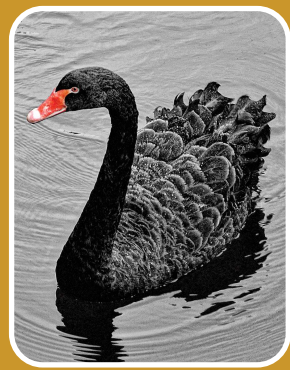




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SQUASH WA NEWSLETTER : DECEMBER 2024

Our 2024 WA Closed Champions



Oscar Curtis

Hanah Slyth

Congratulations



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Congratulations to Oscar Curtis and Hannah Slyth for winning the WA Closed. A fitting end to your successful year!

As this is the last edition of the SWAN for 2024 I would like to thank everyone for their valuable contributions. A special mention to Serena Richardson who sources or creates much of the content.

WA Squash is very lucky to have her. From my perspective her creative skills are exceptional and she never ceases to amaze with some of her posters!!! Add to this she is an exceptional writer and organiser.

*I hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and a fantastic 2025. Don't over indulge because **putting it on isn't as easy as getting it off!***

As WA will be hosting the Australian Masters Titles in Perth next year, a lot of the branding will be around the quokka, so here is a start to promoting our cute marsupial ...



On behalf of the staff and Board of Squash WA, have a safe and peaceful break, and enjoy the quality time with your loved ones.



BEHIND THE SCENES

with Leigh Kaye

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I attended the Squash Australia AGM over the weekend of 23-24 November, along with association President Ryan Callegari. Squash Australia hosted an event to formally bring in the LA28 Olympics Games, with Ian Chesterman, President of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) addressing the group.

The Squash WA Annual Awards were held at the beginning of this month. Congratulation to all the winners; we clearly have such an amazing community. It's very difficult to select only one person for each award, but our panel of volunteers did a great job.

Pennant and League seasons are coming to an end over the next couple of weeks in the Perth metropolitan area. It is with pleasure (or displeasure for some) that we say goodbye to SportyHQ. From 1 January, all pennants, leagues, in-house comps and tournaments will be run off the new platform RevolutioniseSPORT (Revo). If you missed the training webinars on the Competition Module, please click here to watch them: : <https://www.squashaus.com.au/mysquash/mysquashaus-competition-module> There is a Tournament Tutorial (1hr,10min) and a Competition Tutorial (42min).

*We need more Referees here in Western Australia – but in order for people to want to take on this important role, we need to tighten up how we respond to negative behaviour. Early next year we will be running a six-week campaign which will educate and assist all players, both metro and country, on how to manage players in breach of our [Code of Conduct](#). Squash Australia is committed to helping all states and territories recruit and train more Referees, so if this is something you're interested in, please contact the office and we will point you in the right direction. New players to our game, mature experienced players, or someone that doesn't play any longer but wants to give back, **WE NEED YOU**. You will be provided with tons of support, and opportunities to practice your skills at tournaments around the country.*

As the last Behind the Scenes for 2024, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone's efforts over the last 12 months. The list of achievements below could not be done without us all working together. We've had record tournament attendance, and this could not be done without our club volunteers.

- *We held our first State Masters Titles in many years and attracted a huge 93 entries across all ages 35 through to 80+. Over 50% of players were in the younger age groups of 35 to 50.*
- *Our State Junior Championships had the largest number of entries for several years, with the State Centre packed with 70 juniors.*
- *We introduced a novice event to form part of all Squash WA-run tournaments to*



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cater for our younger, beginner players.

- *Squash WA selected both a division 1 and a division 2 team for the first time to represent Western Australia in the Australian Junior Championships in Sydney at the end of September.*
- *We held the largest WA Open event in over 10 years in June, with over 200 entries including national and international players.*
- *For the first time in almost 30 years, Western Australia played host to the Australian National Championships in June.*
- *An evaluation initiative was introduced to measure the effectiveness of our school programs and how they convert to junior program participation.*
- *We received more than \$25,000 worth of private sponsorship towards our multiple tournaments, events and junior initiatives, again proving we have truly amazing people in our squash community.*
- *Squash WA took on the running of the State Squash Centre from 1 July 2024, which is a new adventure for us, and hopefully a relief for Belmont Saints Squash Club who can now concentrate on being a Club again – Thank you Belmont Saints, for your efforts in running the centre over the past few years.*
- *We have been the most successful State in the roll out of Revo, and also lead the country in the number of schools and school students we have engaged with. We acknowledge the time and effort that goes into these successes, so THANK YOU to all those who played a part.*

Special thanks to Serena and Roxy in the office for helping to carry the load.

To our coaches Tim, Sue, Paul, Eric, Josh and others, who have given more time to our juniors than they are paid for – thank you.

To our school programs coach Caleb, who seems to be winning with the kids and teachers alike – it's been a pleasure having you work with us this year.

To our Club Committees and Court Operators, I don't think you know how pivotal you are to the squash community. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you throughout 2024; I'm looking forward to continuing this trajectory and seeing where we can take squash in WA in 2025.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and festive holiday season... see you all in the new year.



BEHIND THE SCENES

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Financial Members per Club

By Club	Unpaid/ Digital	Support	Lifestyle		Local		Compete		Total	
			Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
Mirrabooka	20	4	14	33	82	17	13	2	133	52
Eastern Goldfields	10	0	6	21	68	10	1	1	85	32
Cambridge	42	2	6	3	38	6	6	7	94	16
Esperance	3	0	10	1	83	1	4	1	100	3
Blue Gum	5	1	2	1	70	5	6	8	84	14
Mandurah	32	0	24	1	27	1	5	2	88	4
Belmont	14	1	8	2	40	2	4	7	67	11
Vic Park	7	0	12	3	37	4	5	3	61	10
Busselton	4	0	4	0	40	16	1	1	49	17
Geraldton	6	0	0	0	34	8	7	3	47	11
Marmion	4	1	4	3	17	9	6	6	32	18
Bunbury	2	0	6	1	28	1	11	1	47	3
Karratha	4	0	1	0	28	8	0	1	33	9
Narrogin	16	0	3	0	18	1	1	0	38	1
Broome	4	0	4	0	25	2	2	0	35	2
Leschenault	3	0	5	0	20	5	2	0	30	5
Dampier	4	0	3	1	20	0	0	0	27	1
Manjimup	2	0	2	0	21	0	1	0	26	0
Wickham	2	0	2	5	7	0	6	0	17	5
Katanning	9	0	2	0	6	0	2	0	19	0
Maddington-Gosnells	0	0	0	1	10	0	2	0	12	1
Moora	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	2
Kununurra	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
Kensington	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	5	0
Wongan Hills	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0
Subi Kings	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
No Club	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Tom Price	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	206	9	118	76	730	97	86	44	1,149	217

Unidentified	5	Metro	617	Country	749
Males	964	Metro	434	Country	530
Females	397	Metro	180	Country	217



2025 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

22-23	Summer Talent Camp**	Belmont
24	Summer Futures Talent Clinic**	Belmont
25-26	Australia Day Open Next Gen (Kings Park)	

FEBRUARY

7-9	Red Hot Summer Teams	Mirrabooka
14-16	West Coast Open S**	The Squash Factory
15-16	Australian Doubles Open	QLD
28-2/3	Esperance Open PSA-Sat B	Esperance

MARCH

8	Marmion Junior Classic	Squash Factory
11-16	Australian Open	TBC
21-23	South West Open S	Bunbury

APRIL

13-17	Australian Junior Open P	VIC
22	Autumn Futures Talent Clinic**	Belmont
23-24	Autumn Talent Camp**	Belmont

MAY

2-4	Geraldton Open B	Geraldton
16-18	Broome Invitational	Broome
17	Marmion Junior Teams	Squash Factory
30-1/6	Golden Open PSA C-6 B	Kalgoorlie

JUNE

5-8	WA Open Intl. PSA-C6**	TBC
6-8	HEAD Junior Classic S**	TBC
19-24	Aust. National Championships	QLD
20-22	South West Masters Teams	Busselton
25-26	Interschool Competition**	Mirrabooka

JULY

5-6	WA State Jnr Individuals G**	Belmont
7-8	WA State Jnr Zone Teams G**	Belmont
10	Winter Futures Talent Clinic**	Belmont
18-20	WA State 35+ Champs**	Belmont

AUGUST

1-3	FeNaCLING Teams	Dampier
22-24	Leschenault Classic Teams	Leschenault

SEPTEMBER

3, 4, 8	Trans-Tas Masters	Belmont/Mirrabooka
5-13	Aust. Masters Champs	Mirrabooka
13-14	Cambridge Junior Teams	Cambridge
19-20	Vic Park Open	Vic Park
26-28	Country Week Teams**	Mirrabooka
28-1/10	Aust. Junior Champs IND P	TBC

OCTOBER

1-3	Aust. Junior Champs TEAMS P	TBC
8	Teachers Games	Mandurah
9	Spring Futures Talent Clinic**	Belmont
24-26	Busselton Invitational	Busselton
31-1/12	WA Closed S**	Belmont

NOVEMBER

1	Stars Gala and Awards Night**	TBC
14-16	Great South. Wheatbelt Teams	Katanning
22-23	Squashathon**	Mirrabooka
28-30	Cambridge Open PSA-3 -B	Cambridge

DECEMBER

7	Belmont Junior Classic	Belmont
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The 2024 WA Closed took place at the State Squash Centre under the guidance of first-time Tournament Director (and Board Member) **Kim Duffecy**. Long-time Tournament Director, and WA Closed Tournament Referee Luke Jamieson worked with Kim to develop the draws and schedule the matches. On the day Kim required minimal assistance and ran an incredibly smooth event.



With a late surge of players entering, the tournament successfully drew 131 participants, resulting in 192 exciting matches. The turnout and energy created an incredible atmosphere throughout the competition days.

A Novice event was held with nine entries so a 3-pool round robin was constructed. Some impressive skill was on display with some of these kids reaching great heights some day! The winner of the event was Mirrabooka's Felix Giuffre, runner up Moora's Joel Harris, and third place went to Marmion's Parker Romanelli.

Sportsmanship awards were also presented to Mirrabooka's Lillian Gallemlere and Liam Wright. Huge thanks to Serena and Caleb for running this event, as well as the older juniors and parents who supported the players with marking and refereeing.

The much anticipated match of the century between Greg Laurence and Paul Ratcliff unfortunately didn't eventuate. These two gentlemen once fought for the top WA spot for many years, and we were all hoping for an epic rematch, but will have to wait for the next 35+ event!

The Player of the Tournament was awarded to the delightful Ella Clarke whose exquisite sportsmanship on and off court was a perfect example to her juniors peers and adults alike.

The matches of the tournament? It would have to be the three-way tie in pool 2 of the Ladies Open. All of these matches went to five with the winner (Fiona Whooley) calculated by percentages!

Points	Wins	Losses	Games	Game Pts
2	1	1	5-5 (50%)	96-92 (51.06%)
2	1	1	5-5 (50%)	95-94 (50.26%)
2	1	1	5-5 (50%)	91-96 (48.66%)

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EVENT	Winner	Runner Up	Third
Mens Open	<i>Oscar Curtis</i>	<i>Jason Patmore</i>	<i>Eric Gray</i>
Mens Div 1	<i>Col Roberts</i>	<i>Luke Jamieson Jnr</i>	<i>Oliver Godson</i>
Mens Div 2	<i>Ashton Clement</i>	<i>William Gentsch</i>	<i>Thomas Jacobs</i>
Mens Div 3	<i>Wesley Billowes</i>	<i>Roger Schmidlin</i>	<i>Ciaran Tangney</i>
Mens Div 4	<i>Luke Missak</i>	<i>Craig Taggart</i>	<i>Abijeet Brahma</i>
Mens Div 5	<i>Lockie Jamieson</i>	<i>Marco Amazzini</i>	<i>Alex Clark</i>
Mixed 35+ Div 1	<i>Greg Laurence</i>	<i>Dan Jones</i>	<i>Lai Wan Joannah Yue</i>
Mens 35+ Div 2	<i>Greg Blycha</i>	<i>JH Williams</i>	<i>Roger Schmidlin</i>
Mens 35+ Div 3	<i>Robert Stone</i>	<i>Murad Mukadam</i>	<i>Mauro Amazzini</i>
Ladies Open	<i>Hannah Slyth</i>	<i>Fiona Whooley</i>	<i>Isla Harris</i>
Ladies Div 1	<i>Sydney Ennis</i>	<i>Jessica Jellis</i>	<i>Teagan Scott</i>
Ladies Div 2	<i>Kayla Clarke</i>	<i>Evie Clarke</i>	<i>Holly Carver</i>
Ladies 35+ Div 1	<i>Marjenny Capati</i>	<i>Christine Reston</i>	<i>Tammy Mackenzie</i>
Mixed Div 1	<i>Aiden Finlay-Mulligan</i>	<i>Andreas Christou</i>	<i>Alexander Marsh</i>
Boys Div 2	<i>Emilio Chiarenza</i>	<i>Lockie Jamieson</i>	<i>Stirling Slyth</i>
Girls Div 2	<i>Josie Jones</i>	<i>Sydney Ennis</i>	<i>Ruby Foo</i>
Girls Div 3	<i>Kayla Clarke</i>	<i>Ella Clarke</i>	<i>Renee Tan</i>
Novice	<i>Felix Giuffre</i>	<i>Joel Harris</i>	<i>Parker Romanelli</i>

Congratulations to all our winners!



Mens Open



Ladies Open



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Novice



Girls Div 3



Girls Div 2



Boys Div 2



Mixed Junior Div 1



Ladies 35+ Div 1



Mens 35+ Div 3



Mens 35+ Div 2



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Esperance Squash Junior Open Day

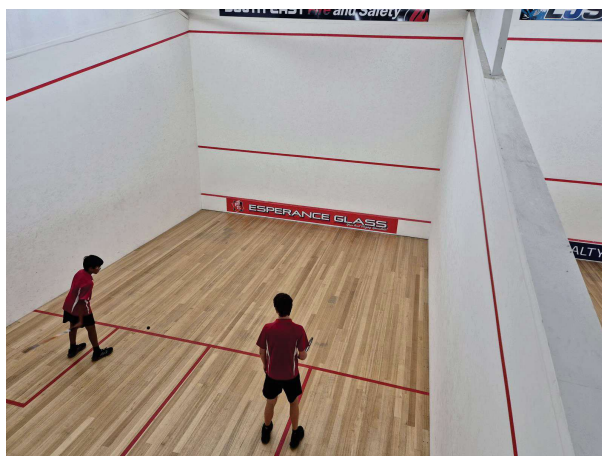
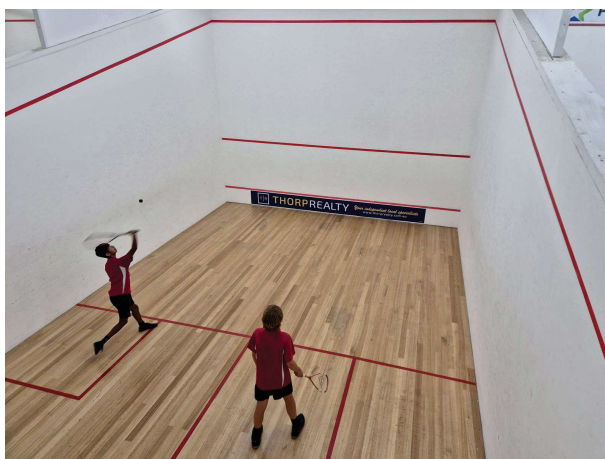
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With the support of **Healthway's Fuel to Go & Play** program sponsorship, the Esperance Squash Club held a Junior Open Day session on Tuesday, 12 November, inviting along a Year 9 Physical Recreation class from the Esperance Senior High School.

23 students eagerly participated in the session, watching and listening attentively to basic rules, serving techniques, racket and body positioning, footwork and a variety of shots and drills to try, before having a go themselves. We toured around the clubhouse, with a majority of students having never stepped inside a squash court or even held a squash racket before!

The success of the session was the enthusiasm of the teenagers in the class, all willing to give our wonderful sport a go! They left the session with a sweat up, a smile of their faces, and some food treats to enjoy!

Moving forward, we already have some additional sessions in the works with other Year 9 and Year 10 Physical Recreation classes as well, increasing the exposure and opportunities for juniors in Esperance to experience.





WA STARS GALA & Annual Awards Evening

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Following the WA Closed tournament presentations, over 100 guests made their way to the Swan River Hotel in Ascot, to celebrate the achievement of 2024 as well as the wonderful people that make up the squash community. Guests were greeted upon arrival by juniors Charlie Richardson and Hayden Knox, who gave each person a raffle ticket and ticked their name off the list.

The space filled up between 6pm and 6.45pm while guests enjoyed the musical talents of final year WA Academy of Performing Arts student Louis who played a variety of tunes on his jazz saxophone. Waves of platters of delicious food came from the kitchen, and guests were able to purchase drinks from a private bar. Joyful chatter and laughter rang through the function area as people caught up and reminisced, shared a beer, and enjoyed the Swan River views.

Host with the most, President **Ryan Callegari** welcomed Life Members (Joyce Barnett, Chas Renner, Steve Bowen, Frank Bradley, Sue Cowell, Elaine Freeman, Sue Hillier, Geoff Jamieson and Del Mazzucchelli), Board Members (Richard Grain, Kim Duffecy, Rick Elkington, Katy Scott and Yvette Clement), Staff (General Manager Leigh-Anne Kaye, Engagement Officer Serena Richardson, Schools and Events Officer Caleb Leathard and State Squash Centre Manager David Ilich), and esteemed guest speaker Mark McGowan AC, former squash player (and Premier of WA).

After an Acknowledgement of Country, achievements during 2024 were acknowledged and celebrated which included (just to name a few): Hosting our first State Master Titles in many years, attracting a huge 93 entries across all age groups. State Junior Titles seeing the State Squash Centre packed with 70 juniors. Largest WA Open event in over 10 years with over 200 entries. Hosting the Australian National

Stars Gala Annual Awards Night

2 November 2024 | Swan River Hotel

Club of the Year:
Blue Gum Squash Club



Referee of the Year:
Luke Jamieson



Coach of the Year:
Michelle Jones



Junior of the Year:
Holly Bourn



Junior Player of the Year:
Daniel Marsh



Volunteer of the Year:
Country - Jamie Herring
Metro - Brian Logan





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Championships and finally, securing over \$25,000 of sponsorship for events and junior initiatives.

*Ryan then welcomed **Mark McGowan** onto the stage, who spoke about his personal journey with squash, from a young boy growing up in country NSW to parent who owned squash courts, to competing in the state titles as a teen, to eventually hanging up his racquet due to injury and focussing on his career in law and then politics. It was a lovely speech with a few giggles here and there. We hope to see Mark again at our events in the near future! Ryan asked Mark to remain on stage to assist with handing out pins gifted by DLGSCI to the juniors who represented WA for the first time either this year or last.*

*The moment everyone had been waiting for then finally arrived! Congratulations to each and every nominee, and in particular the winners - **the squash community are lucky to have you!***



Over the next few months, we will profile the very worthy winners of each of the 2024 Squash WA annual award winners, starting off with Club of the Year –

Blue Gum Squash Club!

Blue Gum Squash Club has grown from 90 members to 200 members over a 3 year period and maintained this number for the past 3 years.

The Club has grown their junior program to around 35 juniors each week and see 40+ attending on a regular basis. The program encompasses a 4-7 year olds court, a club development squad court, and six general coaching courts. Girls make up more than half of their juniors.

Their juniors are developing and being selected into state squads, having fun, spreading the word, and bringing their friends; all which is needed to grow the game.

The Club is committed to encouraging players to engage in Squash WA competitions, have the highest number of pennant teams in the Tuesday competition, and have done so for several seasons. They also have solid representation at Metro and Country tournaments at both a junior, senior and masters level.

Blue Gum have worked collaboratively with the Blue Gum Tennis Club and City of Melville to achieve great things this year including successful state and local government to revitalise their courts, furniture, carpets, kitchen, and more. All of this has enhanced the overall atmosphere of the centre and provides a better facility overall to members and all users.

Blue Gum were also successful in obtaining a program and equipment grant of \$75,000 over 3 years to promote women and girls in squash, grow participation, and provide opportunities to engage.

Club members are actively involved outside of the club with representation on the Squash WA board,

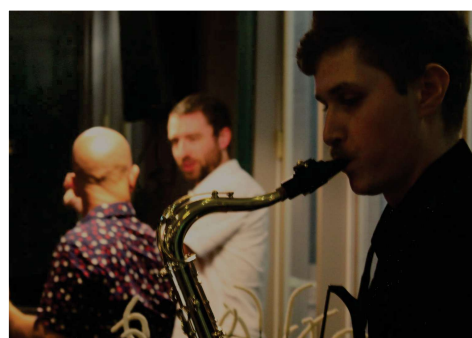
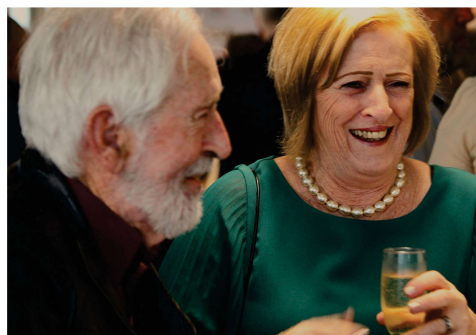


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Masters committee, Pennant committee, tournament organisation and support, refereeing and coaching.

The club is committed to promoting squash as a sport and building the club to be a welcoming place for people to come. The success that they have experienced with facility upgrades, attraction of members, and participation across all levels of squash only help to grow the game and promote this to the wider community.





INTRODUCING 2025 Masters Committee

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Glenn Hitch: Chair



My role as Chair involves showcasing squash in Western Australia, and helping to deliver a fantastic experience for all involved, that evolves Masters squash whilst maintaining our culture and values.

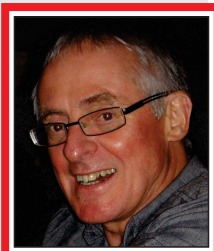
Squash has played a major part of my life for over 40 years and now my whole family play, so naturally, I want to give back to this sport that has given me so much.

I was involved in assisting with the organization of the 2024 World Masters event in Hong Kong, and currently sit on the Board of Squash WA.

I'm really excited to work with Australian Masters Squash, each individual state and territory, and our West Australian team to deliver a fun and memorable edition of the Australian Masters Championships.



Roger Campbell: Deputy Chair and Tournament Director



I have 30 years working on Squash WA committees from Chairing Juniors, being on the Board and Chairing Masters for the last 9 years. I have been Tournament Director for two Australian Junior Championships and this will be my third Australian Masters Championships. I received the Squash Australia Volunteer of the Year award in 2013.

I enjoy being involved in running Masters Squash because Masters players are there because they love the game and the friendships that they form through squash will often last longer than their playing careers. Masters players are there to have fun and I see the role of those involved in organizing Masters events as providing the best possible environment for them to do that. This is regardless of whether it is on the court or off it.

Squashworld Mirrabooka is the perfect venue for the Championships as it lets us run all the squash at one centre. This creates a great atmosphere with players supporting their friends and team mates. Kane and Simmo and their staff have a can do attitude which means they are very easy to work with and always helpful.

Helen Coyle: Secretary



I began playing squash forty-eight years ago and have recently returned to playing after a fifteen-year break. I have found squash to be a sport that allows for both friendly and more serious competition, socialisation, inclusivity and of course, is lots of fun.

It is a sport that caters for all levels of squash player and is one that offers players the opportunity to meet a great variety of people from all walks of life and to maintain



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lifelong friendships. This year I have taken on the role of Secretary for the 2025 Perth Australian Masters Championships Committee. This involves preparing agendas in liaison with the chair and/or an agenda, monitoring the progress and scheduling of the committee's business, ensuring that meetings run smoothly and managing the club's compliance and reporting obligations.

In addition, I will be the liaison person for the interstate AMSA Secretaries and other communications as needed. My past experience includes being the Secretary of my local Club (Marmion) and of the Western Australian Masters Committee (early 2000's). Volunteering for a committee role is way of giving back to a sport that has given me so much joy.

Leigh-Anne Kaye: Treasurer



Squash was never an option for me. My Dad played, my brother played, so the choice set before me was to either play dolls with my younger sister, or squash with my brother. The decision was easy, and the best one I have ever made!

I progressed through juniors in South Africa and even represented my province. When I immigrated to Perth in 1994, squash was the constant. The squash community made me feel at home instantly, and my club became my home away from home.

My journey through squash started when I was four years old, I travelled the pathway, made lifelong friends, and benefited from the hard work that others who came before had put in. For this reason, I now dedicate much of my spare time to, in turn, put as much as I can back into squash, and to grow and build it for the next generation to experience the benefits and joy I did, and still do.

Over the last 10 years I spent seven years on a Club committee as Treasurer then Secretary, then almost two years on the Squash WA Board before stepping down to take on the General Manager role for Squash WA in a full-time capacity.

I'm thrilled to volunteer my time on this Masters Committee, as Masters is an exciting element of our squash community. The history, knowledge, and lifelong friendships they hold is immeasurable. I would love nothing more than to see Masters across Australia build the younger 35 to 50 age groups so they can experience what we have, as well as take our Masters' pathway forward into the future.

I'm looking forward to meeting as many fellow squashies as possible through this amazing event.

Sharon Gilgallon: Merchandise Manager



I have taken on the role of Merchandise Manager for the 2025 Australian Masters Championships. I will be sourcing and providing a variety of merchandise to be ordered and sold at the Championships. This is a most important task, and I will be calling on assistance from anyone who would be willing to assist me.

I have been playing squash for 48 years and am still playing mid-week pennants as well as all Masters events locally. I manage the Friday Night Masters competition at Blue Gum each Friday night and am on the committee of WA Masters.



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I have held a number of volunteer positions with WA Squash, including Tournament Chairperson and minute taker at WA Squash meetings. I have been the Club Captain at Kalamunda (18 years) and Manning for a number of years and Secretary at Kensington for many years.

I have many long-term friendships from squash and value them greatly. Squash in general and Masters in particular allow me the joy of exercise and the ability to give back to the squash community while enjoying their friendships.

Roger Schmidlin: IT Coordinator



As the IT coordinator of the Masters Committee, I am responsible for the tech infrastructure of the event. That includes mainly the Website, Social Media, Emails, Livestreams and electronic campaigns to promote the event.

Although I served many years in the committee of Vic Park Squash Club, it is my first time being part of the Australian Masters Committee and I am looking forward to this new challenge to make this a great event. I am a big fan of Masters events. They are always very friendly, welcoming and inspiring. At every event, I am learning something new from the masters of the squash skills. And while it is still competitive, I like the fair and friendly way games are played.

Shaun Billowes: Sponsorship Manager



I have taken on the responsibility of Sponsorship in an effort to finance the biggest squash tournament in Australia.

I have played Squash for over 45 years and want to put as much time and effort back into squash. Masters squash is competitive, social, fun, and a way of making and retaining friends all over Australia and in some cases the world.

I have over many years been involved as a board member of Squash Wellington, WA Squash (president for a short time), various club committees (President in one case) and now on the Perth2025 committee.

I believe the more we can put into this great sport the better for the sport.

Di Cook: Co-Functions Organiser



I have taken on the role of functions coordinator, along with Terry Brookes and Katy Scott, for the upcoming AMSA tournament, being held in Perth 2025.

I played my first Masters tournament in Perth in 1999 and have played everyone since, which is 24 and am up for my 25-year badge next year.

I fell in love with Masters Squash and look forward to catching up with the many friends I have made on the way from interstate. This is the 3rd time I've been on the committee, 2007 and 2015 and hope this one is as successful as the previous 2. It's a lot of work but the outcome is amazing. This year with the change of format we are hoping for a lot of interstaters, who would normally



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only play in either the individuals or teams, to play in both.

*I currently play 2 pennants a week, still a very mediocre player but love it with a passion and have made the best friends, who I love and share the same silly sense of humour with.
My life would not be as rich if I didn't play squash. My other loves are my daughter, grandson and dog, April.*

Terry Brookes: Assistant Treasurer and Co-Functions Organiser



My roles on the AMSA 2025 Tournament Committee to be held in Perth 2025 are (1) Assistant Treasurer and (2) Co-Functions Organiser. I will be involved in all aspects of the financial planning and budgeting for the Tournament along with ensuring accurate bookkeeping records for income and expenditure.

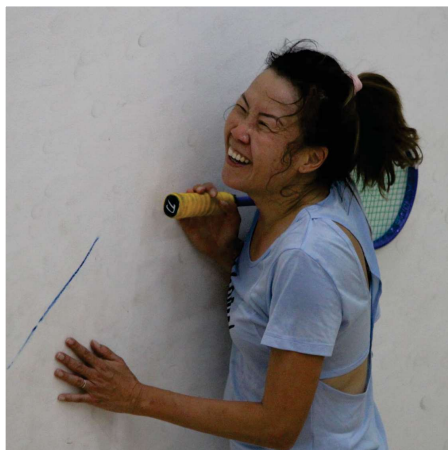
I will also be involved in the planning and booking of all social events to be hosted by the Perth 2025 committee.

I have been playing squash for 40+ years at pennant level & 15+ years for Masters as well - I love the Masters tournaments that we run locally & in regional WA, and especially enjoy travelling interstate as part of a WA Team each year. I also competed in the most recent World Masters in Amsterdam - another great Masters tournament. The camaraderie, friendships & just plain good fun that can be had in any Masters event makes it so worthwhile & I intend to keep doing it as long as the body allows

I have served on the WA Masters Committee for around 15 years, firstly as a General Committee member, and for the past 9 years as Treasurer. I was heavily involved in the organisation of social events at the last Perth AMSA tournament in 2015

Looking forward to another successful WA-run event & hoping to welcome back many of the regular faces & with any luck, a lot more new players to ensure the great Masters traditions carry on for the next generation to enjoy.

More shots from the WA Closed





Great Southern Wheatbelt Teams

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Thanks Caitlin Pratt ... You have excelled!

*The 2024 Great Southern Wheatbelt, let's go!
Teams rolled into Narrogin, ready to show.
Rolling deep, squads of three hit the scene,
Serving up sportsmanship, keeping it clean.
Long rallies fought, the skills were tight,
Lessons learned under court lights so bright.
Even though the moon wasn't full,
The chicken and unicorn match was beyond cool!*

*Two sausages and a bun, had the best name,
But we all know we gotta step up our game.
The Powerpuff Girls, outfits on point,
Their sticker game hit hard, they rocked the joint!
Every division brought victories and grins,
But Saturday night? That's when the fun begins!*

*Lost keys in the canopy, yeah, what a sight,
Saturday's dances, they lit up the night!
Our reflexes were tested
While our tingling fingers rested
The flashing red light was memorising
If you weren't quick with green it was electrifying.*

*Division One, with that swag so right,
Accommodations booked, now they're taking flight!
Crisp Wireless kept us connected all weekend long,
The Shire of Narrogin stepped up, strong.
Elders made sure the prizes were top-tier,
And Dom's birthday cake brought a round of cheer!*



NARROGIN Squash Club

There were 29 teams who entered with players coming from Geraldton through to Esperance.

Div 1 W Two Sausages and a Bun

Michaela Pratt, Jason Patmore, Cooper Kennedy

Div 2 W SLK24

Kwang Moon, Louis Meyer, Steven Jones

Div 3 W Home and Away and Away

Lisa Christou, Josie Jones, Caitlin Pratt

Div 4 W The Stone Arms

Kim Stone, Tyler Stone, Angus Armstrong

Div 5 W Court Jester

Tim Currey, Riley Kerr, Mac Coleman

Div 6 W Power Puffs

Teagan Scott, Joey Scott, Carmela Christou

Div 7 W Minions

Carolyn Temple, Sam Armstrong, Chase McGrath



Great Southern Wheatbelt Teams

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Congratulations

NARROGIN Squash Club





LET'S PLAY FAIR

with Neil Butler

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It's all about the feet!

Time and time again I get asked about foot faults. "Do I have to warn the player before making a call?" "Does it really matter?" "What part of the foot has to be in the box?" "As the Marker what should I do?" "As the Referee what should I do?"

Let's start with the dimensions of the service box. The internal dimensions of the service box are 1.60m (5 ft 3 inches in the old language.)

After the Referee has answered an appeal by John and announced the decision, the marker must?

- a. Repeat the Referee's decision
- b. Call the score
- c. Repeat the Referee's decision and call the score
- d. The Marker is not required to do anything

Answer to Quiz is on P30

Then we have the definition of a Foot Fault

"A serve is good if: At the time the server strikes the ball, one foot is in contact with the floor inside the service box with no part touching any boundary of the box:"

Simply put this means that at the time of striking the ball the player must have one foot inside the service box and not touching the line defining the service box. This includes the side wall. It also means any part of the foot (Big toe, heel).

Any part of the foot not touching the floor can be above the service box line as long as it is not touching it.

The other foot can be on the line or outside the service box.

With the size of the service box and the size of most players feet this should not be a problem.

Doesn't sound too difficult but apparently it is for some.

The Marker is required to call "Fault" if they clearly see the Server foot-faulting. If the Marker is unsure, then they do not call.

If the Marker does not make a call of Fault and the Referee is sure that the service was a Foot-Fault then the Referee must stop play and rule accordingly. If the Referee is unsure then they let play continue and wait for a possible appeal from the receiver.

The receiver may stop play and appeal against the foot-fault or continue play or appeal at the end of the rally if they lose the rally. The Referees decision should be either "The service was good" or "Play a Let".

There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is not learning from experience.

Archibald McLeish

Do I have to give a warning? **NO**

Does it Really matter? **YES**. The service is the same as any other shot in the game.

If a player hits the ball Out, do I give a warning "Do that again and I will call it out" **NO**

Sometimes it can be difficult to make the split second decision but don't let that be an excuse not to call.

As a player just don't step into the service box and hit the ball. Be aware of your obligations.

Don't blame the Marker or Referee as **YOU** are in control of where you place your feet!



COACHES CORNER

with Tim Cowell

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I can't remember a year busier than 2024. Coaching commitments, running a centre, even our son Jensen started walking and climbing. Tried to fit a tournament and some matches in here and there but largely it was a year full of learning experiences and challenges to deal with. So to wind down the year a bit, here is my Christmas wishlist for 2025. Some of the items might be a tad blue sky thinking, but overall if we saw clubs and centres begin to implement these things then we would certainly see an improved standard across the board.

Training aids/resources I would love to see in each centre:

- **Ball Machines** - A great training aid for solo practice, plenty of repetition practice, throw down some targets, or crank up the tempo for a fitness blast!
- **Functional training / strength and conditioning equipment** - Having mini gyms available for players as small training bases.
- **TV's with Cameras for immediate player feedback** - videoing is a very useful tool for players to see what is going on, Verbal feedback is one thing, seeing it in action is another.



A larger workforce:

This has featured in my column before, we are seeing more coaches become accredited, but still the number of coaches working as a primary or part time basis is still really low.



Academy Programs in each club:

A flow on from above, with more coaches working, we might see more academies and training programs established in club land. The benefits could be massive, increased club spirit, increased training opportunities before the travel kicks in to other centres.

Pre-school Programs:

Plenty of sports offer these for young kids as a way of developing hand eye coordination skills. Doing them on a squash court just familiarises them with the surroundings. Again it requires not just a large work force to deliver, but the right people to deliver these types of programs. Not everyone has to strive to become a HP focused coach, this is just as important of an area to invest in.

More people (especially juniors) playing tournaments:

Depth drives standards up. If we get more people in organised events, then the competitiveness alone will drive the standard of play, before coaches need to even get involved. This was one key take from Rod Martin's HP athlete presentation (well worth watching the replay on Squash Oz)





COACHES CORNER

with Tim Cowell

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A third of the Junior State Team from Regional Towns:

Back in the day of delivering a higher % of my school programs in regional towns compared to metro, there was a stage where the junior state team was close to 50/50 metro/regional juniors. Country towns had thriving junior programs. Covid didn't help things with some of the key people shifting to the city, but it would be nice to see our regional clubs well equipped with junior programs and a pathway for those players to represent WA without having to relocate to the city so soon.

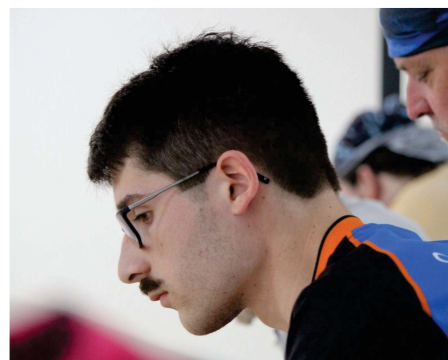
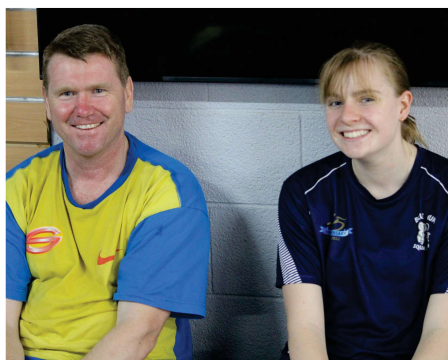
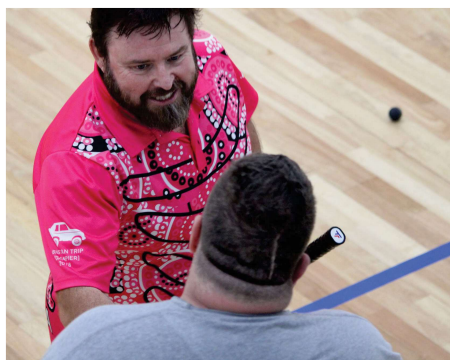
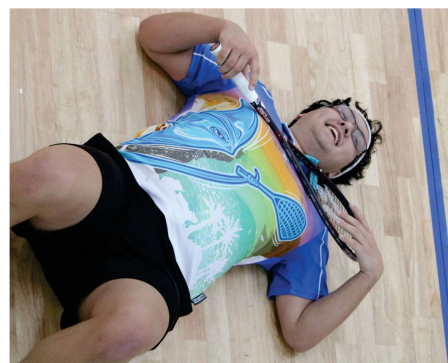
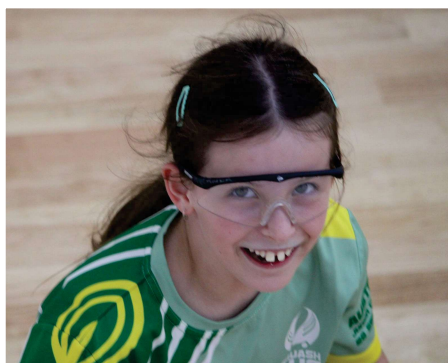


A Return to the Top 3:

Our Junior State team dropped to fourth place for the past two years, as we look to rebuild and return to the top. The top 3 states however are really close together and it only takes a couple of wins to flip the positions around. Each year is different as players age up or exams have their impact as well. What will be key is continuing to provide development opportunities for our younger players to learn and have fun in.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone. A great time to escape the courts for a little bit (not too much, court time is important!!!) but once finals finish up it's a good time to do a bit of different fitness work and be ready to go in January. Next year's calendar looks absolutely packed!

More shots from the WA Closed



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Aussie Day Open in Kings Park



It's time for another unforgettable tournament set in the beautiful grounds of Kings Park at Next Generation. Hosted by Mirrabooka Squash Club, Next Generation is offering Fri - Mon 4 days with full use of the incredible facilities in prestigious Kings Park, including your tournament registration for the outstanding value of \$55 per player

Reunion & Tournament Dinner

Join us Saturday night for the Historical Kings Park Reunion and Tournament Dinner, with Stich In Time and squash joining forces to promote mental health awareness.

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will be scheduled and commence
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9th -13th

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JUNIOR RANKINGS

as at 30 November 2024

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SQUASH
WA



SQUASH
AUS



U11 Boys

Leonard Bruce
Jasper Tapley
Felix Giuffre
Richard Koh
Hugo King

U11 Girls

Michaela Sanyangore
Miranda Clarke
Freya Shah
Eleanor Jones
Joyce Tsao

U11 Boys

1 Bodhi Wratten
2 Nathan Lin
3 Leonard Bruce
4 Joshua Gailer Castellanos
5 Freddie Goldsmith

U11 Girls

Abbey Boswell
Samiya Sanghera
Preesha Dev
Ruisha Chu
Aime Lacquiere

U13 Boys

Lucas Curry
Leo Van Straaten
William Mennell
Noah Tan
Ethan Shahr

U13 Girls

Teagan Scott
Ella Clarke
Olivia Lynch
Carmela Christou
Ketki Suvarna

U13 Boys

1 Benjamin Boardman
2 James Sanders
3 Aleister Loo
4 Naveen Sanghera
5 Kai Dumbleton

U13 Girls

Timonaliz Alarcos Kriebisch
Cleo Poulava
Gizele Josifoski
Rigo Kawabata
Matilda Lynn

U15 Boys

Alexander Marsh
Jacob Curry
Domenic Christou
Millard Chong
Kai Starcevich

U15 Girls

Ruby Foo
Joey Scott
Kayla Clarke
Renee Tan
Amalie Jacobs

U15 Boys

1 Henry Kross
2 Josh Markham
3 Kanishk Doddam Reddy
4 James Boswell
5 Kaveen Kohombange

U15 Girls

Tina Ma
Emilia Scott
Olivia van Zon
Nadia van Zon
Claudi Burger

U17 Boys

Andreas Christou
Aiden Finlay-Mulligan
Luke Jamieson Jr
Eric Marsh
Ashton Clement

U17 Girls

Jessica Jellis
Holly Carver
Jamie Nunn
Holly Bourn

U17 Boys

1 Kasper Cheung
2 Connor Haberecht
3 Stanley Chung
4 Ethan Middleton
5 Manaia Kara-Brown

U17 Girls

Sarbani Maitra
Joanne Joseph
Jade Reynolds
Eden-Alma Poulava
Amelia Brigden

U19 Boys

Daniel Marsh
Alvaro Blackall
Waldo Vorster
Aidan Mascaro
Finlay Galt

U19 Girls

Hannah Slyth
Isla Harris
Josie Jones
Sydney Ennis
Evie Clark

U19 Boys

1 Thomas Scott
2 Daniel Marsh
3 Jackson Wylie
4 Jack Hansen
5 Haider Naqvi

U19 Girls

Katlyn Hall
Isla Harris
Hannah Slyth
Dakshyani Muniandy
Josie Jones



SENIOR RANKINGS

as at 30 November 2024

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- BEL Belmont
- BG Blue Gum
- BRO Broome
- CAM Cambridge
- DAM Dampier
- EG Eastern
- Goldfields
- ESP Esperance
- HIL Hilton
- MG Maddington-
- Gosnells
- MAN Mandurah
- MAR Marmion
- MIR Mirrabooka
- MOO Moora
- NAR Narrogin
- WIC Wickham
- VP Vic Park



Open Men

Oscar Curtis	MIR
Tim Cowell	CAM
Daniel Marsh	CAM
Remi Young	MIR
Arthur Law	MIR
Jason Patmore	BG
David Ilich	VP
Aedan Martin	CAM
Dylan Classen	MIR
Heddwyn Brahma	BG

Open Women

Erin Classen	MIR
Pascale Louka	CAM
Sue Hillier	VP
Jo Hitch	VP
Hannah Slyth	BG
Emily Savic	MAR
Clare Slyth	BG
Hayley Chiu	CAM
Isla Harris	MOO
Fiona Whooley	MIR

Open Men

1	Rex Hedrick
2	Brian Byrne
3	Bryan Lim
4	Aaron Frankcomb
5	Steve Finitis
6	Jean-Pierre Brits
7	Rhys Dowling
8	Connor Hayes
9	Dylan Molinaro
10	Cameron Darton

State U23 Men

Oscar Curtis	MIR
Daniel Marsh	CAM
Remi Young	MIR
Aedan Martin	CAM
Dylan Classen	MIR
Eric Gray	HIL
Josh Forgan	BG
Cooper Kennedy	BRO
Preston Munro	DAM
Aedan Christou	VP

State U23 Women

Erin Classen	MIR
Pascale Louka	CAM
Hannah Slyth	BG
Isla Harris	MOO
Michaela Pratt	BG
Caitlin Pratt	NAR
Josie Jones	BG
Isabella van Emden	NAR
Sydney Ennis	MAR
Georgia Gould	CAM

Open Women

1	Jess Turnbull
2	Alex Haydon
3	Madison Lyon
4	Sarah Cardwell
5	Urwashi Joshi
6	Erin Classen
7	Amelia Martin
8	Adele On Ying Fung
9	Karen Blom
10	Jennifer Condie

- ACT
- NSW
- NT
- QLD
- SA
- TAS
- VIC
- WA

30 November 2024



WORLD RANKINGS

TM: This Month
HWR: Highest World Ranking

No WA Players are currently ranked on the PSA World Rankings



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That's a wrap on another fantastic term of Squash WA's term time junior competition!
THANK YOU SO MUCH to:

- All the wonderful parents who bring their juniors along, giving up their Sunday morning sleep ins.
- All the players who are all improving at a rate of knots, and whose sportsmanship has been impeccable this term.
- All the centres that have hosted us – The Squash Factory, Squashworld Cambridge, Squashworld Brentwood, Squashworld Mirrabooka and the State Squash Centre, Belmont.
- Healthway for their Fuel to Go & Play healthy messages, and last but absolutely NOT least,
- Absolute angels, Tracey and Steve Tapley for running the show here and there this year when Serena wasn't able to.

The league and award winners were:

Division 1: Jerome Tan (Blue Gum)

Division 2: Charlie Tear (Cambridge)

Division 3: Cole Jerome (Mirrabooka)

Division 4: Olivia Lynch (Mirrabooka)

Division 5: Jasper Tapley (Blue Gum)

Division 6: Nathan Osborne (Mirrabooka)

Most improved boy: Cole Jerome (Mirrabooka)

Most improved girl: Kayla Clarke (Blue Gum)

True Sport boy: Felix Giuffre (Mirrabooka)

True Sport girl: Ivanka Lu (Blue Gum)

Registrations are open now for Term 2025:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/squashwa/events/267560>



Jasper Olivia Nathan Cole Charlie Jerome



Kayla Cole



Ivanka Felix

What is Junior League?

Junior League is run during each school term over five Sunday mornings from 9.30am to 12.00pm. The Squash Factory (Wangara), Squashworld Cambridge, Squashworld Brentwood, Squashworld Mirrabooka and the State Squash Centre (Belmont) take turns at hosting.

This competition caters for ALL levels, and gives juniors the opportunity to play others from outside their club, and make new friends! The only prerequisite is that they must be able to serve in (most of the time is okay).

Each player is given two matches each Sunday for only \$44 for the term which includes court hire! Minimum membership level is 'Lifestyle' for this competition.

Rounds take place on tournament-free weekends and are as follows:

- 23 Feb Mirrabooka
- 9 Mar Cambridge
- 16 Mar Brentwood
- 30 Mar Marmion
- 6 Apr Belmont

Any questions can be directed to the Squash WA office via engagement@squashwa.asn.au.

Answer to Quiz:

c) Repeat the Referee's decision and call the score

Rich



Heddwyn



Lyn



Raelene



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Looking to play squash more often? League & Pennant Competitions

7pm or 7:30pm start time, 3x 12-14 week seasons per year,
home and away style, mixed or ladies competitions available,
beginners welcome!

The current options are: **MONDAY Nights**; **TUESDAY Nights** and
WEDNESDAY Day.

Can't play every week? Got holidays planned? A FIFO worker?
No problem! Just let us know what dates you can't make and we'll
work around it..

We are always in need of reserves, so you don't have to wait
for the next season to start playing.

<https://squashwa.asn.au/pennants-leagues/>



Scan here to find out more





THE BACK WALL DIRECTORY

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