

2018 AUSTRALIAN Squash PLAYER

Welcome to the 5th Edition of the Australian Squash Player Annual.

MAKING HEADLINES



Zac Alexander
Mike Corren
Ryan Cuskelly
Rex Hedrick
Josh Larkin
Donna Lobban
Christine Nunn
David Palmer
Cameron Pilley
Jessica Turnbull



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2018 Highlights



The **Australian Squash Player Annual** has been created and compiled by Kim Schramm for **Squash Media**.

2018 began brilliantly when our Golden Girl **Donna Urquhart** won the PSA 25 Cincinnati Gaynor Cup beating Victoria Lust (W#16) in the final 3-0.

On home soil the Australian Squash Tour got underway with the running of the Australian National Championships. Both **Rex Hedrick** and **Christine Nunn** were too good for their opponents winning their respective finals 3-0 in 23 minutes.

March saw **Christine Nunn** continue her good form by winning the PSA 5 Sandgate Open and then travelling over to Malaysia to win the PSA 10 Malaysian Tour #6 event.

That brought us to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. WOW what a spectacle! The main court was simply awesome and it was so good to see world class squash being played in Queensland again.

Once again Australia had success in Doubles with Yamba's **Cameron Pilley** and **Donna Urquhart** winning the Mixed Doubles GOLD MEDAL on the Saturday Night and local hero **Zac Alexander** and legend **David Palmer** taking the Men's Doubles GOLD on the Sunday night.



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Queenslander **Rachael Grinham** and **Donna Urquhart** took BRONZE in the Women's Doubles.

After the Games **Donna Urquhart** and **Tamika Saxby** got married. Donna married Scotland's Greg Lobban (World Top 50 player) and Tamika married Andrew Hunt.

May saw **Rex Hedrick** take his good form from the Commonwealth Games into the PSA 10 ACT Open where he won every match including the final in three. **Christine Nunn** also took her good form from the Commonwealth Games and won a double: the PSA 10 NT Open and the PSA 5 CourtTech Classic in NZ.

June was a quiet month but **Jessica Turnbull** broke through for her maiden PSA title with a solid performance at the PSA 5 Golden Open in Kalgoorlie.

Josh Larkin got back into the winners circle in July with victory in the PSA 5 South Australian Open whilst **Christine Nunn** was doing what she does best ... winning! This time she added the PSA 5 Bendigo International to her ever expanding trophy cabinet.

2018 Highlights



That brought us to the pinnacle event on the Australian Squash Tour calendar ... the Australian Open.

Despite the event only being a PSA 10 it is still the title players want to win. To be able to have your name engraved on the trophy with so many legends, stars and heros from the past is truly something to aspire to.

Well **Rex Hedrick** did it this year and did it well. He beat Switzerland's Dimitri Steinmann in a high quality final 3-0 to lift the title for the first time.

The following weekend **Rex Hedrick** travelled to Bega to beat Steinmann again but this time in the semi final 3-0 before tackling

Josh Larkin in the final where he dropped a rare game in the 72 minute battle. What a successful run ... two PSA 10 titles in 11 days!

September saw **Christine Nunn** at it again ... winning more titles! This time it was the PSA 5 Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open. For the first time the event gave the winner an automatic entry into next year's World Championship in Chicago USA.

The World Championship draw is made up of the top 56 ranked players, 7 invitees who are the winners of World Qualification Tournaments and one Wildcard position.

So Christine Nunn has a definite spot in the 2019 World Championship draw!



After a somewhat disappointing Commonwealth Games our best Mens player **Ryan Cuskelly** hit some well timed form to take out the PSA 30 Chicago Open. It was great to see Ryan back and winning.

Despite a number of domestic events on offer in October Aussie players could not secure a win. We had to wait until December to see who would win the Australian Squash Tour Finals.

There were no surprises. **Rex Hedrick** and **Christine Nunn** were simply too good and fully deserved their prizemoney cheques of \$3,000.

Well overall the year wasn't too bad. The highlights were the Gold Medal performances of **Zac Alexander & David Palmer** and **Cameron Pilley & Donna Urquhart** at the Commonwealth Games and the emergence of **Rex Hedrick** and **Christine Nunn** as consistent winners particularly on the domestic circuit.

Let's hope 2019 brings even greater success for our players.

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WORLD RANKINGS



Aussie Top 10

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	TY	LY	HR	WHEN
Ryan Cuskelly	14	15	12	Mar-17
Cameron Pilley	29	19	11	Jan-11
Rex Hedrick	56	59	48	Sep-18
Alex Eustace	168	203	160	Oct-18
Thomas Calvert	179	158	155	Dec-17
Zac Alexander	191	128	36	Sep-12
Mike Corren	204	174	38	Feb-04
David Ilich	210	219	210	Jan-19
Nicholas Calvert	213	347	213	Jan-19
Joseph White	222	280	222	Jan-19

	TY	LY	HR	WHEN
Donna Lobban	22	16	13	May-11
Rachael Grinham	29	29	1	Aug-04
Christine Nunn	46	70	36	Jul-16
Sarah Cardwell	65	46	41	Feb-17
Jessica Turnbull	68	76	68	Jan-19
Tamika Saxby	97	54	48	Nov-17
Taylor Flavell	112	91	91	Jan-18
Selena Shaikh	115	108	94	Sep-15
Shehana Vithana	125	157	119	Oct-18
Maria Kalafatis	161	NR	161	Jan-19

STATISTICS



Our female squash players were the bright lights of 2018. Christine Nunn emerged and took charge of 2018 winning 6 PSA titles. Donna Lobban won a PSA 25 event and Jessica Turnbull broke through for her maiden PSA title.

Only three men won titles in 2018. Rex Hedrick was our best securing 3 PSA 10 wins. Ryan Cuskelly finished the year on a high taking out a PSA 30 event. Josh Larkin won one PSA 5 event.

Overall, our players could only secure 13 PSA titles which took us back to our 2015 achievements.

PSA Titles won by Australian Squash Players

	Total	TITLES	Men	TITLES	Women	TITLES
2014	6	16	5	12	1	4
2015	6	13	3	9	3	4
2016	8	17	5	11	3	6
2017	10	16	6	9	4	7
2018	6	13	3	5	3	8

Closed Events are not included

TITLES WON



2018 Titles



Zac Alexander	GOLD MEDAL Commonwealth Games Men's Doubles
Mike Corren	PSA CS Esperance Open PSA CS WA Open
Ryan Cuskelly	PSA M30 Chicago Open
Rex Hedrick	PSA NCS Australian Closed PSA M10 ACT Open PSA M10 Australian Open PSA M10 Bega Open
Josh Larkin	PSA M5 South Australian Open
Donna Lobban	PSA W25 Cincinnati Gaynor Cup GOLD MEDAL Commonwealth Games Mixed Doubles
Christine Nunn	PSA NCS Australian Closed PSA W5 Sandgate Open PSA W10 Malaysian Tour #6 PSA W10 NT Open PSA W5 CourtTech Classic (NZ) PSA W5 Bendigo International PSA W5 North Coast Open
David Palmer	GOLD MEDAL Commonwealth Games Men's Doubles
Cameron Pilley	GOLD MEDAL Commonwealth Games Mixed Doubles
Jessica Turnbull	PSA W5 Golden Open

RECOGNITION



From 2019 onwards Squash Media will produce a monthly table of points to recognise the ASP Player of the Year - Domestic and International - Male and Female. There will also be an ASP Rookie of the Year for the Domestic circuit - Male and Female.

The initial points will be as follows:

INTERNATIONAL	PSA 5	PSA 10	Higher
Winner	5	10	15
Runner Up	3	6	9
Semi Finalist	1	2	3
Semi Finalist	1	2	3

DOMESTIC	PSA 5	PSA 10	Higher
Winner	6	12	18
Runner Up	4	8	12
Semi Finalist	2	4	6
Semi Finalist	2	4	6
Quarter Finalist	1	2	3
Quarter Finalist	1	2	3
Quarter Finalist	1	2	3
Quarter Finalist	1	2	3

CONGRATULATIONS

2018 ASP
INTERNATIONAL
Players of the Year

Ryan Cuskelly

Christine Nunn

2018 ASP
DOMESTIC
Players of the Year

Rex Hedrick

Christine Nunn

2018 ASP
ROOKIE PRO
Players of the Year

Alex Eustace

Taylor Flavell

ASP Guidelines:

INTERNATIONAL

Events must be PSA 5 and above

To qualify for points a player must reach the **semi finals** as a minimum qualification

Events must be played in another country - not Australia

No Doubles

Tie - Countback number of events won - still tied joint winners

DOMESTIC

Events must be PSA 5 and above

To qualify for points a player must reach the **quarter finals** as a minimum qualification

Excludes Australian Closed and other Closed events

No Doubles

Tie - Countback number of events won - still tied joint winners

A player who plays in a PSA event and is not a PSA member is included.

A player residing in Australia but representing another country is excluded.

Rookie Pro Category (most points accumulated - no PSA title ever won)

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THE 2018 ASP INTERNATIONAL Players of the Year:

Canada Cup PSA 50	FEB18
Ryan Cuskelly	9

Edinburgh Sports Club Open PSA 10	JAN18
Sarah Cardwell	2

Malaysian Tour #6 PSA 10	MAR18
Rex Hedrick	6

Cincinnati Gaynor Cup PSA 25	FEB18
Donna Urquhart	15

Manitoba Cup PSA 15	MAR18
Zac Alexander	3

Malaysian Tour #6 PSA 10	MAR18
Christine Nunn	10

Hyder Trophy PSA 5	MAY18
Zac Alexander	1

Calgary Squash Week PSA 15	MAR18
Rachael Grinham	3

NZ International PSA 10	JUN18
Josh Larkin	2

Sekisui Open PSA 10	APR18
Sarah Cardwell	2

Barbados Open PSA 5	JUN18
Zac Alexander	1

CourtTech Classic PSA 5	MAY18
Christine Nunn	5

NZ Southern Open PSA 10	JUN18
Rex Hedrick	6
Josh Larkin	2

NZ International PSA 5	JUN18
Sarah Cardwell	1
Jessica Turnbull	1

SquashXL Open PSA 10	JUL18
Josh Larkin	2

Chicago Open PSA 30	OCT18
Ryan Cuskelly	15

Ryan Cuskelly	24
Rex Hedrick	12
Josh Larkin	6
Zac Alexander	5

Christine Nunn	15
Donna Lobban (nee Urquhart)	15
Sarah Cardwell	5
Rachael Grinham	3
Jessica Turnbull	1

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THE 2018 ASP DOMESTIC Players of the Year:

Elanora PSA 5 MAR18

Matt Karwalski 2

Rhys Dowling 1

Aaron Frankcomb 1

ACT Open PSA 10 MAY18

Rex Hedrick 12

Rhys Dowling 2

Josh Larkin 2

NT Open PSA 5 MAY18

Rhys Dowling 4

Josh Larkin 2

Tom Calvert 1

Alex Eustace 1

Golden Open PSA 5 JUN18

Tom Calvert 2

Mike Corren 1

Alex Eustace 1

David Illich 1

SA Open PSA 5 JUL18

Josh Larkin 6

Rhys Dowling 4

Tom Calvert 1

Alex Eustace 1

Bendigo PSA 5 JUL18

Sam Ejtemai VIC 2

Australian Open PSA 10 AUG18

Rex Hedrick 12

Josh Larkin 2

Bega PSA 10 AUG18

Rex Hedrick 12

Josh Larkin 8

Rhys Dowling 4

Alex Eustace 2

Squash Melbourne PSA 5 AUG18

Nick Calvert 2

Tom Calvert 1

Tim Cowell 1

Shepparton PSA 5 AUG18

Alex Eustace 1

Rohan Toole 1

North Coast PSA 5 SEP18

Nick Calvert 2

Alex Eustace 1

Rohan Toole 1

Q Open PSA 5 OCT18

Tom Calvert 1

Mike Corren 1

Cairns PSA 5 OCT18

Steve Finitsis 2

Mike Corren 1

Rex Hedrick 36

Josh Larkin 20

Rhys Dowling 15

Alex Eustace 7

Tom Calvert 6

Nick Calvert 4

Mike Corren 3

Rohan Toole 2

Matt Karwalski 2

Sam Ejtemai 2

Steve Finitsis 2

David Illich 1

Tim Cowell 1

Aaron Frankcomb 1

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THE 2018 ASP DOMESTIC Players of the Year:

Sandgate PSA 5 MAR18

Christine Nunn	6
Tamika Hunt	4
Jessica Turnbull	2
Lauren Aspinall	1
Taylor Flavell	1
Selena Shaikh	1

NT Open PSA 10 MAY18

Christine Nunn	12
Rachael Grinham	8
Jessica Turnbull	2

Golden Open PSA 5 JUN18

Jessica Turnbull	6
Sarah Cardwell	2
Tamika Hunt	2
Taylor Flavell	1
Challen Stowell	1

SA Open PSA 5 JUL18

Tamika Hunt	4
Sarah Cardwell	2
Lauren Aspinall	1
Taylor Flavell	1
Zoe Petrovansky	1
Selena Shaikh	1

Bendigo PSA 5 JUL18

Christine Nunn	6
Sarah Cardwell	4
Taylor Flavell	2
Selena Shaikh	2
Maria-Rose Kalafatis	1
Zoe Petrovansky	1
Shehana Vithana	1

Tasmanian Open PSA 10 JUL18

Rachael Grinham	8
Tamika Hunt	2
Jessica Turnbull	2

Australian Open PSA 10 AUG18

Christine Nunn	2
Sarah Cardwell	2

Squash Melbourne PSA 5 AUG18

Christine Nunn	4
Sarah Cardwell	2
Jessica Turnbull	1

North Coast PSA 5 SEP18

Christine Nunn	6
Sarah Cardwell	4
Tamika Hunt	2
Jessica Turnbull	2

Taylor Flavell	1
Courtney Mather	1
Selena Shaikh	1
Shehana Vithana	1

Q Open PSA 5 OCT18

Jessica Turnbull	4
Taylor Flavell	1
Selena Shaikh	1

Christine Nunn 36

Jessica Turnbull	19
Sarah Cardwell	16
Rachael Grinham	16
Tamika Hunt (nee Saxby)	14

Taylor Flavell 7

Selena Shaikh	6
Shehana Vithana	2
Lauren Aspinall	2
Zoe Petrovansky	2
Challen Stowell	1
Maria-Rose Kalafatis	1
Courtney Mather	1

Cincinnati Gaynor Cup Champion **Donna URQUHART**



NSW's **Donna Urquhart** won her 11th PSA title and her second PSA W25 title in 3 months.

She beat the #2 seed England's Victoria Lust (W#16) in the Cincinnati Gaynor Cup final 3-0.

In December our #1 player won the W25 Monte Carlo Classic and now she has won the W25 Cincinnati Gaynor Cup.

Now 31, Urquhart is having to deal with a number of high flying Egyptian youngsters.

At the Monte Carlo she beat 19 year old Zeina Mickawy (W#37) in the final and at the Gaynor Cup she beat 17 year old Rowan Reda Araby (W#36) in the semi.

Urquhart would have been full of confidence in the final having previously beaten Lust at the 2017 Hong Kong Open in straight.

Donna Urquhart

Victoria Lust	W	F	Cincinnati Gaynor Cup	11-9, 13-11, 11-5 (36m)
Rowan Reda Araby	W	SF	Cincinnati Gaynor Cup	11-5, 11-5, 11-7 (26m)
Hollie Naughton	W	QF	Cincinnati Gaynor Cup	11-4, 11-9, 11-3 (29m)
Danielle Letourneau	W	R1	Cincinnati Gaynor Cup	11-6, 11-8, 11-6 (33m)

Rex Hedrick

Joshua Larkin	W	F	Australian Nationals	11-5, 11-6, 11-5 (23m)
Rhys Dowling	W	SF	Australian Nationals	11-3, 11-6, 11-6 (40m)
Courtney West	W	QF	Australian Nationals	11-4, 11-5, 11-3 (22m)
Nathan Lindner	W	R1	Australian Nationals	11-4, 11-3, 11-3 (22m)

Christine Nunn

Tamika Saxby	W	F	Australian Nationals	11-2, 11-5, 11-5 (23m)
Jessica Turnbull	W	SF	Australian Nationals	11-4, 11-2, 11-4 (22m)
Lynette Vai	W	QF	Australian Nationals	11-5, 11-4, 11-2 (17m)

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Australian National Champions **Rex HEDRICK & Christine NUNN**



Photo courtesy of Squash Australia

Christine Nunn is the 2018 Australian National Champion. Nunn proved too good for Tamika Saxby winning the final in a blistering 23 minutes dropping just 12 points along the way.

It was an uncharacteristic performance from Saxby who is known for her fighting spirit but nothing can be taken away from Nunn's clinical destruction of the #1 seed.

Victoria's **Rex Hedrick** won the 2018 Australian National Championship (PSA National Closed Satellite) in Melbourne. The #1 seed was too good for #2 seed Josh Larkin winning the final in straight in 23 minutes.

In fact, Hedrick didn't drop a game during the Championship.

PSA W25 Cincinnati Gaynor Cup

Final

[3] **Donna Urquhart** (AUS) bt [2] Victoria Lust (ENG) 11-9, 13-11, 11-5 (36m)

Semi Finals

[3] **Donna Urquhart** (AUS) bt Rowan Reda Araby (EGY) 11-5, 11-5, 11-7 (26m)

[2] Victoria Lust (ENG) bt [4] Mariam Metwally (EGY) 11-9, 11-8, 8-3 ret. (30m)

Quarter Finals

Rowan Reda Araby (EGY) bt [6] Millie Tomlinson (ENG) 11-9, 11-5, 11-7 (26m)

[3] **Donna Urquhart** (AUS) bt [7] Hollie Naughton (CAN) 11-4, 11-9, 11-3 (29m)

[4] Mariam Metwally (EGY) bt [5] Samantha Cornett (CAN) 13-11, 5-11, 11-9, 12-10 (48m)

[2] Victoria Lust (ENG) bt Misaki Kobayashi (JPN) 9-11, 11-5, 11-4, 11-6 (30m)

PSA NCS Australian National Championships

Final

[1] **Rex Hedrick** def [2] Josh Larkin 11-5, 11-6, 11-5 (23m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Rex Hedrick** def [3] Rhys Dowling 11-3, 11-6, 11-6 (40m)

[2] Josh Larkin def [13] Eugene Heng 11-13, 11-6, 11-8, 11-5 (41m)

Quarter Finals

[1] **Rex Hedrick** def [6] Courtney West 11-4, 11-5, 11-3 (22m)

[3] Rhys Dowling def [8] Shahzad Khan 11-3, 11-2, 11-7 (20m)

[13] Eugene Heng def [7] Lachlan Coxsedg 11-9, 11-5, 11-3

[2] Josh Larkin def [5] Alex Eustace 11-7, 11-5, 11-9 (40m)

PSA NCS Australian National Championships

Final

[2] **Christine Nunn** def [1] Tamika Saxby 11-2, 11-5, 11-5 (23m)

Semi Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby def [6] Selena Shaikh 11-4, 11-2, 8-11, 11-8 (29m)

[2] **Christine Nunn** def [3] Jessica Turnbull 11-4, 11-2, 11-4 (22m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby def [7] Shehana Vithana 11-2, 11-3, 11-2 (17m)

[6] Selena Shaikh def [12] Alex Haydon 6-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-6 (35m)

[3] Jessica Turnbull def [8] Courtney Mather 11-4, 11-2, 11-8

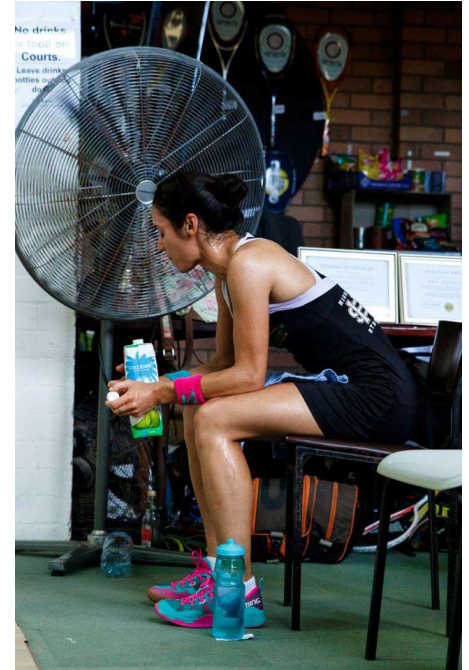
[2] **Christine Nunn** def [13] Lynette Vai 11-5, 11-4, 11-2 (17m)

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Sandgate Open Champion & Malaysian Tour #6 Champion

Christine NUNN



Christine Nunn

Hana Moataz	W	F	Malaysian Tour No6	11-5, 11-6, 6-11, 11-9 (41m)
Liu Tsz-Ling	W	SF	Malaysian Tour No6	11-8, 11-4, 11-8 (26m)
Satomi Watanabe	W	QF	Malaysian Tour No6	11-7, 11-3, 11-13, 11-8 (38m)
Noor Aina Ampandi	W	R1	Malaysian Tour No6	11-2, 11-5, 11-1 (24m)
Tamika Saxby	W	F	Sandgate Open	11-8, 9-11, 11-3, 11-7 (37m)
Jessica Turnbull	W	SF	Sandgate Open	9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-3 (35m)
Taylor Flavell	W	QF	Sandgate Open	11-6, 11-8, 11-6
Katie Davies	W	R1	Sandgate Open	11-2, 11-2, 11-4

Mike Corren

David Ilich	W	F	Horizon Esperance Open	11-3, 12-10, 11-5 (35m)
Tim Cowell	W	SF	Horizon Esperance Open	11-3, 11-5, 11-5
Scott Jerome	W	QF	Horizon Esperance Open	11-1, 11-3, 11-7
Ivan Patchett	W	R1	Horizon Esperance Open	11-4, 11-4, 11-8

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Awesome Double Christine NUNN

Just prior to the Commonwealth Games **Christine Nunn** won two PSA events.

Firstly, she won the Sandgate Open before travelling to Malaysia to win the Malaysian Tour #6 tournament.

At the Sandgate Open (PSA 5) Nunn proved her 3-0 win in February's Australian Nationals against Tamika Saxby was full of merit. At the time the W#55 was too good for the W#57 winning the final in four.

With every tournament Nunn looks like she is getting back to the form that saw her reach a career high 36 in July 2016.

Seeded #7 in Malaysia (PSA 10) Nunn was on a mission! She beat the #3 seed in the Quarters before despatching the #1S 3-0 in the semi final in a brisk 26 minutes. In the final she beat the #6S Egyptian Hana Moataz in four in 41 minutes.

It was now time to prepare for the 2018 Commonwealth Games! *Photos courtesy of Toni van der Kreek*



PSA W5 Brisbane City Squash MS Sandgate Open

Final

[2] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 11-8, 9-11, 11-3, 11-7 (37m)

Semi Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [4] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 11-5, 4-11, 11-9, 8-11, 11-5 (44m)

[2] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [3] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-3 (35m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [7] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-7, 12-10, 11-2

[4] Abbie Palmer (NZL) bt [8] Emma Millar (NZL) 11-9, 11-9, 6-11, 11-6

[3] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt [6] Lauren Aspinall (AUS) 11-3, 11-6, 11-5

[2] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [5] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-6, 11-8, 11-6

PSA W10 Malaysian Tour #6

Final

[7] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [6] Hana Moataz (EGY) 11-5, 11-6, 6-11, 11-9 (41m)

Semi Finals

[7] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [1] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) 11-8, 11-4, 11-8 (26m)

[6] Hana Moataz (EGY) bt Ineta Mackevica (LAT) 9-11, 7-11, 11-6, 12-10, 11-5 (46m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Liu Tsz-Ling (HKG) bt [8] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-4 (24m)

[7] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [3] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) 11-7, 11-3, 11-13, 11-8 (38m)

Ineta Mackevica (LAT) bt [5] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 11-9, 10-12, 11-7, 11-5 (45m)

[6] Hana Moataz (EGY) bt [2] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 11-6, 11-6, 11-8 (28m)

PSA Closed Satellite Esperance

Final

[1] **Mike Corren** def [2] David Ilich 11-3, 12-10, 11-5 (35m)



MS Queensland

Michael Lyon (Fundraiser Mastermind), Champion Christine Nunn, Nathan Turnbull (Centre Operator), Runner Up Tamika Saxby and Councillor Jared Cassidy (Brisbane City Council - Deagon Ward)

GREEN & GOLD



**2018 Gold Coast
Commonwealth Games
Mixed Doubles**



**Photos Courtesy of
Toni van der Kreek**

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Squash Media would like to congratulate Cameron, David, Donna, Rachael and Zac on their awesome achievements at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

GREEN & GOLD



To David Palmer and Rachael Grinham ... once again thank you for so many wonderful memories over 20 years at the Commonwealth Games.

David Palmer has now won 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals from 6 Games (in actual fact it is 9 medals from 5 Games because he didn't win a medal at his first Games appearance!). I'm proud to say I was in the audience to witness your 9th medal ... **GOLD!**

Rachael Grinham has now won 2G, 2S and 4B from 5 Games. Another fantastic record of achievement.

Winning medals at the Commonwealth Games is a wonderful achievement but as 41 year olds ... well that is simply incredible!

Both players may have lost a little speed but their shots and tactics are still awesome to watch. They have been our main stays for many years and deserve every recognition they receive.

To **Cameron Pilley** - three GOLD medals in a row! You are no doubt a Doubles specialist! Cameron won the Mixed Doubles with Kasey Brown in 2010, then the Men's Doubles with David Palmer in 2014 and now, the Mixed Doubles again but this time with his cousin Donna Urquhart.

To **Donna Urquhart** and **Zac Alexander** ... congratulations on winning your first GOLD medals.

Donna was in her 3rd Games. She achieved a Bronze Medal in her very first Games in 2010 but had to wait until 2018 to win GOLD. In fact Donna was our most successful Aussie winning 2 medals on the Gold Coast. Her Bronze Medal with Rachael Grinham in the Women's Doubles took her overall tally to 3 medals.

To **Zac Alexander** it has been a long and emotional journey. Picked to represent Australia at the 2014 Glasgow Games was an absolute high. To lose your position on

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appeal and having to leave the Athletes Village just prior to the Opening ceremony was gut wrenching and a devastating low.

GREEN & GOLD

Four years on, Alexander was picked again to represent Australia but this time there were no appeals and the young Aussie partnered with David Palmer to win a GOLD medal!



The pair also represented Australia at the World Doubles Championships in 2016 (3rd) and 2017 (5th).

“Gold, it’s the best kind if you’re going to win your first medal! This is as good as it gets, and it feels good.” said a delighted Zac Alexander



Women's Singles - GOLD
Women's Singles - SILVER
Women's Singles - BRONZE

Joelle King (NZL)
Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG)
Tesni Evans (WAL)

Men's Singles - GOLD
Men's Singles - SILVER
Men's Singles - BRONZE

James Willstrop (ENG)
Paul Coll (NZL)
Nafiizwan Adnan (MAS)

Women's Doubles - GOLD
Women's Doubles - SILVER
Women's Doubles - BRONZE

Joelle King & Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL)
Joshana Chinappa & Dipika Pallikal (IND)

Rachael Grinham & Donna Urquhart (AUS)

Men's Doubles - GOLD
Men's Doubles - SILVER
Men's Doubles - BRONZE

Zac Alexander & David Palmer (AUS)

Daryl Selby & Adrian Waller (ENG)
Declan James & James Willstrop (ENG)

Mixed Doubles - GOLD
Mixed Doubles - SILVER
Mixed Doubles - BRONZE

Cameron Pilley & Donna Urquhart (AUS)
Dipika Pallikal Karthik & Saurav Ghosal (IND)
Joelle King & Paul Coll (NZL)

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Pool E [5] Zac Alexander & David Palmer (AUS)

bt Alexander Frazer & Jacob Kelly (CAY) 11-6, 11-3 (16m)

bt [12] Christopher Binnie & Lewis Walters (JAM) 11-7, 11-5 (30m)

Men's Doubles Last 16 round:

bt [6] Peter Creed & Joel Makin (WAL) 11-1, 11-6 (30m)

Men's Doubles Quarter-finals:

bt [3] Paul Coll & Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-9, 6-11, 11-7 (64m)

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

bt [2] Alan Clyne & Greg Lobban (SCO) 11-8, 11-5 (30m)

Men's Doubles Finals:

bt [7] Daryl Selby & Adrian Waller (ENG) 11-9, 3-11, 11-6 (57m)

GOLD to AUSTRALIA ... Congratulations to Zac & David

Pool D [4] Rachael Grinham & Donna Urquhart (AUS)

bt [12] Samantha Hennings & Marlene West (CAY) 11-2, 11-3 (11m)

bt [5] Samantha Cornett & Nikki Todd (CAN) 5-11, 11-9, 11-4 (32m)

bt Taylor Fernandes & Mary Fung-A-Fat (GUY) 11-2, 11-2 (10m)

Women's Doubles Quarter-finals:

bt [6] Tesni Evans & Deon Saffery (WAL) 9-11, 11-10, 11-3 (48m)

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

lost to [1] Joelle King & Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL) 9-11, 5-11 (20m)

Women's Doubles Play-off for Bronze:

bt [7] Laura Massaro & Sarah-Jane Perry (ENG) 11-6, 11-8 (21m)

BRONZE to AUSTRALIA ... Congratulations to Rachael & Donna

Mixed Doubles Pools line-up:

Pool D [4] Donna Urquhart & Cameron Pilley (AUS)

bt Taylor Fernandes & Sunil Seth (GUY) 11-4, 11-7 (18m)

bt [13] Faiza Zafar & Farhan Zaman (PAK) 11-3, 11-6 (12m)

Mixed Doubles Last 16 round:

bt [14] Marlene West & Cameron Stafford (CAY) 11-7, 11-5 (17m)

Mixed Doubles Quarter-finals:

bt [6] Rachael Grinham & Ryan Cuskelly (AUS) 11-6, 11-9 (33m)

Mixed Doubles Semi-finals:

bt [2] Alison Waters & Daryl Selby (ENG) 10-11, 11-7, 11-7 (55m)

Mixed Doubles Finals:

bt [5] Dipika Pallikal Karthik & Saurav Ghosal (IND) 11-8, 11-10 (31m)

GOLD to AUSTRALIA ... Congratulations to Donna & Cameron

CG Hall of Fame

	G	S	B	T
1 Peter Nicol (SCO G B) (ENG 3G S)	4	1	1	6
2 David Palmer (AUS)	3	2	4	9
3 Joelle King (NZL)	3	1	2	6
4 Nick Matthew (ENG)	3	1	0	4
5 Cameron Pilley (AUS)	3	0	2	5
6 Natalie Grinham (AUS)	3	0	1	4
7 Rachael Grinham (AUS)	2	2	4	8
8 Nicol David (MAS)	2	1	1	4
9 Lee Beachill (ENG)	2	0	1	3
10 Michelle Martin (AUS)	2	0	0	2
Leilani Rorani (NZL)	2	0	0	2
12 James Willstrop (ENG)	1	3	2	6
13 Dipika Pallikal (IND)	1	2	0	3
14 Cassie Jackman (ENG)	1	1	2	4
15 Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS)	1	1	1	3
Carol Owens (AUS B) (NZL G S)	1	1	1	3
17 Joshana Chinappa (IND)	1	1	0	2
Adrian Grant (ENG)	1	1	0	2
Jonathon Power (CAN)	1	1	0	2
20 Kasey Brown (AUS)	1	0	3	4
21 Paul Johnson (ENG)	1	0	2	3
Donna Urquhart (AUS)	1	0	2	3
23 Mark Chaloner (ENG)	1	0	1	2
Joe Kneipp (AUS)	1	0	1	2
Glen Wilson (NZL)	1	0	1	2
Sue Wright (ENG)	1	0	1	2
27 Zac Alexander (AUS)	1	0	0	1
Jaclyn Hawkes (NZL)	1	0	0	1
Amanda Landers-Murphy (NZL)	1	0	0	1
Craig Rowland (AUS)	1	0	0	1

To qualify for the CG Hall of Fame a player must have won at least 1 GOLD medal.
 If players are equal then the record summary is listed in alphabetical order.
 11 Australians have won at least one GOLD medal.
 30 players in total have won at least one GOLD medal

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**2018 Gold Coast
Commonwealth Games
Men's Doubles**



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May 18



ACT Open Champion **Rex HEDRICK**

In April Victorian **Rex Hedrick** represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games and performed well to reach the 3rd round as an unseeded player. He lost that round to #8 seed Alan Clyne (Scotland).

In the CG first round he defeated the #13 seed, former World Junior Champion Eain Yow Ng (MAS) 13-11, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 12-10 in 93 minutes! That win proved Hedrick had the physical and mental toughness to persist. So it was no surprise to see him win the ACT Open beating all his opponents in straight.

He beat #5 seed Addeen Idrakie (Malaysia) in the final in a brisk 35 minutes.

"It's been a tough week, I've managed to get through each match 3-0 but none have been easy, they've all been hard fought and could have gone either way but I was able to keep control," said Hedrick.

Rex Hedrick

Addeen Idrakie	W	F	ACT Open	11-5, 11-3, 11-3 (35m)
Evan Williams	W	SF	ACT Open	11-6, 11-2, 11-8 (44m)
Tang Ming Hong	W	QF	ACT Open	12-10, 11-7, 11-5 (47m)
Luke Jones	W	R1	ACT Open	11-5, 11-5, 11-6 (28m)

Christine Nunn

Kaitlyn Watts	W	F	CourtTech Classic NZ	11-9, 11-4, 11-7 (25m)
Jemyca Aribado	W	SF	CourtTech Classic NZ	11-7, 11-3, 12-14, 11-7 (44m)
Anika Jackson	W	QF	CourtTech Classic NZ	11-4, 11-6, 11-0 (18m)
Eleanor Epke	W	R1	CourtTech Classic NZ	13-11, 11-7, 11-3 (22m)
Rachael Grinham	W	F	NT Open	11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 11-4
Satomi Watanabe	W	SF	NT Open	11-7, 13-11, 11-9 (36m)
Jessica Turnbull	W	QF	NT Open	13-11, 11-9, 11-6
Abbie Palmer	W	R1	NT Open	11-4, 11-8, 11-7 (22m)

Mike Corren

Chua Man Chin	W	F	WA Open	19-17, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3 (47m)
Timothy Leong	W	SF	WA Open	11-13, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9 (64m)
Chua Man Tong	W	QF	WA Open	11-4, 11-7, 11-6 (25m)

May 18



Northern Territory Open Champion & CourtTech Classic Champion **Christine NUNN**

Commonwealth Games team mates **Christine Nunn** and former World Champion Rachael Grinham fought out the final of the PSA 10 NT Open.

The two last met at the Australian Open in November 2017 where the more experienced Grinham won the semi final comfortably 11-7, 11-5, 11-9 in 29 minutes. Grinham went on to take the title.

Since then Nunn has been on fire winning three PSA events before the Commonwealth Games (Australian Nationals, Sandgate Open and the Malaysian Tour #6). At the Games she lost a close contest in the 3rd round to Donna Urquhart in five: 11-6, 4-11, 11-7, 6-11, 5-11 (59m).

The NT Open win is her 4th title for the year and her 7th career title.

Christine Nunn is powering forward. After success at the NT Open earlier in the month, the W#53 has taken out the PSA 5 CourtTech Classic in Auckland, New Zealand.

Nunn reached the final with a strong but tough win against Jemyca Aribado, the best female player from the Philippines. Nunn was in control up 2-0 before losing the third 12-14. She “steadied the ship” and closed out the match 11-7 in 44 minutes.

The final was a different story with Nunn dominating her Kiwi opponent Kaitlyn Watts taking the title 3-0 in a brisk 25 minutes.

What a year it has been for the 27 year old. Five titles and a 3rd round appearance at the Commonwealth Games. She is slowly but surely closing in on her career high of W#36 which she achieved in July 2016.



May 18



PSA M10 ACT Open

Final

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) 11-5, 11-3, 11-3 (35m)

Semi Finals

[5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt [8] Henry Leung (HKG) 11-8, 11-1, 11-6 (27m)

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [3] Evan Williams (NZL) 11-6, 11-2, 11-8 (44m)

Quarter Finals

[8] Henry Leung (HKG) bt [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 8-11, 13-11, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8 (79m)

[5] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) bt [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 12-14, 11-9, 11-4, 13-11 (60m)

[3] Evan Williams (NZL) bt [6] Wong Chi Him (HKG) 11-4, 5-11, 11-6, 16-18, 13-11 (74m)

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [7] Tang Ming Hong (HKG) 12-10, 11-7, 11-5 (47m)

PSA W10 NT Open

Final

[3] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) 11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 11-4

Semi Finals

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [7] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) 11-5, 7-11, 4-11, 11-2, 11-4 (41m)

[3] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [2] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) 11-7, 13-11, 11-9 (36m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Rachael Grinham (AUS) bt [5] Vanessa Chu (HKG) 8-11, 13-11, 6-11, 11-9, 11-8

[7] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) bt Wen Li Lai (MAS) 11-7, 6-11, 11-7, 11-5

[3] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [8] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 13-11, 11-9, 11-6

[2] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) bt [6] Aifa Azman (MAS) 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 12-10

PSA W5 CourtTech Classic NZ

Final

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [5] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) 11-9, 11-4, 11-7 (25m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [4] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) 11-7, 11-3, 12-14, 11-7 (44m)

[5] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) bt [3] Abbie Palmer (NZL) 6-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-9 (31m)

Quarter Finals

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt Anika Jackson (NZL) 11-4, 11-6, 11-0 (18m)

[4] Jemyca Aribado (PHI) bt [7] Emma Millar (NZL) 11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (15m)

[3] Abbie Palmer (NZL) bt [8] Au Yeong Wai Yhann (SIN) 11-7, 11-6, 11-5

[5] Kaitlyn Watts (NZL) bt [2] Vanessa Chu (HKG) 11-8, 11-8, 11-7 (24m)

PSA CS WA Open

Final

(1) **Mike Corren** (AUS) def (6) Chua Man Chin (SIN) 19-17, 11-9, 8-11, 11-3 (47m)

June 18



Golden Open Champion **Jessica TURNBULL**

Queensland's **Jessica Turnbull** has broken through to win her maiden PSA title.

The 22 year old received an early birthday present when she beat Malaysian Wen Li Lai in four to take out the 2018 Golden Open in Kalgoorlie.

It was a strong performance by Turnbull to firstly beat #1 seed Sarah Cardwell in a tough semi final and then back up and defeat the Malaysian who had secured her place in the final by beating #2 seed Tamika Hunt (Saxby) 16-14 in the fourth.



Turnbull joined the PSA in 2010 and received an initial ranking of 252. She has now built that to #69 in the world (PSA July Rankings). She broke into the World Top 100 in July 2012.

For the past six years Turnbull's world ranking has hovered between 73 and 103. She has now broken into the Top 70 and has her sights set on breaking into the World Top 50. It just shows persistence pays off.



Jessica Turnbull

Wen Li Lai	W	F	Golden Open	11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-4 (47m)
Sarah Cardwell	W	SF	Golden Open	8-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-9
Angie Ooi	W	QF	Golden Open	11-6, 10-12, 11-1, 11-7

June 18



Golden Open Champion **Jessica TURNBULL**



PSA W5 City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open

Final

[3] **Jessica Turnbull** (AUS) bt [4] Wen Li Lai (MAS) 11-9, 11-8, 9-11, 11-4 (47m)

Semi Finals

[3] **Jessica Turnbull** (AUS) bt [1] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) 8-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-9

[4] Wen Li Lai (MAS) bt [2] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 16-14

Quarter Finals

[1] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [5] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-3, 11-6, 11-4

[3] **Jessica Turnbull** (AUS) bt [7] Angie Ooi (MAS) 11-6, 10-12, 11-1, 11-7

[4] Wen Li Lai (MAS) bt [8] Challen Stowell (AUS) 11-4, 11-1, 13-11

[2] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [6] Aika Azman (MAS) 11-9, 8-11, 11-7, 11-9

South Australian Open Champion **Josh LARKIN**

Josh Larkin claimed the PSA 5 South Australian Open title with a strong 3-0 victory over Rhys Dowling in July.

Whilst the match was tight Dowling would have been feeling the effects of a tough semi final against Enzo Corigliano (France) which went for 62 minutes.

That match up was extremely tight and required Dowling to fight back from 1-2 down.

Larkin got off to a slow start in his first round match against sentimental favourite Mike Corren but once he hit top gear it was all over for the "Moose"!

He then beat Alex Eustace to advance to the semi final where he eliminated qualifier Tomotaka Endo from Japan.



Josh Larkin

Rhys Dowling	W	F	South Australian Open	11-8, 11-8, 11-9 (46m)
Tomotaka Endo	W	SF	South Australian Open	6-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-5 (42m)
Alex Eustace	W	QF	South Australian Open	11-7, 12-14, 11-3, 11-3 (46m)
Mike Corren	W	R1	South Australian Open	6-11, 11-2, 11-2, 11-3 (34m)

Christine Nunn

Sarah Cardwell	W	F	Bendigo International	14-12, 11-7, 11-6 (42m)
Taylor Flavell	W	SF	Bendigo International	11-2, 11-4, 11-2 (18m)
Zoe Petrovansky	W	QF	Bendigo International	10-12, 11-2, 11-1, 11-6 (24m)

July 18



Bendigo International Champion **Christine NUNN**

Christine Nunn maintained her great form this year taking out the PSA 5 Bendigo International.

She beat Sarah Cardwell 3-0 in the final in 42 minutes. The first game was a close affair but Nunn just kept getting stronger and stronger against the #2 seed.

That was title #6 for the year after winning the Australian Nationals in February, the Sandgate Open and Malaysian Tour #6 in March, and finally, the NT Open and CourtTech Classic in May.

It was Cardwell's first appearance in a final since January 2017.



August 18



Australian Open Champion & Bega Open Champion **Rex HEDRICK**

Extract from a story written by Ben Rowles

Rex Hedrick is the Australian Open Men's Champion for 2018.

The 3-0 score line didn't accurately reflect the evenness of the Men's Open final, which was won in 61 minutes by top seed and local Melbourne favourite Hedrick against tournament third seed, Dimitri Steinmann.

It was a case of third time lucky for the 29-year-old, as he finally secured a major tournament win in his home state following runner-up results at Mulgrave in the 2016 and 2017 Victorian Opens.

As is often the case with a match involving Rex Hedrick, long, grinding rallies were the order of the day, with both players engaging in a tight tussle from the outset. It was Hedrick who settled first in the match however to take the first game, before Switzerland's Steinmann found his groove in the second with some terrific strokes.

In fact, Steinmann looked set to claim the second game at 8-10, before Hedrick dug deep to win the next four points and subsequently the all-important game.

While Steinmann continued to fight on in the third, the missed opportunity in the second proved to be a huge body blow, with Hedrick going from strength-to-strength to close out the match in three: 11-4, 12-10, 11-5.

Rex Hedrick

Joshua Larkin	W	F	Bega Open	11-5, 7-11, 11-4, 11-8 (72m)
Dimitri Steinmann	W	SF	Bega Open	11-8, 11-6, 11-4 (58m)
Luke Jones	W	QF	Bega Open	11-8, 11-2, 11-1 (24m)
Sion Wiggin	W	R2	Bega Open	11-6, 11-6, 11-4 (22m)
Dimitri Steinmann	W	F	Australian Open	11-4, 12-10, 11-5 (61m)
Mohd Syafiq Kamal	W	SF	Australian Open	11-1, 11-4, 11-3 (25m)
Ryunosuke Tsukue	W	QF	Australian Open	11-8, 11-1, 11-2 (33m)
Ryan Pasqual	W	R2	Australian Open	11-5, 11-0, 11-3 (25m)

PSA M5 South Australian Open

Final

[1] **Joshua Larkin** (AUS) bt [2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11-8, 11-8, 11-9 (46m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Joshua Larkin** (AUS) bt [Q] Tomotaka Endo (JPN) 6-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-5 (42m)

[2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [5] Enzo Corigliano (FRA) 8-11, 11-8, 12-14, 12-10, 11-6 (62m)

Quarter Finals

[1] **Joshua Larkin** (AUS) bt Alex Eustace (AUS) 11-7, 12-14, 11-3, 11-3 (46m)

[Q] Tomotaka Endo (JPN) bt [7] Luke Jones (NZL) 16-14, 11-8, 3-11, 11-7 (39m)

[5] Enzo Corigliano (FRA) bt [4] Sean Conroy (IRL) 12-10, 8-11, 8-11, 11-6, 11-4 (56m)

[2] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [6] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-9, 11-6, 11-8 (35m)

PSA W5 Bendigo International

Final

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) 14-12, 11-7, 11-6 (42m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [3] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-2, 11-4, 11-2 (18m)

[2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [4] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-4, 11-5, 11-3 (19m)

Quarter Finals

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt Zoe Petrovansky (AUS) 10-12, 11-2, 11-1, 11-6 (24m)

[3] Taylor Flavell (AUS) bt [8] Maria-Rose Kalafatis (AUS) 11-1, 11-3, 11-3 (13m)

[4] Selena Shaikh (AUS) bt [6] Shehana Vithana (AUS) 11-9, 11-2, 14-12 (22m)

[2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [5] Colette Sultana (MLT) 14-16, 11-3, 11-2, 11-6

Photos courtesy of Bendigo Squash



August 18



Australian Open Champion & Bega Open Champion **Rex HEDRICK**

Rex Hedrick won his second title in just over a week when he took out the PSA 10 Tarra Kia Bega Open. Hedrick dropped the second game in the final against Josh Larkin but was always in control of the 72 minute final.

Most impressive was his semi final win against Dimitri Steinmann who he beat 3-0: 11-8, 11-6, 11-4 in 58 minutes. (33 points won compared to 18 points lost).

It demonstrated his consistency having beaten Steinmann 11-4, 12-10, 11-5 in 61 minutes in the final of the Australian Open. (34 points won compared to 19 points lost).



Kristy McBain (Mayor Bega Valley Shire Council) made the presentations to Runner Up Josh Larkin and Champion Rex Hedrick.



Rex Hedrick on his way to victory over Dimitri Steinmann at the Australian Open titles played at the Mulgrave Country Club.

Photo courtesy of Mike Wilkinson

PSA M10 Australian Open

Final

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [3] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) 11-4, 12-10, 11-5 (61m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [4] Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) 11-1, 11-4, 11-3 (25m)

[3] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt [5] Sébastien Bonmalais (FRA) 11-3, 11-5, 11-4 (32m)

Quarter Finals

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [9/16] Ryunosuke Tsukue (JPN) 11-8, 11-1, 11-2 (33m)

[4] Mohd Syafiq Kamal (MAS) bt [9/16] Luke Jones (NZL) 11-8, 11-8, 11-7 (26m)

[3] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt [7] Evan Williams (NZL) 8-11, 11-2, 11-5, 5-11, 11-7 (70m)

[5] Sébastien Bonmalais (FRA) bt [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-9, 11-7, 5-11, 10-12, 11-3 (76m)

PSA M10 Tarra Kia Bega Open

Final

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-5, 7-11, 11-4, 11-8 (72m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [3] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) 11-8, 11-6, 11-4 (58m)

[2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 11-1, 11-8, 11-6 (37m)

Quarter Finals

[1] **Rex Hedrick** (AUS) bt [7] Luke Jones (NZL) 11-8, 11-2, 11-1 (24m)

[3] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) bt [8] Alex Eustace (AUS) 11-8, 11-7, 11-8 (27m)

[4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) bt [5] Scott Galloway (NZL) 11-7, 11-6, 11-8 (20m)

[2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) bt [6] Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 12-10, 11-6, 11-6 (35m)

North Coast Open Champion **Christine NUNN**

Story by Peter Saxby

The 2018 finals were played out before a packed gallery with finalists (#1 seed) **Christine Nunn** (AUS) and (#2S) **Sarah Cardwell** Australia seeking the all-important win for a spot in the 2019 World Championship draw.

The match started with both players looking to settle in and lengthen the rallies. This suited Sarah early as she jumped out to lead in the opening game but the tenacity of Christine shone through as she came from behind to steal the opening game.

A similar start in the second saw Sarah have her chances but Christine again produced error free rallies to draw level and take the second game to go two games up.

Christine looked to have the upper hand at the start of the third but a courageous fight back by Sarah, where she strung together well placed short balls to the forehand court, saw her back in the match taking the third and fourth games and appeared to be gaining in confidence as a result.

In the final game both girls traded volleys and used the corners well looking to create a slender opening and at 7-5 Christine won two vital points with well directed shots to the forehand to take a stranglehold on the match and ultimately clinch the title in five games.

2018 Women's Open Champion **Christine Nunn** was delighted after her win to have the opportunity of competing in the World Championships in 2019:

“Obviously I’m really happy to pinch the win today. Sarah was hitting really nice lines & putting me under a lot of pressure – in the end, I was just thinking about volleying as much as I could. I’m off to China for the World Team Championships on Friday so feeling good heading into that ... thanks to the Saxby family for hosting yet another fantastic event!”

Christine Nunn

Sarah Cardwell	W	F	North Coast Open	11-9, 11-9, 5-11, 5-11, 11-7 (55m)
Tamika Saxby	W	SF	North Coast Open	11-3, 11-3, 1-0 ret. (13m)
Taylor Flavell	W	QF	North Coast Open	11-5, 11-0, 11-6 (20m)

September 18



North Coast Open Champion **Christine NUNN**



Sarah Cardwell, Andrew Fraser MP & Champion Christine Nunn

PSA Challenger Tour 5 Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open 2018

Final

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) 11-9, 11-9, 5-11, 5-11, 11-7 (55m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [3] Tamika Saxby (AUS) 11-3, 11-3, 1-0 ret. (13m)

[2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-7, 9-11, 11-6, 11-6 (37m)

Quarter Finals

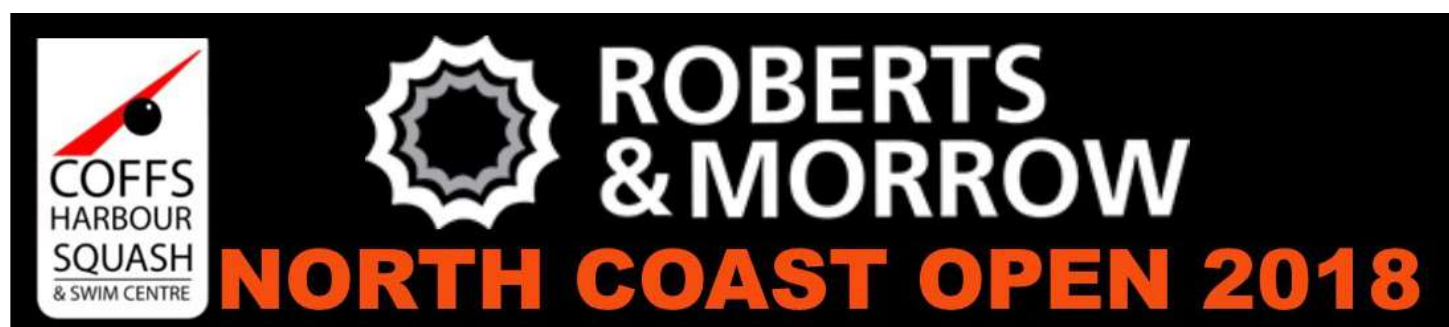
[1] **Christine Nunn** (AUS) bt [5] Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-5, 11-0, 11-6 (20m)

[3] Tamika Saxby (AUS) bt [7] Shehana Vithana (AUS) 14-12, 11-8, 11-5 (25m)

[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) bt Courtney Mather (AUS) 11-1, 11-2, 11-4 (16m)

[2] Sarah Cardwell (AUS) bt [6] Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-8 (22m)

September 18



BACKGROUND by Peter Saxby: Like many sports, squash is undergoing a structural change from 1 August 2018 worldwide and the North Coast Open in Coffs Harbour will be among the first tournaments using the new platform for the Professional Squash Circuit and Squash Australia Tour in 2018.

Peter Saxby Tournament Promoter of the Coffs Harbour event is delighted to announce that the Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open PSA Challenger Tour 5 Tournament has been confirmed as a World Qualification Challenger Tournament for 2018-19 with the winner gaining automatic entry into the World Championships in Chicago USA 2019.



The World Championships draw is made up of the top 56 ranked players, 7 invitees who are winners of World Qualification Tournaments and one Wildcard position.

The new draw format will see the tournament adopt a 24 player draw for the Men's PSA members. The Women's Draw will be a 16 player draw, consisting of 15 positions and one Wildcard position. The event will have two Invitee positions offered to compete along with two wildcard nominations to be used by the tournament promoter for PSA players.

Players will have valuable World Ranking Points on offer and the format is expected to attract a quality field with a huge opportunity to the winners awaiting them at the World Championships in 2019.

The Roberts & Morrow North Coast Open is regarded by many as one of the best events on the Squash Australia Tour and tournament organisers will be conducting a support program including Men and Women Grades and the popular Junior Clinic and Junior Competition as part of the weeks extravaganza of squash.

Phil Gream, Roberts & Morrow stated "we are very excited to support this fantastic sporting event in Coffs Harbour where players will be bidding for a place at the next World Championships in Chicago. It provides an opportunity for the public of the Coffs Coastal Region to visit the Squash Centre and follow the progress of the international players showing their skills and support the local contenders in the graded events. All the action you normally have to travel to the city to see will be right here in Coffs Harbour".

October 18



Chicago Open Champion **Ryan CUSKELLY**



Welcome back ... **Ryan Cuskelly!**

The Aussie #1 had not played on the PSA World Circuit since May 2018. He had not won a PSA title since January 2017.

He began October with a win but then lost to two high quality opponents. However, Chicago was different. He felt better. Thanks to Coach Rod Martin his game was back on track with a fresh focus.

"I'm happy with my week, I just wanted to play some good squash" said Cuskelly.

The Chicago Open was a PSA 30 event.

Ryan Cuskelly

Cesar Salazar	W	F	Chicago Open	11-5, 11-6, 11-3 (30m)
Mostafa Asal	W	SF	Chicago Open	12-10, 11-7, 11-2
Joshua Masters	W	QF	Chicago Open	11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (50m)
Chris Hanson	W	R2	Chicago Open	11-7, 11-5, 11-4 (49m)

PSA 30 Chicago Open

Final

[1] **Ryan Cuskelly** (AUS) bt [2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) 11-5, 11-6, 11-3 (30m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Ryan Cuskelly** (AUS) bt [9/16] Mostafa Asal (EGY) 12-10, 11-7, 11-2

[2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) bt [5] Arturo Salazar (MEX) 9-11, 11-8, 12-10, 8-11, 11-8

Quarter Finals

[1] **Ryan Cuskelly** (AUS) bt [7] Joshua Masters (ENG) 11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (50m)

[9/16] Mostafa Asal (EGY) bt [4] Eain Yow Ng (MAS) 11-7, 12-10, 11-8 (65m)

[5] Arturo Salazar (MEX) bt [3] Campbell Grayson (NZL) 11-5, 12-10, 11-2 (39m)

[2] Cesar Salazar (MEX) bt [9/16] Baptiste Masotti (FRA) 8-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-8 (50m)

December 18



Australian Squash Tour Champions **Christine NUNN & Rex HEDRICK**



It was only fitting that the two players who absolutely dominated the Australian Squash Tour during 2018 would be crowned the champions!

Both players beat the #2 seeds in the finals. Rex Hedrick was clinical beating Tom Calvert in straight whilst Christine Nunn took a little while longer to beat Jessica Turnbull in four.

Hedrick had a great year winning the Australian Open and representing Australia at the Commonwealth Games. He won 3 PSA 10 events: the ACT Open, the Australian Open and the Bega Open. He also won the Australian National Championships (PSA National Closed Satellite). A dominant year!

Nunn won the all important North Coast Open which gave her an automatic entry into the 2019 World Championships. She also represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games.

Nunn won 2 PSA 10 events (Malaysian Tour #6 and the NT Open) and 4 PSA 5 events (Sandgate Open, CourtTech Classic (NZ), Bendigo International and the North Coast Open). She also won the Australian National Championships (PSA National Closed Satellite). An exceptional year!

Australian Squash Tour Finals

Final

[1] **Rex HEDRICK** [2] Thomas CALVERT 11-4, 11-4, 11-5 (30m)

Playoff 3-4 [4] Rhys DOWLING def [6] Eugene HENG 8-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-3 (32m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Rex HEDRICK** def [4] Rhys DOWLING 12-10, 11-4, 11-4 (29m)

[2] Thomas CALVERT def [6] Eugene HENG 6-11, 14-16, 11-6, 11-9, 12-10 (59m)

Round 1

[1] **Rex HEDRICK** def [8] Lachlan COXSEGE 11-2, 11-5, 11-3 (20m)

[4] Rhys DOWLING def [5] Nicholas CALVERT 11-8, 11-9, 10-12, 13-11 (50m)

[6] Eugene HENG def [3] Josh LARKIN 11-6, 11-4, 11-9 (28m)

[2] Thomas CALVERT def [7] Jason VAN DER WALT 11-6, 11-9, 11-9 (22m)

Australian Squash Tour Finals

Final

[1] **Christine NUNN** def [2] Jessica TURNBULL 11-7, 3-11, 11-4, 12-10 (34m)

Playoff 3-4 Sarah CARDWELL [3] def [5] Melissa MARTIN 11-2, 11-9, 11-6 (17m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Christine NUNN** def [5] Melissa MARTIN 11-2, 13-11, 11-5 (18m)

[2] Jessica TURNBULL def [3] Sarah CARDWELL 11-8, 5-11, 11-9, 11-6 (36m)

Round 1

[1] **Christine NUNN** def [8] Katie DAVIES 11-2, 11-5, 11-3 (15m)

[5] Melissa MARTIN def [4] Trace JOHNSON 11-3, 11-5, 11-3 (14m)

[3] Sarah CARDWELL def [6] Challen STOWELL 11-1, 11-0, 11-2 (11m)

[2] Jessica TURNBULL def [7] Colette SULTANA 11-5, 11-3, 15-13 (23m)

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What a great game!