

REDBACKS

SQUASH

Hayley Hankinson



NR Junior Player of the Year



Congratulations to Hayley Hankinson who has won the 2017 NR RedStar Player of the Year.

EDITORIAL

Hankinson accumulated 17 points over 7 events to win the Junior Award from Wes Dyer on 14 points and a group of 4 players on 12 points.

It was the first time the Award was determined by the players themselves.

Reflecting on the year it was highlighted by Hankinson winning the AJO and finishing 3rd at the AJC. The emergence of youngster Kayce Hoani Vincent who won a State title as did Courtney Mather and BJ MacDonald. Mather also represented Australia at the World Juniors.

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. Thank you to all the wonderful people who have contributed to the **REDBACKS** newsletter during 2017.

I look forward to working with you again in 2018.



FEB 17-18 Cairns:
DayaTech Cairns Junior Squash Championships
NR Redbacks Qualifier - Compulsory
(AJST Bronze Event)

MAR 17-18 Townsville:
Townsville Junior Qualifier
(AJST Bronze Event)

MAY 5-6 Mackay:
Mackay Junior
NR Redbacks Qualifier - Compulsory
(AJST Silver Event)



1 December 2017 TM: HWR:

Ben Courtice 551 333

Lisa Camilleri 90 28
Courtney Mather 210 207

TM: This Month
HWR: Highest World Ranking

RANKINGS CALENDAR

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President's Court



By Dean Morzone

Junior Tournaments

By now players will be looking toward competing in the Oceania Junior Championships on 11-14 January 2018 at Redcliffe PCYC, closely followed by the Australian Junior Open on 18-21 January 2018 at Nerang Squash and Fitness.

Enter "Events" via the Squash Australia Website. Its time for athletes to ramp up the fitness and training for these annual events.

Then, of course there is the first compulsory qualifier for the region – the Cairns Junior Championships on 17-18 February 2018 at Sportsworld. I'm thrilled to advise that the Cairns Club is poised to forge partnerships for all recommended sponsorship categories (below).

All clubs and centres hosting 2018 regional tournaments should have their respective letters of engagement for the 2018 tournaments. This marks the launch of our highest awarded tournaments in the Country!

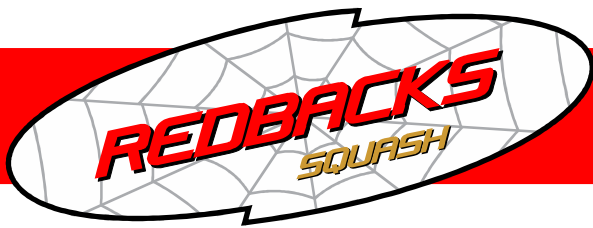
Prizes & Sponsorship

The committee has finalised recommended benchmarks for all junior regional qualifier tournaments and prizes from 1 January 2018. The recommended prize budget is about \$2,000 as follows:

	U21 Prize Value	U19, U17 Prize Value	U15, U13 Prize Value	U11, U9 Trophy / Prize	Doubles Prize Value	Novice Trophy / Prize
Winner	\$100	\$70	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$20
Runner-Up	\$70	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$15
Third/Plate	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$10	\$10

Clubs are expected to fund prizes from fundraising, grants, sponsorship and voluntary assistance. Clubs must dedicate any surplus funds to promotion and development of juniors.

To this end, the recommended clubs sponsorship packages are:



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	Platinum \$800 (1 available)	Gold \$500 (4 available)	Silver \$300 (4 available)	Bronze \$100 (4 available)	Minor \$50 (4 available)	Raffle items, member discounts & vouchers, etc.
Tournament naming rights & major male & female event	✓					
U 21, U19 or U17 male or female event	✓	✓				
U15 or U13 male or female event			✓			
U11 or U9 male or female event				✓		
Novice or doubles event					✓	
Sponsor level, brand, name and logo in tournament media release, promotion, nomination forms & posters.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prominent acknowledgment of sponsorship level at presentation and in Redbacks newsletter.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Present winners of sponsored event (or raffle) at presentation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corporate signage for display & promotional material for distribution at tournament.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Our events provide a terrific opportunity for host clubs to forge partnerships and promote local products and businesses to athletes, parents/carers, spectators and people throughout Northern Region. Sponsors will be appropriately recognised and acknowledged on our website, newsletter, entry forms, promotional material and posters, etc.

You, or someone you know, may be able to support your local Juniors in this way. Please talk with you dedicated Club committee members with your ideas and referrals.



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Ranking Appeals

Some players and parents have expressed concerns about state and regional rankings. The few NR ranking concerns have all been resolved. I thank our Selection Committee for the proper and timely resolution of all appeals under the appeals procedure.

There remain concerns about the State ranking procedures. I will continue to lobby Q Squash to retrospectively publish rankings so that players can be publicly recognised for their post QJC journey - both in their own age group, and other eligible events. Rankings are a very valuable and positive reinforcement, and reward for players dedicated to the pathway.

Representative Selection - Redbacks/QJC

The committee have introduced a payment plan for QJC whereby players can make periodic instalments towards the costs of the Redbacks Team food, accommodation and coaching staff. The payments can be customised based on estimated costs. Any excess payments or non-selections will be accounted for and refunded.

A reminder to any parents and carers for QJC volunteer support – you need to have a current BlueCard. NR assure parents of the highest standards and compliance.

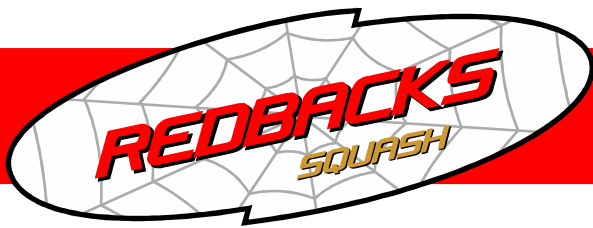
It is a timely reminder that players are expected to always show good sportsmanship and behaviour, and coaches and clubs should make every effort to identify players who could benefit from behavioural instruction and support.

Apart from qualifying for the annual award for best and fairest player, good sportsmanship impresses selectors, parents and spectators alike.

Regional Grants & Sponsorship

The committee is also working on Regional Sponsorship Packages for the Redbacks and NR Juniors, and will announce sponsorship packages next newsletter for:

- Team naming rights & major sponsor for Redbacks.
- Name and logo on team shirt, and any tracksuit.
- Water bottle name & logo.
- Towel name & logo.
- Performance trophies & perpetual awards.
- Promotional Raffles.



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Our grants sub-committee (headed by Jules) is preparing an application for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase Live Streaming Equipment and Defibrillators for each major affiliated regional centre.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in the Home Ground Advantage or the National, Parks, Sport and Racing grants – we will try again next round.

Annual General Meeting

It is time to plan for our Northern Region AGM to be held on Saturday 17th February 2018 at Sportsworld Fitness Centre in Cairns. Please consider nominating for the committee or lending your time and skills for sub-committee or support roles. Please send in any Agenda items to

qsnrsecretary@gmail.com by 1st February 2018

Merry Christmas

Finally, thank you all; please enjoy a safe and happy Christmas.

See you on the court.

Dean Morzone



2018 JUNIOR QUALIFIERS
COMPULSORY
SELECTION TOURNAMENTS





2017 REDSTAR AWARDS



It has certainly been a roller coaster ride for **Hayley Hankinson** in 2017. The year began well with Hayley winning the Australian Junior Open in January.

The passing of her coach Kay Barclay in February was very sad and left Hayley feeling she needed to honour the memory of her coach. Back on court Hayley won the Cairns Qualifier in her age group and finished runner up in the higher age group.

March saw Hayley recognised as the 2016 Q Squash Junior Player of the Year. She also won two age groups at the Townsville Qualifier. She repeated that achievement in April at the Mackay Compulsory to take her points tally to 17 - 5 points clear of Wes Dyer.

April also saw Hayley travel to NZ for the Oceania Junior Championships and Trans Tasman Series. Hayley lost in the semi finals but bounced back in the TTS to win both her matches.

May saw Hayley reach the final of the State Secondary Schools but fortunes didn't go her way and they didn't improve in June either. Hayley was forced out of the QJC on medical grounds. Despite the setback she was still chosen to represent the Sharks.

August saw Hayley help Queensland win the Secondary Schools Interstate Challenge against NSW and in October Hayley finished on the podium at the AJC with a bronze medal. She remained undefeated in the teams event helping Queensland to win the overall combined team title for a record 14th time.

So the 2017 junior squash year was over. Hayley remained on 17 points to take the inaugural **REDSTAR** Player of the Year Award **based on performance as opposed to selection.**

Congratulations also to **Sarah Brazier** and **Francis Morove** who shared the **REDSTAR** Encouragement Award.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD			ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD		
2017	Pts		2017	Pts	
Hayley Hankinson	17	1	Sarah Brazier	3	=1
Wes Dyer	14	2	Francis Morove	3	=1
Kayce Hoani Vincent	12	=3	Jack Butcher	2	=3
Michael Lawrence	12	=3	Bradley Martin	2	=3
BJ MacDonald	12	=3	Kaci Newman	2	=3
Courtney Mather	12	=3	Summer Palmer	2	=3



Progressing from Region to State to National

Play in the **Ingham Qualifier**
Strive for selection in the 2018 Redbacks Team



INGHAM
14-15 OCT
Entries Close 30/9/17

Are you **Under 19 years of age and love Squash?**

Do you want to improve, test your skills against others your own age, explore other and higher forms of competition and travel?

If so we would love to hear from you ...

Now is a GREAT TIME to get some coaching, do some training and get ready for 2018.

Play in the **Townsville Qualifier**
Keep striving for selection in the 2018 Redbacks Team



CAIRNS SQUASH
COMPULSORY 17-18 FEB
Entries Close 2/2/18

Play in the **Cairns Qualifier**
Keep striving for selection in the 2018 Redbacks Team



WESTS SQUASH CLUB TOWNSVILLE
17-18 MAR
Entries Close 2/3/18

There are many ways to **improve** your squash.

Do some fitness training. Get some coaching - Private or Group. Do some routines with a friend. Seek out stronger competition. Play in junior tournaments. Work with a ball machine (if available).

You still have one more chance to make the team. Keep training and working hard ...



Frankie finished 2nd at the QJC in U11 Boys

Play in the **Mackay Qualifier**
The 2018 Redbacks Team will be selected after this event.



SQUASH 52 MACKAY
COMPULSORY 5-6 MAY
Entries Close 20/4/18

Northern Region Junior Qualifiers

There are 4 per year. They are great fun and you get to play against kids your own age. Meet new friends. Strive to do your best and you may get to represent the **Redbacks Junior Team**.

If you are selected in the Redbacks team you will represent NR at the Queensland Junior Championships

In the QJC teams event the Redbacks play the other 3 regions. You even get to play Doubles!

At the QJC you get to play a major event - individuals and teams - over 8 days in the school holidays

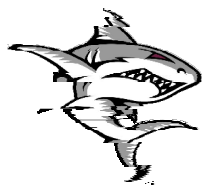


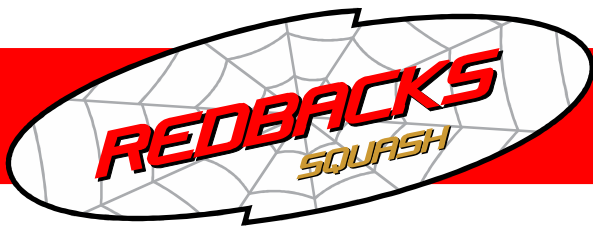
Do you want **more information?**

Phone Jules Condon on 040 0450 298
Send her an email qsnvicepresident@gmail.com
Check out the NR Website www.northernregionsquash.net

At the QJC players strive for selection in the Queensland Sharks team

At the AJC you get to play a major event - individuals and teams - over 8 days in the school holidays

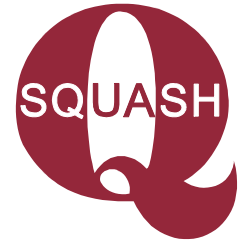




2018 Q Squash Affiliation



If everyone supports, everyone gains!



2018 Affiliation

Full Registration \$73 per year

Seasonal Registration \$44 per season (Season maximum of 6 Months)

Monthly Registration \$15 per month

Remote Member Registration - See Note 1 \$33 per year

Associate / Social Registration \$33 per year (Non-playing members)

Q Squash Club Registration - See Note 2 - \$250 per year

Note: 1. Remote Member definition is for players whose primary club is greater than 300km from a major squash centre (Brisbane, Gold Coast, Townsville, Cairns, Rockhampton, Mackay) and entitles players to Player Insurance.

Note 2. Q Squash Club Registration is for Clubs who wish to be Q Squash Affiliated and entitled to Public Liability Insurance and the other club entitlements including Government Grants, Sanctioned Events, etc. but do not have 80% of members registered.

Personal Squash Affiliation Covers

- Q Squash affiliation
- Squash Australia affiliation
- Squash Personal Accident Insurance – Info: <http://goo.gl/5yctXZ>
- Free access to Squash Matrix / Sport HQ Portal
- Member Benefits Portal – Info: <http://Goo.gl/ZtmzPF>

Your affiliation to Q Squash is invited and would be very much appreciated.

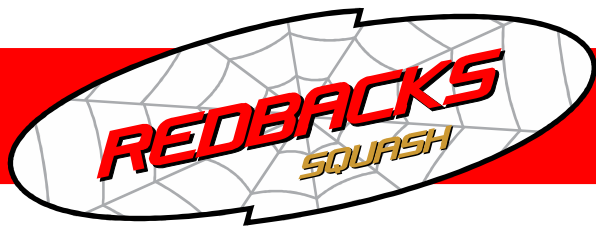
To pay simply use the following link:

<https://www.sportyhq.com/payment/enroll/organization/73>

If you already have a SportyHQ account you just need to login.

Otherwise you will need to sign up for a **FREE** SportyHQ account.

Having problems? Email membership@squash.org.au



2017 Squash 52 Open

By Gillian Nielsen

With 88 nominations in total, the 52 Open was always going to be a big weekend of Squash. The increase from last year's total of 76 nominations saw the addition of another grade for players to compete in ranging from Open, A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, D Grade and Novice.

Players travelled from Brisbane, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Moranbah and Townsville to compete against our locals. The weather this year was much kinder than the 2016 Open, with lower temperatures and humidity making playing conditions more ideal than last year.

With the Xmas party to be held on Saturday night, games kicked off on Friday afternoon and play started early on Saturday morning to make sure everyone was on time for the party. Mango Junction soon had the crowd up and dancing, with a conga line weaving its way through the tables and around the dance floor.

Some veterans of the travelling tournament circuit decided to check out the Mackay night-life after the party and only made it home in the wee, small hours of Sunday morning. Luckily, the breakfast BBQ on Sunday provided something of a cure and the "Mercy Rule" was brought into play with "best of 3 games" for the match if necessary.

There were some upsets along the way with several players taking wins over higher-ranked opponents. The Open Division saw the young guns of Wes Dyer and BJ MacDonald defeated by older and wiser legends of the court.

This led to the finale of Trevor Loughran (cool, calm and collected mature veteran) taking on the brashness and youth of David Turner. These two have played each other on a club level several times with David taking the wins, but the different format of 3 games to 17 points suited the veteran Loughran who remained calm and chipped away at the youngster's game eventually taking the win 2 game to 1.

A big thank you must go to everyone who travelled and to all of the local players who helped make the tournament a resounding success. Also, full credit to everyone who worked tirelessly for the weeks leading up to the weekend and for their support during the tournament. Without your help, the 52 Open wouldn't be half as good as it was and will continue to be in the coming years.

Next year will see the 50th birthday of the courts at 52 which is a major milestone for anyone, let alone a family owned and run business.

So come and help the Courtice family celebrate the occasion in May when we are holding our Squash tournament at the





2017 Squash 52 Open

By Gillian Nielsen

NQ Games (and they will probably still be celebrating when we hold the 2018 52 Open in November!)

	CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
OPEN	<i>Trevor Loughran</i>	<i>David Turner</i>
A GRADE	<i>Ricky Jeffery</i>	<i>Dan Brough</i>
B GRADE	<i>Kyle Hoani-Vincent</i>	<i>Matthew Brazier</i>
C GRADE	<i>Kim Smith</i>	<i>Alan Harris</i>
D GRADE	<i>Josh Perkins</i>	<i>Sylvia O'Sullivan</i>
NOVICE	<i>Adam Bridson</i>	<i>Kayce Hoani-Vincent</i>



Kylie Manns & Frank Saunders



Geoffrey G & Lisa Bridson



Hayley Hankinson & Summer Palmer



Ricky Jeffery & Jodie Logan

Al Harris, Velvet Harris & Payton Douglas



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Cairns Squash would like to invite
you to help support the*

DayaTech
CAIRNS JUNIOR
Squash Championship



There are a number of
sponsorship levels to suit all budgets

*For more information please call
Jules on 04 0045 0298*



Grade 12 Graduations

By Jules Condon

Congratulations to the following squash players who graduated in 2017:

CAIRNS

Corey Condon
Courtney Mather

INGHAM

Brendan Aquilini
Izak Bentley
Hannah Bosworth
Abbey Butcher
Brody Di Bella
Adam Rotondo
Sara Scuderi
Kurt Serra
Bailey Topfer

MACKAY

Danielle Hankinson

Thank you for choosing to play squash and for the wonderful memories you have given us.

Best wishes for your futures and we hope you will continue to play and enjoy squash.



Courtney



Kurt and Brody



Brendan, Bailey and Brody



2018 REDSTAR AWARDS



In an effort to recognise more NR juniors we have revised our system of performance recognition. **From now on every placegetter (1-2-3) will be recognised.** Each winner of an aged event will be listed in the Achievement category and every player who finishes second or third will be listed in the Encouragement category.



Once a player has won an event they will be elevated and listed in the Achievement category even if they finish runner up or third in other events. If players are equal they will be listed in alphabetical order.

Players receive 3 points for winning a qualifier, 6 points for winning a Queensland State title and 9 points for winning a National title (AJO & AJC). Players will receive 2 points for finishing runner up in a qualifier, 4 points for runner up in a State final and 6 points for runner up in a National final. Players will receive 1 point for finishing third in a qualifier, 2 points for third in a State final and 3 points for third in a National event. U19 Players will also receive 1 bonus point for each result because they cannot enter 2 events.

Even though the Ingham qualifier was played in October 2017 it is still a 2018 qualifier so the results from that event will contribute to the **2018 NR Player of the Year Award**. A 2019 qualifier played in 2018 will not be included.

The player who accumulates the most points will be declared the Player of the Year. There will be joint winners if 2 players finish on the same number of points. The aim of the points system is to automate the selection and player results determine the outcome. The system is also designed to encourage players to support all events in their quest to accumulate points.

If an event is combined eg U17 and U19 Combined then it will be analysed to ensure points are allocated to both U17 and U19. A direct match up of the best two players in an age group will determine the winner of that age group. Otherwise the highest finishing position in an age group will receive the maximum points. **To be awarded points there must be at least two players competing in an age group.**

A player can only enter up to 2 events so they can only be rewarded with 2 results. An U9 player who might win a combined event eg **U9, U11 and U13 Combined** can only be rewarded for the U13 victory and their own age group U9 providing there are two U9 players competing. If there is only one player in U9 they will earn points for U13 only. If there was one player in U9 and one in U11 they will still only be rewarded for their efforts in U13.



2018 REDSTAR AWARDS

The Northern Region Player of the Year will be announced in the December 2018 edition

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

	Pts	Ingham	
Mathew Finitsis	6	Q15-1	Q17-1
Kayce Hoani Vincent	6	Q11-1	Q13-1
Kurstyn Mather	6	Q15-1	Q17-1
Michael Lawrence	4	Q11-1	Q13-3
Courtney Mather	4	Q19-1	
Bradley Martin	4	Q19-1	
Josh Porter	3	Q13-1	

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

	Pts	Ingham	
Amity Alarcos	3	Q15-3	Q17-2
Brody DiBella	3	Q19-2	
Jordan DiBella	3	Q15-2	Q17-3
Summer Palmer	3	Q19-2	
Kate Butcher	2	Q13-2	
Corey Condon	2	Q19-3	
Lachlan Erba	2	Q13-2	
Liam Fascetti	2	Q11-2	
Kyle Hoani-Vincent	2	Q17-2	
Ally Rhodes	2	Q11-2	
Kiara Stubley	2	Q15-2	
Xavier Morzone	1	Q15-3	
Kaci Newman	1	Q17-3	



Would like to invite you to make a contribution to this newsletter. We want to help you to promote events, recognise people and thank sponsors and volunteers.

Please help us to

PROMOTE RECOGNISE & THANK

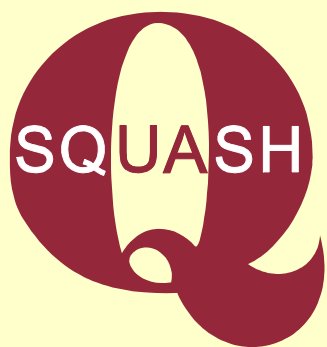
Please contact Kim on: 040 7126 911 or email kim@squashmedia.com.au

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SCOTTVALE PARK

VENUE ADDRESS: 271 Richardson Road, North Rockhampton QLD 4701



Individual Championship

Sunday 1st July to
Wednesday 4th July

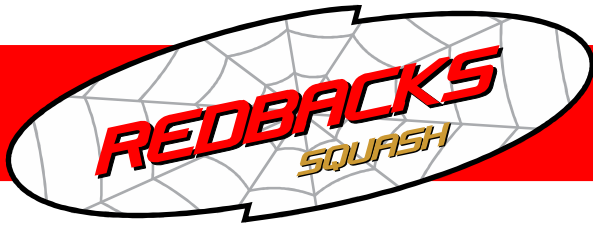
Team Championship

Friday 6th July to
Sunday 8th July

This poster is an early event notice to help you plan.
Further dates, costs, sponsors and other information
will be added in due course.

For more information contact:

ROS PRESTON ON 0409 270 419



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

INGHAM COURTS UP FOR LEASE



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

FOR LEASE:
Ingham Squash Courts,
96 Cartwright Street, Ingham.



The dwelling contains an upstairs fully refurbished apartment consisting of 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, large lounge, dining and kitchen area. A laundry and large study/gym room are situated on the ground floor level. The dwelling also contains a lock up 2 bay garage.

The centre consists of 4 courts with showers and toilet facilities. A generous size working sauna room is an added feature. A fully fitted kitchen exists off the retail shop area on the ground floor.

For more information contact:
Frank and Chris Erba on 07 4776 2639



YOUR NR COMMITTEE

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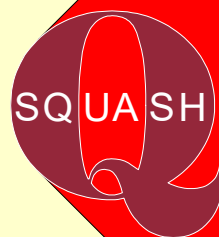


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\$73 pa
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 Junior Rankings
 Queensland Sharks
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 Player Accident Insurance



Your affiliation to squash is invited and would be very much appreciated.



Squash Media has introduced a new feature to their website. Check out photos from our major events. Go to squashmedia.com.au and select **Event Photos**. Photos from the recent Cairns International have been uploaded. If you would like to upload photos for your PSA event simply contact Kim on 0407126911 ... its **FREE!**