

## Media Release

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# South Australian squash legend inspiring junior players in the Mid North

South Australian squash player, Vicki Cardwell (nee Hoffman), was a dominant force on the world and Australian squash scenes from the late 70's to the mid 90's, reaching the ranking of World Number One at the peak of her career. Vicki returned home earlier this year quickly making her mark in the Barossa; and she is now extending her reach further north to Clare.

It turns out that the kids in Clare have been keen to get more squash experience, so local Clare squash member Mel Treloar has convinced Vicki to drive from Adelaide to Clare each Wednesday to restart the Clare Squash Junior Program with the help of local coach Katrina Jones. Vicki's squash fame precedes her, and the Clare community could not be more excited.

Vicki's playing career has been extensive and taken her all around the globe. Vicki is a qualified physical education teacher, and has coached junior squash players since 1986. She has been part of the coaching staff for the Australian senior and junior squash teams, and attended World Junior Championships with some of Australia's most talented athletes. A Hall of Fame Legend, and recipient of the Order of the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her service to squash, Vicki is a positive image for the sport, and her expert coaching will produce more talent for our state.

Vicki comments that "I am pleased to return to my state of birth. I'm committed to working with local squash clubs and Squash SA to raise the awareness of squash, and implement programs which will support the challenges, excitement and exhilaration of the squash experience."

Vicki is currently working with junior pennant members in Clare who are benefiting enormously from her playing and coaching skills. Clare Squash Club, with the support of The Valleys Lifestyle Centre, will offer a junior squash program to all interested children in the Valley starting in the second week of Term 3. The coaching is aimed at all levels from beginners to experienced players. Please contact Mel Treloar on 0409 157 068 if you would like further information.

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