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# AUSTRALIAN Squash PLAYER



## Our Greatest Are Ready

David Palmer and Rachael Grinham have secured 15 CG Medals between them. Together they won Mixed Doubles GOLD in Glasgow in 2014. Photo: Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games - Channel 7

**Aussie Aussie Aussie, oi! oi! oi!**



# WELCOME



## GREEN & GOLD



Photo: Squash Australia

Squash Media would like to wish the team every success at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

To David Palmer and Rachael Grinham - thank you - for so many wonderful memories over 20 years at the CG.

**David Palmer** has won 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals from 5 Games.

**Rachael Grinham** has won 2G, 2S and 3B from 4 Games.

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## OUR TEAM

Christine Nunn	S	WD
Donna Urquhart	S	WD XD
Rachael Grinham		WD XD
Sarah Cardwell		WD
Tamika Saxby	S	
Cameron Pilley	S	MD XD
David Palmer		MD
Rex Hedrick	S	
Ryan Cuskelly	S	MD XD
Zac Alexander		MD



DAYS TO GO  
As at 1/4/18

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## England Set For Double Gold Coast Gold In Commonwealth Games Singles

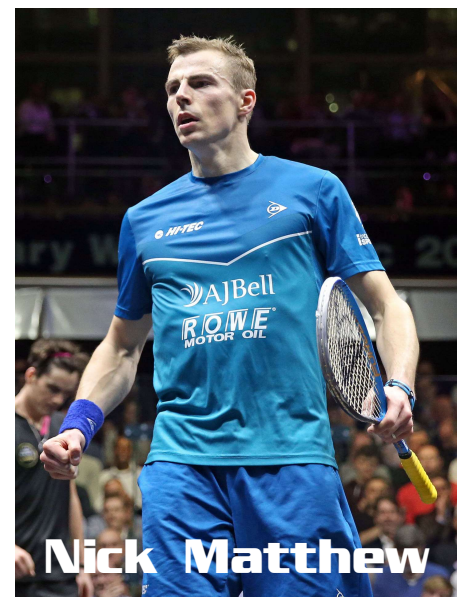
By Howard Harding

England is predicted to win singles gold in both Squash events in next month's Commonwealth Games in Australia for the first time, following the revelation that Nick Matthew and Laura Massaro are top seeds in the men's and women's events, respectively, based upon the March PSA rankings.

Squash is celebrating its sixth appearance in the Commonwealth Games since making its debut in 1998 in Malaysia. The Men's and Women's Singles Championships will take place at Oxenford Studios in Gold Coast, Queensland, from 5-9 April, followed by the Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events from 10-15 April.

Matthew is bidding for a third successive gold in his final season as a professional. The 37-year-old former world No.1 from Sheffield, a three-time World Champion, reached the semi-finals in his first appearance in the Games in 2006 in Melbourne before striking gold in 2010 and 2014 in Delhi and Glasgow, respectively.

"The Commonwealth Games has been a key landmark in my career as a whole and also in this final season," said the distinguished Yorkshireman. "It's something I earmarked to prepare and peak for a long way out and am getting more and more excited the closer it's getting.



**Nick Matthew**



**Laura Massaro**

"Winning Gold in both Delhi and especially Glasgow (with the circumstances of my hampered preparation for knee surgery) are right up there with the highlights of my career. I'm hoping my preparation is a lot less stressful this time and I go in to Gold Coast with the very best possibilities of winning Gold."

Massaro, also a former world No.1 and World Champion, is marking her third appearance in the Games. The 34-year-old from Preston reached the quarter-finals in 2010 and celebrated Silver in 2014 - on both occasions losing out to Malaysia's formidable Nicol David.

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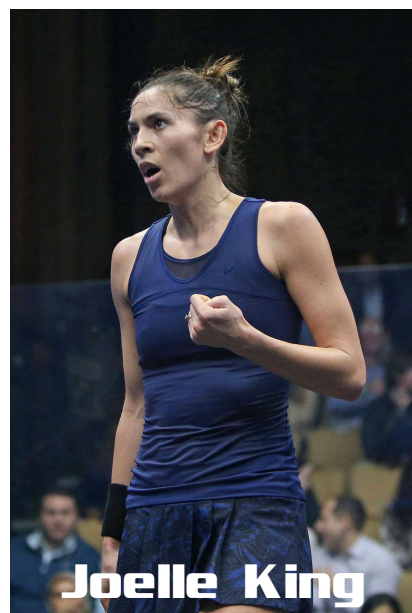
"I'm really excited to be playing in my 3rd Commonwealth Games," said Massaro. "It's an honour to be part of Team England travelling to the Gold Coast."

"I have three silver medals from previous Games and obviously adding gold to that collection would mean a great deal. However, I'm training as well as I can in the lead up and competition is fierce this year so I want to go to the Games and do everything I can to achieve the best position I can. Whatever happens from there I will be very proud of those performances."

David, from Penang, is the only player celebrating a sixth Singles appearance in the Games after making her debut on home soil in 1998 as a 15-year-old! Now 34 and seeded three in Gold Coast, David is also targeting a record third successive gold medal.

"It is truly a great honour to represent my country and to still be able to participate in the Commonwealth Games as it is the highest level multi-sport Games for squash's participation," said David, who topped the world rankings for a record 109 unbroken months from August 2006. "The significance of a medal in this Games means a lot to me and to have won Golds before has a very special place in my heart."

Recalling her 1998 debut, David continued: "The best memory of the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur would have to be the Opening Ceremony and being the host country coming into the main stadium at the end. I was 15 years old and to be part of the Malaysian contingent being cheered on by 80,000 people in the stadium just blew my mind. I still get goosebumps thinking of that very special moment."



**Joelle King**

On the prospect of winning a record third gold medal, David concluded: "It will definitely be a huge bonus of course. As for me, I'm just so happy I'm able to participate in another Commonwealth Games and giving it my all there again. Can't wait for the Games to begin!"

New Zealand appear to represent England's biggest double gold threat with Kiwis Paul Coll and Joelle King, ranked 11 and 7, respectively, in the world, both the second seeds. Coll, 25, made his debut in the 2014 Games, while 29-year-old King was a double Doubles medallist in 2010 and achieved



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Singles bronze in the Glasgow Games.

"I'm really excited about this year's Commonwealth Games being so close to home," said Coll. "I have a lot of family and friends coming to support me!"

"Obviously it's a very important event for me - I always loving playing in Black! I decided not to play any tournaments in PSA over the last five weeks before the Games to train and come in fresh!!

"I can't wait to be back in the NZ team environment - we always have a hell of a time!"

Players from 28 nations will be competing in the two singles competitions, the full draws for which (including seeding) follow.



**Main Court**

Photo courtesy of  
Toni van der Kreek



**Cameron Pilley & Ryan Cuskelly** winning  
the World Doubles Championship in 2017.

WSF World Doubles



**Ryan Cuskelly**



**Donna Urquhart**



**Christine Nunn**



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## Women's 1st round:

[1] Laura Massaro (ENG) bye Amanda Haywood (BAR) v Caroline Laing (CAY) Mihiliya Methsarani (SRI) bye [11] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) bye	[1] Laura Massaro (ENG)  Mihiliya Methsarani (SRI) [11] Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL)
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**GOOD LUCK**

**DONNA  
CHRISTINE  
TAMIKA**





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## Men's 1st round:

[1] Nick Matthew (ENG) bye Ian Rukunya (UGA) v Stephen Henry (FIJ) Xavier Koenig (MRI) v Yusif Mansaray (SLE) [16] Vikram Malhotra (IND) v Manda Chilambwe (ZAM)	[1] Nick Matthew (ENG)
[12] Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS) bye Evan Williams (NZL) v Jacob Kelly (CAY) Othneil Bailey (SVG) v James Dalidi (KEN) [6] <b>Ryan Cuskelly (AUS)</b> bye	[12] Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS)   [6] <b>Ryan Cuskelly (AUS)</b>
[7] <b>Cameron Pilley (AUS)</b> bye Ernest Jombla (SLE) v Klaus Pragassen (SEY) Kale Wilson (TRI) v Daniel Zammit-Lewis (MLT) [15] Peter Creed (WAL) v Lewis Walters (JAM)	[7] <b>Cameron Pilley (AUS)</b>
[10] Campbell Grayson (NZL) v Jason-Ray Khalil (GUY) Kevin Moran (SCO) v Jules Snagg (SVG) Farhan Zaman (PAK) v Joe Chapman (IVB) [4] James Willstrop (ENG) bye	[4] James Willstrop (ENG)
[3] Saurav Ghosal (IND) bye Christopher Binnie (JAM) v Jason Doyle (SVG) Micah Franklin (BER) v James Fayia (SLE) [11] Joel Makin (WAL) v Sailesh Pala (FIJ)	[3] Saurav Ghosal (IND)
[13] Eain Yow Ng (MAS) v <b>Rex Hedrick (AUS)</b> Sunny Seth (GUY) v Shawn Simpson (BAR) Tayyab Aslam (PAK) v Neville Sorrentino (IVB) [8] Alan Clyne (SCO) bye	[8] Alan Clyne (SCO)
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[14] Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND) v Cameron Stafford (CAY) Ivan Yuen (MAS) v Mandela Patrick (TRI) Christian Navas (GIB) v Kelvin Ndhlovu (ZAM) [2] Paul Coll (NZL) bye	[2] Paul Coll (NZL)

**GOOD LUCK**

**RYAN  
CAMERON  
REX**







## Antipodean Success Predicted For Commonwealth Games Doubles

By Howard Harding

New Zealand and hosts Australia are tipped for gold success in the three Doubles Squash events in next month's Commonwealth Games, according to the seedings revealed today by the World Squash Federation.

The Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events will take place at Oxenford Studios in Gold Coast, Queensland, from 10-15 April - immediately following the two Singles championships from 5-9 April.

Kiwi Joelle King is seeded to win double Doubles gold - repeating the success she achieved in last August's WSF World Doubles Championships. Retaining the same partnerships, the 29-year-old world No.7 teams up with Amanda Landers-Murphy to head the seedings in the Women's Doubles, and is with world No.11 Paul Coll as favourites in the Mixed Doubles.

King was the hero of Team New Zealand in the 2010 Games in Delhi where she was a double Doubles medallist - winning Gold in the Women's and Bronze in the Mixed.

Alison Waters of England is expected to be a threat in both of King's Doubles bids. The 34-year-old Londoner, ranked 10 in the world, partners world No.17 Daryl Selby in the Mixed event, and links up with former world No.2 Jenny Duncalf in the Women's Doubles - and both pairings are the second seeds.

Waters was a Silver Mixed medallist in the 2014 Games in Glasgow, while 35-year-old Duncalf - who like Waters is making her fourth appearance in the Games since 2006 - will arrive in Gold Coast looking to better successive Silver medals in the Women's Doubles in 2010 and 2014.

Meanwhile it is the pairing of Joshna Chinappa & Dipika Pallikal Karthik, winners of the Women's Doubles crown in Glasgow four years ago, who will be bidding to retain Gold for India from the position of third seeds.

It is in the Men's Doubles that hosts Australia are expected to strike Gold. Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley are the reigning World Champions and expected to repeat this success in Gold Coast. The same pair won Bronze in the 2010 Games - but world No.20 Pilley will be seeking a third successive Doubles Gold after claiming Mixed Gold (with Kasey Brown) in 2010 in Delhi and partnering David Palmer to Men's Gold in





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2014 in Glasgow.

Despite retiring from the Tour seven years ago, Palmer will be back in Games action for the sixth time since 1998. The 41-year-old phenomenon, winner of a record eight medals and the only double gold medallist in 2014, will be bidding for 2018 success with Zac Alexander in the Men's Doubles, where they are the fifth seeds.

Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban are seeded to provide Scotland their first Commonwealth Games medal success since 1998 as second favourites in the Men's Doubles.

Following the qualifying action in Pools, the top two pairs in each Pool will progress to the knockout stages - last 16 rounds for the Men's and Mixed Doubles, and quarter-finals for the Women.

### Women's Doubles Pools line-up:

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|--------|---|
| Pool A | [1] Joelle King & Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL)<br>[8] <b>Sarah Cardwell &amp; Christine Nunn (AUS)</b><br>[9] Rachel Arnold & Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS)                                  |
| Pool B | [2] Jenny Duncalf & Alison Waters (ENG)<br>[7] Laura Massaro & Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG)<br>[10] Lisa Aitken & Alison Thomson (SCO)<br>Eilidh Bridgeman & Caroline Laing (CAY)                 |
| Pool C | [3] Joshna Chinappa & Dipika Pallikal Karthik (IND)<br>[6] Tesni Evans & Deon Saffery (WAL)<br>[11] Faiza Zafar & Madina Zafar (PAK)<br>Dianne Kellas & Colette Sultana (MLT)               |
| Pool D | [4] <b>Rachael Grinham &amp; Donna Urquhart (AUS)</b><br>[5] Samantha Cornett & Nikki Todd (CAN)<br>[12] Samantha Hennings & Marlene West (CAY)<br>Taylor Fernandes & Mary Fung-A-Fat (GUY) |

GOOD LUCK  
Sarah & Christine

**Rachael & Donna**



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## MEN'S DOUBLES

### Men's Doubles Pools line-up:

- Pool A [1] **Ryan Cuskelly & Cameron Pilley (AUS)**,  
[16] Mandela Patrick & Kale Wilson (TTO),  
Sailesh Pala & Romit Parshottam (FIJ)
- Pool B [2] Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban (SCO),  
[15] Jason-Ray Khalil & Sunil Seth (GUY),  
Manda Chilambwe & Kelvin Ndhlovu (ZAM)
- Pool C [3] Paul Coll & Campbell Grayson (NZL),  
[14] Bradley Hindle & Daniel Zammit-Lewis (MLT),  
Jason Doyle & Jules Snagg (SVG)
- Pool D [4] Declan James & James Willstrop (ENG),  
[13] Tayyab Aslam & Farhan Zaman (PAK),  
Joseph Chapman & Neville Sorrentino (BVI)
- Pool E [5] **Zac Alexander & David Palmer (AUS)**,  
[12] Christopher Binnie & Lewis Walters (JAM),  
Alexander Frazer & Jacob Kelly (CAY)
- Pool F [6] Peter Creed & Joel Makin (WAL),  
[11] Vikram Malhotra & Ramit Tandon (IND),  
Ernest Jombla & Yusif Mansaray (SLE)
- Pool G [7] Daryl Selby & Adrian Waller (ENG),  
[10] Mohammad Syafiq Kamal & Eain Yow Ng (MAS),  
Michael Kawooya & Ian Rukunya (UGA)
- Pool H [8] Nafiizwan Adnan & Ivan Yuen (MAS),  
[9] Lance Beddoes & Evan Williams (NZL),  
Othneil Bailey & Omari Wilson (VIN)

GOOD LUCK

Zac & David

Ryan & Cameron

Aussie Aussie Aussie, oi! oi! oi!



## MIXED DOUBLES

### Mixed Doubles Pools line-up:

- Pool A [1] Joelle King & Paul Coll (NZL)  
[16] Dianne Kellas & Bradley Hindle (MLT)  
Lynette Vai & Madako Junior Suari (PNG)
- Pool B [2] Alison Waters & Daryl Selby (ENG)  
[15] Meagan Best & Shawn Simpson (BAR)  
Alison Mua & Stephen Henry (FIJ)
- Pool C [3] Tesni Evans & Peter Creed (WAL)  
[14] Marlene West & Cameron Stafford (CAY)  
Elizabeth Mulwa & James Dalidi (KEN)
- Pool D **[4] Donna Urquhart & Cameron Pilley (AUS)**  
[13] Faiza Zafar & Farhan Zaman (PAK)  
Taylor Fernandes & Sunil Seth (GUY)
- Pool E [5] Dipika Pallikal Karthik & Saurav Ghosal (IND)  
[12] Madina Zafar & Tayyab Aslam (PAK)  
Mary Fung-A-Fat & Jason-Ray Khalil (GUY)
- Pool F **[6] Rachael Grinham & Ryan Cuskelly (AUS)**  
[11] Aifa Azman & Sanjay Singh Chal (MAS)  
Charlotte Knaggs & Kale Wilson (TTO)
- Pool G [7] Jenny Duncalf & Adrian Waller (ENG)  
[10] Amanda Landers-Murphy & Zac Millar (NZL)  
Colette Sultana & Daniel Zammit-Lewis (MLT)
- Pool H [8] Joshna Chinappa & Harinder Pal Sandhu (IND)  
[9] Lisa Aitken & Kevin Moran (SCO)  
Caroline Laing & Jacob Kelly (CAY)

GOOD LUCK

Donna & Cameron

**Rachael & Ryan**

**Aussie Aussie Aussie, oi! oi! oi!**





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## GREEN & GOLD

**Aussie Preview** ... The excitement is building!

**Cameron Pilley** seems to have the best singles draw. Playing anywhere near his best Pilley can reach the semi finals and, with a little bit of luck and some strong home town support, can reach the final.

Yes, he will need to most likely beat Englishman James Willstrop in the quarters to get his chance against either Ryan Cuskelly or Nick Matthew in the semis but he is a proven big match performer and on home soil anything is possible.

**Ryan Cuskelly** is in great form having beaten the World #1 recently so hopefully he can go deep into the final rounds and a Cuskelly v Pilley semi final would be a wonderful result.

The main thing is that both remain injury free because they are the #1 seeds to win the Men's Doubles. The 2017 World Champions would want nothing but a dream result in front of their family and friends.

**David Palmer** and **Rachael Grinham** have been picked to contribute to a doubles victory. Doubles is our best chance of success and the legends Palmer and Grinham bring the X Factor to the Games.

Being able to concentrate solely on the doubles helps both to be fresh and hopefully, perform to their very best. Expected to fully retire after the Games Palmer and Grinham would love nothing better than to finish on a high with a podium finish. We wish them well.

Palmer will team up with **Zac Alexander** and if both play to their potential there is no reason why they cannot win. They finished 2nd together at the 2016 World Doubles Championship and 5th last year.

Grinham will partner **Donna Urquhart** and are serious medal contenders. They finished with a silver medal at the World Doubles in 2016 and a bronze in 2017. They had to withdraw from their semi final in 2017 due to injury to Donna Urquhart.

**Rex Hedrick** will have to work hard to get past former World Junior Champion Eain Yow Ng in the opening round. The last time these two met was at the 2017 Australian Open where Hedrick lost in five in the semi final.

**Tamika Saxby** should make the last 16 but her expected clash with #8 seed Joshna

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Chinappa will be a major test. Chinappa still commands a Top 20 position in the World.

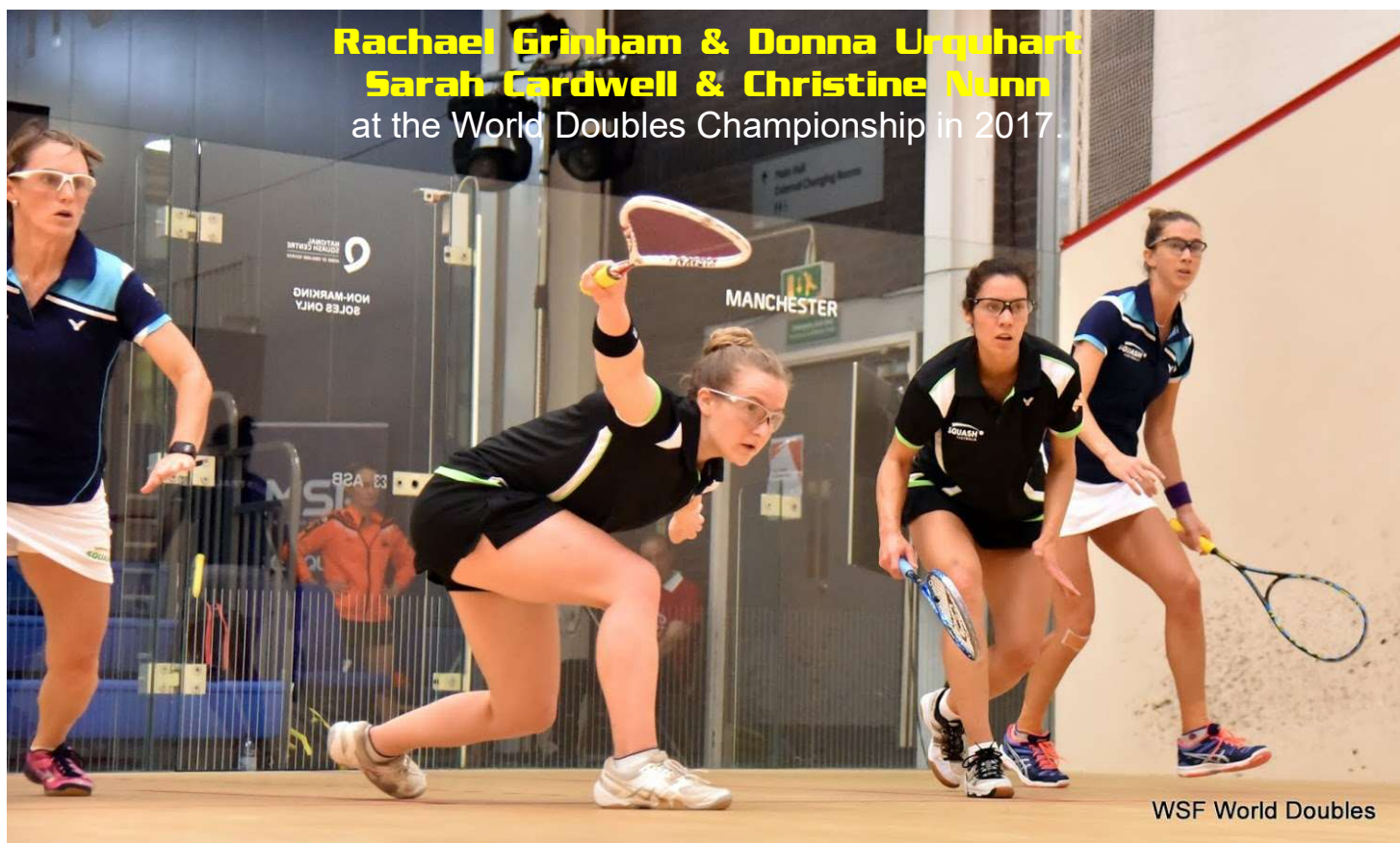
Sadly, for Australia **Donna Urquhart** and **Christine Nunn** are heading for a last 16 showdown. Providing Urquhart wins she is set for a quarter final clash with #4 seed Sarah Jane Perry. The last time these two met Perry won 3-0. Two of the games were 11-9 so with some strong home support Urquhart has the ability to cause an upset.

Personally, I like the **Christine Nunn - Sarah Cardwell** Doubles combination. Good things are possible for this combo. At the 2016 World Doubles they were desperately unlucky not to win a game losing to #1 seeds Joshna Chinappa & Dipika Pallikal (IND) 8-11, 8-11 and the #4 seeds Delia Arnold & Rachel Arnold (MAS) 10-11, 8-11.

In 2017 they went better but were again desperately unlucky to miss the quarters on a count back. Their Pool win over #6 seeds Rachel Arnold & Nicol David (MAS) was an indicator of their true potential: 11-9, 6-11, 11-10 (40m). Earlier Arnold and David had beaten our top team (Grinham & Urquhart) 11-10, 9-11, 11-8 (38m).

Overall, Australia should be well and truly in the mix for medals with Doubles our best chance.

**Rachael Grinham & Donna Urquhart**  
**Sarah Cardwell & Christine Nunn**  
 at the World Doubles Championship in 2017.



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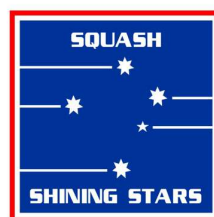
Welcome to the 4th Edition of the Australian Squash Player Annual.

What a year it has been for Aussie Squash with **Ryan Cuskelly** and **Cameron Pilley** winning the Men's World Doubles Championship and the introduction of the Australian Squash Tour.



**Zac Alexander**  
**Mike Corren**  
**Ryan Cuskelly**  
**Rhys Dowling**  
**Rachael Grinham**  
**Rex Hedrick**  
**Josh Larkin**  
**Christine Nunn**  
**Cameron Pilley**  
**Tamika Saxby**  
**Donna Urquhart**

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## SHINING STARS

Welcome to the 1st Edition of the Australian Junior Squash Player Annual.

This publication will cover the World Junior Championships each year together with all Platinum and Gold events run in Australia. We will also cover the AJC Teams event.

We will name our **Five Shining Stars** for 2017. The Shining Stars will be determined by a points system which only examines Platinum and Gold events.



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