

## FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



### WELCOME BACK TO SQUASH IN QUEENSLAND!

On behalf of Squash Queensland, I am thrilled to welcome you all back to squash in our state! 2020 was one for the history books, and we are very grateful for the ability to operate at full capacity again this year!

I hope that you enjoy the contents of this newsletter, bringing you updates from around our state, and also some insight into the upcoming events and initiatives. As you will notice, Squash Queensland has gone through a re-brand and official name change from Q Squash Ltd to Squash Queensland Ltd. We look forward to continue releasing elements of our exciting new brand, and we anticipate that this fresh start will bring more resources to our clubs and players to help continue the development of squash in Queensland.

We have decided to further extend player affiliations until March 31st 2021. Squash Australia are currently out to tender for an insurance contract for the states, and that is to start on April 1st 2021. We will align our player affiliation start date with the new insurance contract start date April 1st 2021, so that we are fully informed about the insurance costs and obligations and so that we can effectively pass on that information to our clubs and players.

The Board and I are absolutely committed to servicing our existing members, as well as growing the game in Queensland. Our mission is to support squash at all levels in our state, and we are always keen to hear about how we can service you better.

We thank you for sharing your squash journey with us, and Happy Squashing!

Colette Sultana

**Squash Queensland Ltd**

*"Making Squash Great Again"*



# NEWS!

## SQUASH IN THE NEWS!

Congratulations to Daisy Hill Squash Centre owner Bradley Hindle for successfully being featured on the Logan City Council magazine. Bradley made the front page of the February issue of the magazine, reaching the mailboxes of Logan City residents. This brings fantastic publicity for our sport and for his centre in the local community! Keep your eyes peeled to see more of Daisy Hill Squash Club on Queensland media and television!



Squash Alchemy Coach and former PSA and Commonwealth Games player, Lisa Camilleri has been featured on Channel 7 news a few times this year! Lisa is on a squash coaching tour throughout Queensland. She has visited several central and northern areas of Queensland, conducting coaching clinics and sharing her knowledge of the game!





# PLAYER NEWS



## 5 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TITLES WON BY QUEENSLAND JUNIORS!



Winners from left to right: Kijan Sultana (BU17 Winner), Joshua Raj (BU15 Winner), Flynn Bartlett (BU13 Winner), Madison Lyon (GU19 Winner) and Sarbani Maitra (GU13 Winner).

Congratulations to our new Australian Junior National Title holders! The 2020 AJC was held at Carrara Squash Centre on the Gold Coast, December 12th-14th 2020. A good number of Queensland juniors were able to take part, and we had several top finishers and improved development players. We are so excited to see what the future holds for our Queensland juniors!

## RACHEL GRINHAM AND RHYS DOWLING WIN THE 2021 AUSTRALIAN OPEN!

The 2021 Volkswagen Australian Open was held, 3rd-7th February in Bega. 8 players from Queensland traveled to Bega to play the event: Rhys Dowling, Thomas Calvert, Nick Calvert, Sodayman Nowrozi, Rachel Grinham, Jessica Turnbull, Tamika Hunt and Jessica Osborne. The female draw resulted in an all-Queensland final between Jessica Turnbull and Rachel Grinham, with Rachel taking the title in 5 very close games, 15-13 11-9 7-11 5-11 11-8. Rhys Dowling only dropped 1 game throughout the entire tournament, and won the title with a convincing 11-4 11-6 11-8 win over Joseph White.



PHOTOS: SPORTAGEOUS

Winners left to right: Rachel Grinham and Rhys Dowling - 2021 Australian Open Champions

# CONGRATULATIONS!



# CENTRE NEWS!

## CENTRE RENOVATIONS!

COVID-19 forced closures resulted in a few transformations around the state!  
Check out some of the Before and Afters..

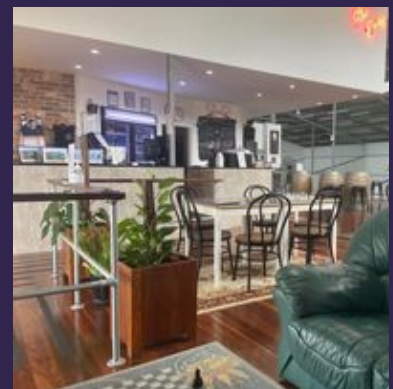
### GLADSTONE!



### SANDGATE!



### DAISY HILL!



### STAFFORD!





# QMSA CORNER



## A MESSAGE FROM QMSA PRESIDENT - ROBYN PRENTICE

"What a fantastic year ahead for Queensland Masters players as they choose from a further 17 weekend tournaments across the State together with State Masters Titles in Cairns, and hopefully the Australian Masters Titles in Adelaide in October.

Despite Covid, we have been fortunate to return to what our Masters members love – coming together for a weekend of friendly rivalry on the court and heading out for dinner and dancing with their fellow players to top off the weekend. For those who have not ventured into a Masters tournament as yet, remember our tournaments are now open and promoted to players who are from 30 years of age. From myself as President to any Masters member you connect with, we will make you welcome into the Masters "Family" and ensure that all who play in the Spirit of Masters code have a rewarding experience.

Check out the next tournament Inaugural Forever Young State Graded Masters Teams Titles at Gold Coast Centre on 6/7March."



### STATE TITLES FOREVER YOUNG

Graded Teams  
Inaugural Event



For all masters, at any skill level

**6<sup>TH</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

Gold Coast Squash Centre  
Labrador

**\$30**

Email [hel57@hotmail.com](mailto:hel57@hotmail.com) or call 0417-005-747

Tournament director: Helen Watkins

**Friday night:** Social squash and happy hour from 6pm.

**Saturday & Sunday:** Team matches.

**Saturday dinner:** The Club at Parkwood Village 6:30pm.

All players will be placed into divisions with 2-4 players per team based on Masters ranking. Tournament director will allocate ranking if needed.

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AUSTRALIA'S  
**GOLDCOAST.**



Queensland Masters Squash Association



## State Titles 2021

**30 April – 2 May 2021**

Friday through to Sunday Evening

Entries can be done directly on Sporty HQ or by contacting the  
Tournament Director

### Sportsworld Gym & Fitness CAIRNS

268 Gatton Street, Westcourt Cairns, 4870  
Tournament Director - Helen 0417 005 747  
email: [tournaments@qmsa.asn.au](mailto:tournaments@qmsa.asn.au)

All players must be Financial Members of  
QMSA prior to first match.

**Membership \$30 per year**

Saturday Evening Dinner Dance  
Sunday Evening Presentations  
*Non-players welcome*



Entries close **16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
EARLY BIRD ENTRIES CLOSE: 01/4/2021



# WHAT'S ON..

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### MARCH

FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS VISIT:  
[HTTP://WWW.SQUASHQUEENSLAND.COM.AU/W/EVENTS/EVENTS\\_CALEDAR](http://www.squashqueensland.com.au/w/events/events_calendar)

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**5-6. TOWNSVILLE 2021 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIOR BRONZE @ WESTS SQUASH CLUB**

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**5-6. QMSA 2021 FOREVER YOUNG TOURNAMENT - MASTERS @ GOLD COAST SQUASH CLUB**

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**7. WALLABY 2021 JUNIOR OPEN - JUNIOR BRONZE @ DAISY HILL SQUASH CLUB**

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**13-14. QMSA 2021 SQUASH52 OPEN - MASTERS @ MACKAY SQUASH52**

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**18 - 21. MORETON BAY 2021 OPEN - PSA SATELLITE @ SCARBOROUGH SQUASH REDCLIFFE**

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**20-21. INGHAM 2021 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIOR BRONZE @ INGHAM SQUASH CLUB**

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**21. LABRADOR 2021 JUNIOR OPEN - JUNIOR BRONZE @ GOLD COAST SQUASH CLUB**

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**25-28. GYMPIE 2021 OPEN - PSA SATELLITE @ GYMPIE SQUASH RACKETS ASSOC.**

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**Huge Thank You to Craig Stewart @ Seize the Light** for the photos used in this edition and also for his dedication to photographing squash!

## **HELP WANTED!**

Squash Queensland is calling for:

- Volunteers to join a Squash Queensland Strategic Planning Committee. We need assistance with finding resources, grants and fundraising!
- Volunteers to join our Board of Directors. Are you interested in contributing strategy and knowledge around squash development in Queensland? This is your chance to make a difference and contribute to the resurgence of squash!

**If you are interested or to find out more, contact**  
**[info@squashqueensland.com.au](mailto:info@squashqueensland.com.au)**

## **SQUASH QUEENSLAND MEMBERSHIPS - EXTENDED UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2021**

Renewals from April 1st - details to be released soon!

# **HAPPY SQUASHING!**