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**Happy New Year to everyone!**

It was fun reflecting back on 2016.

Two Australian Junior Champions: **Hayley Hankinson and Wes Dyer**. A wonderful achievement for both athletes and coach Kay Barclay. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement.

Steve Finitis retired and returned to finish runner up to Zac Alexander in front of his home crowd at the inaugural Cairns International. Great to see Big Steve still involved in the game.

Three great events were delivered in NR: the QJC, the Mackay Open and the Cairns International.

Marc Forster and the Cairns Crew keep doing a wonderful job resurrecting squash in that City.

Alec MacDonald's tireless contribution to the game from coaching to administration to taking kids away to major championships. Thanks Alec!

The awarding of the Australian Closed to Townsville in 2017 will hopefully boost the interest in squash again in that City.

2017

FEB 18-19 Cairns **2nd Junior Qualifier for 2016/17**

MAR 18-19 Townsville
3rd Junior Qualifier for 2016/17

MAR 24-26 Townsville **Australian Closed Championship**

MAR 24-26 Townsville **National Graded Championships (A C & E Grades)**

APR 29-30 Mackay **4th Junior Qualifier for 2016/17**

MAY 25-28 Cairns **Great Barrier Reef Masters Games**



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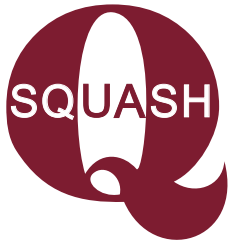
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TM: This Month

HWR: Highest World Ranking

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AFFILIATION

A message from Q Squash President - Ros Preston

Following the AGM of Squash Australia in November and the recent Q Squash Board meeting the following affiliation categories have been set for 2017.

1. Full Registration \$66.00 per annum - Q Squash fee payable up front. This covers you for all organised squash competitions and tournaments and includes Player Accident Insurance and access to Matrix. Some regions may charge an additional fee to this so you need to talk to your regional committee or your centre operator for the actual price payable in your region.

2. Seasonal Registration \$40.00 - Q Squash fee payable up front at beginning of each season - 2 seasons per year. This covers you for all organised squash competitions and tournaments and includes Player Accident Insurance and access to Matrix.

3. Social Registration \$33.00 - Q Squash fee payable up front. This covers social hire players with Player Accident Insurance.

4. Affiliate Registration \$10.00 per annum. Typically for parents of players or persons wanting to be a friend of "Squash".

Affiliations fall due on 1st January and expire on 31st December of each year for full playing/paying players ... remember if your season goes over into the new year you will need to renew to remain covered for player accident insurance.

Being affiliated to your State and National bodies helps both organisations to obtain funding from Government. Funding is heavily based on the numbers of registered players a sport has. The more players we have registered the more money we should be able to access to grow the grassroots and HP levels of our wonderful sport.

All players affiliating have access to the Q Squash Newsletter and also the Squash Australia members portal where you can obtain great discounts off everyday purchases.

By being an affiliated player in Queensland you are helping to fund the Q Open, Mackay Open, Cairns International, Sandgate Women's Open, Brisbane Open, Scottvale Park Open, Gladstone Open and Moura Open throughout 2017. As well as these events Q Squash is able to help support our Junior Sharks to attend both the Australian Junior Championships and the Australian Junior Open.

Without the support of our players we would not be able to do any of these things. Please be proactive in spreading the word to help us grow our numbers in 2017.

For more information check out the [Squash Australia website](#).



INGHAM: END OF SEASON: JUNIORS



The second season of junior squash concluded this month with an exciting grand final win to in form team Barras over the try hard Starfish.

Watching on was an enthusiastic band of supporters as five tough games took place to determine who would be the top team.

Each game was played with great sportsmanship and all players can be extremely proud of their efforts for their team.

The first game of the afternoon was the clash between Barra's Liam Gusmeroli and Starfish's Ashley Stephensen. These two juniors have only just started playing their first season this year and if this game is any indication of what lies ahead, then squash is in good hands.

These two cousins played some great squash shots with both wanting the win to give their team first points. With Liam up two games to nil, the third game was a nail biter. It could have gone either way, but in the end, Liam won three games to take his team to a one point lead.

Cial McLennand (Starfish) was next on court to battle it out with Regan Abenzi (Barras). Both determined young players, these juniors put everything into their matches.

Regan is a seasoned player, while Cial has just started his first season. This match needed to go to four, with the fourth game being very tight. However, experience in pressure situations prevailed and Regan took the match, three games to one.

Number threes, Kate Butcher (Starfish) and Jack Butcher (Barras) took to the court next. Sibling rivalry reigned as these two talented Butchers battled it out for supremacy.

Kate needed the win to keep her team on track. Both very talented juniors this was a tough match with each player taking two games



INGHAM: END OF SEASON: JUNIORS

forcing the match into a fifth game. The fifth game was spectacular ending in a nail biting 14-12 victory to Jack.

Barras now held a commanding three matches to nil lead, but that wasn't going to stop Starfish's number two player Noah Reincastle from trying to topple Barras' Evan Girgenti.

Both boys went on the court meaning business with some excellent tight shots being hit. In the end determination ran through as Noah put his team on the board with a three to one win.

With the win secured, Barras' captain Beau Lepinath still wanted to finish with a clear victory. He took on Starfish captain, Nicholas Stokes, in the final match of the day. Nicholas fought hard chasing everything Beau put in front of him. However, Beau was too good on the day, winning three games to one.

During the presentation of trophies, Jason Erba congratulated all players who played during the season and commended them on their sportsmanship.



Most improved trophies were given out to all number five beginner players who came through the coaching program with their young coach, Jordan Di Bella.

Other most improved players for the season were: Sharief Kabay (#4), Darcy Di Bella (#3), Brody Mombelli (#2), Josh Douglas (#1).

Ingham Squash Racquets Association would like to congratulate all junior players for their support this year and welcome all new and existing players back in 2017.

KIM DI BELLA

CONGRATULATIONS



JUNIOR CHAMPS

Jack, Liam, Beau, Regan, Evan.

DAYTIME CHAMPS

Chris, Karen, Danielle, Narelle.



JUNIOR FINALISTS

Cial, Ashley, Nicholas, Kate, Noah.

DAYTIME FINALISTS

Sharon, Kate, Debbie, Donna.





INGHAM: END OF SEASON: DAYTIME

Ingham Squash Racquets Association's Thursday Day Ladies group took to the court last month in a Grand Final showdown between wishful Walnuts and powerful Pecans.

The final season of the year saw Pecan team members Donna Hobbs (captain), Debbie Marsden, Kate Tento and Sharon Cislowski take on their rivals the Walnuts team. Walnuts captain Narelle Aquilini was supported by Karen Hall, Danielle Torrissi and Chris Erba.

Chris Erba (Walnuts) started proceedings with a convincing 3-0 win over her younger counterpart, Sharon Cislowski (Pecan). However, Kate Tento (Pecans) fought back for her team taking her match against a gallant Danielle Torrissi 3-0.

This meant both teams were even on matches as the number two players took the court. Walnuts' Karen Hall has been the most improved player of the year and she had only had winning in mind when she came up against Pecan's hard hitter, Debbie Marsden.

Karen took the upper hand in their first game and never looked back in the next two, winning 3-0. This left Pecan's captain, Donna Hobbs with the arduous task of defeating her opponent, Narelle Aquilini, in three games to keep her team in the race.

Walnut's captain, Narelle, had other ideas and after just taking the first game 17 to 15, she took control and won the next 2, giving her team an unbeatable three rubbers to 1 win.

Day Ladies is a fun and social competition that is played by ladies of all ages and abilities. It is a kid friendly morning where ladies get to play the game they love while keeping fit and enjoying each other's company. Day Ladies is held on Thursday mornings, so watch this space for next year's starting times.

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INGHAM: END OF SEASON: SENIORS

Grand final fever hit Ingham squash players last month as all senior divisions finished their second season of the year. The top teams in A Men, A Mixed and B Mixed played their grand final in warm conditions over the same night supported by family and friends.



In the **A Men Division**, Hyundai, outclassed Ford winning three matches to one. Hyundai captain, Brody Di Bella, thanked his team members, Jason Quabba, Nigel Andrews and Martin Van Niekerk for getting them to the grand final.

Ford captain, Callan Menzies, was supported in his team by Jason Erba, Jordan Di Bella and Pamela Johnson. Callan had to fight for a win and points to keep his team in the grand final race. Unfortunately, Brody had other ideas and won the match three games to one.

A Men Final results: Brody Di Bella def Callan Menzies 3-1, Jason Quabba def Jason Erba 3-2, Nigel Andrews lost to Jordan Di Bella 0-3, Martin Van Niekerk def Pamela Johnson 3-0.



In a close competition in the **A Mixed Division**, Titans just defeated

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INGHAM: END OF SEASON: SENIORS

Rabbitohs, winning 7 games to 6, after the matches finished even. Captained by Brendan Aquilini, Titans featured Kurt Serra, Taliesha Stokes and Aaron Christopher. While Rabbitohs members were captain, Martin Van Niekerk, Hayden Cavallaro, Julian Haddad and Lindsay Kemp.

A Mixed Final results: Brendan Aquilini def Martin Van Niekerk 3-0, Kurt Serra lost to Hayden Cavallaro 1-3, Taleisha Stokes lost to Julian Haddad 0-3, Aaron Christopher def Lindsay Kemp 3-0.



The **B Mixed Division** grand final saw Broncos race to a commanding three to one win over the luckless Storm.

Broncos were led by Matthew Scuderi who was well supported by teammates, Sara Scuderi, Angus Aranas and Ally Rhodes. Storm captain, Keelan Romano tried hard to even the matches up for his team which consisted of Karen Hall, Hayley Hobbs and Natalie Morgan.

B Mixed Final results: Matthew Scuderi def Keelan Romano 3-2, Sara Scuderi def Karen Hall 3-0, Angus Aranas lost to Hayley Hobbs 1-3, Ally Rhodes def Natalie Morgan 3-0.

At the presentation of trophies, vice-president **Alan Butcher**, thanked all players for their patronage over the year and wished all players a very Merry Christmas.



INGHAM COURTS UP FOR LEASE

FOR LEASE: Ingham Squash Courts, 96 Cartwright Street, Ingham.

The dwelling contains an upstairs fully refurbished apartment consisting of 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, large lounge, dining and kitchen area. A laundry and large study/gym room are situated on the ground floor level. The dwelling also contains a lock up 2 bay garage.

The centre consists of 4 courts with showers and toilet facilities. A generous size working sauna room is an added feature. A fully fitted kitchen exists off the retail shop area on the ground floor.

The centre sells racquets, racquet bags, eyewear, wrist and head bands, grips, socks and balls, as well as confectionery and drinks.

The Ingham Squash Racquets Association currently hire the courts for their fixture matches. The club has fixtures on Tuesday (A Men), Wednesday (B Mixed) and Thursday (A Mixed) nights. Juniors play on a Friday afternoon.

The club has a strong community based membership. There are around 50 juniors playing for the club and approximately 100 senior members.

The club boasts several NQ and Qld representative players. Opportunities exist for coaching sessions each afternoon and weekend.

For all enquiries contact:

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MACKEY: END OF SEASON: JUNIORS

Mackay juniors played their 2016 finals before enjoying their squash breakup on Friday 2nd December.

After lots of fun on the courts, presentations followed with the winning team being:

Michael Sutherland, Gemma Brownsey, Jack Climpson and Olivia McDermott.



Everyone was invited to attend the breakup BBQ at the Memorial pool. The afternoon/evening was enjoyed by all from the little ones to the big kids.

They kept themselves entertained with badminton (always got to offer a racket sport wherever one goes), volley ball and pool activities.

Thanks to the parents who helped out, especially the Dads (Luke Brownsey, Carl Brazier and Phil Palmer) who manned the BBQ.

On behalf of all the juniors and parents I would like to extend a very special thank you to **Kay Barclay, Alec MacDonald and Quinn Osborne** for all the wonderful work you guys do organising, coaching and looking after the kids.



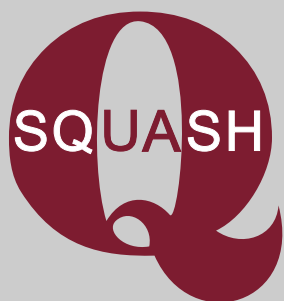
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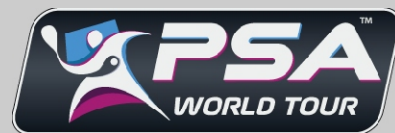


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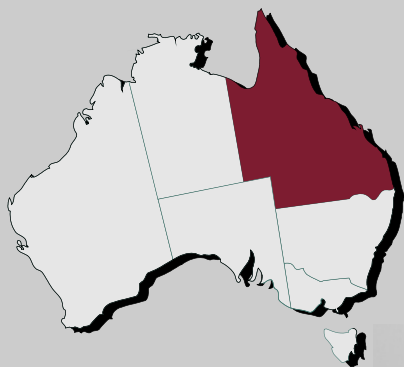
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**Mackay
Open**
26-29
October 17



**Queensland
Open**
19-22
October 17



**Cairns
International**
2-5
November 17

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2017 REDSTAR AWARDS



In an effort to recognise more NR juniors we have introduced a new system of performance recognition. From now on **every finalist will be recognised**. Each winner will be listed in the Achievement category and every finalist (runner up) will be listed in the Encouragement category.

Once a player has won an event they will be elevated and listed in the Achievement category even if they finish runner up in other events. If players are equal they will be listed in alphabetical order.

Players receive 2 points for winning a qualifier, 4 points for winning a State title and 6 points for winning a National title. Players will receive 1 point for finishing runner up in a qualifier, 2 points for runner up in a State final and 3 points for runner up in a National final.

Even though the Ingham qualifier was played in October 2016 it is still a 2017 qualifier so the results from that event will contribute to the **2017 NR Player of the Year Award**.

Pts	ACHIEVEMENT AWARD		
4	Brody DiBella	Q17	Q19
4	Courtney Mather	Q17	Q19
4	Michael Lawrence	Q9	Q11
3	Kiara Stubley	Q13	QF15
2	Jordan DiBella	Q15	
2	Mathew Finitsis	Q13	
2	Kayce Hoani Vincent	Q11	
2	Kurstyn Mather	Q15	

Pts	ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD		
2	Jack Butcher	QF9	QF11
2	Summer Palmer	QF17	QF19
1	Shantelle Ale	QF13	
1	Matt Brazier	QF13	
1	Kate Butcher	QF11	
1	BJ MacDonald	QF19	
1	Bradley Martin	QF17	
1	Jake Webb	QF15	

The player who accumulates the most points will be declared the Player of the Year. There will be joint winners if 2 players finish on the same number of points. The aim of the points system is to automate the selection and player results determine the outcome. The system is also designed to encourage players to support all events in their quest to accumulate points.



Rankings as at 1st January 2017.

UNDER 9 BOYS

- 1 Michael Lawrence
- 2 Jack Butcher
- 3 Quinn Douglas

UNDER 11 BOYS

- 1 Tyrone Ale
- 2 P Singh Marawaha
- 3 Francis Morove
- 4 Shiven Sharma
- 5 Ansul Sharma

UNDER 13 BOYS

- 1 Matthew Finitis
- 2 Lachlan Erba
- 3 Matt Brazier
- 4 Tom Climpson
- 5 Josh Porter

UNDER 15 BOYS

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

UNDER 17 BOYS

- 1 Brody DiBella
- 2 Bradley Martin
- 3 Zac Houston
- 4 Jake Webb
- 5 Ben Sander

UNDER 19 BOYS

- 1 Sean Motti
- 2 Michael Hains
- 3 Cohen Osborne
- 4 Michael Sutherland
- 5 Gavin Condon

TOP 5 RANKINGS

UNDER 9 GIRLS

- 1 Olivia McDermott

UNDER 11 GIRLS

- 1 Kayce Hoani-Vincent
- 2 Kate Butcher
- 3 Sarah Brazier

UNDER 13 GIRLS

- 1 Kiara Stubley
- 2 Payton Douglas
- 3 Shantelle Ale
- 4 Charlotte Erba
- 5 Amy Condon

UNDER 15 GIRLS

- 1 Hayley Hankinson
- 2 Kaci Newman
- 3 Kurstyn Mather
- 4 Gemma Brownsey
- 5 Grace Brownsey

UNDER 17 GIRLS

- 1 Courtney Mather
- 2 Danielle Hankinson
- 3 Chloe Thompson
- 4 Alice Climpson

UNDER 19 GIRLS

- 1 Summer Palmer
- 2 Jessica Green
- 3 Caitlin Purcell



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OCT16
INGHAM**

**18-19
FEB17
CAIRNS**

**2017
JUNIOR
QUALIFIERS**

**18-19
MAR17
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COMPULSORY EVENT

2017

Northern Region Junior Qualifier # 2

18-19 February 2017



Sportsworld Cairns

268 Gatton Street
Cairns QLD 4870

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 10 February 2017

Entry Fee:

\$40.00 Affiliated juniors
\$50.00 Non traveling juniors



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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 **19 February, 2017.**

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.

2017

Northern Region Junior Qualifier #3

18-19 March 2017



West's Squash Club

101 Bamford Lane
KIRWAN Qld 4817

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 10 March 2017

Entry Fee:

\$40.00 Affiliated juniors
\$50.00 Non traveling juniors



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Northern Region Junior Qualifier #4

29-30 April 2017



Mackay Leisure Centre

95 Broadsound Road
MACKAY Qld 4740

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 21 April 2017

Entry Fee:

\$40.00 Affiliated juniors
\$50.00 Non traveling juniors



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