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**Cameron Pilley v
Karim Abdel Gawad
(Swedish Open)**



**(L) Ryan Cuskelly
v Diego Elias
(Windy City Open)**

February was a very sad month with the passing of one of Queensland's finest - Kay Barclay.

Kay lived and breathed squash. She made a fantastic contribution to the game as a coach, promoter and administrator.

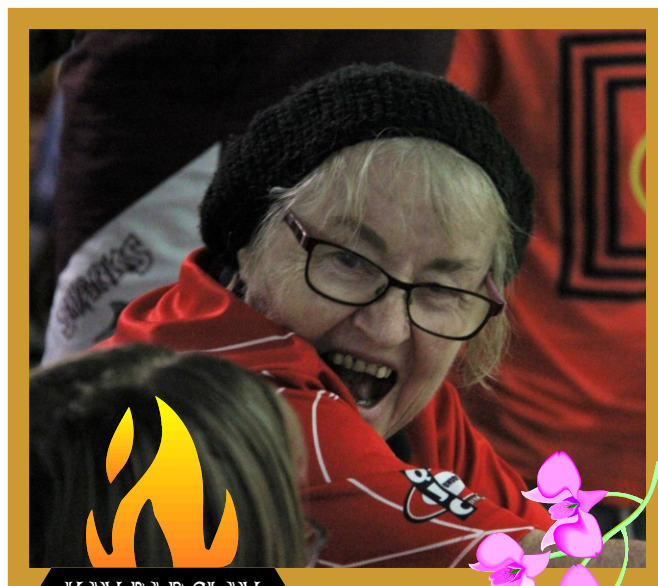
For over 40+ years Kay coached so many youngsters. She loved them all and in turn they all respected her and spoke highly of the positive impact she had on their lives.

Kay coached the 2016 Under 15 Australian Junior Champions Hayley Hankinson and Wes Dyer.

As a promoter she organised the PSA Mackay Open each year to ensure her players had an event close to home to secure World Ranking points.

As an administrator she made a significant contribution to the ranking of juniors.

She also played a critical role in Northern Region organising and promoting junior events which ultimately supported the Queensland Junior Championships and



A tribute to Kay Barclay

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Ryan Cuskelly achieved a career high World ranking of 12 in February and has now opened up a commanding lead over Cameron Pilley (W#18) as Australia's best.



The lefthander from Lismore in NSW played only two events in February and one of those saw him pitted against Pilley.

The Cambridge Cup in Toronto is not a PSA event but it still attracts many of the World's best players. The 8 pros who participated in this year's CC included W#2 Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) and W#3 Gregory Gaultier (FRA). Six Top 25 World ranked players mad up the rest of the field.

What is great about the CC is that additional matches are played and even though it was only a playoff for 7th, which pitted the two Aussies against each other, it was a match up that is rarely seen on the circuit.

Cuskelly lost his opening match to the eventual winner W#8 Tarek Momen (EGY) 9-11, 9-11, 9-11. That then saw him take on former World Junior Champion Diego Elias (PER) which he lost in four in 62 minutes.

That loss brought Cusko to the Playoff for 7/8 against Cam. Pilley won the opening game 11-5 but Cuskelly won the next two 11-8, 12-10 to take the match 2-1.

Cuskelly's next assignment was the Windy City Open (PSA150 World Series event) against Diego Elias and unfortunately, Cusko lost again to the rising star from Peru. This time it was in straight 8-11, 6-11, 6-11 in 66 minutes. □

Cameron Pilley began February with the Swedish Open. Seeded #6 Pilley won his opening match against qualifier Joel Makin (WAL) 11-6, 11-9, 11-9 in 54 minutes to set up a quarter final match up with #1 seed and W#2 Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY).

In January at the Tournament of Champions these two had an epic 5 game match which lasted 82 minutes with Gawad winning 8-11, 11-4, 11-6, 8-11, 11-9. This time it took even longer - 99 minutes for a similar result! Gawad won 11-7, 9-11, 11-9, 12-14, 11-6.

Pilley's next event was the Cambridge Cup in Toronto where he played Gawad again. Unfortunately for Pilley it was another agonising loss in four but the scores

were still very close. Gawad won in 45 minutes 11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 12-10.

That put Pilley up against W#25 Cesar Salazar (MEX) and despite winning the first two games Pilley couldn't shake the Mexican off losing a tight match 11-6, 12-10, 9-11, 9-11, 8-11 in 54 minutes.

That brought him into an all Aussie clash with Ryan Cuskelly in the Playoff for 7th. Pilley began well winning the opening game but didn't have the polish at the right end of the next two losing the 3 game match up 11-5, 8-11, 10-12.

It was then off to the Windy City Open in Chicago where he had to play Stephen Coppinger (RSA). The match promised to be a close affair between the W#17 and W#19 and that is exactly what eventuated.

Pilley began brilliantly winning the first two games but couldn't put the South African away losing a marathon 119 minute match 11-9, 11-8, 8-11, 5-11, 7-11.

Pilley summed up his situation best "Unfortunately an early exit for me in the Windy City Open here in Chicago. Up 1-0 and 8-4, only to then get smashed in the nose with a follow through. Nose broke, I reset it, won the 2nd game, but lost out 3-2. So frustrating. Should be all good for Canary Wharf in 10 days!"

Rex Hedrick meanwhile has been competing in Pittsburgh and Atlanta.

Seeded #6 for the PSA25 Pittsburgh Open, Hedrick began well beating Pakistani Tayyab Aslam 11-4, 6-11, 11-6, 11-6 but found Kiwi #4 seed Campbell Grayson (NZL) too strong in the quarter finals losing 2-11, 9-11, 7-11 in 43 minutes.

It was then off to Atlanta to see what he could do as the #1 seed in the PSA10 Atlanta Open.

It was Hedrick verses England for his first 3 matches! He beat qualifier Charlie Johnson 11-3, 11-7, 11-5 and #6 seed Eddie Charlton 11-8, 11-5, 11-7 before completing the English treble against #3 seed Angus Gillams in the semi final 12-10, 13-15, 12-10, 11-3 (90m).





That semi may have taken the edge off Hedrick but he still gave it his absolute best in the final losing in four to #5 seed Canadian Shawn Delierre 7-11, 11-4, 10-12, 6-11 in 65 minutes.

Delierre didn't get an easy passage through to the final either. He needed 85 minutes to beat #2 seed Henrik Mustonen (FIN) 9-11, 11-6, 11-6, 9-11, 11-9.

Hedrick improved his World Ranking during the month returning to his career high of 51 which he achieved in December 2016.

Lets hope Rex breaks into the World Top 50 shortly!

Sarah Cardwell reached the semi final of the PSA10 Winnipeg Winter Club Open before bowing out to unseeded Zeina Mickawy from Egypt. #1 seed Cardwell lost 2-11, 6-11, 2-11 to the up and coming W#68. Cardwell then went to Cleveland Ohio in the hope of qualifying for the PSA50 Cleveland Open. Unfortunately, she ran into W#30 Fiona Moverley (ENG) who beat her in the qualifying finals 12-10, 11-8, 11-4.

It was then off to Chicago to hopefully qualify for the PSA150 Windy City Open but sadly Cardwell couldn't get past the first round of qualifying. W#52 Samantha Cornett from Canada beat her 9-11, 11-2, 11-8, 11-7 (39m). That was still a respectable effort because Cornett went on to reach the quarter finals by beating #9 seed and W#11 Joelle King (NZL) in the 1st round.

Tamika Saxby followed a similar path to Sarah Cardwell by competing in the same three events. Saxby would have been a touch disappointed with her results but the experience playing in such major events is just invaluable. Seeded #3 for the Winnipeg Open Saxby was eliminated in the first round by the eventual finalist Zeina Mickawy from Egypt 6-11, 3-11, 8-11. This was same person that beat Cardwell in the semi.

W#28 Nadine Shahin (EGY) then knocked Saxby out of the qualifying finals of the Cleveland Open 11-8, 11-8, 11-8 and W#45 Misaki Kobayashi (JPN) was too strong for Saxby winning a tense 5 game battle 6-11, 9-11, 12-10, 11-7, 11-2 (39m) in the first round of qualifying for the Windy City Open.

BRISBANE CITY SQUASH SANDGATE SQUASH MS OPEN 2017



The first Australian PSA event for 2017 gets underway at Sandgate Squash Centre from 3-5 March 2017.

Hong Kong's **Ho Tze-Lok (WR50)** and **Rebecca Chu (WR60)** are the top two seeds and look set to reach the final. However, three Aussies will be doing their very best to stop the overseas raiders.

Lisa Camilleri, Jessica Turnbull and Samantha Davies are all ranked in the Top 100 and on their day are more than capable of causing an upset or two.

Our best chance of success looks to be Lisa Camilleri who reached 6 PSA finals in 2016.

Camilleri looks set to reach the semi final and will need to play her best to beat Vanessa Chu. In their last encounter (September 2016) Chu was too strong for Camilleri winning their quarter final 11-7, 11-4, 9-11, 11-4 in the China Challenge Cup.

Camilleri will most likely play Kiwi **Emma Millar** in the quarter finals. The last time these two played each other (July 2016) it was a tough win for Camilleri in five at the South Australian Open 11-5, 15-17, 11-8, 8-11, 11-2 in 44 minutes.

Jessica Turnbull and Samantha Davies are on the same side of the draw and should play each other in the quarter finals. The winner will most likely take on Ho Tze-Lok in the semi final.



[1] **Ho Tze-Lok (HKG)**
3/03/2017 11:00
[L] **Leanne Turnbull (AUS)**

Moana Gray (AUS)
3/03/2017 11:30
[8] **Samantha Calvert (AUS)**

[5] **Samantha Foyle (AUS)**
3/03/2017 14:30
[L] **Ariel Lyon (AUS)**

[L] **Katie Davies (AUS)**
3/03/2017 14:00
[4] **Jessica Turnbull (AUS)**

[3] **Lisa Camilleri (AUS)**
3/03/2017 13:00
Selena Shaikh (AUS)

Taylor Flavell (AUS)
3/03/2017 13:30
[7] **Emma Millar (NZL)**

[6] **Yura Choi (KOR)**
3/03/2017 12:00
Mijin Kim (KOR)

[L] **Madison Lyon (AUS)**
3/03/2017 12:30
[2] **Vanessa Chu (HKG)**

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2018 Gold Coast Com Games



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DAYS TO
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2002 Australian CG Team

Stewart Boswell
Joseph Kneipp
David Palmer
Paul Price
Anthony Ricketts
Robyn Cooper
Sarah Fitz-Gerald
Natalie Grinham
Rachael Grinham
Liz Irving

Our 3rd Commonwealth Games article looks back at the 2002 Manchester Games.

Overall our team wasn't as strong as it was in 1998 but we still boasted a World Champion (Sarah Fitz-Gerald) and some very experienced campaigners from 1998: Robyn Cooper, Rachael Grinham David Palmer and Paul Price.

It was a shame we lost Carol Owens to New Zealand but a young **Natalie Grinham** took her place and made her debut for Australia.



Photo: Fritz Borchert 2002

After reaching the final of the 1998 Games and losing to compatriot Michelle Martin, **Sarah Fitz-Gerald** completely dominated the Women's Individual and went home with GOLD!

Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts teamed up to win our only silver medal in the men's doubles.

Six players received Bronze Medals: Stewart Boswell, David Palmer and Rachael Grinham won individual bronze.

Our doubles team's: David Palmer & Paul Price, Natalie & Rachael Grinham and Joseph Kneipp & Robyn Cooper also won bronze medals.

Australia won more medals in Manchester but Sarah Fitz-Gerald was the only Aussie who could win GOLD.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) def Stephanie Brind (ENG) 10-8, 9-3, 9-1

Rachael Grinham (AUS) def Leilani Rorani (NZL) 9-1, 10-8, 9-6

Cassie Jackman (ENG) def Linda Charman (ENG) 9-2, 1-9, 9-1, 7-9, 9-2

Carol Owens (NZL) def Tania Bailey (ENG) 10-9, 9-0, 9-1

Semi Finals:

Sarah Fitz-Gerald def Rachael Grinham 9-2, 9-2, 9-6

Carol Owens def Cassie Jackman 3-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-5

Final:

Sarah Fitz-Gerald def Carol Owens 9-5, 9-0, 2-9, 10-9

MEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Peter Nicol (ENG) def Graham Ryding (CAN) 9-1, 9-2, 9-3

David Palmer (AUS) def Chris Walker (ENG) 9-5, 9-1, 9-1

Stewart Boswell (AUS) def Paul Price (AUS) 6-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2

Jonathon Power (CAN) def Lee Beachill (ENG) 3-9, 9-0, 9-7, 9-4

Semi Finals:

Peter Nicol def **David Palmer** 9-7, 9-1, 9-5

Jonathon Power def **Stewart Boswell** 7-9, 9-2, 9-1, 5-9, 9-0

Final:

Jonathon Power def Peter Nicol 9-4, 4-9, 9-3, 9-0



WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Rachael Grinham & Natalie Grinham (AUS) def Shelley Kitchen & Lara Petera (NZL) 15-8, 15-8

Leilani Rorani & Carol Owens (NZL) def Margo Green & Melanie Jans (CAN) 15-8, 15-8

Tania Bailey & Cassie Jackman (ENG) def Katrina Hogan & Karen Hargreaves (WAL) 15-4, 15-4

Fiona Geaves & Linda Charman (ENG) def **Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Liz Irving (AUS)** 15-11, 15-5

Semi Finals:

Leilani Rorani & Carol Owens def **Rachael Grinham & Natalie Grinham** 15-13, 15-8

Tania Bailey & Cassie Jackman def Fiona Geaves & Linda Charman 15-3, 16-17, 17-15

Final:

Leilani Rorani & Carol Owens def Tania Bailey & Cassie Jackman 15-11, 5-15, 15-13



MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Paul Price & David Palmer (AUS) def Gavin Jones & Scott Fitzgerald (WAL)
15-11, 15-12

Peter Nicol & Lee Beachill (ENG) def Alex Gough & David Evans (WAL)
15-6, 9-15, 15-10

Anthony Ricketts & Stewart Boswell (AUS) def Neil Frankland & Martin Heath (SCO) 15-12, 17-15

Mark Chaloner & Paul Johnson (ENG) def Mansoor Zaman & Shahid Zam Khan (PAK) 15-4 15-5

Semi Finals:

Peter Nicol & Lee Beachill def **Paul Price & David Palmer** 13-15, 15-9, 15-9

Anthony Ricketts & Stewart Boswell def Mark Chaloner & Paul Johnson
15-8, 13-15, 15-12

Final:

Peter Nicol & Lee Beachill def **Anthony Ricketts & Stewart Boswell** 15-11, 15-12



MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Leilani Rorani & Glen Wilson (NZL) def Carol Owens & Daniel Sharplin (NZL) 15-13, 15-3

Robyn Cooper & Joe Kneipp (AUS) def Stephanie Brind & Paul Johnson (ENG)
15-11, 15-12

Fiona Geaves & Chris Walker (ENG) def **Sarah Fitz-Gerald & Paul Price (AUS)**
17-16, 13-15, 15-7

Nicol David & Ong Beng Hee (MAS) def Karen Hargreaves & Gavin Jones (WAL)
15-13, 15-7

Semi Finals:

Leilani Rorani & Glen Wilson def **Robyn Cooper & Joe Kneipp** 15-11, 15-11

Nicol David & Ong Beng Hee def Fiona Geaves & Chris Walker 15-14, 12-15, 15-14

Final:

Leilani Rorani & Glen Wilson def Nicol David & Ong Beng Hee 15-11, 15-9

Australia: 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 6 Bronze

CG's Records: Australian Players

	1998	2002	2006	2010	2014	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Stewart Boswell		1 1	1	1			3	1	4
Kasey Brown				1 2	1	1		3	4
Ryan Cuskelly				1				1	1
Robyn Cooper	1	1					1	1	2
Byron Davis	1						1		1
Rodney Eyles	1						1		1
Sarah Fitz-Gerald	1 1	1				1	1	1	3
Natalie Grinham		1	3			3		1	4
Rachael Grinham	1	2	1 1		1	2	2	3	7
Dan Jensen			1					1	1
Joseph Kneipp		1	1			1		1	2
Michelle Martin	2					2			2
Carol Owens	1							1	1
David Palmer		2	1 2	1	2	2	2	4	8
Cameron Pilley				1 1	1 1	2		2	4
Paul Price		1						1	1
Anthony Ricketts		1	1				2		2
Craig Rowland	1					1			1
Donna Urquhart				1				1	1
50	10	12	13	9	6	15	13	22	50

Note: In 1998 and 2002 there was no playoff for the bronze medal in either singles or doubles.



AST 2017



AUSTRALIAN SQUASH TOUR



Men's AST

ELANORA OPEN AST 5 11-12 MAR
 AUSTRALIAN CLOSED AST 10 24-26 MAR
 NATIONAL GRADED AST A-C-E 24-26 MAR
 NORTHERN TERRITORY OPEN AST 10 11-14 MAY
 KALGOORLIE OPEN AST 5 2-5 JUN
 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 5 7-10 JUN
 TASMANIAN OPEN AST 5 29 JUN-2 JUL
 VICTORIAN OPEN AST 10 11-16 JUL
 BENDIGO INT'L AST 5 17-20 AUG
 SHEPPARTON INT'L AST 5 24-27 AUG
 BEGA OPEN AST 5 1-3 SEP
 NORTH COAST OPEN AST 5 7-10 SEP
 NEW SOUTH WALES OPEN AST 5 15-17 SEP
 QUEENSLAND OPEN AST 5 19-22 OCT
 MACKAY OPEN AST 5 26-29 OCT
 CAIRNS OPEN AST 5 4-5 NOV
 AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 10 14-18 NOV
 NATIONAL GRADED AST P-B-D 17-18 NOV

Women's AST

BRISBANE CITY OPEN AST 5 2-5 MAR
 AUSTRALIAN CLOSED AST 10 24-26 MAR
 NATIONAL GRADED AST A-C-E 24-26 MAR
 KALGOORLIE OPEN AST 5 2-5 JUN
 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 5 7-10 JUN
 VICTORIAN OPEN AST 10 11-16 JUL
 BENDIGO INT'L AST 5 17-20 AUG
 NORTH COAST OPEN AST 5 7-10 SEP
 NEW SOUTH WALES OPEN AST 5 15-17 SEP
 QUEENSLAND OPEN AST 5 19-22 OCT
 MACKAY OPEN AST 5 26-29 OCT
 CAIRNS OPEN AST 5 4-5 NOV
 AUSTRALIAN OPEN AST 10 14-18 NOV
 NATIONAL GRADED AST P-B-D 17-18 NOV

\$10,000 PRIZE POOL

ALL POINTS CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL AST RANKING



1st March 2017



RANKINGS



WORLD TOP 5 MEN

1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
2	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY
3	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
4	Nick Matthew	ENG
5	Ramy Ashour	EGY

WORLD TOP 5 WOMEN

1	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
2	Camille Serme	FRA
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY
4	Nouran Gohar	EGY
5	Laura Massaro	ENG

TOP 10 AUSSIE MEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
12	15	Ryan Cuskelly	13
18	17	Cameron Pilley	11
51	55	Rex Hedrick	51
76	75	Zac Alexander	36
86	86	Joshua Larkin	84
99	98	Matthew Hopkin	89
131	131	Rhys Dowling	120
178	178	Thomas Calvert	178
200	194	Mike Corren	38
203	201	Solayman Nowrozi	201

29 Aussie players listed

TOP 10 AUSSIE WOMEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
18	18	Donna Urquhart	13
31	32	Rachael Grinham	1
43	41	Sarah Cardwell	41
48	49	Christine Nunn	36
50	50	Tamika Saxby	50
60	63	Lisa Camilleri	28
74	76	Jessica Turnbull	73
98	101	Samantha Foyle	73
106	107	Stephanie Wighton	98
115	120	Samantha Calvert	111

17 Aussie players listed

AUSSIE MILESTONES ... CONGRATULATIONS

Achieves a new HWR

Ryan Cuskelly

Returns to the World Top 100

Samantha Foyle

2017



CALENDAR



<<< MARCH 2017 >>>

- MAR 2-5** Sandgate, QLD: **Brisbane City Squash Sandgate Squash MS** (PSA W5)
MAR 4-5 Esperance WA: **Horizon Power Esperance Open** (PSA Closed Satellite)
MAR 11-12 Elanora, NSW: **Pure Blonde Elanora Open** (PSA M5)
MAR 24-26 Townsville QLD: **Australian Closed Championships** (PSA National Closed Satellite)

<<< MAY 2017 >>>

- MAY 11-14** Darwin, NT: **NT Open** (PSA M10)

<<< JUNE 2017 >>>

- JUN 2-5** Kalgoorlie, WA: **City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open** (PSA M5/W5)
JUN 6-10 Campbelltown, SA: **SA Open** (PSA M5/W5)
JUN 29-2 Devonport, Tasmania: **City of Devonport Tasmanian Open** (PSA M5/W5)

<<< JULY 2017 >>>

- JUL 11-16** Mulgrave, VIC: **Victorian Open** (PSA M10/W10)

<<< AUGUST 2017 >>>

- AUG 16-20** Bendigo, VIC: **City of Greater Bendigo International** (PSA M5/W5)
AUG 23-27 Shepparton, VIC: **City of Greater Shepparton International** (PSA M5)
AUG 30-3 Bega, NSW: **Tarra Volkswagen Bega Open** (PSA M5)

<<< SEPTEMBER 2017 >>>

- SEP 7-10** Coffs Harbour, NSW: **North Coast Open** (PSA M5/W5)
SEP 14-17 Thornleigh, NSW: **NSW Squash Open** (PSA M5/W5)

<<< OCTOBER 2017 >>>

- OCT 19-22** Venue TBC, QLD: **Queensland Open** (PSA M5/W5)
OCT 26-29 Mackay Leisure Centre QLD: **Mackay Open** (PSA M5/W5)

<<< NOVEMBER 2017 >>>

- NOV 2-5** Cairns, QLD: **Cairns International** (PSA M5/W5) ***
NOV 14-18 Darwin, NT: **Australian Open** (PSA M10/W10)

*** (Not Registered on PSA)

2017



CALENDAR

MAJOR EVENTS IN EACH STATE

ACT

Australian Capital Territory

MAY 6-7: Woden: **ACT Open**

MAY 20-21 Woden: **ACT Junior Open** (AJST Gold)

NSW

New South Wales

MAR 11-12 Elanora: **Pure Blonde Elanora Open** (AST PSA M5)

JUL 7-9 Thornleigh: **NSW Junior Open** (AJST Gold)

AUG 30-3 Bega: **Tarra Volkswagen Bega Open** (AST PSA M5)

SEP 7-10 Coffs Harbour: **North Coast Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

SEP 14-17 Thornleigh: **NSW Squash Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

NT

Northern Territory

MAY 6-7 Darwin: **NT Junior Championships** (AJST Gold)

MAY 11-14 Darwin: **NT Open** (AST PSA M10)

OCT 17-18 Darwin: **Australian National Graded Championships** (Premier, B & D)

NOV 14-18 Darwin: **Australian Open** (AST PSA M10/W10)

NOV 19-20 Darwin: **Australian Doubles**

QLD

Queensland

MAR 2-5 Sandgate, QLD: **Brisbane City Squash Sandgate Squash MS** (PSA W5)

MAR 24-26 Townsville **Australian Closed Championships** (AST PSA National Closed Satellite)

MAR 24-26 Townsville: **National Graded Championships** (A C & E Grades)

APR 29-30 Carseldine: **QMSA State Titles - Best of 5 - Traditional AGED**

JUN 25-28 Venue TBC: **Queensland Junior Championships (Individuals)** (AJST Gold)

OCT 19-22 Venue TBC: **Queensland Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

OCT 26-29 Mackay Leisure Centre: **Mackay Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

NOV 2-5 Cairns: **Cairns International** (AST PSA M5/W5) ***

SA

South Australia

JUN 6-10 Campbelltown: **SA Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

JUN 10-11 Campbelltown: **South Australia Junior Age Championships** (AJST Gold)

TAS

Tasmania

MAR 4-5 Hobart: **TAS Junior** (AJST Gold)

JUN 29-2 Devonport: **City of Devonport Tasmanian Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

JUN 24-25 MSAC: **Victoria Junior State Titles** (AJST Gold)

2017



CALENDAR

MAJOR EVENTS IN EACH STATE

VIC

Victoria

- JUL 11-16** Mulgrave: **Victorian Open** (AST PSA M10/W10)
- AUG 16-20** Bendigo: **City of Greater Bendigo International** (AST PSA M5/W5)
- AUG 23-27** Shepparton: **City of Greater Shepparton International** (AST PSA M5)
- SEP 4-8** Ballarat: **Australian Masters Championship (Individuals)**
- SEP 11-15** Ballarat: **Australian Masters Championship (Teams)**
- SEP 30-8** Geelong: **Australian Junior Championships** (AJST Platinum)

WA

Western Australia

- MAR 4-5** Esperance: **Horizon Power Esperance Open** (PSA Closed Satellite)
- MAY 25-27** Terrace: **WA Open**
- JUN 2-5** Kalgoorlie: **City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)
- JUL 1-2** Mirrabooka: **WA Junior Championships** (AJST Gold)
- JUL 21-23** Venue TBC: **Masters State Championships**

*** (Not Registered on PSA)

AST: Australian Squash Tour
AJST: Australian Junior Squash Tour
Masters



Important Overseas Events

- APR 14-16** New Zealand: **Oceania Junior Championships** (AJST Platinum)
- APR 18-19** New Zealand: **Trans-Tasman Test Match**
- APR 21-23** New Zealand: **NZ Junior Open**
- JUL 19-23** Tauranga, NZ: **WSF World Junior Championships (Individuals)**
- JUL 24-28** Tauranga, NZ: **WSF World Junior Championships (Women's Teams)**
- AUG 1-5** England, GB: **WSF World Doubles Championships**
- NOV 28-3** France: **WSF Men's World Team Championships**
- NOV 30-4** Singapore: **Singapore Junior Open**
- DEC 6-11** Kuala Lumpur, MY: **KL Junior Open**



**WORLD
SQUASH**

WSF



2017 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEISURETIME CENTRE, GEELONG VIC

INDIVIDUAL EVENT: 30TH SEP - 3RD OCT

TEAM EVENT: 5TH OCT - 8TH OCT

ENTRIES OPEN 1ST MAY 2017

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By **Steve Walton**

SQUASH ● UNITED

For the last 21 years I have visited approximately 200 Squash Centres or Clubs per year throughout Australia and without doubt the comment I hear the most is “what are we doing to get more juniors?” So this is not a new challenge!

It is for this reason that one of the four major goals (pillars) of Squash United focuses on juniors and I believe our solution will provide a definite outcome that everyone can support. So what is our goal?

Our goal is that in 10 years time Australia will win the World Junior Championships. In all likelihood this will be achieved by players not yet playing and coached by coaches not yet coaching. In fact to achieve this goal our entire sport at junior level will need to change or perhaps to put it better, it will need to evolve significantly!

So how will this happen ... how will we win the World Championships for Juniors in 10 years? Like all marathons it will be achieved one step at a time but the first step is a very important one and it is the only step I will be significantly focused on for now.

Step 1: We are going to collate a list of 500 players aged between 7 and 9 that are currently playing whether it be on a casual basis or in some form of organised competition.

It is from this group that our World Championship Team will most likely be

formed. Each of these players will receive recognition from Squash United as being a member of the **2027 World Champions Squad**.

Our only goal with this initial squad will be to keep them playing squash! We all know that if we keep them playing then we stand a better chance of squash becoming a habit and once it is a habit then we can get down to teaching them!

So almost every time I share my concepts with some people I see them get “the look” which is followed by “the comment” along the lines of “where will the money come from for this?” which is sort of code for them saying “it cant be done”.

Nonsense!

It can be done, it will be done and the technology now exists to make this a lot easier. But let me just give you a couple of quick insights into how we will initially raise some funds.

1/ I will ask my Squash Friends to donate specific amounts of money to benefit specific players and they will be acknowledged for this. Please note that I used the word donate, its not sponsorship really is it! Each Junior Player requires only a \$10 donation for Step One.

2/ We are about to release the Squash United Socks and these will be available to every Squash Centre, Squash Club and Squash Player in Australia. Every sale will generate funds for Step One. I will leave it up to the individual entities to disclose how much they are contributing from each sale.

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3/ Corporate Donations: I'm fortunate to know many people in Corporations that want to make contributions so this pathway will be perfect for them.

Ok so here is where I'm currently at. I have only released this information to a select few people and organisations and I already have commitments to fund 50% of Step One ... without even focusing on it!

So the real challenge is going to be finding the 500 Juniors between the ages of 7-9.

For this to work I am going to need assistance from a lot of people Australia wide and I'm confident that we can make it happen.

But I really want to smash this goal so I am already organising for many squash centres to have FREE regular (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) Come and Try sessions for 7-9 year olds.

This will be taking place in some of Australia's best Squash Centres and will start soon.

This goal does not commence until the 1st of July but clearly I need to get the message out now to start the process.

I will shortly be finalising the Squash Council which is a team picked by me to keep me accountable. All the members have known and worked with me for at least 10 years so they will keep me in line.

If this goal resonates with you, if you

would like to be part of the Team that wins the World Championships in 2027 then please LIKE the Squash United page on facebook and send me a personal message as I would love to have you on board.

And if you don't think you can directly help **then simply buy some cool socks!**

