

# REDBACKS

## SQUASH

# BIG STEVE RETIRES

*Thanks for the wonderful memories*



Steve  
**FINITSIS**

PSA Titles:	12
PSA Finals:	25
PSA Tournaments:	146
PSA Matches:	346
PSA Match Wins:	211



## My Favourite Shot

I would like to congratulate **Steve Finitis** on a wonderful squash career and wish him every success for the future. In simple terms Steve is a top bloke! He was a terrific sportsman who gave his absolute best each and every time he took to the court. It is sad to see him retire but after 13+ years away on the circuit it will be good to see him around a little more often! Steve achieved a career high 45 and represented Australia at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Whilst one NR star is calling it a day another is relaunching their professional career. Yes **Lisa Camilleri** is back and fingers crossed it will be onwards and upwards from here.

It was just so pleasing to see Lisa reach the final of the Malaysian Tour #2 in April. After reaching a career high 28 in May 2011, Lisa has been plagued with injuries but she has endured and kept her dream alive to represent Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.



**FLASHBACK to 2010**  
**Steve Finitis and Lisa Camilleri**  
**Queensland Open Champions**

**Congratulations** to Lisa Camilleri and Steve Finitis on your appointments as National Junior Coaches. Squash Australia has appointed two coaches for each age group.

Camilleri and Finitis join a team of eight coaches being charged with the responsibility of developing and guiding our juniors. They join Zac Alexander, Tim Cowell, Rex Hedrick, Paul Price, Nathan Turnbull and Cameron White

Contributions are always welcome. Please send stories and photos to  
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## WORLD RANKINGS

1 May 2016



**NR MEN:**      **TM:**   **HWR:**  
Steve Finitis      91    45

**NR WOMEN:**      **TM:**   **HWR:**  
Lisa Camilleri      81    28

**TM: This Month - HWR: Highest World Ranking**



# MACKAY QUALIFIER

Mackay Leisure Centre was the center point of squash action when the 4th and final junior qualifier for 2016 was conducted on 30 April and 1 May.

Forty nine players gave it their absolute best in a final bid to make the NR Redbacks team.

With the QJC being conducted in Mackay in June there was an extra incentive to make the team. Playing in front of family and friends is always an added bonus.

The Captains of the 2016 Team are **Brody DiBella** (Ingham) and **Jessica Green** (Mackay).

Congratulations to all the players on your selection and we wish you well.

**GO REDBACKS!**

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## 2016 REDBACKS JUNIOR SQUASH TEAM



### U11

**Sarah Brazier, Payton Douglas,  
Kayce Hoani Vincent, Olivia McDermott**

**Tyrone Ale, Lachlan Erba,  
Michael Lawrence, Charlie Jackson**

### U13

**Shantelle Ale, Amy Condon,  
Charlotte Erba, Kiara Stubley**

**Matt Brazier, Tom Climpson, Scott Lynch,  
BJ MacDonald**

### U15

**Grace Brownsey, Hayley Hankinson,  
Kaci Newman, Chloe Thompson**

**Jordan Di Bella, Wesley Dyer,  
Sean Julius Wright, Jake Webb**

### U17

**Gemma Brownsey, Alice Climpson,  
Dani Hankinson, Summer Palmer**

**Brody DiBella, Brad Martin, Sean Motti,  
Michael Sutherland**

### U19

**Jess Green, Tia McLennan, Caitlin Purcell**

**Michael Hains, Zac Houston,  
Kyle Hoani Vincent, Cohen Osborne**



# MACKAY QUALIFIER

## 2016 MACKAY Junior Qualifier

### RESULTS SUMMARY



#### U9B

**Winner: Michael Lawrence Cairns**

Runner Up: Quinn Douglas Mackay

#### U11B

**Winner Lachlan Erba Ingham**

Runner Up: Michael Lawrence Cairns

Plate: Tyrone Ale Cairns

#### U13B

**Winner: BJ MacDonald Mackay**

Runner Up: Matt Brazier Mackay

Plate: Scott Lynch Ingham

#### U15B

**Winner: Wes Dyer Mackay**

Runner Up: BJ MacDonald Mackay

Plate: Ethan Middendorp

#### U17B

**Winner: Brody DiBella Ingham**

Runner: Up Wes Dyer Mackay

Plate: Alex Fox Townsville

#### U19B

**Winner: Jeremy Barnes Cairns**

Runner Up: Brody DiBella Ingham

Plate: Corey Condon Cairns

#### U21B

**Winner: Jeremy Barnes Cairns**

Runner Up: Lucas Nielsen Mackay

Plate: Quinn Osborne Mackay

#### U9G

**Winner: Olivia McDermott Mackay**

#### U11G

**Winner: Payton Douglas Mackay**

Runner Up: Kayce Hoani Vincent

Plate: Sarah Brazier

#### U13G

**Winner: Kiara Stublely Cairns**

Runner Up: Amy Condon Cairns

Plate: Kayce Hoani Vincent Mackay

#### U15G

**Winner: Hayley Hankinson Mackay**

Runner Up: Kaci Newman Ingham

Plate: Kiara Stublely Cairns

#### U17G

**Winner: Summer Palmer Mackay**

Runner Up: Hayley Hankinson Mackay

Plate: Gemma Brownsey Mackay

#### U19G

**Winner: Summer Palmer**

Runner Up: Dani Hankinson

Plate: Alice Climpson



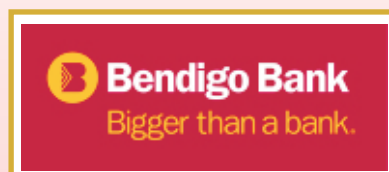


# MACKAY QUALIFIER



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24 to 26 June

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**GAMES**



2016



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OPENING CEREMONY (FREE ENTRY)

DATE: Friday 24 June 2016

TIME: 6.00pm

VENUE: Fogarty Park, Cairns

### CLOSING CEREMONY AND SUNSET CINEMA (FREE ENTRY)

DATE: Sunday 26 June 2016

TIME: 5.30pm

VENUE: Tobruk Pool, Cairns

Register at: [www.nqgames.com.au](http://www.nqgames.com.au)



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# MORANBAH OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT



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May

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# LISACAMILLERI



Great to see **Lisa Camilleri** back competing on the PSA Circuit.

Competing for the first time since November 2015, when she finished runner up to Sarah Cardwell in the Queensland Open final, Camilleri chose the Malaysian Tour to commence her 2016 campaign.

Camilleri began the event well winning her first two matches in straight. The semi against Aifa Azman from Malaysia provided her first real test.

Camilleri won that encounter 9-11, 12-10, 4-11, 11-7, 11-7 displaying grit and determination to overcome a 1-2 game deficit in the 45 min battle.

The final was a tough 48 min match against World #73 Sivasangari Subramaniam from Malaysia.

Camilleri won the first 11-9 before losing the next two to be once again 1-2 games down.

Camilleri knuckled down in the extreme heat to fight back and win the 4th 11-5 but the effort took its toll.

17 year old Subramaniam reveled in the hot conditions closing out the match 11-1 in the 5th.

In the twilight of her career, Camilleri has struggled with a number of injuries since reaching a career high 28 in May 2011.

In Jan 2014 Camilleri had climbed back to #41 in the World before injury once again derailed her progress.



## **Lisa Camilleri with Sivasangari Subramaniam**

Last month Camilleri saw her World ranking slip to #96.

So this result is a very welcoming sign that Camilleri is fit and ready to claw her way back into the World Top 50.

“My body feels great,” Camilleri said.

“I’m paying lots of attention to preparation and after match recovery. The body is feeling great and I’m really enjoying the challenge mentally and physically of playing a tournament again.”

## **Women’s Malaysian Squash Tour II 2016**

**1st Round:** [7] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt Zoe Foo Yuk Han (MAS) 3-0: 11-5, 11-9, 11-7

**Quarter-Final:** [7] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt [Q] Andrea Lee (MAS) 3-0: 11-4, 11-4, 13-11

**Semi-Final:** [7] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) bt [Q] Aifa Azman (MAS) 3-2: 9-11, 12-10, 4-11, 11-7, 11-7 (45m)

**Final:** [3] Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) bt [7] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 3-2: 9-11, 11-4, 11-7, 5-11, 11-1 (48m)



# STEVE FINITSIS

Australian **Steve Finitis**, one of the most popular players on the PSA World Tour, has announced his retirement from squash after bowing out of the North of Scotland Open last weekend.

The 33-year-old Queenslander who was born in Innisfail reached a career high of World No.45 and collected 12 titles from 25 finals during a 14 year career. Competing in 146 tournaments the Aussie-man recorded a 16-match winning streak in 2008 when he collected four titles in a row, contributing to a total match win total of 211 from 346 encounters.

“It (retirement) is certainly something I’ve been thinking about for the last six months,” said Finitis.

“I’m the oldest in the group now, and I used to be the youngest. It was just

getting harder and harder.

“It was a tough decision, but I had a good think about it, I have no regrets. I want to go back to Australia and start a new chapter there.”

After spending most of his career based in the Netherlands Finitis will be returning to take up a junior coaching role in his native Australia, whom he represented as part of a gold-medal winning team at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, which he described as a career highlight.

“I love playing on home soil, I’ve won most of my titles over the years here in Australia, so it’s a good hunting ground for me,” he said.

“I enjoy playing in front of a home crowd rather than overseas.”

**Finitis has  
put down  
his racket  
for the  
last time**





**2016QJC**

# MACKAY

**INDIVIDUALS: 26 to 29 JUNE 2016**  
**TEAMS: 1 to 3 JULY 2016**



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# QUINN OSBORNE



## Quinn with Hayley Hankinson

**Quinn Osborne**, a resident of Mackay is a highly respected member of the Mackay Junior Squash Club.

Quinn, a senior junior, aged 20, is still an active and keen member of the Mackay junior Squash team.

Quinn has been a constant member of Northern Region Redbacks Team for the last 6-7 years and has been a representative of the Mackay region for school squash.

He now assists his fellow team members in achieving their goals of advancement in the game of squash by sharing his knowledge and skills.

Quinn comes from a family of squash players. In his early years he spent many hours at the Mirani squash courts run by his Grandmother. He was encouraged by his mother, sister and brother's love for the sport.

Quinn's fascination for excellence in fitness has seen him achieve a Certificate 3 in

Fitness. He is now working towards gaining a Certificate 4 in Fitness at CQ University – Mackay Campus.

Quinn volunteers considerable time to the club by assisting Kay Barclay in training the juniors. Quinn's job is to make sure that the juniors are in tip top physical condition delivering an intense core strength training program, drills and circuit training so that they are prepared for grueling matches experienced at various tournaments throughout the year.

Quinn constantly pushes the juniors, encouraging them to go that little bit further each time. Even the stubborn ones put in a little extra! Yes, there are sometimes a few complaints after a training session ... juniors expressing just how hard they worked ... but at the same time, they know what they are doing is helping their game.

Even though Quinn is a quiet soul he is a very fair referee and is quick to put people in their place when mistakes are made.

Quinn is always observing the juniors not only when they are training, but also when they are competing, giving fellow team members tactics, which are most beneficial, especially when it results in a positive outcome!

Quinn's interest in junior squash includes being the junior president, assisting with fund raising activities (manager of the car washes) and a working toward becoming a level 1 accredited coach.

It is always a pleasure to watch Quinn play as he sets an exemplary attitude on and off the court. All juniors, parents and Kay Barclay are most appreciative of the effort and interest that Quinn brings to the sport of squash.

# REDSTARAWARDS

Two NR players will be selected each month to receive either the **REDSTAR** Excellence Award or the **REDSTAR** Encouragement Award. To qualify for the excellence award a player must finish on the podium. To qualify for the encouragement award a player needs to show a level of improvement or a performance that pushes their opponent all the way.



## REDSTAR Excellence Award

In November 2015 **Summer Palmer** was selected as the recipient of the **RedStar Excellence Award** when she won her first NR qualifier at Ingham against more fancied opposition.

Just over 6 months later and Summer has confirmed that form winning both the U17 and U19 Girls events at the Mackay Compulsory Qualifier.



## REDSTAR Encouragement Award

This month's **RedStar Encouragement Award** has been awarded to Cairns's **Michael Lawrence**.

Michael won the U9 Boys and was runner up in the U11 Boys.

A member of the Cairns Crew this young player can now call himself a Redback! Michael was selected to represent NR at the QJC.

## MACKAY'S SUMMER PALMER

## CAIRNS'S MICHAEL LAWRENCE







# JUNIOR RANKINGS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the juniors who are featured on this page. These rankings were updated following the **fourth** NR Qualifier for 2016.



## UNDER 9 BOYS

- 1 Jack Butcher
- 2 Shivan Sharma
- 3 Michael Lawrence
- 4 Sharief Kabay
- 5 Anshul Sharma

## UNDER 11 BOYS

- 1 Lachlan Erba
- 2 Prabhweer Singh Marwana
- 3 Evan Girgenti
- 4 Tyrone Ale
- 5 Jackson Korte

## UNDER 13 BOYS

- 1 Brendan MacDonald
- 2 Matthew Finitis
- 3 Matt Brazier
- 4 Tom Climpson
- 5 Gavin Palmer

## 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 Jeremy Barnes
- 2 Michael Hains
- 3 Justin DiBella
- 4 Tom Fox
- 5 Cohen Osborne

# TOP 5 RANKINGS

## UNDER 9 GIRLS

- 1 Olivia McDermott

## UNDER 11 GIRLS

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

## UNDER 13 GIRLS

- 1 Kiara Stubley
- 2 Shantelle Ale
- 3 Amy Condon
- 4 Charlotte Erba
- 5 Hayley Korte

## UNDER 15 GIRLS

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

## UNDER 17 GIRLS

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

## UNDER 19 GIRLS

- 1 Jessica Green
- 2 Caitlin Purcell

# SQUASH NOTICEBOARD



## Q SQUASH NORTHERN REGION

### 2016 Tournament Calendar

#### COMMITTEE:

President: Alec MacDonald  
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Secretary: Kay Barclay  
Treasurer: Karen Dyer

28-29 MAY  
26 JUN-3 JUL  
15-16 OCT

Moranbah Open  
QJC  
1st Junior Qualifier for  
2016/17 Ingham

**Kay Barclay 0432 572 712**

## BIG CHANGE TO 2017 QUALIFIERS



CAIRNS  
SQUASH

The dates for next year's junior qualifiers have been released. The big change is there will be two (2) compulsory events. **Cairns** will conduct a compulsory in February whilst the second compulsory will be conducted in **Mackay**. Players then have a choice to play either Townsville or Ingham or both.

15-16  
OCT16  
INGHAM

COMPULSORY  
18-19  
FEB17  
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