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2017 Victorian Professional Squash Circuit

Victorian Open, Bendigo International, Shepparton International

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The Victorian Open, Bendigo International and Shepparton International tournaments are events on the Professional Squash Association (PSA) world circuit as well as integral components of the Australian Squash Tour.

All three professional events are complemented by graded tournaments, open to local players of all abilities and played during the last 2-3 days (weekend) of each event.

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# VICTORIAN OPEN—SCHEDULE

<p><b>July 10, 7.00pm</b> Rules Session</p> <p>One hour session for all interested players. No cost and no booking required</p>	<p><b>July 13, 5.00pm</b> Main Draw</p> <p>Women's round 1 and Men's round 2</p>
<p><b>July 11, 6.30am or 7.45am</b> Shaikhit SquashFit</p> <p>Squash specific fitness, speed and movement training in fun groups. Sessions are designed to be fun and motivational and will be run by qualified squash and fitness trainers, including Victorian Open player Selena Shaikh! Book through Squash &amp; Racquetball Victoria 9682 2199, \$15/session</p>	<p><b>July 14, 5.00pm</b> Quarterfinals &amp; Graded Event</p> <p>Men's and Women's Open quarterfinals and first matches of the Victorian Open Graded event.</p>
<p><b>July 11, 5.00pm</b> Qualifying</p> <p>Men's Open qualification round (1 of 1) and Women's Open qualification round 1 (of 2)</p>	<p><b>July 15, 8.30am</b> Semi-finals &amp; Graded Event</p> <p>Men's and Women's Open semi-finals (from 2.00pm) and Victorian Open Graded event.</p>
<p><b>July 12, 4.30pm</b> Official Launch</p> <p>Official launch of the 2017 Victorian Open and welcome from Squash &amp; Racquetball Victoria and Mulgrave Country Club</p>	<p><b>July 16, 9.00am</b> Referees Workshop</p> <p>Open to all interested accredited referees.</p>
<p><b>July 12, 5.00pm</b> Main Draw &amp; Qualifying</p> <p>Men's Open Main draw round 1 and Women's Open qualification round 2</p>	<p><b>July 16, 9.00am</b> Finals &amp; Graded Event</p> <p>Men's and Women's Open finals (from 3.00pm) and Victorian Open Graded event.</p>

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Located on the corner of Wellington and Jells Roads Wheelers Hill, Mulgrave Country Club has been in operation since 1961. It is one of Melbourne's most significant member owned clubs, offering sports including Bowls, Tennis, Squash, Social Golf, Snooker, Darts and Cricket.

The Mulgrave Country Club has developed into perhaps the finest licensed and sporting club in Victoria. The Country Bistro features daily and seniors specials and an extensive A la carte modern menu. The Mulgrave Country Club function rooms can accommodate 30–250 people and are perfect for any corporate function, special celebration function and wedding functions.

Patrons enjoy the huge selection of fun and entertainment available throughout the week: Free entertainment in the Country Bistro 6 nights a week and bingo, poker, trivia rock n roll, Mulgrave melodies and monthly shows.

The club prides itself on giving members and guests that little bit of extra attention and is continually welcoming new members. We are also proud to contribute to the community not only with our facilities but also through our support of local charities, community groups, sporting clubs and schools.

*Four glass-backed squash courts* are available to members and their guests. The Squash Section runs pennant teams in a number of Melbourne based associations, offering a range of competition for men and women. There is also an inhouse "Super League" handicap competition which offers extra opportunities for all members to compete on a more informal basis.



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# WELCOME TO MELBOURNE



## Victorian Government Message

### 2017 Victorian Open Squash Championships

On behalf of the Victorian Government, welcome to our major events capital Victoria, proud host of the 2017 Victorian Open Squash Championships, at the Mulgrave Country Club.

Victoria lives and breathes sport. We're home to some of the biggest events in the world including the Australian Open Tennis, Rip Curl Pro and the AFL Grand Final.

We're delighted to stage the 2017 Victorian Open Squash Championships at Mulgrave Country club showcasing world class talent. While competition is important, one of the key attractions of the 2017 Victorian Open Squash Championships is the camaraderie, participation and the social interaction experienced by everyone involved.

The Victorian Government is proud to have provided support to Squash & Racquetball Victoria through the *Significant Sporting Events Program* to stage this fantastic event.

Events like these are also a great opportunity to showcase our Victorian sports facilities, talent and regions to even more people around the world. Significant events not only build on our reputation as the sporting capital of the world but further our standing as a multicultural, inclusive, and liveable State.

Showcasing the best of sport in our own backyard provides inspiration for fans to emulate their heroes, join a club and get active and healthy through sport and recreation.

I wish all visitors, competitors and officials a safe and exciting 2017 Victorian Open Squash Championships and an enjoyable stay here in Victoria.

**THE HON. JOHN EREN, MP**

Minister for Sport

# VICTORIAN OPEN HONOUR BOARD

## Men

1931	Fred Strickland	VIC	1961	Brian Stuart	VIC	1991	Chris Dittmar	SA
1932	Robert Henderson	VIC	1962	Doug Stephensen	SA	1992	Rodney Martin	QLD
1933	Harry Hopman	VIC	1963	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1993	Rodney Martin	QLD
1934	Harry Hopman	VIC	1964	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1994	Brett Martin	QLD
1935	Harry Hopman	VIC	1965	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1995	Dan Jenson	SA
1936	Merv Weston	VIC	1966	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1996	Dan Jenson	SA
1937	Merv Weston	VIC	1967	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1997	David Palmer	NSW
1938	Maurice Nathan	VIC	1968	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1998	Paul Price	VIC
1939	Merv Weston	VIC	1969	Geoff Hunt	VIC	1999	Michael Fiteni	VIC
1940	Merv Weston	VIC	1970	Geoff Hunt	VIC	2000	Raj Nanda`	VIC
1941	Charlie Griffiths	VIC	1971	Geoff Hunt	VIC	2001	Cameron White	VIC
1942	No Contest		1972	Leo Keppell	VIC	2002	Cameron White	VIC
1943	No Contest		1973	Leo Keppell	VIC	2003	Cameron Pilley	NSW
1944	No Contest		1974	Qamar Zaman	PAK	2004	Cameron White	VIC
1945	No Contest		1975	Leo Keppell	VIC	2005	Cameron White	VIC
1946	Charlie Griffiths	VIC	1976	Leo Keppell	VIC	2006	Dan Jenson	SA
1947	Ian Carson	VIC	1977	Steve Bowditch	NT	2007	Cameron White	VIC
1948	Ian Carson	VIC	1978	Len Steward	VIC	2008	Steve Robinson	VIC
1949	Eric Metcalfe	VIC	1979	Roger Flynn	VIC	2009	Mike Corren	SA
1950	Ian Carson	VIC	1980	Chris Dittmar	SA	2010	Zac Alexander	QLD
1951	Frank Harris	VIC	1981	Geoff Hunt	VIC	2011	Leo Au	HKG
1952	Frank Harris	VIC	1982	Dean Williams	WA	2012	Campbell Grayson	NZ
1953	Frank Harris	VIC	1983	Dean Williams	WA	2013	Campbell Grayson	NZ
1954	Brian Boys	VIC	1984	Ricki Hill	VIC	2014	Max Lee	HKG
1955	Ted Anstee	VIC	1985	Rodney Martin	QLD	2015	Ryan Cuskelly	NSW
1956	Brian Boys	VIC	1986	Glen Brumby	SA	2016	Joe Lee	ENG
1957	Brian Boys	VIC	1987	Chris Dittmar	SA			
1958	Brian Stuart	VIC	1988	Phillip Larmer	VIC			
1959	Brian Stuart	VIC	1989	Anthony Hill	VIC			
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## Women

1935	Mrs Ronald Traill	NSW	1968	Heather McKay	NSW	1998	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1936	Dorothy Stevenson	VIC	1969	Heather McKay	NSW	1999	Carol Owens	VIC
1937	Mrs R. Grey Smith	VIC	1970	Heather McKay	NSW	2000	Karen Morrissey	VIC
1938	Mary Armitage	UK	1971	Heather McKay	NSW	2001	Dianne Desira	VIC
1939	Isobel Collingwood	VIC	1972	Heather McKay	NSW	2002	Dianne Desira	VIC
1940	No contest		1973	Heather McKay	NSW	2003	Tamsyn Leevey	NZ
1941	Isobel Collingwood	VIC	1974	Margaret Zachariah	VIC	2004	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC
1942-46	No contest		1975	Margaret Zachariah	VIC	2005	Amelia Pittcock	VIC
1946	Betty Meagher	VIC	1976	Margaret Zachariah	VIC	2006	Dianne Desira	VIC
1947	Betty Meagher	VIC	1977	Anne Smith	VIC	2007	Lisa Camilleri	QLD
1948	Betty Meagher	VIC	1978	Anne Smith	VIC	2008	Lisa Camilleri	QLD
1949	Betty Meagher	VIC	1979	Margaret Zachariah	VIC	2009	Joelle King	NZ
1950	Val Watts	VIC	1980	Lynne Ferry	VIC	2010	Lisa Camilleri	QLD
1951	Val Watts	VIC	1981	Vicki Hoffmann	SA	2011	Melody Francis	VIC
1952	Joan Watson	VIC	1982	Vicki Cardwell	VIC	2012	Song Sun-Mi	KOR
1953	Joan Watson	VIC	1983	Vicki Cardwell	VIC	2013	Rachael Grinham	QLD
1954	Janet Morgan	UK	1984	Susan Devoy	NZ	2014	Donna Urquhart	NSW
1955	Joan Watson	VIC	1985	Susan Devoy	NZ	2015	Joshanna Chinappa	IND
1956	Judith Tissot	VIC	1986	Vicki Cardwell	VIC	2016	Millie Tomlinson	ENG
1957	Judith Tissot	VIC	1987	Vicki Cardwell	VIC			
1958	Judith Tissot	VIC	1988	Vicki Cardwell	VIC			
1959	Marea Maher	VIC	1989	Vicki Cardwell	VIC			
1960	Heather Blundell	NSW	1990	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC			
1961	Heather Blundell	NSW	1991	Sharon Bradey	VIC			
1962	Heather Blundell	NSW	1992	Susan Devoy	NZ			
1963	Heather Blundell	NSW	1993	Michelle Martin	NSW			
1964	Heather Blundell	NSW	1994	Michelle Martin	NSW			
1965	Heather Blundell	NSW	1995	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC			
1966	Heather McKay	NSW	1996	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	VIC			
1967	Heather McKay	NSW	1997	Carol Owens	VIC			

## Anticipation grows for 2017 Victorian Open

An array of international and local squash stars will converge on the Mulgrave Country Club next month for the 2017 Victorian Open Squash Championships. The Victorian Open is the premier squash event in Victoria, and stands as the second largest event on the Australian Squash Tour. This year's tournament will run over six days from July 11–16.

Since its inception as an amateur event in 1931, some of the most prominent figures in Victorian and Australian squash have won the title, with champions such as Geoff Hunt (10 Times), Heather McKay (14 times), Chris Dittmar, Rodney Martin, Vicki Cardwell, Michelle Martin, Sarah Fitz-Gerald and David Palmer all among those to have held the trophy. In 2017, a host of local and international professional stars are set to take part in both the Men's and Women's Opens, with players competing for the respective \$10,000 prize pools on offer.

In the Women's Open, Sarah Cardwell (World No. 44) will be the leading local Victorian hope, while New Zealander Amanda Landers-Murphy (World No. 51) and Tamika Saxby (Australia, World No. 52) are expected to be in the reckoning come the pointy end of the tournament.

For the Men's Open, Victoria's own Rex Hedrick (World No. 57) will enter the tournament as the number one seeded player, however he will face stiff competition from the likes of Dutchman Pedro Schweertman (World No. 70) if he wants to claim his maiden Victorian Open title.

Along with the Open categories, the tournament will also host a strong contingent of local players from around the state in the graded competition events. For those who can't make it to Mulgrave Country Club to view the action, the 2017 Victorian Open will once again be streamed live and for free thanks to [My Sport Live](#).

Simply head to the [Livestream section of the Squash & Racquetball Victoria website](#), where you can subscribe for live stream updates prior to this year's event and view all the action from past Victorian Open events.

For all up to date **draws and results** go to Squash & Racquetball Victoria's website at <http://www.squashvic.com.au/w/events/state-opens-squash-racquetball>



## WOMEN'S OPEN

**1. Liu Tsz Ling** - The Hong Kong born player has won 8 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 23. She has enjoyed success in Australia winning the North Coast Open in 2011 and the City of Perth Open 2012. At the Victorian Open she was a quarter finalist in 2012 and a semi finalist in 2011. In 2017 she has reached the last 16 at the Cleveland Open.



**2. Sarah Cardwell** - The Melbourne born player has won 3 tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 41. In 2014 she represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games. At the Victorian Open she has reached the quarter finals in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014. In 2017 she has reached the semi finals at the Winnipeg Open and was runner up at the Delaware Open.



**3. Ho Tze Lok** - The Hong Kong player has won 2 tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 45. This is her first appearance at the Victorian Open. In 2017 she has reached the semi finals at the Malaysian Squash Tour VIII and the Charlottesville Open and was the winner of the Perrier Challenge Cup and the Brisbane Sandgate Squash MS Open.



**4. Amanda Landers-Murphy** - The New Zealand No 2 has won 12 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 35. Her most successful year on tour was in 2016 when she won 3 tour titles all in Australia. At the Victorian Open she was runner up in 2012. In 2017 she has won the North Shore Open and the Matamata Open.



**5. Tamika Saxby** - The Australian has won 6 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 49. She represented Australia at the Women's World Team Championships in 2016. At the Victorian Open she reached the quarter finals in 2013. In 2016 she won 4 tour titles in a row and in 2017 she has won the City of Kalgoorlie Open.



**6. Vanessa Chu** - The Hong Kong born player has won 3 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 50. She won all 3 of her tour titles in 2015 with one being in Australia at the McKay Open. In 2017 she has been runner up at the Brisbane Sandgate Squash MS Open and the Perrier Challenge Cup.



**7. Lisa Camilleri** - The Australian has won 21 tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 28. Her most successful year on tour was in 2010 when she won 9 tour titles. She represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games in 2010 and 2014. In 2017 she has reached the semi finals at the Brisbane Sandgate Squash MS Open.

Lisa Camilleri—Picture: courtesy The Morning Bulletin





## WOMEN'S OPEN

**8. Jessica Turnbull** - The Brisbane based player has a career world ranking of 73. At the Victorian Open she has reached the last 16 in 2011, 2014 and 2015. In 2017 she has been a quarter finalist at the Brisbane Sandgate Squash MS Open and the NZ International Classic and a semi finalist at the North Shore Open.



**DARK HORSE: Christine Nunn** - The Melbourne based player has a career high world ranking of 36 and is the winner of 3 PSA tour titles.



Four players from the qualifying rounds will progress to the main draw. Rankings as per June 2017. Entries correct as of 4/7/17.

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Main and Qualifying Entries						
Draw	Order	Player		Country	Ranking	Seeding
M	1	Liu	Tsz-Ling	HKG	35	1
M	2	Sarah	Cardwell	AUS	44	2
M	3	Ho	Tze-Lok	HKG	48	3
M	4	Amanda	Landers-Murphy	NZL	51	4
M	5	Tamika	Saxby	AUS	52	5
M	6	Vanessa	Chu	HKG	59	6
M	7	Lisa	Camilleri	AUS	65	7
M	8	Jessica	Turnbull	AUS	76	8
M	9	Ka Yi	Lee	HKG	77	
M	10	Aika	Azman	MAS	91	
M	11	Christine	Nunn	AUS	98	
M	12	Taylor	Flavell	AUS	130	Wildcard
Q	1	Samantha	Foyle	AUS	105	1
Q	2	Stephanie	Wighton	AUS	110	2
Q	3	Nazihah	Hanis	MAS	115	3
Q	4	Selena	Shaikh	AUS	129	4
Q	5	Samantha	Calvert	AUS	130	5
Q	6	Nadeen	Kotb	EGY	153	6
Q	7	Moana	Gray	AUS	175	7
Q	8	Grazia	Guida	AUS	185	8
Q	9	Harshit	Jawanda	IND	187	
Q	10	Lauren	Aspinall	AUS	220	Local
Q	11	Shehana	Vithana	AUS	231	Local
Q	12	Alex	Haydon	AUS		Local
Q	13	Courtney	Mather	AUS		Local
Q	14	Grace	Pattison	AUS		Local
Q	15	Jessica	Graham	AUS		Local
Q	16	Maria-Rose	Kalafatis	AUS		Local

## MEN'S OPEN

**1. Rex Hedrick** - The Melbourne born player is the winner of 9 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 51. At the Victorian Open he was a quarter-finalist in 2014, a semi-finalist in 2011 and runner-up in 2016. In 2017 he has reached the semi finals of the Invercargill Open and was runner-up at the Atlanta Open.



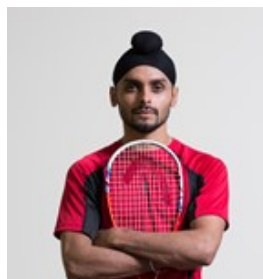
**2. Pedro Schweertman** - The Dutch No1 is the winner of 11 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 63. This is first appearance at the Victorian Open and has enjoyed success in Australia winning the NSW Open in 2014. In 2017 he was runner up at the Bankers Hall Club Pro Am and the Madison Open.



**3. Leandro Romiglio** - The Argentinian No1 is the winner of 5 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 73. He won the Bronze Medal at the 2015 Pan American Games. This is his first appearance at the Victorian Open. In 2017 he has reached 3 PSA tournament semi-finals and has won the Guilfoyle Financial Squash Classic and the Paraguay Open.



**4. Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu** - The Indian No3 is the winner of 7 PSA tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 56. He was part of the Indian team that won the Gold Medal at the 2014 Asian Games. He was a semi-finalist in 2016 at the Victorian Open. In 2017 he has won the Malaysian Squash Tour IX and the 2nd Nissan Open.



**5. Joshua Larkin** - The Australian has won 4 tour titles and has a career high world ranking of 81. Two of his tour titles were in 2015 winning City of Perth Open and Kalgoorlie Open. At the Victorian Open he has reached the last 16 in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In 2017 he has been the runner-up at the Pure Blonde Elanora Open and the NT Open.



Main Draw Entries						
Draw	Order	Player		Country	Ranking	Seeding
M	1	Rex Hedrick		AUS	57	1
M	2	Pedro Schweertman		NED	70	2
M	3	Leandro Romiglio		ARG	73	3
M	4	Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu		IND	78	4
M	5	Joshua Larkin		AUS	81	5
M	6	Tang Ming Hong		HKG	115	6
M	7	Tsz Kwan Lau		HKG	118	7
M	8	Rhys Dowling		AUS	135	8
M	9	Matthew Hopkin		AUS	136	
M	10	Ko Youngjo		KOR	140	
M	11	Victor Crouin		FRA	146	
M	12	Thomas Calvert		AUS	169	
M	13	Vivian Rhamanan		SIN	184	
M	14	Syed Azlan Amjad		QAT	192	
M	15	Solayman Nowrozi		AUS	204	
M	16	Graham Miao		HKG	220	
M	17	JongMyoung Park		KOR	223	
M	18	Joel Luca		AUS	233	
M	19	Darcy Evans		AUS	237	
M	20	Rohan Toole		AUS	239	
M	21	Ryan Pasqual		MAS	248	
M	22	Robert Dadds		ENG	251	
M	23	Ignacio Gutiérrez Keen		ARG	251	
M	24	Nicholas Calvert		AUS	348	Wildcard

**Eight** players from the qualifying rounds will progress to the main draw. Rankings as per June 2017. Entries correct as of 4/7/17.

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## MEN'S OPEN

**6. Tang Ming Hong** - The Hong Kong born player has won 1 PSA tour title and has a career high world ranking of 115. His maiden tour title was in 2016 winning the Singapore Open. In 2017 he has reached the semi-finals at the Malaysian Squash Tour IX and 2nd Nissan Open and was runner-up at the Perrier Challenge Cup.



**7. Tsz Kwan Lan** - The Hong Kong player has won 1 PSA title and has a career high world ranking of 118. His tour title win came in 2016 at the Amir Kabir Open. In 2017 he has reached the quarter finals at the Malaysian Squash Tour VII and the Perrier Challenge Cup and was a semi finalist at the NT Open.



**8. Rhys Dowling** - The Darwin born player has a career high world ranking of 120. At the Victorian Open he reached the last 16 in 2016. In 2017 he has reached the quarter finals at the NT Open, the semi finals at the Pure Blonde Elanora Open and was runner up at the Kalgoorlie Open.



**DARK HORSE: Victor Crouin** - The current European U19 champion, he has won 1 PSA tour title and has a career high ranking of 146.

Qualifying Draw Entries						
Draw	Order	Player		Country	Ranking	Seeding
Q	1	Umair Zaman		QAT	263	1
Q	2	Courtney West		AUS	267	2
Q	3	Bryan Lim Tze Kang		MAS	271	3
Q	4	Jason Holmes		AUS	291	4
Q	5	Nathan Lindner		AUS	304	5
Q	6	David Ilich		AUS	317	6
Q	7	Jason van der Walt		NZL	325	7
Q	8	Arnold Phat		THA	333	8
Q	9	Chua Man Tong		SIN	365	
Q	10	Alex Eustace		AUS	369	
Q	11	Daniel Lomaglio		ARG	379	
Q	12	Lachlan Coxsedg		AUS	380	
Q	13	Maaz Khatri		AUS		Local
Q	14	William Curtis		AUS	455	Local
Q	15	Jacob Ford		AUS		Local
Q	16	Ethan Eyles		AUS	513	Local

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2016 Vic Open winner Joe Lee (ENG)

## PAKISTAN'S TOORPAKAI APPOINTED TO IOC WOMEN IN SPORT COMMISSION



Pakistan squash star **Maria Toorpakai Wazir** has been appointed to the International Olympic Committee's **Women in Sport Commission** in a role that will see her assist the IOC in the development and implementation of their women and sport policy.

Toorpakai, who hails from the highly conservative South Waziristan, is one of the most inspirational squash players of all time, whose remarkable journey to become a professional athlete saw her disguise herself as a boy in order to train, compete and attend school in a Taliban-controlled area of Pakistan – where girls rarely leave their homes and the idea of women competing in sport is regarded as un-Islamic.

Despite receiving death threats from the Taliban against her and her family, Toorpakai overcame almost universal hostility to forge a career as a professional squash player. The 26-year-old is now the highest-ranked female squash player in Pakistan.

Toorpakai is a strong advocate for equality and joins the Women in Sport Commission as part of a 70 per cent increase in female participation across the IOC Commissions since September 2013, with 38 per cent of the IOC Commissions taken up by women.

As part of her role in the Women in Sport Commission, Toorpakai will advise the IOC Session, the IOC Executive Board and the IOC President on promoting the rights and well-being of women and girls in sport, promoting the use of sport as a tool for gender equality and empowerment and raising awareness of harassment and abuse in sport.

"It's definitely very exciting news for me and for all of us," said Toorpakai (pictured below right with coach Jonathon Power, the former world No.1 from Canada). "I can play a better role from this position for athletes and girls in sports.

"The Olympics is a stage where the whole world unites and shows their human power. It's our duty to provide all the athletes, male and female, with equal opportunities and a safer and respectable environment."

"All countries should use humans' potential to its full and it's important for world peace and our economic stability. Inequality, injustice and exclusion leads to the waste of immense talent and ideas, reduces human performance and leads to complete chaos and destruction."

"I really appreciate IOC President Thomas Bach's efforts to introduce more women to the IOC Commissions. It was a much needed step and it will definitely improve female athletes' participation in the Olympics. I am very hopeful that these changes will have a positive impact on this coming Olympic Games."

Ashley Bernhard, Deputy Chairman of the Professional Squash Association (PSA), said: "As a vocal advocate for women's rights and equality in sport, Maria is an exceptional role-model and we look forward to her using her experiences and providing her ideas to further the goal of equal participation for women in sport.

"Maria's incredible story, which saw her triumph in the face of adversity, can inspire and empower women in all four corners of the globe and we are delighted that she will be able to contribute to the Women in Sport Commission."

World Squash Federation President Jacques Fontaine added: "Every player has a journey, but very occasionally there is one that is very special and transcends her sport. Maria's is one of those. She is a most admirable young woman whose experiences will inspire everybody.

"Her enthusiasm to fight for others following her own battles is one that the IOC's Women in Sport Commission will be able to use to advocate ever more strongly for women."





### Squash Favourite for 2024 Olympic Games inclusion

Bidding for the 2024 Summer Olympics games started in 2015, with five candidate cities in contention, but Hamburg, Rome and Budapest subsequently withdrew. The two remaining candidate sites are Los Angeles and Paris.

The World Squash Federation (WSF) has made clear its desperation to join the Olympic programme. So have leading squash players: James Willstrop and Nicol David; the eight-time women's world champion, has repeatedly said that she would swap all her world titles for an Olympic gold medal.

By the criteria that the IOC uses to measure prospective sports, squash has a strong case. The sport has genuine global appeal: last year 47 countries hosted tour events, featuring players from 74 nations. There are 1.6 million American players, and more than 20 million worldwide, according to US Squash.

New rules allow the hosts to propose additional sports which bodes well for squash since both countries have good squash programs.

#### THE CASE LOS ANGELES

Squash in the USA has largely been driven by high-end country clubs, this has fuelled its development in the Collegiate sector with Harvard, MIT, Cornell etc having very strong squash programs. US Squash has played an excellent role in bringing together all of these influential stakeholders to position the sport in a great place for Los Angeles inclusion.

#### THE CASE PARIS

New WSF President Jacques Fontain is French and sits on the French National Olympic Committee. France has a number of strong medal contenders such as Gregory Gaultier (current world number 1), Camille Serme (current World number 3), Thierry Lincou (former world number 1, now retired), Mathieu Castagnet (former world number 5, current 26), Gregoire Marche (current world 25), Lucas Serme (current world 41). Squash is developing well in France and has a good media presence, as well as social standing as the sport is played by many in the middle class.

The WSF believes that squash would enjoy significant benefits if it were added to the Olympics —Olympic inclusion would still produce something of a boom. It would entitle the sport to funding from the IOC; Mr Shelley says that even a few million dollars over a four-year cycle would make a "substantial difference" to the WSF's development work.

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Yet the most significant benefits would not be financial, but in "visibility", he says. Seeing the event in the games would help to grow squash's fan base. And the prospect of winning an Olympic medal would also give young players another incentive to pursue a career in the sport.

Logistically, squash would also be an easy fit for the games. The event that the WSF has proposed—singles tournaments for men and women, featuring 32 players apiece—could be run exclusively on two all-glass courts, either inside or outside. And squash has already shown its suitability in other multi-sport events: more than one million people watched the men's singles final in the last Commonwealth Games.

"We would bring something special to the Olympics," says Andrew Shelley, the chief executive of the WSF.



# BENDIGO OPEN 2017

Squash championships



**PSA/WSA International event**  
August 17 - 20



**BENDIGO  
SQUASH CLUB**

**Graded event**  
August 19 - 20



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# WELCOME TO BENDIGO



### Message from the Mayor

On behalf of the Greater Bendigo City Council I welcome all participants of the 2017 Bendigo International Open.

Greater Bendigo enjoys a strong reputation as a warm and welcoming host of significant international and national sporting events.

The Council is proud of all that Bendigo has to offer. It is a modern city that provides a great environment for people to live, work, visit and play.

We have a range of great tourist attractions, excellent restaurants and cafes, world-class sporting and cultural facilities, and beautiful natural surrounds.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable time in our city and good luck to the competitors of the 2017 Bendigo International Open.

**Cr Margaret O'Rourke**  
Mayor





## BENDIGO SQUASH CLUB

*Where fitness is as important as friends*

Bendigo Squash isn't just 7 white rooms where people battle it out against themselves and each other. We're an inviting and friendly club where the members support each other to become better players and people.

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### Oz Squash, Bendigo Juniors sport program.

Squash is a sport growing at a rapid rate and is perfect for players of every age, especially juniors in Bendigo. Sign up to our juniors program and get a free starter pack, the program includes 8 weekly sessions, running between 60-70 minutes each, in a group environment with qualified coaches.

Bendigo Juniors Oz Squash program is something a little different for the younger generation, we are keeping things simple, introducing the sport in a very fun, safe, inclusive, supportive way whilst also being budget conscious.



### Learning to play squash has never been easier.

Surrounded by people of the same skill level you'll have a ball learning to play squash. Our resident coach will be there to give you tips and an introduction to the rules of squash. Wednesday night's are all about fitness and fun!

Arrive at 6.45pm for a 7pm start each Wednesday

First night **FREE**, then \$11 per week for members (\$13.50 for non-members).

**FREE** racket, protective eyewear and shoe hire (white soled shoes must be worn otherwise)

At least 1 hour of court time

Ongoing support and tips from our coach.



### Squash practice, with a twist.

Last Friday of Every Month

Fun variations of squash like 2 vs 1, 3/4 court, 5 down, challenging routines and timed round robins are what you can expect on a Friday night, mixed with music and guilt free beer or wine afterwards (seeing as though you've already burnt the calories).

Friday nights are a truly social occasion as much about catching up with mates as it is about playing squash. Drop in after 7pm and start the weekend with some squash fun!

Cost: Members \$15 (includes a drink of your choice)

Non-Members \$17 (includes a drink of your choice).



### Come along on a Thursday night to get your racket in the queue for a fun hit against friends.

We make up to 3 courts available for a casual and friendly winner stays on rotation depending on numbers. Otherwise just turn up on your own or with friends.

All gear is supplied for **FREE**.

- Between 4pm and 7pm each Thursday
- \$6 per person per hour
- You must show your student ID to qualify.

## WOMEN'S OPEN

Main and Qualifying Entries						
Draw	Order	Player	Country	Ranking	Seeding	
M	1	Liu Tsz-Ling	HKG	35	1	
M	2	Ho Tze-Lok	HKG	45	2	
M	3	Jessica Turnbull	AUS	74	3	
M	4	Samantha Foyle	AUS	90	4	
M	5	Christine Nunn	AUS	98	5	
M	6	Stephanie Wighton	AUS	108	6	
M	7	Taylor Flavell	AUS	126	7	
M	8	Selena Shaikh	AUS	140	8	
M	9	Abbie Palmer	NZL	147		
M	10	Ellie Jones	ENG	163		
M	11	Jenny Haley	WAL	171		
M	12	Moana Gray	AUS	175		
Q	1	Lauren Aspinall	AUS	180	1	
Q	2	Grazia Guida	AUS	184	2	
Q	3	Noorena Shams	PAK	218	3	
Q	4	Soheila Heidarzadi	IRI	218	4	
Q	5	Peta Murphy	AUS			Local
Q	6	Vanessa Pickerd	AUS			Local
Q	7	Jessica Graham	AUS			Local
Q	8	Maria-Rose Kalafatis	AUS			Local

Four players from the qualifying round will progress to the main draw.

Rankings as per July 2017. Entries correct as of 4/7/17.

For all up to date **draws and results** go to Squash & Racquetball Victoria's website at [www.squashvic.com.au](http://www.squashvic.com.au)



Liu Tsz Ling from Hong Kong is the Women's tournament top seed

## MEN'S OPEN

Main Draw Entries						
Draw	Order	Player		Country	Ranking	Seeding
M	1	Joshua Larkin		AUS	79	1
M	2	Tang Ming Hong		HKG	115	2
M	3	Tsz Kwan Lau		HKG	129	3
M	4	Matthew Hopkin		AUS	134	4
M	5	Rhys Dowling		AUS	137	5
M	6	Henry Leung		HKG	138	6
M	7	Rui Soares		POR	145	7
M	8	Ko Youngjo		KOR	157	8
M	9	Bernat Jaume		ESP	162	
M	10	Chris Lo		HKG	172	
M	11	Solayman Nowrozi		AUS	189	
M	12	Syed Azlan Amjad		QAT	195	
M	13	Joeri Hapers		BEL	201	
M	14	Darcy Evans		AUS	227	
M	15	Rohan Toole		AUS	229	
M	16	Umair Zaman		QAT	262	
M	17	Ruan Olivier		RSA	263	
M	18	Ahmad Al-Mudhaf		KUW	270	
M	19	Amaad Fareed		PAK	272	
M	20	Jason Holmes		AUS	278	
M	21	Zac Millar		NZL	288	
M	22	Nathan Lindner		AUS	290	
M	23	Scott Galloway		NZL	311	
M	24	Alex Eustace		AUS	315	



Rhys Dowling (AUS)

**Eight** players from the qualifying round will progress to the main draw.

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## MEN'S OPEN

Draw	Order	Player	Qualifying Draw Entries			
			Country	Ranking	Seeding	
Q	1	Seigo	Masuda	JPN	351	1
Q	2	Lachlan	Coxsedge	AUS	366	2
Q	3	Shahzad	Khan	PAK	366	3
Q	4	Tyler	Hawkins	AUS	373	4
Q	5	Sion	Wiggin	NZL	375	5
Q	6	Darcy	Walsh	AUS	379	6
Q	7	Blessing	Muhwati	ZIM	388	7
Q	8	Charlie	Cowie	ENG	398	8
Q	9	Ali	Jafari	ENG	424	
Q	10	Jaejin	Yoo	KOR	439	
Q	11	Joong	Chan-Hwang	KOR	458	
Q	12	Cameron	Penna	AUS		Local
Q	13	Yann	Lancrenon	FRA	480	Local
Q	14	Etienne	Laurent	FRA	480	Local
Q	15	Paddy	Harrison	ENG	480	
Q	16	Ryunosuke	Tsukue	JPN	480	

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### Muhwati Repays UJ Faith

(Courtesy of The Sunday Mail Zimbabwe, 17/07/16).

THE University of Johannesburg knew they had captured a star in Zimbabwean squash player **Blessing Muhwati**. In announcing the capture of Muhwati in February last year, UJ described him as "a more than worthy addition to the team". The glowing welcome remarks meant the Zimbabwean had to hit the court running.

And Muhwati didn't disappoint. He was the main man as UJ won a fifth successive Inter-Varsity Championship crown. The former Zimbabwe Open champion is clearly not regretting his decision to choose UJ ahead of several other institutions. "It has always been my goal to pursue my squash at an elite level and also obtain a degree," said Muhwati. "UJ and other universities had scholarship offers for me and I chose UJ because of their remarkable squash program. I am doing a B tech in Business Management and life has been a breeze."

The former Old Hararians captain wants a lengthy stay at UJ. "It's a four-year program but I plan to stay here for five years because I want to do my honours, maybe master's even. It makes me feel special to be part of the UJ family, especially contributing to the fifth Inter-Varsity championship title. I feel like I belong," he said.

In the local league, Muhwati was known for a serious work ethic and an ever burning desire to win. That has not changed. "I play first league for UJ, I have performed well winning most of my matches. Besides playing for the university I also play tournaments around South Africa. The university season ends in August then we start off-season training," he said.

"Normally, I wake up to a two hour gym session and then have lectures. After lunch I do my solo session for an hour and at night we have squad training for like two hours."



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## WELCOME TO SHEPPARTON



### 2017 Shepparton International Open Squash Championship

Welcome to all participants, families, friends and spectators who are here to take part in and experience the 2017 Shepparton International Open Squash Championship.

Events like this provide us with the opportunity to showcase the many assets of our region. Greater Shepparton, with a population of approximately 65,000 provides a variety of restaurants, bars and cafes, leisure services, retail outlets and attractions – all offering you a great place to stop and rest during your event. I hope you get the opportunity to explore Greater Shepparton and enjoy your time here.

On behalf of Greater Shepparton City Council I would like to congratulate Squash Victoria and the Goulburn Valley Squash Club for coordinating such a fantastic event and wish all competitors the best of luck.

For more information about the Greater Shepparton region, please visit [www.greatershepparton.com.au](http://www.greatershepparton.com.au)

Regards,  
**Cr Denny Adem**  
**Mayor Greater Shepparton**

# GOULBURN VALLEY SQUASH CLUB



The Goulburn Valley Squash Club leases the Archer Street Squash Centre in Shepparton. There are 9 courts at this facility which makes it one of the largest in country Victoria, and they are available for bookings after 5:00pm most evenings, with organised competitions running from Monday to Thursday each week. We are always looking for new players, so why not come along and give it a go? We'd love to see you there...

## CONTACT US

Location: 83 Archer St, Shepparton

Courts: 5821 5050

Club President: 0488 221 198

Email Us: [gvsquashclub@gmail.com](mailto:gvsquashclub@gmail.com)

## OPENING HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 5:30pm

Sundays: 10:00am-12:00

## Did you know....?

Aussie Josh Larkin and Scotland's Douglas Kempzell played a gruelling 149 minute encounter in the semi-final of the 2015 Greater Shepparton City Council International, PSA M5 – becoming the **fifth longest professional squash match ever recorded**.

Larkin, the only remaining Australian left in the tournament, started well and took the opening game before Kempzell turned the match on its head with fantastic performances in the second and third games. Aiming to reach his third PSA World Tour final, Larkin battled back to level things up but, after an energy sapping fifth and final game that went all the way to a tie-break, Kempzell emerged victorious to bring an end to the mammoth match with a 6-11, 11-6, 11-6, 9-11, 13-11 scoreline.



## Interactive Squash

Fun With Balls GmbH, the company behind Interactive Squash, a German-based initiative hoping to transform the sport of squash by embracing a revolutionary piece of projection technology and turn squash courts into interactive playgrounds, have claimed top honours at the ISPO BRANDNEW 2017 awards.

Interactive Squash won the best new product award in the fitness category section at the awards, which recognises newcomers to the sports industry for their ingenuity and innovation. Using a modified tin, motion sensors and an overhead projector, housed in the ceiling and projecting imagery onto the front wall, Interactive Squash turns the front wall into an artist's canvas, allowing players to choose from a variety of games in order to hone their skills, improve conditioning or compete in an interactive leaderboard, turning target practice into a rewarding immersive experience where the addictive gameplay elements means that the focus is on the fun and not the burn.

## From a school yard to Dubai Opera, squash has come a long way

Squash has a fascinating history, and the game's leading historian, James Zug, has published a major new work on the origins of the sport on the World Squash Federation website. From a school yard to the opulence of Dubai Opera House, squash has come a long way. The two new additions to the WSF website begin with a 6,000 word essay on the history of the game at [www.worldsquash.org/ws/a-sport-with-history](http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/a-sport-with-history)

Zug connects the parents of squash – real tennis, racquets and fives – with the origins of squash at Harrow School in England in the 1850s. He goes on to show how the game spread around the world; the emergence of a professional tour; the development of doubles; and the game's position today as a global sport.

History of Squash Timeline at [www.worldsquash.org/ws/WSF-timeline](http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/WSF-timeline) begins at Harrow in the 1850s and identifies the first court built in USA in 1884, making it the second of the current 185 countries where squash is now played. The first book on squash is listed (1901), as is the formation of various national federations, including South Africa in 1910, Canada in 1913 and Egypt in 1931. In 1965 the first window in a solid court wall appeared; the viewing revolution in the 1980s is detailed (a decade in which legendary Pakistani Jahangir Khan's five-and-a-half-year unbeaten run ended, in 1986); and, later, scoring and tin height changes are also covered.

"There was a time when squash rackets were made of wood, there was no such thing as a glass backwall, never mind an all-glass showcourt – and even further back there were no standard rules of the game nor defined court dimensions," said Andrew Shelley, CEO of the World Squash Federation. "Squash has a long history that began in the 1850s and to be able to scroll through the many dates helps us remember game's key milestones. James Zug has ensured that while we look to the future the past is not lost."



# MEN'S OPEN

Main Draw Entries						
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M	1	Joshua Larkin	AUS	77	1	
M	2	Evan Williams	NZL	85	2	
M	3	Matthew Hopkin	AUS	132	3	
M	4	Rhys Dowling	AUS	135	4	
M	5	Ko Youngjo	KOR	155	5	
M	6	Bernat Jaume	ESP	160	6	
M	7	Chang-Wook Woo	KOR	181	7	
M	8	Solayman Nowrozi	AUS	187	8	
M	9	Syed Azlan Amjad	QAT	193		
M	10	Joeri Hapers	BEL	198		
M	11	Joel Luca	AUS	220		
M	12	Darcy Evans	AUS	224		
M	13	Rohan Toole	AUS	226		
M	14	Courtney West	AUS	231		
M	15	Umair Zaman	QAT	259		
M	16	Ruan Olivier	RSA	260		
M	17	Jason Holmes	AUS	274		
M	18	Zac Millar	NZL	284		
M	19	Nathan Lindner	AUS	286		
M	20	Scott Galloway	NZL	307		
M	21	Alex Eustace	AUS	311		
M	22	Nyeon-Ho Lee	KOR	327		
M	23	Seigo Masuda	JPN	347		
M	24	Benjamin Ratcliffe	AUS	475		Wildcard

Qualifying Draw Entries						
Draw	Order	Player	Country	Ranking	Seeding	
Q	1	Lachlan Coxsedge	AUS	361	1	
Q	2	Shahzad Khan	PAK	361	2	
Q	3	Joseph White	AUS	363	3	
Q	4	Tyler Hawkins	AUS	368	4	
Q	5	Sion Wiggin	NZL	370	5	
Q	6	Darcy Walsh	AUS	374	6	
Q	7	Ali Miski	UAE	382	7	
Q	8	Blessing Muhwati	ZIM	383	8	
Q	9	Charlie Cowie	ENG	393		
Q	10	Ali Jafari	ENG	419		
Q	11	Aaron Maidment	AUS			Local
Q	12	Shaun McPhillarmy	AUS			Local
Q	13	Mark Kitto	AUS			Local
Q	14	Kody Harmes	AUS			Local
Q	15	Paddy Harrison	ENG	475		
Q	16	Ryunosuke Tsukue	JPN	475		

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## COLOMBIA TO HOST WSF COACH CONFERENCE

The World Squash Federation has confirmed that Colombia will host the WSF Coaching Conference this year. The annual event will take place from 14-16 September at Club Campestre de Bucaramanga in Bucaramanga, a rapidly expanding Colombian city.

"We have taken a conscious decision to move our Coaching Conference from biennial to annual and rotate around the world regions to give more and more coaches the chance to hear from specialists in so many areas," explained WSF CEO Andrew Shelley. "After the success of Malaysia in 2016, we are certain that Colombia will more than match it this year. Coupled with the continuing expansion of the WSF Coach Education Program, which is



providing internationally-recognised qualification standards, it is an exciting time for both coaches and coaching."

Former world number ones **David Palmer** (above) and **Sarah Fitz-Gerald** (above), both from Australia, are confirmed as leaders - whilst sessions will also be led by a number of other highly experienced tutors and teachers.

Conference organiser Sergio Becerra added: "Colombia is one of the most beautiful places in the world and 5-star resort Bucaramanga, with its beautiful parks and warm weather, will welcome the world of squash for a fantastic few days.

"Come to the 'Beautiful City' and marvel at the 'Chicamocha Canon' or the 'Cerro del Santisimo' - and do not forget to eat the famous Colombian dessert Oblea after lunch; or

## SQUASH CLASSROOM COMES TO PAKISTAN



The Squash Classroom project, initiated by **Squash Australia** with the support of the Australian Government through the Asian Sports Partnership Program, has been launched in Islamabad. It is a development project supported by the Australian Government in collaboration with the Pakistan Squash Federation, Squash Australia and Sport Matters that will use squash to promote health, gender equality and education for youth in Pakistan.

Australia's Acting High Commissioner in Pakistan, Mr Jurek Juszczyk joined the program's official launch at the Mushaf Squash Complex in Islamabad together with Jackie Lauff, CEO of Sport Matters from Australia, Group Captain Amir Nawaz, former Secretary of the Pakistan Squash Federation, and Wing Commander Tahir Sultan, Secretary of the Pakistan Squash Federation.

Seventeen youth leaders and mentors were on hand to introduce basic skills of squash and demonstrate fun learning activities that will be delivered to youth and primary school students around the country. "It is my pleasure to launch the Squash Classroom project in Pakistan. The Government of Australia is very proud to support this new initiative. which aims to build on the strong legacy of squash in Pakistan. The Australian Government's sports diplomacy policy provides an opportunity to inform, engage and influence youth, particularly emerging leaders and women and girls. More than 600 young Pakistanis will participate in the project this year," the Acting Australian High Commissioner, Jurek Juszczyk said.

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