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ASP Monthly is celebrating its first birthday!!!

Its hard to believe 12 months have flown bye since I had a conversation with a close friend who urged me to produce this publication. I hope you still find it informative.

The recent junior trip to NZ didn't go to plan. Australia was comprehensively beaten in both the Oceania Junior Championships and the Trans Tasman Test Series.

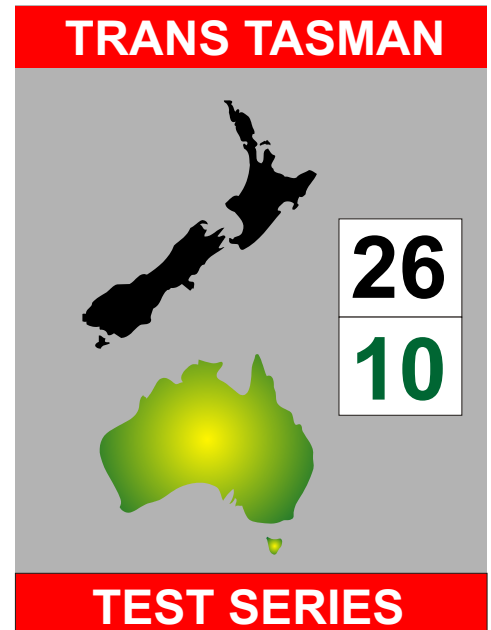
New Zealand athletes won 8 of the 10 titles on offer at the OJC. Australia won 1 or did they? **Sze Yu Lee** was listed as representing Hong Kong, China on the draw but she has won the AJO on a number of occasions representing NSW.

How Sze Yu Lee was seeded 16 is anyone's guess. She won the 2013 AJO U11, 2014 AJO U13 and 2016 AJO U15. So she definitely had form on the board!

In the TTTS New Zealand belted the Aussies 13-5 on the first day and then repeated the dose on the second day. Three Aussies won both their matches: Hayley Hankinson, Alex Haydon and Oscar Curtis. Well done guys!

Sadly, our U19 Girls struggled. On the eve of the World Junior Championships to be held in New Zealand in July this was most alarming. SA's Alex Heydon, who is still 15, reached the final of the U19 event at the OJC and was unbeaten in the TTTS. Congratulations Alex you are inspirational.

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OUR STARS



The following tables summarise the **PSA matches** played by our best players during **April**. It also includes results from major events like World Championships, Commonwealth Games, etc. Their most recent match is listed first:

April was a very quiet month with no PSA events on the Australian Squash Tour.

Ryan Cuskelly

Karim Abdel Gawad	L	QF	Houston Open	4-11, 11-4, 9-11, 9-11
Farhan Mehboob	W	R1	Houston Open	11-8, 11-2 ret.
Fares Dessouky	L	R2	El Gouna International	9-11, 7-11, 11-1, 8-11 (60m)
Mohamed Reda	W	R1	El Gouna International	11-8, 11-3, 11-5 (34m)

Cameron Pilley

Marwan Elshorbagy	L	R2	El Gouna International	4-11, 8-11, 4-11 (33m)
Campbell Grayson	W	R1	El Gouna International	6-11, 5-11, 11-3, 13-11, 11-9 (97m)

David Clegg

Laurence Green	L	R1	Russian Open	10-12, 9-11, 7-11 (25m)
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Olivia Blatchford	L	R1	World Championship	10-12, 9-11, 11-9, 12-10, 8-11 (67m)
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Rachael Grinham

Tesni Evans	L	R1	World Championship	6-11, 5-11, 7-11 (32m)
Rachel Arnold	W	Q	World Championship	8-11, 11-7, 12-10, 11-9 (44m)
Engy El Sherif	W	Q	World Championship	w/o

Sarah Cardwell

Fiona Moverley	L	Q	World Championship	9-11, 2-11, 7-11 (25m)
Jelena Dutina	W	Q	World Championship	11-3, 11-2, 11-1 (12m)



AST POINTS



The Australian Squash Tour has been designed to promote the domestic PSA events under one umbrella and encourage greater participation by our PSA players which will in turn, hopefully better support the individual events.

The AST will see the top three male and female Australian players share in an additional \$10,000 prize pool. Note: only a player's top 10 tournaments will be counted toward their overall point score.

	AST-10	AST-5	AST-P
1	1750	900	120
2	1150	600	72.3
3-4	700	350	53.2
5-8	450	200	32
9-16	250	140	19.3
17-32	120	70	18.4

TOP 10 - LEADERBOARD

\$10,000 PRIZE POOL

1 Zac Alexander QLD	2650	1 Tamika Saxby NSW	1750
2 Rhys Dowling QLD	1500	2 Lisa Camilleri QLD	1500
3 Tom Calvert QLD	900	3 Samantha Foyle QLD	1050
4 Josh Larkin NSW	600	4 Jessica Turnbull QLD	900
5 Alex Eustace QLD	450	5 Samantha Calvert QLD	580
Lachlan Coxsedge QLD	450	6 Lauren Aspinall SA	450
Courtney West QLD	450	Courtney Mather QLD	450
Joseph White NT	450	Ellie Jones QLD	450
9 Nick Calvert QLD	380		
Jason Holmes VIC	380		

SPLIT UP

Men's Winner	3000	Men's Winner	3000
Men's Runner Up	1500	Men's Runner Up	1500
Men's 3rd Place	500	Men's 3rd Place	500



The 2016 Australian Squash Player Annual has just been released.

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MAJOR EVENT



The 2017 World Masters Games were held in Auckland, New Zealand from 21st to 30th April 2017.

The World Masters Games is the World's largest multi sport event. Held every 4 years it is the pinnacle sporting event for masters competition worldwide.

Australia was well represented in squash with 51 players participating. There were 29 Open and 22 Recreational players.

35 Men and 16 women took part and won 4 open gold medals and 7 recreational gold medals.

Aussie Open Podium Finishes

O40M: BRONZE: Daniel Woolbank
O55M: GOLD: Peter Gilbee
O55M: SILVER: Dale Robbins
O60M: SILVER: Roy Oliver
O75M: SILVER: Thomas Slattery
O35W: BRONZE: Diane Antonsen
O45W: GOLD: Sarah Fitz-Gerald
O50W: GOLD: Susan Hillier
O60W: GOLD: Anne Richards
O60W: SILVER: Sarah Wilson
O65W: SILVER: Susan Volzke

2017 Champions

O35M: (1) Kashif Shuja (NZ)
O40M: (3) Allan Crome (NZ)
O45M: (2) Paul Bedford (NZ)
O50M: (1) Craig van der Wath (South Africa)
O55M: (1) Peter Gilbee (Australia)
O60M: (1) Mark Waldin (NZ)
O65M: (6) Ross Wells (NZ)
O70M: Gerald Poulton (Canada)
O75M: Richard Purser (NZ)
O80M: Malcolm Gilham (UK)

O35W: Shelley Kitchen (NZ)
O40W: Suk Hee Kim (NZ)
O45W: (1) Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia)
O50W: (1) Susan Hillier (Australia)
O55W: (2) Phillippa Green (UK)
O60W: (1) Anne Richards (Australia)
O65W: (2) Laura Ramsay (Canada)
O70W: (1) Kaye Jackson (NZ)

Aussie Recreational Podium Finishes

O45M: SILVER: Rodney Simpkins
O55M: SILVER: Steve Neslon
O55M: BRONZE: Moreno Grison
O70M: GOLD: Allan Briggs
O75M: GOLD: Albert Armstrong
O75M: SILVER: John Robertson
O80M: GOLD: Wilfred Sandercock
O50W: GOLD: Janet Simpkins
O50W: BRONZE: Maree Froome
O60W: GOLD: Wendy McWilliams
O65W: GOLD: Dianne Cook
O65W: SILVER: Jane Mackie
O75W: GOLD: Christine Cooper
O75W: SILVER: Margaret Gruca



MAJOR EVENT



Anne Richards & Sue Hillier

Aussie Gold Medal Performances

O55M Final: [1] **Peter Gilbee** (Australia) def [2] Dale Robbins (Australia) 11-9, 11-6, 11-9

O45W Final: [1] **Sarah Fitz-Gerald** (Australia) def [2] Lisa Cowlard (New Zealand) 11-4, 11-8, 11-2

O50W Final: (1) **Susan Hilier** (Australia) def (2) Angelique Clifton Parks (South Africa) 19/17, 8/11, 12/10, 11/8

O60W Final: (1) **Anne Richards** (Australia) def (3) Sarah Wilson (Australia) 11/2, 11/8, 11/3



Sue Hillier beat Angelique Clifton Parks (South Africa) in the O50 final at the World Masters Games.



NZ EXPOSES THE TRUTH!

The truth is Australian junior squash is not advancing. We are not bridging the gap between ourselves and the rest of the world. In fact it just keeps widening!

The recent results by Australian players at the Oceania Junior Championships and in the Trans Tasman Series against New Zealand suggest whatever our system is ... it isn't working!

We are no longer producing world standard juniors. Now world standard means our players reaching and being competitive in the quarter finals (the final 8 players) at world junior championships.

The quarter finals line up at the last world junior championships (2016) was as follows: **Junior men:** EGY v FRA, PAK v EGY, EGY v JPN and MAS v IND. **Junior women:** EGY v NZL, MAS v EGY, EGY v MAS and EGY v ENG.

In 2015 the quarter finals line ups were: **Junior men:** PER v PAK, MAS v PAK, EGY v ENG and EGY v PAK. **Junior women:** EGY v EGY, EGY v USA, EGY v ENG and EGY v HKG

This article is designed to expose "the elephant in the room". In a nutshell, **whatever it is we are doing, it just isn't working!**

We just can't keep doing the same old thing and expect better results. We have to start becoming inventive, receptive to new ideas and most importantly, creative.

We have not had a World Junior Champion since Rachael Grinham won in 1993. (24 years ago!)

We have not won a World Junior Team Championship since 1995. (22 years ago!)

Therefore, it would be fair to say the system for producing world standard squash players from Australia has been broken for a very long time.

No one person or one organisation is to blame. A collection of poor decisions over many years have contributed to our place in world squash today. Outlining those poor decisions here will not help the situation one bit.

We need to **forgive and forget the past** and devise a new plan to advance Australian squash because if we don't the situation will only continue to decline and any chance of future success on the professional circuit and at the Commonwealth Games looks bleak.

To get started there needs to be an independent assessment made of the true state of affairs.

Such an inquiry needs to interview a large number of stakeholders and piece together a workable proposal that deals with all the various reasons/excuses put forward over many years including a lack of funding, a lack of facilities, a lack of competent coaches, the distances people have to travel and so on.



NZ EXPOSES THE TRUTH!

We need a system that has just one focus and is extremely positive and embraces every coach and player in Australia.

We need to be looking to develop champions ... champion players and champion coaches!

Then there needs to be a person appointed to a coordination type role who is genuinely passionate about rebuilding Australian squash and will commit to a long term role.

That person would then need to implement the recommendations of the independent review.

It is sad to see Australian squash in the state that it is in today. Somebody has to take responsibility for the future. It will require passion and drive to achieve results. This is about having the right attitude and commitment because it is going to be a long process.

It needs someone with a burning passion to "right the ship". Proper succession planning systems will also be needed to build a sustainable future!

This isn't a lost cause. It just needs the right focus and attention.



Would like to invite contributors from all States & Territories in Australia to make regular contributions to ASP Monthly.

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JUNIOR EVENT



OCEANIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



New Zealand won 8 titles at the Oceania Junior Championships held at the Henderson Squash Club on the North Island of New Zealand.

215 competitors took part in the 2017 Championships. 65 Aussies crossed the ditch but only one brought home GOLD!

NSW's **Sze Yu Lee** was our only star winning the U15 Girls after being seeded #16.

At 15 **Alex Haydon** performed exceptionally well to reach the final of the U19 Girls. She is looking good in her quest to represent Australia at the World Championships in New Zealand in July.

Event	Winner	Second/Third
U11B	Matthew Growcott - NZL 11-9, 11-4, 11-8	Reece Holms - NZL Oliver Dunbar - NZL
U13B	Edward Boon Hwi Thng - SGP 6-11, 11-5, 11-9, 11-8	Oscar Curtis - AUS Mason Smales - NZL
U15B	Leo Fatialofa - NZL 11-8, 11-8, 6-11, 11-3	Remi Young - AUS Joshua Penfold - AUS
U17B	Matthew Lucente - NZL 8-11, 11-3, 11-8, 11-8	Gabe Yam - NZL Temwa Chileshe - NZL
U19B	Finn Trimble - NZL 11-1, 11-8, 11-0	Quinn Udy - NZL Mitchell Kempton - NZL
U11G	Maia Smales - NZL 13-11, 11-4, 11-6	Anabel Romero Gemmell - NZL Saara Joukani - NZL
U13G	Natalie Sayes - NZL 14-16, 11-9, 11-4, 10-12, 11-8	Sophie Hodges - NZL Erin Classen - AUS
U15G	Sze Yu Lee - AUS 11-2, 11-1, 11-5	Georgia Lane - AUS Katie Davies - AUS
U17G	Rhiarne Taiapa - NZL 11-7, 11-1, 11-5	Amara Afghan - NZL Ruby Turnbull - NZL
U19G	Kaitlyn Watts - NZL 11-8, 11-8, 11-4	Alex Haydon - AUS Anika Jackson - NZL



JUNIOR EVENT



OCEANIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sze Yu Lee

The Stats

	Competitors		Aussies	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
U11B	9		3	
U13B	20		5	
U15B	38		10	
U17B	32		7	
U19B	28		12	
U11G		8		1
U13G		14		3
U15G		26		9
U17G		16		6
U19G		24		9
	127	88	37	28
		215		65

TOP 10 AUSSIE FINISHES

U11B	Aryan Madan (SA)	5th
	Zane Volpers (QLD)	6th
	Nickolai Volpers (QLD)	8th
U13B	Oscar Curtis (WA)	2nd
	Dylan Classen (WA)	4th
	Andre Lynn (VIC)	10th
U15B	Remi Young (WA)	2nd
	Josh Penfold (QLD)	3rd
	BJ MacDonald (QLD)	5th
U17B	Jacob Ford (NSW)	4th
	Maaz Khatri (SA)	10th
U19B	Caleb Johnson (QLD)	4th
	Nick Calvert (QLD)	6th
	Lachlan Coxsedge (QLD)	7/8
	Ryan Marshall (NSW)	10th
U11G	Emily Lamb (NSW)	5th
U13G	Erin Classen (WA)	3rd
	Maggie Goodman (NSW)	5th
	Shona Coxsedge (QLD)	9th
U15G	Sze Yu Lee (NSW)	WON
	Georgia Lane (NSW)	2nd
	Katie Davies (QLD)	3rd
	Hayley Hankinson (QLD)	4th
	Ella Burge (QLD)	7/8
U17G	Emma Clyde (TAS)	6th
	Jade Woods (WA)	7/8
	Elle Lane (NSW)	9th
U19G	Alex Haydon (SA)	2nd
	Ellie Jones (QLD)	5th
	Courtney Mather (QLD)	7/8
	Shehana Vithana (NSW)	9th
	Jessica Graham (VIC)	10th





JUNIOR EVENT



OCEANIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our finalists

U13B Oscar Curtis (WA): Finished 2nd

FINAL	Lost to	Edward Thng (Singapore)	11-6, 5 11, 9-11, 8-11
SF	Defeated	Mason Smales (NZ)	11-8, 11-5, 11-7
QF	Defeated	Freddie Jameson (NZ)	11-5, 11-5, 11-4
R1	Defeated	Campbell Griffin (NZ)	11-0, 11-2, 11-2

U15B Remi Young (WA): Finished 2nd

FINAL	Lost to	Leo Fatialofa (NZ)	8-11, 8-11, 11-6, 3-11
SF	Defeated	Elijah Thomas (NZ)	11-7, 11-6, 11-9
QF	Defeated	BJ MacDonald (QLD)	11-5, 11-7, 11-3
R2	Defeated	Sam Kelly (NZ)	11-4, 11-6, 11-2
R1	Defeated	Paul Moran (NZ)	11-4, 11-3, 11-5

U15G Sze Yu Lee (NSW): Finished Champion

FINAL	Defeated	Georgia Lane (NSW)	11-2, 11-1, 11-5
SF	Defeated	Katie Davies (QLD)	11-8, 11-6, 9-11, 11-3
QF	Defeated	Jena Gregory (NZ)	11-4, 11-3, 12-10
R2	Defeated	Georgia Fyfe (NZ)	11-7, 11-4, 11-5
R1	Defeated	Ruby Saies (NZ)	11-3, 11-3, 11-1

U15G Georgia Lane (NSW): Finished 2nd

FINAL	Lost to	Sze Yu Lee (NSW)	2-11, 1-11, 5-11
SF	Defeated	Hayley Hankinson (QLD)	11-9, 13-11, 8-11, 11-5
QF	Defeated	Renee Dudson (NZ)	11-6, 11-9, 8-11, 3-11, 11-7
R2	Defeated	Sophie Bradly (NZ)	11-4, 11-2, 11-1

U19G Alex Haydon (SA): Finished 2nd

FINAL	Lost to	Kaitlyn Watts (NZ)	8-11, 8-11, 4-11
SF	Defeated	Anika Jackson (NZ)	11-7, 11-8, 11-9
QF	Defeated	Courtney Mather (QLD)	11-6, 11-1, 11-2
R2	Defeated	Jessica Osborne (NT)	11-6, 11-5, 11-4





TRANS TASMAN



Day 1

Australia

New Zealand

U13 Girls	Maggie Goodman	L	Natalie Sayes	0-3	NZ	1	0
	Erin Classen	L	Sophie Hodges	2-3	NZ	2	0
U13 Boys	Dylan Classen	L	Mason Smales	1-3	NZ	3	0
	Oscar Curtis	W	Apa Fatialofa	3-0	NZ	3	1
U15 Girls	Hayley Hankinson	W	Georgia Fyfe	3-1	NZ	3	2
	Katie Davies	W	Renee Dudson	3-1		3	3
U15 Boys	Josh Penfold	L	Leo Fatialofa	0-3	NZ	4	3
	Remi Young	W	Elijah Thomas	3-1		4	4
U17 Girls	Jade Woods	L	Rhiarne Taiapa	0-3	NZ	5	4
	Alex Haydon	W	Winona-Jo Joyce	3-0		5	5
U17 Boys	Maaz Khatri	L	Matthew Lucente	0-3	NZ	6	5
	Jacob Ford	L	Gabe Yam	0-3	NZ	7	5
U19 Girls	Shehana Vithana	L	Kaitlyn Watts	0-3	NZ	8	5
	Courtney Mather	L	Anika Jackson	0-3	NZ	9	5
	Taylor Jones	L	Nadia Hubbard	0-3	NZ	10	5
	Grace Pattison	L	Courtney Trail	1-3	NZ	11	5
U19 Boys	Lachlan Coxsedg	L	Finn Trimble	0-3	NZ	12	5
	Nick Calvert	L	Mitchell Kempton	1-3	NZ	13	5

Day 2

Australia

New Zealand

U13 Boys	Oscar Curtis	W	Mason Smales	3-1	AUS	0	1
	Dylan Classen	W	Apa Fatialofa	3-2	AUS	0	2
U13 Girls	Erin Classen	L	Natalie Sayes	0-3	AUS	1	2
	Maggie Goodman	L	Sophie Hodges	0-3		2	2
U15 Boys	Remi Young	L	Leo Fatialofa	1-3	NZ	3	2
	Josh Penfold	L	Elijah Thomas	2-3	NZ	4	2
U15 Girls	Katie Davies	L	Georgia Fyfe	0-3	NZ	5	2
	Hayley Hankinson	W	Renee Dudson	3-0	NZ	5	3
U17 Boys	Jacob Ford	L	Matthew Lucente	0-3	NZ	6	3
	Maaz Khatri	L	Gabe Yam	0-3	NZ	7	3
U17 Girls	Alex Haydon	W	Rhiarne Taiapa	3-0	NZ	7	4
	Jade Woods	L	Winona-Jo Joyce	0-3	NZ	8	4
U19 Boys	Nick Calvert	L	Finn Trimble	0-3	NZ	9	4
	Lachlan Coxsedg	W	Mitchell Kempton	3-2	NZ	9	5
U19 Girls	Courtney Mather	L	Kaitlyn Watts	0-3	NZ	10	5
	Shehana Vithana	L	Anika Jackson	0-3	NZ	11	5
	Grace Pattison	L	Nadia Hubbard	1-3	NZ	12	5
	Taylor Jones	L	Courtney Trail	0-3	NZ	13	5

GETTING TO KNOW OUR
 ★★
Squash Stars
 OF THE FUTURE

**Alex
 Haydon**
 SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Following the Oceania Junior Championships I got the opportunity to speak with South Australia's **Alex Haydon**.

The talented 15 year old was a finalist in the Under 19 Girls event. She is without doubt a shining light on the squash horizon.

Coached by James Rogers the confident but down to earth teenager has set her sights very high and she has the steely determination to succeed.

Her family played squash so it was pretty much a natural progression for Alex to take to the court.

She grew up in the Clare Valley before her family moved to Adelaide to give her and her brother Sam every chance to succeed in their chosen sport.

Watching Alex play you get to see a very fit, energetic and focused athlete. She kind of reminds me of Kasey Brown when she was a junior.

Alex began playing squash when she was 8 and by the age of 9, going on 10, she was already in the State Development Squad.

Despite taking to squash naturally she still had to work hard to get to where she is today. She is an athlete and running is a passion so fitness isn't a concern for Alex. Her fitness and energy levels shine through in most matches.

Alex is patient and is prepared for the long rallies any contest might bring. She will attack when the opportunities present but she is comfortable driving down the wall and keeping things tight.

In New Zealand Alex chose to play in the Under 19 girls event to strengthen her chances of being chosen to represent Australia at the World Junior Championships in July.

She did well reaching the final without dropping a game. The final was against U17 Kiwi Kaitlyn Watts and despite losing the final the experience was crucial.

Oceania Junior Championships

U19G Alex Haydon: Finished 2nd			
FINAL	Lost to	Kaitlyn Watts (NZ)	8-11, 8-11, 4-11
SF	Defeated	Anika Jackson (NZ)	11-7, 11-8, 11-9
QF	Defeated	Courtney Mather (QLD)	11-6, 11-1, 11-2
R2	Defeated	Jessica Osborne (NT)	11-6, 11-5, 11-4



Alex then went on to represent Australia in the Trans Tasman Test Series. She played in the U17 Girls and won both her matches.

Most notable was her 3-0 win against Rhiarne Taiapa who won the Under 17 title at the OJC.

Alex has definite goals and whilst they are somewhat private they amount to good things for Australia.

Speaking with Alex was refreshing. For someone so young, to have such definite and realistic goals was inspiring. I certainly wish her every success.

60 seconds with Alex

What do you think are the key ingredients to a champion?

Determination, being self driven and never giving up.

Do you like playing for Australia? **Yes, I love wearing the green and gold. I feel I lift even more for Australia. I never give up.**

For any aspiring juniors can you give them an idea of the amount of training you are doing? **6 days a week with 4-5 days involving two sessions. Fitness**

in the morning and court work in the afternoon.

If being a professional squash player doesn't work out what do you think you might do? **Become a physiotherapist**

Your favourite squash player on the circuit and why? **Nouran Gohar (Egypt) ... I got to watch her play at the World Junior Championships last year. For a young person she is performing well.**

The person you would most like to meet and why? **Allistair McCaw (the McCaw Method) He is an internationally recognized leader in the field of athlete performance enhancement.**

Who are your sponsors? **Salming, SASI, Squash SA.**

Major Titles

2013

U13 Australian Junior Champion

2014

U15 Australian Junior Champion

2015

U15 Australian Junior Champion

2016

U17 Australian Junior Champion

NEWS

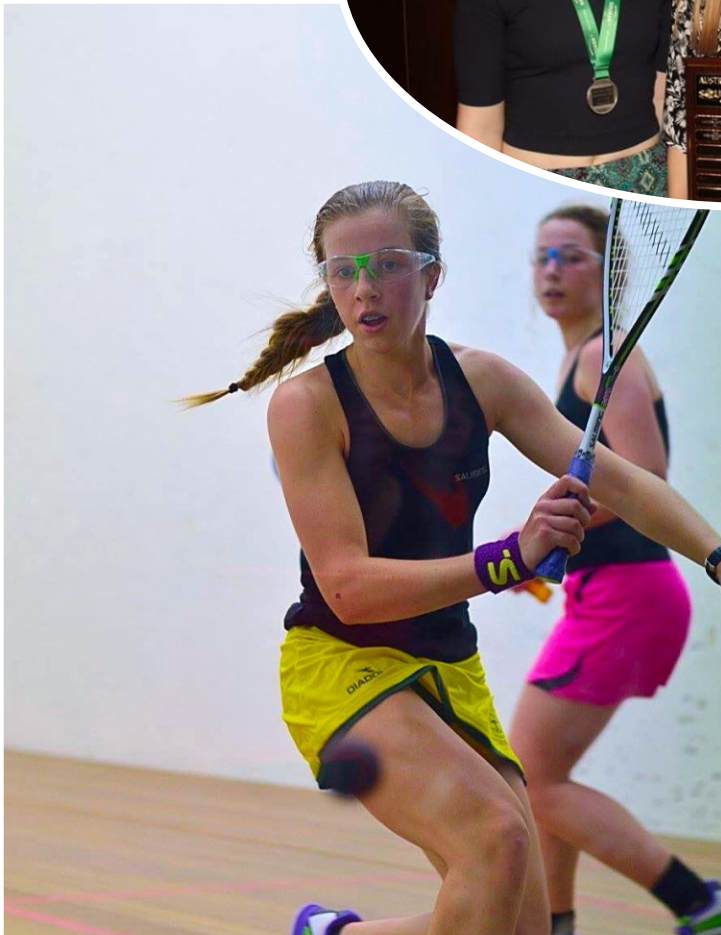
Squash Australia has just announced the Junior Women's team to represent Australia at the World Championships in July in New Zealand.

Women's team: Alex Haydon, Courtney Mather, Lauren Aspinall and Shehana Vithana

Women for Individual Championships: Grace Pattison, Jessica Graham

Rising Squash Star

Alex Haydon





2018 Gold Coast Com Games



As at 1 May 2017



2010 Australian CG Team

Stewart Boswell
Ryan Cuskelly
Aaron Frankcomb
David Palmer
Cameron Pilley

Kasey Brown
Lisa Camilleri
Melody Francis
Amelia Pittock
Donna Urquhart

Our 5th Commonwealth Games article looks back at the 2010 Delhi Games

Our Team wasn't as strong as previous years but we still boasted World Champion David Palmer searching for his first Commonwealth Games Gold Medal.

The awesome Grinham sisters, who were the stars of the 2006 Games, were notably absent from the line up. Natalie became a Dutch citizen in February 2008 and unfortunately, Rachael boycotted the Games because of a selection dispute with Squash Australia that stemmed back to 2006.

Young guns **Cameron Pilley** and **Kasey Brown** were the Aussie stars in Delhi picking up GOLD in the Mixed Doubles. Brown also won two Bronze Medals. She received a walk over from England's Alison Waters in the Singles and then partnered Donna Urquhart to beat compatriots Lisa Camilleri and Amelia Pittock in the Women's Doubles.



Palmer went agonisingly close with new Doubles partner Stewart Boswell in the Men's Doubles but had to settle for Silver. It was Palmer's second Silver medal, after having won Silver in Singles in Melbourne, and his 6th Commonwealth Games Medal in total. Sadly, a Gold medal was still missing from his collection.

Boswell too was hurting just as much. It was his third Doubles Silver in three Games. Ryan Cuskelly and Cameron Pilley teamed up to win Bronze in the Men's Doubles Playoff.

It wasn't our best Games but winning a GOLD MEDAL was still very pleasing.

2010 Delhi Results

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Nicol David (MAS) def Laura Massaro (ENG) 11-5, 11-3, 11-7

Kasey Brown (AUS) def Madeline Perry (NIR) 5-11, 6-11, 14-12, 11-9, 12-10

Alison Waters (ENG) def Joelle King (NZL) 12-10, 9-11, 11-5, 10-12, 11-2

Jenny Duncalf (ENG) def Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL) 11-8, 11-4, 12-10

Semi Finals:

Nicol David (MAS) def **Kasey Brown (AUS)** 11-6, 11-3, 11-3

Jenny Duncalf (ENG) def Alison Waters (ENG) 6-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-4

Bronze Medal:

Kasey Brown (AUS) def Alison Waters (ENG) w/o

Final:

Nicol David (MAS) def Jenny Duncalf (ENG) 11-3, 11-5, 11-7

MEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Nick Matthew (ENG) def **Cameron Pilley (AUS)** 11-7, 11-5, 11-6

Peter Barker (ENG) def **Stewart Boswell (AUS)** 10-12, 11-9, 11-3, 11-3

Mohd Azlan Iskandar (MAS) def Daryl Selby (ENG) 11-6, 7-11, 13-11, 13-11 - H7 -

James Willstrop (ENG) def **David Palmer (AUS)** 9-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-5

Semi Finals

Nick Matthew (ENG) def Peter Barker (ENG) 11-9, 11-2, 11-9

James Willstrop (ENG) def Mohd Azlan Iskandar (MAS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-5

Bronze Medal:

Peter Barker (ENG) bt Mohd Azlan Iskandar (MAS) 11-5, 11-4, 11-2

Final:

Nick Matthew (ENG) def James Willstrop (ENG) 11-6, 11-7, 11-7

Cameron Pilley in Singles



Cameron Pilley & Kasey Brown





2010 Delhi Results

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Kasey Brown & Donna Urquhart (AUS) def Delia Arnold & Low Wee Wern (MAS)
11-4, 11-9

Jenny Duncalf & Laura Massaro (ENG) def Tamsyn Leevey & Kylie Lindsay (NZL)
11-4, 11-9

Lisa Camilleri & Amelia Pittock (AUS) def Lisa Aitken & Frania Gillen-Buchert (SCO) 11-9, 11-8

Jaclyn Hawkes & Joelle King (NZL) def Tania Bailey & Sarah Kippax (ENG)
11-4, 9-11, 11-4

Semi Finals

Jenny Duncalf & Laura Massaro (ENG) def **Kasey Brown & Donna Urquhart (AUS)** 6-11, 11-5, 11-4

Jaclyn Hawkes & Joelle King (NZL) def **Lisa Camilleri & Amelia Pittock (AUS)**
5-11, 11-5, 11-5

Bronze Medal:

Kasey Brown & Donna Urquhart (AUS) def **Lisa Camilleri & Amelia Pittock (AUS)** 11-4, 10-11, 11-5

Final:

Jaclyn Hawkes & Joelle King (NZL) def **Jenny Duncalf & Laura Massaro (ENG)**
11-9, 11-10

MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Adrian Grant & Nick Matthew (ENG) def Mohd Azlan Iskandar & Mohd Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS) 11-5, 11-10

Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS) def Campbell Grayson & Martin Knight (NZL) 11-9, 11-10

Alan Clyne & Harry Leitch (SCO) def Peter Barker & Daryl Selby (ENG) 11-7, 11-7

Stewart Boswell & David Palmer (AUS) def Lyall Paterson & Chris Small (SCO)
11-2, 11-2

Semi Finals:

Adrian Grant & Nick Matthew (ENG) def **Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS)**
11-10, 11-9

Stewart Boswell & David Palmer (AUS) def Alan Clyne & Harry Leitch (SCO)
11-10, 11-6

Bronze Medal:

Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS) def Alan Clyne & Harry Leitch (SCO)
11-5, 11-7



2010 Delhi Results

MEN'S DOUBLES

Final:

Adrian Grant & Nick Matthew (ENG) def Stewart Boswell & David Palmer (AUS) 11-9, 6-11, 11-5

MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter Finals

Kasey Brown & Cameron Pilley (AUS) def Jenny Duncalf & James Willstrop (ENG) 11-7, 7-11, 11-8

Donna Urquhart & David Palmer (AUS) def Lisa Aitken & Harry Leitch (SCO) 11-3, 11-3

Nicol David & Ong Beng Hee (MAS) def Joshna Chinappa & Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-5, 7-11, 11-7

Joelle King & Martin Knight (NZL) def Jaclyn Hawkes & Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-6, 11-9

Semi Finals:

Kasey Brown & Cameron Pilley (AUS) def Donna Urquhart & David Palmer (AUS) 11-10, 11-10

Joelle King & Martin Knight (NZL) def Nicol David & Ong Beng Hee (MAS) 11-7, 11-10

Bronze Medal:

Nicol David & Ong Beng Hee (MAS) def Donna Urquhart & David Palmer (AUS) 11-9, 11-6

Final:

Kasey Brown & Cameron Pilley (AUS) def Joelle King & Martin Knight (NZL) 8-11, 11-7, 11-5



EVENTS

2010	G	S	B	T
England	2	3	1	6
Australia	1	1	3	5
New Zealand	1	1		2
Malaysia	1		1	2
	5	5	5	15

PLAYERS

2010	G	S	B	T
England	3	4	1	8
Australia	2	2	5	9
New Zealand	2	2		4
Malaysia	1		2	3
	8	8	8	24

Australia: 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze



CAMERON PILLEY

BIRTHPLACE: *YAMBA*

AGE: *34 (35 AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN 2018)*

PLAYS: *RIGHT HANDED*

CURRENT WORLD RANKING: *17 (MAY 2017)*

HIGHEST WORLD RANKING: *11 (JANUARY 2011)*

PSA TITLES: *13*

COMMONWEALTH GAMES EXPERIENCE: *REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA IN 2010 (GOLD & BRONZE MEDALS) AND 2014 (GOLD & BRONZE MEDALS)*



Two Commonwealth Games, two Gold Medals ... you have enjoyed great success at the Games. What is motivating you to strive for more at the 2018 Gold Coast Games? Pulling on the Australian shirt is always a huge motivation for me. It's an honour to wear the Aussie colours and with the CWG coming along every 4 years, you want to make the most of it and perform at your best. Also, the CWG is on home soil so to compete in front of family and friends is something us Aussies rarely get to do.

You are no spring chicken at 34 (and 35 at the games). Is it getting harder as you get older? I've been playing the best squash of my career since turning 30 so I'm really looking forward to the next 12 months to see what it brings. You learn a lot over the years and you end up finding out what works and what doesn't work. The body feels as good as it's ever been so then it's just a matter of staying fresh mentally.

You have been in the World Top 20 for the last 16 months. I have known you for 18 odd years and I still believe you are one of the best Aussie players of the modern era but you haven't cracked the World Top 10. Why? I've been in the World top 20 for the good part of 9 years now so that is something I am extremely proud of, but it is still a goal to make the top 10. My highest is No. 11 so far. I have beaten most of the top players in the world but I need to be able to do it consistently to make the 10.

You have enjoyed great success in Doubles ... Do you enjoy playing doubles? Why? Doubles can be quite fun, especially with the low tin now. I played a bit of doubles growing up and I guess I'm just decent at it.

CAMERON PILLEY *continued*



You have had success partnering with David Palmer at the 2014 Glasgow Games ... I won't put you on the spot to make a choice but can you outline the strengths of both David Palmer and Ryan Cuskelly (Your partner at the World Doubles). They are both very good doubles players. Cusk being a left hander is obviously a huge advantage in doubles and Dave obviously has a lot of experience on the big stage.

In the Mixed Doubles you didn't do so well at the World Doubles with Rachael Grinham. Were there any specific reasons why it just didn't work? There were no specific reasons but the more we play together the better we will be.

Have you teamed up with Donna Urquhart previously? If so was that successful? I always partnered Kasey Brown in the past, and now Rachael so I don't think we've teamed up before.

Will you be looking to compete in Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles at the 2018 Games? I will be putting my hand up for those competitions, yes.

What is your main mission in preparation for the Games? Do you need to get fitter or do you have to work more on your strategies? My Games preparation won't differ from how I normally prepare for events. There are always things I am working on to improve and this will be no different. You just try to peak at the right time and be as sharp as possible come game day.

For the young guns out there (just out of juniors) what piece of advice would you give them to help accelerate their progression on the World circuit? At the end of the day, you only get out what you put in. If you're not training properly or not giving it your all in training, then you have no right to be upset or annoyed at poor performances. It's also a consistency thing. You need to put in the hard yards for weeks, months and sometimes years before you might get the results you're after.

Cameron Pilley also holds the world speed record ...

Oct 2011: Hits a squash ball at 175 mph to beat John White's world record 172mph!

May 2014: Breaks his own world speed record by hitting a squash ball at 176 mph at Bishops Stortford SC in England

Apr 2015: Increases world record to 177mph in Amsterdam

CAMERON PILLEY *continued*

I'm sure your family would be excited to see you play on the greatest stage at the Gold Coast. Can we expect a large contingent from Yamba in the audience? Yeah, I'm pretty sure there will be a decent size contingent from Yamba attending the Games. It's only a couple of hours drive away too so that makes it even better.

You married a beautiful girl from Denmark in 2015. How is married life as a professional squash player? It hasn't changed at all really. If anything I'm playing better now! She's a Professional squash player too (Line Hansen) so it's handy to have someone to train with or talk squash if need be. She understands the rigours of the Tour, so that makes it easier on the relationship than someone who has no idea.

I don't like to mention the R word but the day will come. Will you coach? Will you ever return to Australia? I would like to do both actually. It would be great to stay in squash and coach young players looking to go Pro or are already Pro. After many years on tour I've learnt a lot and it would be great to pass on some of that experience and knowledge. It would be even better to do that in Australia, helping the Aussies, but whether I could make a crust back there doing it, that's another story.

You are in charge of the Game at the highest level ... what would be one action you would take to make Squash even better? Good question. A lot of things come down to money but I'd try to get the world wide participation numbers up, especially the number of kids playing the game (getting squash in more schools). Another action I would take: The major squash tournaments need to be run more like events, not squash tournaments. We need to make the World Series events a place that you could easily attend for half a day and not get bored. You need different things to do and see, eg: A tournament DJ, speed gun area for spectators, blow up court for kids, food stands, bar, pro shops, prizes and more interaction for the fans.



MAY 2017 - Cameron Pilley (#17) is currently the **2nd highest World ranked Australian** behind **Ryan Cuskelly (W#14)**.

The Team is made up of 5 male and 5 female players.



WORLD RANKINGS



WORLD TOP 5 MEN

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

WORLD TOP 5 WOMEN

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

TOP 10 AUSSIE MEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
14	14	Ryan Cuskelly	12
17	17	Cameron Pilley	11
56	53	Rex Hedrick	51
66	68	Zac Alexander	36
88	90	Joshua Larkin	84
116	109	Matthew Hopkin	89
125	124	Rhys Dowling	120
170	168	Thomas Calvert	168
200	201	Solayman Nowrozi	200
210	206	David Clegg	177

30 Aussie players listed

TOP 10 AUSSIE WOMEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
18	17	Donna Urquhart	13
30	29	Rachael Grinham	1
47	47	Sarah Cardwell	41
51	50	Tamika Saxby	49
61	60	Lisa Camilleri	28
77	75	Jessica Turnbull	73
89	85	Samantha Foyle	73
94	91	Christine Nunn	36
102	102	Stephanie Wighton	98
120	115	Samantha Calvert	111

18 Aussie players listed

AUSSIE MILESTONES ... CONGRATULATIONS

Achieves a new HWR

Solayman Nowrozi

Breaks into the World Top 50
Returns to the Aussie Top 10



2017 CALENDAR



<<< MAY 2017 >>>

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

MAY 25-27 The Club, Perth WA: **WA Open** (PSA Closed Satellite)

<<< 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)

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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

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

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

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

VIC

Victoria

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

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)



2017 CALENDAR



MAJOR EVENTS IN EACH STATE

WA *Western Australia*

MAY 25-27 The Club, Perth WA: **WA Open** (PSA Closed Satellite)

JUN 2-5 Kalgoorlie, WA: **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

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**



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