

## Media Release

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# South Australian Open Professional Squash Tournament comes to The ARC

The pinnacle of the squash event calendar in South Australia is the South Australian (SA) Open and it will be happening from 5 to 8 July at The ARC, Campbelltown. The 4 day tournament sees male and female players from around the world compete in Adelaide as part of the professional world tour. For South Australia, the tournament brings a new level of excitement to our many squash players who get the chance to either play against or watch the professionals in action.

Top seeds for the tournament have been announced. The male top 5 seeds include 2 Australians – Joshua Larkin (Victoria) and Rhys Dowling (NT), with players from England, Ireland and France completing the top 5 seeds. Australia features highly in the female top 5 seeds with 4 Australians (including South Australia's Lauren Aspinall) joining top seed Vanessa Chu from Hong Kong. Local players and some interstate players will get the chance to compete with the professionals with qualifying rounds played on the first day of the tournament.

Squash SA General Manager and SA Open Tournament Director, Grant Norman, comments "Having international players come to South Australia is a big deal for the sport and also the community. Squash SA is proud to showcase the courts at The ARC on the world stage. The SA Open is very highly regarded thanks to the success of past tournaments, and this year is bound to be no exception with 16 international players from 12 countries together with 23 interstate and 8 local players ready to hit the courts and show their athletic talents to the people of South Australia."

The ARC in Campbelltown is a quality venue for squash, with glass backed courts offering excellent viewing. Spectators can come and watch for free any time over the tournament with specific match times available on the PSA website - [www.psaworldtour.com](http://www.psaworldtour.com)

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