

# Squash Australia Membership Memorandum State Consultative Body - August 2018

#### 1. Sporty HQ/Squash Matrix Migration:

As discussed in detail at last years Annual General Meeting (AGM) the migration across from Squash Matrix continues. Regular meetings are being held with the states, and they have been encouraged to send two administrators to our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October. If you would like further information on the switch, please don't hesitate to contact Kay Kendall on kkendall@squash.org.au.

### 2. Squash Australia National Forum

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. The 2018 National Forum and AGM will be 20/21<sup>st</sup> October on the Gold Coast at the Carrara Sports Complex. Accommodation is booked at the Gold Coast Mercure Hotel. Please contact Kay for bookings <a href="mailto:membership@squash.org.au">membership@squash.org.au</a>. Working group meetings will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### 3. Australian Sports Commission Strategy:

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) strategy are rebranding to be known as Sport Australia with new strategy aimed towards 2030. The focus points include physical activity; strengthening integrity, communities, disability, economy, health, wellbeing and safeguarding.

## 4. Working Group Update:

Due to disruption cause by the Commonwealth Games, membership working group will not meet until October. At this point the working group will revert to quarterly meetings.

The Membership Working Group consists of:

Name	Body
Anne Collins	TAS
Terri Ball	NSW
Anthony Thomas	NSW
Jonathan James	QLD
Henry Weber	ACT
Tanya Virgens	SA
Kay Kendall	Squash Australia Staff
David Mandel (Chair)	Director

The Membership State Consultative Group consist of:

Body	Name
ACT	Scott Kennedy
NSW	Terri Bell
NT	Sarah Douglas
QLD	Jonathan James
SA	Tanya Virgens
TAS	Leon Barnett
VIC	Fiona Young
WA	Don Huffer

# **5. Carrara and Southport Squash Centre:**

The official opening date for the new Carrara Squash Centre with the Gold Coast City Council, Queensland State Department and other stakeholders has been set for September 21st. Squash Australia has been heavily involved with facilities including the Southport Squash Club which will remain open for a further six months.

#### 6. Centremark Programme:

Clubs can continue to receive a rebate on all Schweppes products they sell under an agreement with Squash Australia. We are looking to negotiate a better deal based on findings from our Community Engagement Coordinator's.

#### 7. Annual Awards Dinner:

The 2019 Squash Australia – Annual Awards will be run alongside the World Doubles Championships and Australian National Championships. Tickets for the Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June event are expected are expected to sell out at \$150 each.

#### 8. Membership Benefits Portal:

Squash Australia members have access to an array of discounts Australia wide through the member benefits portal. The rewards program allows people to buy either digital or physical gift cards and save on groceries, petrol, travel, movie tickets and insurance.

http://benefits.squash.org.au

## 9. Paris Olympic Bid Contribution:

As discussed at the World Squash Federation (WSF) President's Council there has been a request for funds. Minimum \$15,000 a year for two years from member nations to support the Paris 2024 bid. The Olympics are crucial for the sport and we need to try and find the resources to supports the sports push. All states have graciously agreed to donate \$1 per player each year, for two years to contribute to the fundraising efforts, with Squash Australia filling at least to the minimum level each year if not more. All invoices were sent out to the states at the end of June.

Your support is appreciated.

#### 10. Mid-Year 2019 Conference:

In previous years we have had a conference during the middle of the year to discuss strategy and other ways to improve the sport. The last mid-year conference was in Melbourne in February, 2016 where immediate priorities were set 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. Please send feedback on the suitability of those dates to <a href="mailto:ceo@squash.org.au">ceo@squash.org.au</a>