1975 to 1980 and is now the Patron of QMSA. We look forward to seeing him as some of our tournaments in 2022.



Julie-Anne Beavis, Geoff Hunt & Sarah Tate



Peter Knauth

Congratulations to Peter Knauth, who was awarded Life Membership of QMSA after countless years of service to the Committee as Treasurer! Peter was a key volunteer in 2 of the Australian Masters Championships hosted in Rockhampton and Gold Coast.

Thank you!



QMSA CORNER



A familiar face around the Masters tournaments for many years is Trish Fox from Maroochy Squash, who was honoured with the Aub Amos award at the Maroochy Masters recently. Trish is a very worthy recipient of this award after giving years of willing volunteer & contribution to QMSA and encouraging many new players to Masters Squash.

Thank you!

With the City of Logan Sports awards being decided in November at a gala dinner, QMSA will join many other sports associations in the final judging. Many thanks to Daisy Hill Squash, the home Centre for QMSA, for their nomination.

Only two tournaments left in the years calendar for QMSA – Bundaberg Squash are holding their first Masters event on 20/21 November, and our final for the year is the PCYC Redcliffe tournament on 4/5 December.

2022 will see a new initiative for QMSA who is seeking more female players to play Masters squash, regardless of their level of play. Keep an eye out around the clubs for the promo flyer which will be circulated very soon!

See you around the courts

Robyn Prentice
QMSA President

2021 SQUASH QUEENSLAND OPEN PSA & GRADED EVENT



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THE BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL MICRO GRANTS PROGRAM IS PROUD TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE 2021 SQUASH QUEENSLAND OPEN

**ENTRIES OPEN ON SPORXYHQ FROM SEP 15TH
ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER 5PM**

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EVENTS:

PSA - WOMEN'S SATELLITE, MEN'S SATELLITE
GRADED - PREMIER, A, B, C & NOVICE
3 MATCHES GUARANTEED

ENTRY FEES:

GRADED - \$55 PER PLAYER
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UPCOMING EVENTS!

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS VISIT:
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5-7 NOV. SQUASH QUEENSLAND OPEN 2021

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**WOMEN'S PSA SATELLITE
MEN'S PSA SATELLITE &
GRADED EVENTS!**

**SIGNUP ON SPORXYHQ
ENTRIES CLOSE OCT 31ST!**

**6-7 NOV. SQUASH 52 MACKAY OPEN
2021 - GRADED
@ SQUASH 52 MACKAY**

**20-21 NOV. QMSA 2021 BUNDABERG
SQUASH CLUB - MASTERS
@ BUNDABERG SQUASH CLUB**

**21 NOV. SANDGATE JUNIOR CLASSIC
(BRONZE)
@ SANDGATE SQUASH CENTRE**

**4-5 DEC. QMSA 2021 SCARBOROUGH
SQUASH CLUB - MASTERS
@ SCARBOROUGH SQUASH CLUB
(REDCLIFFE PCYC)**





WHAT'S ON..

LEVEL 1 CLUB DEVELOPMENT COACHING COURSE

ARE YOU KEEN TO RENEW OR OBTAIN COACHING ACCREDITATION TO GROW SQUASH IN YOUR AREA? THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

WHEN: COMING IN 2022!

WHERE: BRISBANE - VENUE TBA

COST: \$299 PER CANDIDATE
(INCL. LUNCHES; COURSE MATERIAL; 4 YRS ACCREDITATION)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TBA

**REGISTRATION AND QUERIES TO:
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THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE CANDIDATES WHO COMPLETED THEIR COACH ACCREDITATION IN THE PREVIOUS 2 WSF CLUB DEVELOPMENT COURSES OFFERED BY ROBYN PRENTICE OVER THE PAST MONTHS. YOU COULD BE NEXT!





FAREWELL FROM THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - COLETTE SULTANA

Farewell from Colette..

As most of you would have seen already, I have decided to conclude my time at Squash Queensland Ltd, to pursue a different career path and also to regain some momentum in my own squash playing journey. We have almost concluded the process of hiring the next Executive Officer and together with the Board, I am very excited to welcome a new candidate to the organisation. I am optimistic that this will bring a resurgence of energy and opportunity to Squash Queensland, and will be a very positive step towards reinvigorating the game in our state.

We have also been working to continue to grow the purpose and activities of our organisation through a number of subcommittees. We are very happy to have volunteers and industry experts provide their input into the strategic plans of the organisation. I am particularly excited about our Participation Subcommittee, who has been working to find the best pathway to introducing squash in to school sport and/or school associated activity. We are also very fortunate to have Participation Officer, Toni White on board, who has just concluded a study on the QLD participation landscape. Toni's work gives us a great perspective on where we stand and the key areas that we need to work on to better capture and grow our participation numbers.

Our Squash Queensland Open (PSA and Graded Event) has been set for November 5-7th at Bundaberg Squash Club! We are thrilled to be hosting this huge event in regional Queensland this year, and we cannot wait to see squashies travelling from far and wide to be part of our state titles! The 2022 calendar is expected to be launched early November, so keep an eye out for the full list of next year's events coming soon!

On a concluding note, I would like to thank all of you for continuing to be part of our squash community. You players, together with our centres, are absolutely the key to the survival of our sport, especially through the uncertain times that we have been through over the past 2 years. I thank you for your dedication to our much loved sport of squash and I hope that you play for many years to come!

Farewell and Best Wishes!

Colette Sultana

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SQUASH QUEENSLAND PLAYER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO?

- **Personal accident and public liability insurance cover during eligible play and also while travelling to and from play.**
- **Access to a world class squash coaching and player engagement app.**
- **Access to the National player ranking, account and support system.**
- **Eligibility to Play in fixtures, tournaments and competitions**
- **Eligibility for State rankings.**
- **Access a range of member discounts from our partners, including Dulux, Quest Apartment Hotels, and Freedom Fuels**

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For More Details Visit

<http://www.squashqueensland.com.au/w/membership>

HAPPY SQUASHING!