



## Squash Australia Memorandum – 29<sup>th</sup> May Board Meeting

### 1. 2018 National Conference

The 2018 National Forum and AGM will be 20/21<sup>st</sup> October on the Gold Coast at the Carrara Sports Complex. The core focus for this National Forum will be the Sporty HQ platform and an update on Squash Australia activities. If there are any specific items you would like raised on the forum agenda then please do not hesitate letting us know.

Accommodation is booked at the Gold Coast Mercure Hotel and there will be a Forum dinner on the Saturday night booked at the Mercure Hotel, please contact Kay to make bookings [membership@squash.org.au](mailto:membership@squash.org.au) by the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The Mercure hotel is only 2km from the Carrara squash venue and we will arrange transport between hotel and the sports complex.

For flights Gold Coast City airport is only 15 minutes from the hotel or you have the option of Brisbane and commuting down which is approximately 60 minutes.

There will be Working Group meetings will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> at the same location.

[All the documentation from the 2017 AGM and Forum presentations can be found by clicking here.](#)

This includes the Events presentation by Kay Kendall and Sporty HQ presentation by Henry Weber. Within this the timelines created by the States around implementation.

### 2. Sporty HQ Rollout

As outlined at last year's Squash Australia Forum and AGM there should be no more competitions being set up on the old Matrix software after the 1<sup>st</sup> July deadline.

Kay Kendall is managing the transition process to the new Sporty HQ Matrix platform and if you have any queries please do not hesitate contacting her at [kkendall@squash.org.au](mailto:kkendall@squash.org.au).



### **3. Winning Edge Criteria**

The Winning Edge Criteria has been updated and approved by the Board of Squash Australia. The criteria allows players to access the Winning Edge Squash and related funding associated with the programme.

[Please click here to see the Winning Edge Criteria.](#)

### **4. Paris 2024 Olympic Contribution**

As discussed at the Presidents Council there has been a request from the WSF for funds (minimum \$15,000 a year for two years) from member nations to support the Paris 2024 Olympic bid. Obviously we all know the Olympics is crucial for the sport and we need to try and find the resources to support the sports push for the Olympics in 2024.

This item was discussed at last months Presidents Council and all States have graciously agreed to donate \$1 per player each year, for two years to contribute to the fund raising efforts, with Squash Australia filling at least to the minimum \$15,000 level each year, if not more.

The first invoices will go out shortly in relation to this as the WSF would like the first donation with immediate effect.

### **5. Mid-Year 2019 Conference**

In previous years we have had a Mid-Year conference to brain storm around strategy and other ways to improve the sport. The last Mid-Year Conference was in Melbourne in February 2016 where we set immediate priorities for the Squash Australia Strategy.

The proposed date in 2019 would be mid-June around the World Doubles Championships and Annual Awards date on the Gold Coast.

I would appreciate feedback on the suitability of those dates and suggestions around topics – [ceo@squash.org.au](mailto:ceo@squash.org.au).

### **6. Working Groups**

The next Working Group meetings are set for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October prior to the Squash Australia National Forum. Moving forward after this date the Working Group meetings will be held quarterly.



In the next month we are taking registration of interests for new members of the Working Groups, where there are vacancies. We would appreciate any interest being registered via email to [ceo@squash.org.au](mailto:ceo@squash.org.au) by July 10<sup>th</sup> stating why your skill set matches the relevant Strategic Working Group and attaching a CV for consideration. We will aim to update the Working Groups or August.

## **7. Governance Project**

At the 2017 Squash Australia National Forum we discussed some of the challenges around governance:

- The need for external board evaluations by State Departments and the increase in cost
- Multiple issues within each State with Constitutions
- The need to have consistent terminology through the Constitutions, feeding in to the National Constitution.

Through the past couple of months Squash Australia has run a Governance Tender for this work and the selected provider was Ian Fullagar. Ian will be contacting you all individually to see how he can assist with your individual board evaluations and in constructing a consistent State Constitutions with the various Association Boards.

All of this work for the States comes at no cost.

Next year Ian will start work on the new National Constitution.

## **8. Carrara Squash Centre**

The Carrara Squash Centre is almost up and running and the construction stage has gone very well.

The official opening will be in September, but at this point we are around six weeks ahead of schedule.

## **9. Southport Squash Centre**

As you will be aware Squash Australia took over the running of the Southport Squash Centre last Christmas, the first six months have gone very well and the Squash Australia board have decided to keep the centre open for another six months and evaluate the position at that stage.

I am sure you will all agree that the more courts in use the better.



### 10. Squash Australia Event Locations

Squash Australia has won their bid to host the World Junior Championships in 2020. The event will be on the Gold Coast in late July 2020.

The following table indicate which events can be bid for. We have submissions for all of the 2020 events and some for 2021 , and we will allocate in July. So if there is any addition interest then **please can you submit tenders for these events to [ceo@squash.org.au](mailto:ceo@squash.org.au) by 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

The bidding forms can be found by clicking here.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Australian Open (AO)	Darwin, NT	Melbourne, VIC	Bendigo, VIC	Bendigo, VIC	<b>Available</b>
Australian Junior Open (AJO)	Darwin, NT	Nerang, QLD	Sydney, NSW	Gold Coast, QLD	<b>Available</b>
Australian Doubles Championships (ADC)	Darwin, NT	Feb, MSAC, VIC	Gold Coast, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	<b>Available</b>
Australian Squash Tour Finals (ASTF)	N/A	Gold Coast, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	<b>Available</b>
Australian Club Championships (ACC)	N/A	Gold Coast, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	<b>Available</b>
Australian Junior Championships (AJC)	Geelong, VIC	Darwin, NT	Devonport, TAS	Canberra, ACT	TBC, WA
Oceania Junior Championships (OJC)	Auckland, NZ	Brisbane, QLD	New Zealand	<b>Available</b>	New Zealand
Australian National Championships (ANC)	Townsville, QLD	MSAC, VIC	Gold Coast, QLD	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
World Doubles Championships	N/A	N/A	Gold Coast, QLD	N/A	<b>Available</b>
World Junior Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	Gold Coast, QLD	N/A
World Women's Team Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WSF World Coaches Conference	N/A	Gold Coast, QLD	N/A	N/A	N/A
World Senior Championships	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
World Squash Federation AGM	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>Bid Gold Coast, QLD</b>	N/A
SA Annual Awards	Townsville, QLD	Melbourne, VIC	Gold Coast, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	<b>Available</b>
SA Forum and AGM	Brisbane, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	Gold Coast, QLD	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>