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HELLO AND WELCOME

Well another year has passed us by. I hope all our readers have a **Happy New Year** filled with happiness, good health and lots of wins!

2016 promises to be another BIG year in NR. The spotlight will shift a little away from Cairns and focus mainly on Mackay in terms of major events. Mackay will host the Queensland Junior Championships.

Mackay's Wes Dyer will represent NR at the Oceania Junior Championships to be held on the Gold Coast in January. After suffering an injury at the AJC our fingers are crossed Wes will begin to realise his full potential in 2016.

Great to see the Bendigo Bank getting right behind our juniors. Their mascot "piggy" is an absolute hit with the kids. I've seen mascots at the footy but I have never seen one at squash. Another first! Great to see.

Very pleased to hear the 2016 Mackay Open will be a PSA World Tour event. See page 3 for more details. Thank you to the Tournament Organisers who have worked frantically behind the scenes to ensure the Open remains one of the few PSA events held in this State.

Please read the article on Page 10. It is a plea to save our sport. Sure there are pockets of success scattered around the country but overall our sport is in distress. If you are passionate about our great sport please consider volunteering some time to helping. It is an appeal to anyone in Australia to come forward. There are no borders and no committees. Just a group of independent people with a genuine love of squash and the skills and desire to help see it once again flourish.

The **REDSTAR** Awards will return next month. Unfortunately, there hasn't been sufficient squash action during December to recognise achievement.



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WORLD RANKINGS

1 January 2016



NR MEN: TM: HWR:
Steve Finitsis 78 45

NR WOMEN: TM: HWR:
Lisa Camilleri 85 28

TM: This Month - HWR: Highest World Ranking

2016 MACKAY OPEN



The **2016 Mackay Open** will again be a PSA World Tour event featuring a M5 championship for the men and **thanks to Q Squash** a W5 championship for the women.



So why the big announcement?

Well after Squash Australia announced they would be reducing their support for PSA events to just \$5,000 per State there was every chance the Mackay Open would not be a PSA event in 2016 and beyond.

For many years Squash Australia provided financial support to the event to ensure our young players were able to build World ranking points on home soil.

For the record and despite their recent decision Tournament Organisers are most appreciative of the support Squash Australia has provided over many years - Thank You.

However, the loss of such significant financial support was still a major blow for Tournament Organisers who have slowly but surely built the event up to being one of the best and most successful events on the Australian Squash calendar.

The event has been crucial for our players to witness World class players and for some locals the opportunity to even play against them on court. Most importantly it helped many young players build their World ranking without having to travel overseas.

In 2015 the Mackay Open together with the Queensland Open were the only two events which were sanctioned by the PSA in Queensland.

Hosting a PSA World Tour event is becoming increasingly difficult



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2016 MACKAY OPEN

as the prize money is paid in US dollars. Unfortunately, the Aussie dollar hasn't fared too well against the "greenback" in recent years.

In simple terms to hold a PSA event one needs USD10,000 which currently equates to around AUD13,500 to AUD14,000 depending on the day!

Despite the considerable financial risk associated with the staging a PSA event, Tournament Organisers will commit themselves to raising the necessary funds but they will definitely need some extra sponsors..

They would like to encourage the involvement of local business owners to support the event just like our **incredible 2015 sponsors**. Every contribution regardless of size is critical and would be very much appreciated.

If you consider you might be in a position to help please contact **Kay Barclay on 0432 572 712**



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JUNIOR RANKINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to all the juniors who are featured on this page. Page 5 is dedicated to the Top 5 NR ranked players in each age group. These rankings were updated following the 2015 **Australian Junior Championship** and the first NR Qualifier for 2016.



UNDER 9 BOYS

- 1 Jack Butcher
- 2 Jackson Korte
- 3 Michael Lawrence
- 4 Sharief Kabay

UNDER 11 BOYS

- 1 Lachlan Erba
- 2 Prabhweer Singh Marwana
- 3 Evan Girgenti

UNDER 13 BOYS

- 1 Brendan MacDonald
- 2 Matt Brazier
- 3 Gavin Palmer
- 4 Scott Lynch

UNDER 15 BOYS

- 1 Wesley Dyer
- 2 Jordan DiBella
- 3 Sean Julius-Wright
- 4 Jake Webb
- 5 Kyle Hoani Vincent

UNDER 17 BOYS

- 1 Brody DiBella
- 2 Sean Motti
- 3 Bradley Martin
- 4 Michael Sutherland
- 5 Zac Houston

UNDER 19 BOYS

- 1 Lucas Nielsen
- 2 Callan Menzies
- 3 Justin DiBella
- 4 Tom Fox
- 5 Cohen Osborne

TOP 5 RANKINGS

UNDER 9 GIRLS

- 1 Kayce Hoani-Vincent
- 2 Olivia McDermott

UNDER 11 GIRLS

- 1 Kate Butcher
- 2 Payton Douglas
- 3 Ally Rhodes
- 4 Sarah Brazier

UNDER 13 GIRLS

- 1 Gemma Brownsey
- 2 Grace Brownsey
- 3 Kiara Stubley
- 4 Amy Condon
- 5 Charlotte Erba

UNDER 15 GIRLS

- 1 Hayley Hankinson
- 2 Kaci Newman
- 3 Chloe Thompson
- 4 Rachel Hobbs
- 5 Hayley Spina

UNDER 17 GIRLS

- 1 Summer Palmer
- 2 Abbey Butcher
- 3 Tia McLennan
- 4 Danielle Hankinson
- 5 Alice Climpson

UNDER 19 GIRLS

- 1 Ozanna Beckmann
- 2 Jessica Green
- 3 Caitlin Purcell



JUNIORSELECTION

The following juniors are the leading contenders for the 2016 Redbacks Team to compete at the Queensland Junior Championships. Despite being named on this page all juniors must still comply with the NR Selection Policy to qualify for final selection in May 2016. In short, this means players must compete in all NR qualifiers. Based on birthdays and QJC eligibility the following players have been identified as the leading contenders for each team.

U11 CONTENDERS

- 1 Lachlan Erba
- 2 Prabhweer Singh Marwana
- 3 Evan Girgenti
- 4 Jack Butcher
- 5 Jackson Korte

U13 CONTENDERS

- 1 BJ MacDonald
- 2 Matt Brazier
- 3 Gavin Palmer
- 4 Scott Lynch

U15 CONTENDERS

- 1 Wesley Dyer
- 2 Jordan DiBella
- 3 Sean Julius Wright
- 4 Jake Webb
- 5 Kyle Hoani Vincent

U17 CONTENDERS

- 1 Brody DiBella
- 2 Sean Motti
- 3 Bradley Martin
- 4 Michael Sutherland
- 5 Zac Houston

U19 CONTENDERS

- 1 Justin DiBella
- 2 Tom Fox
- 3 Cohen Osborne
- 4 Sam Thomson



SELECTION

2016 REDBACKS



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- 1 Kate Butcher
- 2 Payton Douglas
- 3 Ally Rhodes
- 4 Kayce Hoani Vincent
- 5 Sarah Brazier

U13 CONTENDERS

- 1 Kiara Stubley
- 2 Amy Condon
- 3 Charlotte Erba
- 4 Hayley Korte
- 5 Mackenzie Rhodes

U15 CONTENDERS

- 1 Hayley Hankinson
- 2 Kaci Newman
- 3 Chloe Thompson
- 4 Rachel Hobbs
- 5 Gemma Brownsey

U17 CONTENDERS

- 1 Summer Palmer
- 2 Abbey Butcher
- 3 Tia McLennan
- 4 Danielle Hankinson
- 5 Alice Climpson

U19 CONTENDERS

- 1 Jessica Green
- 2 Caitlin Purcell



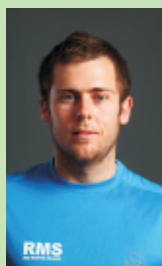
ASP ANNUAL



MAKING HEADLINES

This annual publication aims to capture and celebrate the success of **Australian Squash Players** at major and professional events around the world.

Zac Alexander
Sarah Cardwell
Ryan Cuskelly
Josh Larkin
Christine Nunn
Donna Urquhart



Ryan Cuskelly (pictured) was the most impressive mover of 2015 rising from 46 in the World at the start of the year to burst into the World Top 20 and reach a career high World Ranking of 16 in December.

The 28 year old from Lismore in NSW captured 4 titles in 2015 and finished the year with a WR of 17. Cuskelly has now won 14 PSA World Tour titles.

Josh Larkin broke through to win his maiden tour title and quickly turned that into two whilst Zac Alexander dominated the domestic scene winning 3 titles to improve his record to 17 career titles.

Sarah Cardwell won two tour events in late 2015 to bring her tally up to 3 career titles. Donna Urquhart returned from foot surgery to snatch her 9th career title in Seattle and Christine Nunn won her 3rd career title.

Have you downloaded the 2015 ASP Annual?

If not you can download a copy from the NR website and it is **FREE** to distribute to your family and friends.

ASP is a collection of stories about **Australian Squash Players** who made headlines in 2015.

It features the 6 Aussies who won PSA events in 2015.

It analyses the Top 10 Australian players and how they have performed in comparison to their World Ranking on 1 January 2015.

It recognises an unseeded Aussie who beat three Top 10 players including the current World Champion and a former World Champion but just couldn't get over the final hurdle.

It features the Mackay Open and Queenslander Zac Alexander.

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MACKAY JUNIORS



Junior Fixtures: Division One

Winners: Squirrels

Adrien Crook, Jess Green, Hayley Hankinson, Alice Climpson and Cory Kenny.

Runner Ups: Raccoons

Lucas Nielsen, Ozanna Beckmann, Danielle Hankinson, Gemma Brownsey and Ben Sander.



Junior Fixtures: Division Two

Winners: Otters

Tom Climpson, Kayce Hoani Vincent, Jordan Benson and Quinn Douglas.

Runner Ups: Squirrels

Tom Stephenson, Payton Douglas, Indus Fischer and Saran Brazier.



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CARWASHFUNDRAISER



The aim of the Car Wash Fundraiser was to assist Mackay juniors with their traveling expenses to gain selection in the Redbacks team and also assist with the cost of the coaching clinic in January (11/12/13) with guest coach Lisa Camilleri in attendance.

The Car Wash was held on 21 November at **Porters Hardware** Brisbane Street Mackay. The event raised over \$500.

Thank you to Alice & Lisa Climpson, Karen & Wes Dyer, Dani & Hayley Hankinson, Kyle Hoani Vincent, Quinn Osborne, Summer & Susan Palmer.

Well done guys !!!

Summer, Quinn, Dani & Wes



SOS SQUASH



SOS is a noun ...

1. an International code signal of extreme distress
2. an urgent appeal for help

Please help to save our sport!

Let's face it Squash in Australia has been in distress for many years and sadly its condition is now moving closer to "extreme distress".

There are pockets of success in various areas but overall the health of our sport has diminished considerably.

So this article is an urgent appeal for help. Hopefully, help from many quarters.

Australian Squash has to undergo a major transformation if its to enjoy any success in the future.

Sure money would help but the reality is it will always be elusive. So let's not just immediately put up the "white flag". That isn't the Aussie way!

Money will once again flow if our industry is prepared to change and grow.

A willingness to step up and take action is a positive first step. A genuine desire to make a difference and an enthusiastic approach will stand you in good stead.

Surrender at the first sign of difficulty or rejection is not an option. Regrouping and formulating a new strategy is the answer.

Sitting back and hoping somebody else will come forward is a form of surrender. Yes, we are all time poor but if you have a genuine desire to help you will find the time.

One person or one group cannot save our sport but numerous "**Action Groups**" scattered throughout the Country can.

Aussie Squash definitely needs help and this article is calling on as many people as possible to put their hand up and commit to helping save our

sport and steer it back into prosperity.

It will only be the collective power of so many helpers that will enable squash to once again move forward.

Squash needs helpers to:

1. Plan strategies that will make a difference
2. Recruit volunteers
3. Promote our sport in local areas
4. Raise awareness of the health benefits of playing squash
5. Encourage participation of all ages
6. Seek sponsorship and raise funds to achieve goals
7. Organise competitions
8. Deliver events to help raise the standard of our players
9. Gather and analyse statistics

One person cannot be responsible for all of these actions. The creation of a "**lead team**" of volunteers committed to building a network of Action Groups is essential to save our sport.

Squash is on life support in this Country. Pulling the plug isn't the answer. A team of genuine carers is needed to come on board, rehabilitate, revitalise and ultimately, save our sport.

If you can help but you're not sure how best to proceed please contact Kim Schramm on 0407126911.



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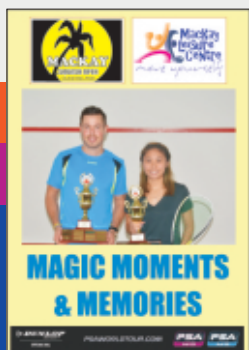
2016 Tournament Calendar

2014 COMMITTEE:

President: Alec MacDonald
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Secretary: Kay Barclay
Treasurer: Rachel McDermott

20-21 FEB
19-20 MAR
30 APR-1 MAY
26 JUN-3 JUL

NR Qualifier #2 in Mackay
NR Qualifier #3 in Townsville
NR Qualifier #4 in Mackay
QJC



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2016 QJC:

The 2016 Queensland Junior Championships will be held in Northern Region. The rotation system has been changed by Q Squash.



17-18
OCT15
INGHAM

20-21
FEB16
MACKAY



19-20
MAR16
TOWNSVILLE

COMPULSORY
30 APR-1 MAY16
MACKAY



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

2016

Northern Region Junior Qualifier #2

20-21 February 2016



Mackay Leisure Centre

95 Broadsound Road
MACKAY Qld 4740

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 12 February 2016

Entry Fee:

\$60.00 Affiliated juniors
\$70.00 Non traveling juniors

Email entries to
trevorbarclay@bigpond.com

Phone Kay on 0432 572 712

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Name Date of Birth /...../.....

Phone No Mobile No

Club Grade

EMAIL

VISITORS: Do you require a BILLET? Yes No (Please Circle)

AVAILABILITY TIMES:

Best of 5 Games to 11 PARS - Tie break at 10 all. To win a game you must win it by 2 points
All grading will be made relative to Q Squash standards and the tournament committee reserves the right to regrade any players.

All players **MUST BE** Financial members of Q Squash and under their respective age group as at **5 July, 2016**.

All Players are to mark and referee the next match at the completion of their own match.

Players are to be present and checked in with Tournament Control **30 MINUTES** before the scheduled time of their match.

The wearing of Protective Eyewear is **COMPULSORY** at this tournament.

XX Yellow Dot balls will be used.

Entry fees are due and payable once the draw has been completed. No refunds will be made.

2016

Northern Region Junior Qualifier # 3

19-20 March 2016



West's Squash Club

101 Bamford Lane
KIRWAN Qld 4817

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 11 March 2016

Entry Fee:

\$60.00 Affiliated juniors
\$70.00 Non traveling juniors

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2016

Northern Region Junior Qualifier #4

30 April - 1st May 2016



Mackay Leisure Centre

95 Broadsound Road
MACKAY Qld 4740

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 22 April 2016

Entry Fee:

\$60.00 Affiliated juniors
\$70.00 Non traveling juniors

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QUALIFIER

Must be under the age as at 5 July 2016

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ANNUAL PERPETUAL TROPHY

Must be under the age
as at 2 May 2016



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