



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present my 2021/2022 President's Report.

The financial year began with most States/Territories still in lockdown, but opening their borders by Christmas 2021. WA opened approximately six weeks into 2022. Despite extended lockdowns, we continued to work together and support each other. I congratulate and thank everyone for that.

Alex Dore and Matt Schmidt were re-elected at the 2021 AGM, and we welcomed Simon Weatherill to the Squash Australia Board. In January 2022 Cindy Flower moved from a casual elected position to being an appointed Director.

In March 2022 we gathered many State and Territory members, Squash Australia staff, and most of the Squash Australia Board, for a Strategy Planning Session in Adelaide. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the inability to travel, there were 7 online attendees, including 1 from the AIS and 1 from Sport Australia.

Paul Mead led the Workshop again, and we appreciate his expertise. We included brainstorming activities to develop the 2022–2026 Squash Australia Strategic Plan which was approved by the Board by 30 June 2022. The staff are developing the Operations Plan to support the delivery of the Strategic Plan during the second half of 2022.

We were proud that sixth times Commonwealth Games competitor and squash legend Rachel Grinham was chosen as an Australian flagbearer for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony. The Commonwealth Games, the World Doubles, and the World Juniors results weren't as we'd hoped, and our rebuilding phase will take some time. We have set ambitious targets to grow participation in squash over the coming years, particular in expanding our Juniors.

With COVID-19 restrictions lifted and International Travel opening, there were 25 PSA events held in 2022, culminating in the City Tattersalls Australian Open. In 2023 Australia will be hosting the World Junior Championships and the Commonwealth Games in 2026 isn't too far away.

I congratulate Barbara Slotemaker de Bruine for her book celebrating 70 years of Australian Women's Squash and thank her for her contribution to recording our Squash history.

Thank you to the Squash Australia Board, the staff, the State and Territory members, Associate Members, volunteers, Sport Australia, the AIS, the Commonwealth Games Association of Australia, and our partners for their collective efforts to promote and support our great sport of Squash in Australia.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy 2023 and I wish Australian Squash every success for the future.



Joanne Brodie
President

CEO'S REPORT

Squash in Australia took great strides into a new era for the sport, emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic with a renewed sense of optimism and collective ambition to move the sport forward, ensure we meet any challenges head on and benefit from the opportunities that the next 10 years provide for sport in Australia.

Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026

Squash Australia, in consultation with State and Territory Members, launched our new Strategic plan.

With an aim to engage more people in squash, Squash Australia and the State & Territory Members embarked on a collaborative process over the past 12 months to define the framework that will drive business decisions, and focus efforts over the next four years.

The plan sets out the sport's longer-term aspirations aligned with the opportunities that the 10-year runway to Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will bring to sports in Australia.

There are four strategic pillars that focus on participation, performance, profile and facilities. Getting more people playing, more often, is the cornerstone of the plan as Squash Australia looks to increase participation both on and off the court, from grassroots to the elite. Identifying opportunities for new facilities, as well as improving existing centres will play a big role in achieving this.

Identifying, integrating and using technology is also key, with digital innovation at the centre of the future squash experience.

The strategic plan also outlines how the organisation will continue to grow and develop an integrated pathway and high-performance environment, while increasing the sport's profile for a strong and sustainable future.

Commonwealth Games – Birmingham 2022

The XXII Commonwealth Games was another unforgettable experience for Australian athletes, with the

Australian team achieving its ambition of finishing top of the medal tally at competitions end, ahead of host nation England by 2 medals.

It was also a historic moment for the Australian squash community with Rachael Grinham given the honour of leading the Australian team as the Flag Bearer for the Opening Ceremony. This moment was great recognition for Rachael as one of Australia's greatest ever Commonwealth Games athletes, and also for Squash in Australia which has such a rich and successful history at the Commonwealth Games.

While the team was not able to bring home a medal from these games, there were some outstanding performances, and it was great to be able to welcome debutants Alex Haydon, Jess Turnbull and Rhys Dowling to a special group of Squash athletes who have competed at the Commonwealth Games.

We now have a great opportunity to bring through a new generation athletes who will carry on the great legacy of those that have come before them and create their own history, starting with a home games in Victoria 2026.

Victoria 2026

We were excited for the news in early April that the 2026 Commonwealth Games will return to Victoria. The announcement by Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) and the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) was welcomed news, with squash named as one of the 16 core sports for the 2026 program.

Squash in Australia saw first hand the benefits a home Games offered the sport in 2018 on the Gold Coast, with Australia winning two gold and a bronze medal that inspired more people to get involved.

In what will be a first-ever predominantly regional Commonwealth Games, Victoria 2026 will be staged in March 2026 across multiple cities and regional hubs including Melbourne, Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Gippsland. Bendigo, the host town for the Squash at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, has a proud history of hosting many of our top tier squash events, including this year's Australian Junior Open.



World Junior Championships

The World Squash Federation (WSF) board awarded the 2023 WSF World Junior Squash Championships to Squash Australia (SqA), with the event to feature junior men's and women's individual tournaments and the women's junior team championships.

It will be first time in nearly 30 years we will be welcoming the next generation of squash stars 'Down Under'.

Showcasing the world's best junior squash talent from 35+ nations is a special opportunity, and we look forward to delivering a memorable tournament.



Robert Donaghue

Chief Executive Officer

Acknowledgments

I would like to acknowledge the continued support of Sport Australia, the AIS and Commonwealth Games Australia as our major funding partners. The continued support and guidance that they provide SqA is invaluable and critical to our long-term success.

Thank you to the state and territories for your continued support and collaboration throughout the year and in particular to the Presidents, Executive Officers and staff.

Finally, a special thanks to the SqA Board & Staff for your great support, commitment and dedication.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Squash Australia has again finished the year in a strong financial position, despite the impacts of COVID-19 still having an impact on operations in the first 6-months of the financial year.

Following the initial audit conducted by BDO in FY21, management implemented in full the recommendations from the audit report including:

- Improved tracking of grant acquittals on a project-by-project basis, identifying what the performance obligations are and when they are achieved.
- Fixed asset register – the useful life of the Squash Courts has been adjusted as at 30 June 2022 to align with the shorter of the useful life and the life of the lease at Carrara
- Goodwill has been assessed for impairment and this has been written down to nil as at 30 June 2022.

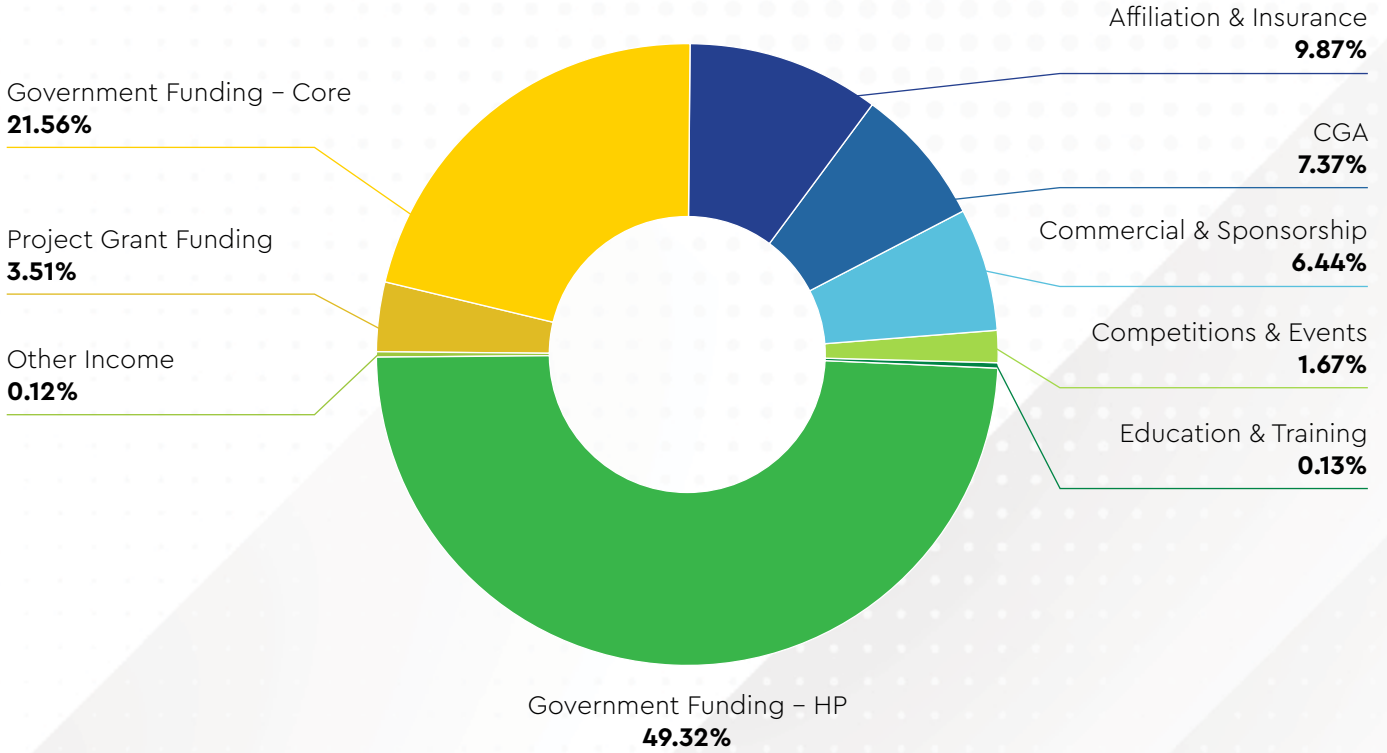
The Squash Australia Audit, Finance & Risk Committee was again chaired by Richard Watson and he was supported by Alex Dore and John Stevenson.

Overview:

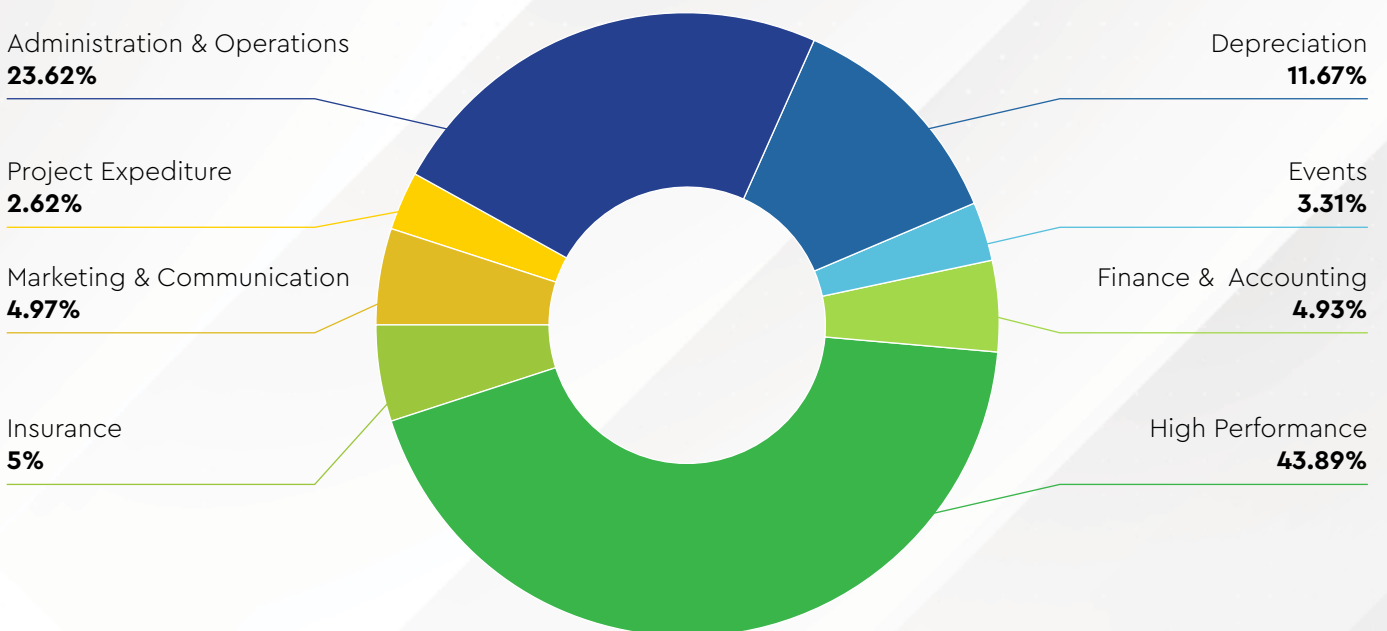
- The consolidated surplus for FY2021 was \$51,529 following a surplus of \$64,979 in FY21
- All grant revenue was reviewed and acquitted with income received in advance of \$420,000 from ASC assessed against the requirement of AASB15. This is made up of project income for Performance Pathways Workforce \$300,000 (\$150,000 FY22 & \$150,000 FY23) and \$120,000 in FY22 for the National Integrity Manager.
- Squash & Racquetball Victoria finalised the repayment of their loan in full in December 2021.



Revenue



Expenses



BOARD AND CEO PROFILES



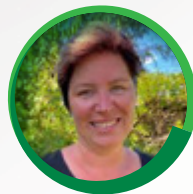
Joanne Brodie

President

Joanne works for Airservices Australia having previously work for Coffs Harbour City Council and Qantas Airways.

Joanne is an experienced Manager, with expertise in strategic planning, governance, risk management, safety and implementation. She is passionate about sport and wellbeing and has played representative level hockey and netball and participated in sailing, mixed indoor netball, mixed indoor cricket, scuba diving, martial arts and squash.

Joanne is a Director on the Board of The Community Transport Company, a Category Chief Judge for the Australian Institute of Project Management National Awards and a Landcare volunteer.



Cindy Flower

Director

Cindy has over 20 years' expertise in organisational reform and development to optimise performance improvement, supporting leaders to identify, develop and implement innovative solutions to complex cultural challenges.

As a self-employed Organisational Change Consultant, and highly experienced in gender diversity, governance and workplace culture she specialises in organisational change and development, implementing creative approaches to change and the deployment of resources to achieve this. She is passionate about shaping an engaged high-performing culture and thrives on building and leveraging an extensive network, facilitating those 'hard to have' conversations.



Greg Blycha

Director

Greg is a former Military Officer in the full-time Army holding a range of command and staff appointments.

Greg deployed to the Middle East in 2002. After leaving the military, Greg moved into a Head of Programs role within the WA State Government.

In 2018, Greg took up the role of Chief Operating Officer at Football West and in November 2020, Greg took up his current position as Chief Executive Officer at the Shire of Cranbrook.

Greg is a Fellow with the Australian Institute of Management WA, a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, he holds a Masters of Business from the University of NSW and is a Chief of the Defence Force Gold Commendation recipient.

Greg brings experience in strategic planning, sports administration and collaboration, and has been an active pennants player since 1990.



Simon Weatherill

Director

Simon is a highly accomplished leader, world-renowned for his depth of experience in sports administration, sports sponsorship and event management. Versatile and enthusiastic, Simon likes to create an organizational culture which is underpinned by able leadership driving a team orientated environment which produces outstanding strategic outcomes.

Simon is currently Managing Director of Worldwide Sports Management, which predominantly consults in Australia, New Zealand and Europe on commercial management of major sporting facilities, utilising technology and a digital strategy to drive businesses in the 21st century, leadership development and cultural management.

Prior to this, he held the high-profile role as Chief Executive of the State Sport Centres Trust comprising the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, the State Netball and Hockey Centre, Lakeside Stadium and the Melbourne School of Sport and Recreation Management.



Matt Schmidt

Director

Matt Schmidt is a successful results-oriented leader with extensive experience in education, event delivery, sports management, business development, marketing and sponsorship. Matt has over 20 years experience with strategic planning and in delivering effective governance leadership. Currently Executive Director of ACHPER SA-(The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation), Matt is passionate about raising the profile of Squash in Schools and Community settings.

Matt has strengths in Governance, stakeholder management, marketing, project management, and over 10 years of Directorships of various public, private and not-for profit organisations including Squash South Australia, South Australian Cricket Association-Game Development, Uni SA Sport- Chair, Sport SA Awards Committee Chair, Good Shepherd Lutheran School -Chair, Past President Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club, and recently the Squash Australia Profile Working Team Chair.



Alex Dore

Director

Alex Dore is a Senior Manager in the management consulting team of PwC Australia with functional experience in strategy, process improvement, and project management. Before PwC, he worked as a Policy Advisor to a NSW Government Minister.

Alex has over a decade of successful governance experience in membership-based, not-for-profit organisations, and has led membership reviews to enhance membership experience and increase retention. He holds a postgraduate law degree and a bachelor qualification in economic theory and public policy from the University of Sydney.

He is passionate about squash, and helping to grow it to be a thriving participant sport in Australia. Last year he played over 90 games, and mostly frequents Warringah Recreation Centre, Bondi Squash Club, and the Castlereagh Fitness Centre.



Selina Steele

Director

Selina Steele is an award-winning sports writer and journalist, news reporter and media professional with more than 25 years experience. Highlights include Olympic Games, most recently Tokyo Olympics, multiple Commonwealth Games, Rugby World Cup, Ashes Series and AFL Grand Finals. She has run News Corp's national news desk and has managed the likes of Federal elections, Royal weddings and international terror attacks.

Write it, sub it, create it or manage it, Selina has worked across all News Corp mastheads, juggling editorial and commercial demands across multiple platforms.

Selina is passionate about all sports, has played representative level at hockey, cricket and athletics and runs marathons when her calves allow her to.

She has also been a judge for the International Cricket Council International Cricketer of the Year selections and for Women's Sport Australia's annual photography competitions.



Robert Donaghue

Chief Executive Officer

Robert was appointed as Squash Australia Chief Executive in January 2021 following a 15-year career in Sports Administration.

He has held CEO & executive roles with both professional clubs and sports governing bodies with experience driving initiatives to grow and enhance community participation; managing elite teams, high-performance & pathway programs; delivering major international and national events and the day-to-day management of major sporting facilities and stadium.

Robert has a passion for sport and technology and values the positive roles they both can play in the community. He brings a broad range of experiences to his new role and an ambition to restore Squash to the prominent position it held in the Australian sporting landscape at the height of its success.

SPORT AUSTRALIA MESSAGE

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC), on behalf of the Australian Government, is proud to lead, support and grow Australian sport at all levels. Our mission is to make Australia stronger through sport, by driving greater involvement, engagement and capability in areas such as volunteering, community coaching and governance. Our vision in high performance sport is to create sustainable success that inspires all Australians. Like other sectors, we've faced numerous challenges as a result of a global pandemic, but we've continued to support Australian sport and help it thrive.

It was fantastic to see our athletes perform so brilliantly at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games and finish on top of the medal table with 67 gold, cementing our status as the most successful nation in the event's history. The Victoria 2026 Games will be another opportunity to inspire Australians to get involved in sport, and to champion the role sport can play in engaging every Australian. Connecting grassroots and elite sport is crucial and we are immensely proud of our many programs and initiatives that support this involvement with sport.

Through our Participation Grants, Sporting Schools program, Local Sporting Champions and Local Para Champions program we're helping Australians of all ages and abilities get active and lead happier, healthier lives. Our Women Leaders in Sport programs provide women with valuable leadership development opportunities on and off the field and has supported more than 26,000 women and 800 sport organisations since 2002.

We're also providing tools that support community sport such as our Australian Sport Learning Centre which delivers centralised world class content to build the learning and development capability of the sector. Supporting those who support us is also key and our Sport Volunteer Coalition Action Plan outlines a new approach to foster positive, safe and fulfilling experiences for sport volunteers with recent data indicating that sport has lost over 100,000 volunteers in the past few years.

Supporting, celebrating and attracting more volunteers will be central to the success of the Green and Gold decade as we look towards the 2032 Brisbane Games, and beyond. This is a defining era for Australian sport. In the coming decade Australia, an incred-

ible opportunity to unite, inspire and build Australia through sport. The sporting strategies, programs and facilities we deliver now have the capacity to shape Australia's long-term prosperity, well beyond sporting boundaries.

The AIS leads Australia's high performance sport system and, funded by the Australian Government, is the largest investor in our nation's Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games athletes and sports. This is critical to sustainable success in high performance sport.

The AIS is giving National Sporting Organisations greater certainty over the funding, having already committed funding to sports for the entire 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic cycle. By the end of this year, we'll give the same certainty to our Winter Games team for 2026.

We care about people in sport. We will continue to put our athletes first because we want them to be successful in sport and life. We provide \$14.6m a year in direct funding to athletes via our dAIS grants, and this is complemented by world-class athlete support in mental health and wellbeing services. As one example, the AIS Mental Health Referral Network received 444 referrals in 2021, a rise of 68 per cent.

Additionally, the AIS is supporting our athletes and sport through innovation and technology, medicine and sport science, wellbeing and community engagement, coaching and leadership, as well as high performance facilities.

The decade ahead is an exciting, pivotal time for our sector and an opportunity to consider the role that each of us can play in making Australia stronger through sport.

On behalf of the ASC, thank you to everyone who contributes to Australian sport with the aim of making it better for all.



Josephine Sukkar AM

*Chair of the Australian
Sports Commission*



WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I closed last year's message in a mood of cautious optimism that 2022 would see the start of a recovery period for international squash. I don't think we anticipated quite how quickly and enthusiastically squash would bounce back once restrictions started lifting. Despite the challenging circumstances, participation levels in the 5 major squash events so far in 2022 have been more than we might have dreamed of 12 months ago, reflecting how super keen players and National Federations are to return to international competition.

It was fabulous to see the prominent yellow and green kit of Australia at World Doubles Championships in Glasgow, World Games in Birmingham Alabama, Commonwealth Games in Birmingham England, World Juniors in France and World Masters in Poland. I was at four of these events to experience the huge buzz and camaraderie across players, coaches and referees, and the joy and appreciation of everyone to be back. We acknowledge this participation is a significant investment from Squash Australia, for which we thank you for your support.

Of course, the other wonderful news is the 2026 Commonwealth Games returning to Australia, and how appreciative we are of Victoria's and Australia's commitment to host, and of squash's inclusion on the Games programme in Bendigo.

Alongside that news, WSF was delighted to announce the return of the World Junior Championships to Australia in July 2023. Junior players around the world will be excited at the prospect of a world championship in Australia. We are conscious of the importance of these two major events to Squash Australia's and World Squash's growth strategies and we look forward to working together to maximise the opportunities for the sport.

We are also pleased to see Squash Australia leading the way in adopting the World Squash Officiating (WSO) platform, with Australia's strong history of producing top level referees. The investment made in the creation of WSO recognises the crucial role of referees to the sport and the commitment we need across squash nations to expand and diversify our refereeing workforce. Achieving appropriate gender balance is a focus across many of World Squash's activities, the in-

crease in female referees being the biggest challenge and highest priority.

WSF's Coaching Commission was set up almost a year ago, to give a more strategic approach to ensuring every squash nation has access to coach education and development; and to provide the opportunity for coaches across the world to be part of a global learning network. Two of the six commission members driving the coaching strategy are Australian, including Karen Cagliarini and commission chair, Sarah Fitzgerald. Sarah finishes her WSF Vice-President role in a few weeks. She has made a significant contribution to the Board and to the coaching commission, and we hope Sarah will stay involved with WSF over the next term. A huge thanks to Sarah for her commitment over her 6 years as VP.

Our thanks also to David Mandel, Chair of WSF's Governance & Audit Commission for his continued advice and support to the WSF Office.

I will close by saying how much the WSF Board and Office appreciate the support and contribution from Squash Australia for WSF activities, particularly for the support from Jo and Rob and their presence at the WSF Conference at the end of October. We can feel the energy and ambition behind Squash Australia's ambitions, and we look forward to working with you over the next few years on some very exciting events and projects.



Zena Wooldridge

President, World Squash Federation



**GREEN
GOLD
GREAT** 

Commonwealth Games Australia is proud to have supported **Squash Australia** on the road to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

As a direct legacy of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, Commonwealth Games Australia invested \$13 million across the 21 sports that formed the Australian Team in Birmingham.

We are proud to have contributed \$341,000 to Squash Australia.

The funding was designed to help our Member Sports be **Green2Gold2Great** and assist emerging Team Members to keep Australia as the No. 1 nation in the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth Games Australia would like to congratulate Squash Australia and our squash players for their efforts in Birmingham in helping to achieve this goal.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT REPORT

In my short time in the National Lead role, I have been overwhelmed by the collaborative mindset that we, as a National Sporting Organisation and our many administrators and volunteers across our State and Territory Member organisations have applied to achieve some outstanding initiatives.

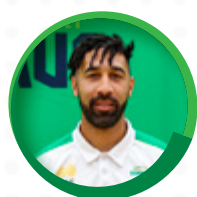
In 2021, Squash Australia embarked on a diverse and innovative journey in the areas of participation and engagement, education and training, technology and digital experience, and, diversity and inclusion.

Highlights from the last 12 months include:

- Maintaining steady membership and participation as we emerged from COVID-19.
- The Launch of the Squash Australia Learning Centre.
- Partnerships with World Squash Coaching and World Squash Officiating.
- Significant investment in digital systems to better manage membership, competition and facility data.

It's fair to say, that we as a squash community have emerged from the challenges of COVID-19 with optimism and a united desire to see our sport continue to grow.

This is an exciting time for Squash Australia. Thank you to our many volunteers and staff for contributing to our success over the last 12 months. I am looking forward to continuing our sport development evolution over the next 12 months.



Shaun McEachin

National Lead – Sport Development

Participation and Engagement

AusPlay Data

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Each Year, Sport Australia publishes its AusPlay data used to assist sporting organisations to plan, deliver and review initiatives and programs. In addition to the AusPlay data, since 2019, Sport Australia has published its 'How Australians' participation in sport and physical activity is adapting to COVID-normal' update.

Key findings from the 2022 update are:

- Compared to 2019, the average number of activities per person has increased.
- Fewer Australians are relying solely on sporting clubs or organised venues for exercise – they are more likely to be adding in "COVID-safe" unstructured activities.
- Year-on-year, participation is still lower than in 2019, although an uptick was observed in the second half of 2021.

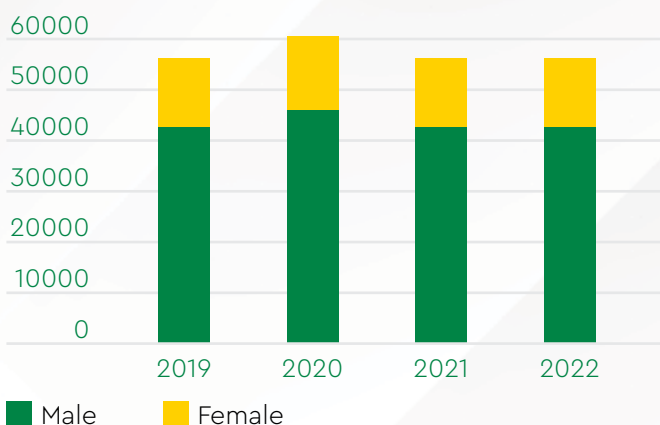
AusPlay data published in 2022 suggests that squash participation has remained steady.

- 168,843 (161,326 adults, 7,518 children) participants
- 71,260 (69,619 adults, 1,642 children) considering participating in squash
- 12,614 involved in a non-playing role

Current participation in Squash Australia organised competitions: 9,496

SportyHQ Participation Data

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Male	43,984	45,782	47,298	48,331
Female	12,751	13,248	13,706	13,968
Unidentified	1,062	1,576	2,739	2,312
Total	57,797	60,606	63,743	64,611



Sporting Schools

OzSquash sits central among participation program offerings for squash in Australia. From Term 3, 2021 to Term 2 2022, 26 program grants were submitted through Sporting Schools to again reach over 2,300 primary school aged children.

State	Programs	Program %	Partici-pants	Partici-pant %
ACT	0	0%	0	0%
NSW	3	12%	441	19%
NT	2	8%	268	11%
QLD	0	0%	0	0%
SA	3	12%	305	13%
TAS	1	4%	100	4%
VIC	6	23%	451	19%
WA	11	42%	791	34%
Total	26		2356	

Of the programs that were delivered, only 38% of programs were delivered by accredited coaches with the majority being teacher delivered.

Participation Program Advisory Group

A Participation Program Advisory Group was established to provide strategic advice and support the activities of Squash Australia regarding the development, education and accreditation relating to participation programs.

National Participation Program

Squash Australia has reviewed the current OzSquash program and is working towards a new, program that will reintroduce children to squash through schools, centres and clubs.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Technology and Digital Experience

Squash Australia is making a significant investment into improving its systems. The work done throughout the past 12 months has laid the foundation for improved services.

| SportyHQ



Squash Australia and SportyHQ have been participating in fortnightly sprint meetings to continue delivering enhancements and bug fixes.

Throughout the year, over 90 tickets have been resolved improving services in the areas of: Membership Data, Bookings, Competitions and Events, App, Website, Customer Service, and, Additional Features.

The uptake of clubs and centres on the SportyHQ platform across Squash Australia includes:

- Basic Module: 519
- Performance Module: 98
- Membership Module: 110
- Booking Module: 58
- Website Module: 42

| revolutioniseSPORT



Squash Australia are launching a new national registration and competition management platform with revolutioniseSPORT. The online sports management platform will provide the squash community with a full-

ly integrated membership, competition management and club management system.

The move to a new platform is geared to providing a technology that helps better connect the squash community, provide deeper insights, and provide a user-friendly tool to help our workforce manage the sport more effectively and efficiently.

| SquashLevels



In March 2022, Squash Australia teamed up with the World Squash Federation rating system, SquashLevels, to bring the national squash-playing community together.

The landmark partnership is being integrated at the social, grassroots, club, and elite level around the country, to digitally revolutionise the sport for players of all levels.

The partnership will also see both organisations working together over the next 12 months to enhance the national rankings system.



Education

Working with State and Territories Member organisations, Squash Australia will be creating an environment where more people can be educated and provided with opportunities to take up the journey of becoming a coach or official. We look forward to attracting more people from our clubs and communities and build the foundations for a strong and sustainable future.

Squash Australia Learning Centre

Squash Australia has partnered with Sport Australia to build a new online Learning Centre. The Squash Australia Learning Centre will revolutionise the way coaches, referees, volunteers and staff learn, achieve and keep track of squash certifications online.

The Squash Australia Learning Centre provides access to content from Squash Australia, along with content from Sport Australia, Sport Integrity Australia and Play by the Rules in one central location. This learning environment will empower and support coaches and officials to deliver positive and holistic sport experiences.

Currently, **47 officials** have completed online courses or are working towards completion

- 21 certified
- 2 not certified
- 24 in progress

Referee Development

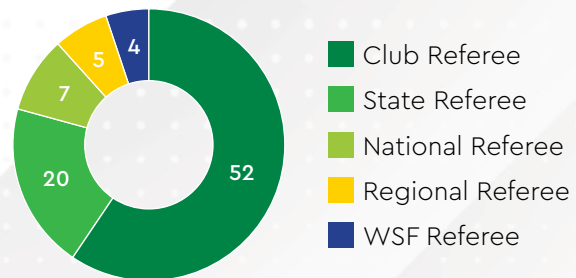
In November and December of 2021, professional development webinars were hosted for officials with key speakers: Chris Sinclair (WSF Referee Assessor), Nathan Turnbull (Australian and WSF Referee), Roy Gingell (World Squash Officiating Director) and Amy Perrett (Super Rugby Referee) with Squash Australia Performance Pathway Coach, Jenny Duncalf. 64% of our referee community registered for the sessions.

Squash Australia Referee Certifications

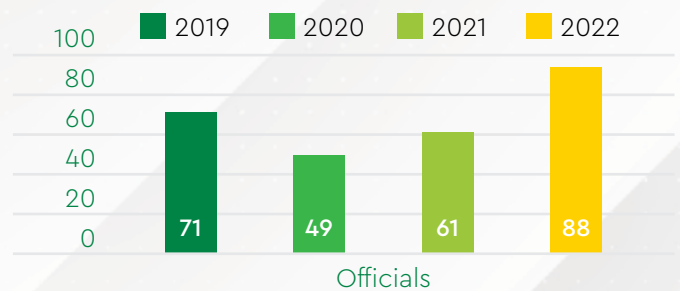
Through the last 12 months, 22 new referee certifications have been recorded resulting in the following totals.

- Club Referee: 52 (15 x Female, 37 Male)
- State Referee: 20 (4 x Female, 16 Male)
- National Referee: 7 (7 x Male)
- Regional Referee: 5 (5 x Male)
- WSF Referee: 4 (1 x Female, 3 x Male)
- Appraiser: 12 (1 x Female, 11 x Male)
- Total: 88 (32 x Female, 68)

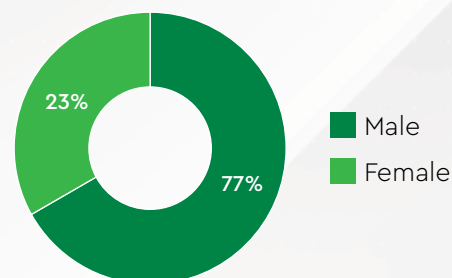
Certifications



Year-on-year



Gender Split



SPORT DEVELOPMENT REPORT

World Squash Officiating



Squash Australia has partnered with World Squash Officiating (WSO) to build a strong and long-lasting relationship that develops a robust refereeing development plan to support Squash Australia referees and workforce which will provide world class learning. WSO plays a pivotal role in the learning and development approach of referees globally. The partnership was announced in August 2021 with the aim of creating a worldwide standard in refereeing and a clear referee pathway.

- Level 0: 2 (2 x Male)
- Level 1: 5 (5 x Male)
- Level 2: 15 (1 x Female, 14 x Male)
- Level 3: 7 (7 x Male)
- Total: 29 (1 x Female, 28 x Male)

Coaching Courses

As the coach certification framework was being reviewed, most coaching courses were placed on hold with the following courses being delivered.

- 4 x online Foundation course completed
- 2 x Foundation practical courses
 - WA on 15 Jan & 5 Feb 2022 (6 x Female, 7 x Male)
- 5 x Practical Development courses
 - 1 x NSW 20 & 21 Nov 2021 = 5 certified coaches (4 x Female, 1 x Male)
 - 1 x SA 27 & 28 Nov 2021 = 4 certified coaches (2 x Female, 2 x Male)
 - 1 x WA 5 & 6 Feb 2022 = 10 registered participants with 2 certified coaches (2 x Female, 8 x Male)
 - 2 x QLD 23 & 24 April 2022 & 14 & 15 May 2022 = 11 registered participants with 6 certified coaches (5 x Female, 6 Male)

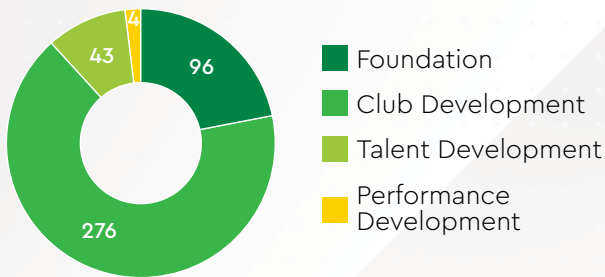




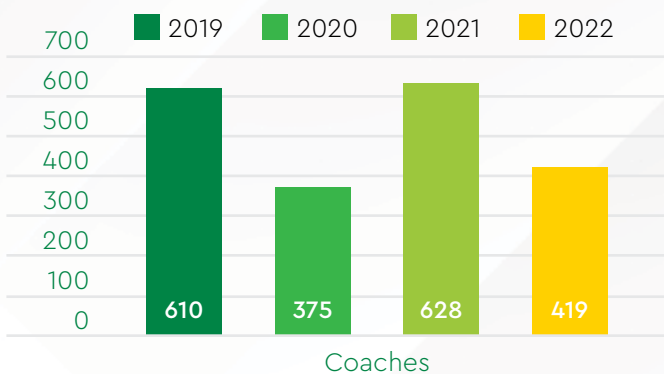
Squash Australia Coach Certifications

- Foundation: 96 (35 x Female, 61 x Male)
- Club Development: 276 (102 x Female, 174 Male)
- Talent Development: 43 (13 x Female, 30 Male)
- Performance Development: 4 (1 x Female, 3 Male)
- Total: 419 (151 x Female, 268 Male)

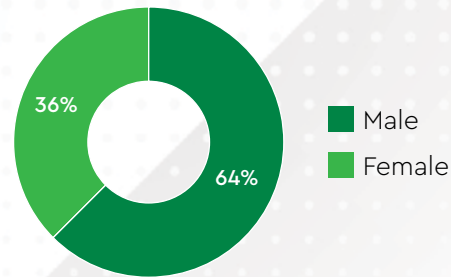
Certifications



Year-on-year



Gender Split



World Squash Coaching



Squash Australia adopted the World Squash Coaching (WSC) certification into its education framework.

The WSC certifications are now a core element of certification for coaches in Australia with current Squash Australia certifications set to expire over coming years.

The WSC certification is part of the World Squash Federation Coach Education Programme. This provides a global standardised coaching structure and will form a core element of certification for coaches in Australia. It aims to expand the number of coaches who progress from a development level to elite coaching and ensure all WSC Tutors are registered as WSC Certified at the appropriate level.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT REPORT

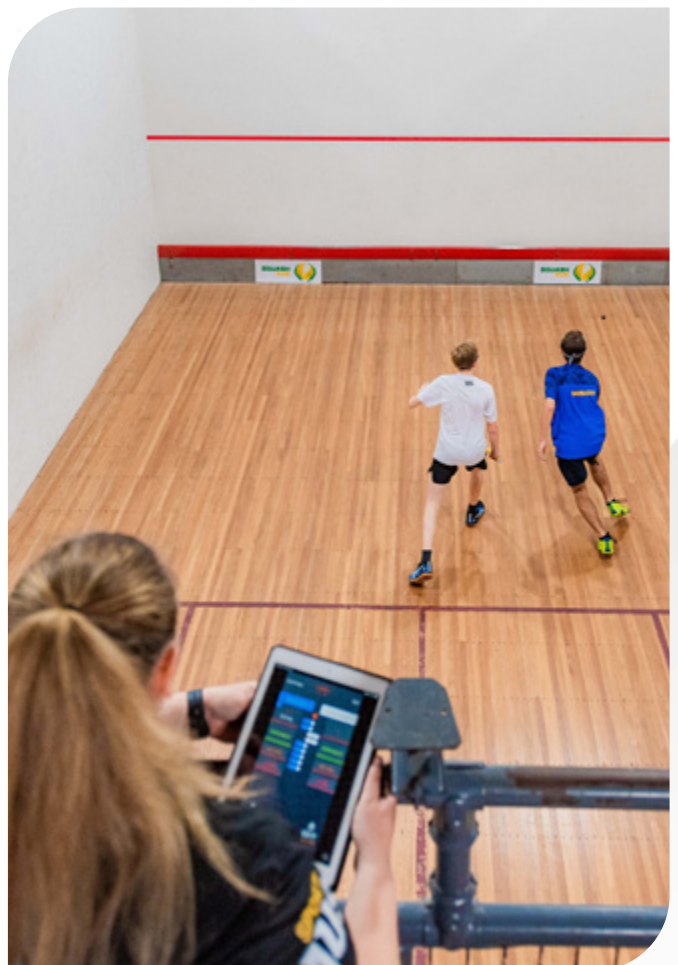
World Squash Coaching Certifications

- WSC Coach
 - Level 1: 2 (1x Female, 1 x Male)
 - Level 2: 1 (1 x Male)
 - Level 3: 0
- WSC Tutor
 - Level 1: 2 (1 x Female, 1 x Male)
 - Level 2: 1 (1 x Male)
 - Level 3: 2 (2 x Male)

Officiating and Coaching Advisory Groups

Officiating and Coaching Advisory Groups were established to provide strategic advice to Squash Australia about development, education and certification.

Three Referee and two Coaching Advisory Group meetings were held over the last 12 months. Group members participated in scheduled meetings and discussion, and, liaised with peers to provide regular input and feedback to Squash Australia.





Diversity and Inclusion

Squash Australia is committed to creating a healthy sporting environment and a supportive community for LGBTIQ+ athletes, coaches, referees, volunteers, staff and supporters.

Pride in Sport and Proud 2 Play

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Squash Australia has become a member of the Australian Pride in Sport and Proud 2 Play programs, committing to further develop and enhance the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people.

The programs are specifically designed to assist sporting organisations with the inclusion of employees, athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials and spectators with diverse genders and sexualities.

By joining these programs, Squash Australia takes another step towards further extending its inclusive sporting culture, one that fosters positive connections between individuals and ensures that everybody who wants to participate in the sport can do so in a safe and respectful environment.

Pride in Sport Index



Through our membership with Pride in Sport, in February 2022, Squash Australia completed its first Pride in Sport Index (PSI) submission.

The PSI is an initiative of the Australian Human Rights Commission and Sport Australia. It is the only benchmarking instrument specifically designed to assess the inclusion of people with diverse sexualities and genders within Australian sporting organisations. Participating in the index will allow Squash Australia to assess our own practices and determine what constitutes good practice. Additionally, it provides the ability to benchmark our own initiatives against an external measure and other sporting organisations.

Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Panel

Squash Australia's commitment to providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment will be guided by a Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Panel.

Formed in March 2022, the Advisory Panel will provide strategic advice, as well as support the activities of Squash Australia regarding diversity and inclusion practice within the organisation, including the professional development of staff within the sport.

The Advisory Panel is responsible for contributing specialist knowledge to assist Squash Australia in its role of developing and updating policies that promote inclusive practice.

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

After a two-year hiatus from international competitions, the 2022 National Teams calendar was one of the busiest in recent memory. The rescheduled World Doubles Championships in Scotland in April preceded a flurry of events in July and August, with the World Games (Birmingham, Alabama) and World Junior Championships (Nancy, France) held on either side of the year's major event – the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The year will conclude with three more national team events across November and December, with the inaugural Nations Cup in New Zealand, followed by the Women's World Team Championships in Egypt and the Trans Tasman Series for juniors in Sydney.

2022 Commonwealth Games

The XXII Commonwealth Games will be forever remembered by the Australian squash community, with Rachael Grinham given the prestigious honour of leading the entire Australian team into Alexander Stadium as the Flag Bearer for the Opening Ceremony.

This was the first time a squash player had been given the honour of being the nation's Flag Bearer. The occasion symbolised Commonwealth Games Australia's recognition of not only Rachael's success across the six Commonwealth Games she has competed in, but also of the contribution Australia's squash team has made to the country's overall success at the Commonwealth Games since the sport debuted in 1998.

The 2022 team featured a mix of youth and experience. Five returning athletes, with a combined 15 Commonwealth Games appearances between them, were joined by three debutants in Jessica Turnbull (QLD), Rhys Dowling (NT) and Alexandra Haydon (SA).

The team entered the event with a targeted focus on performing in the Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles events. US-based players Cameron Pilley, Ryan Cuskelly and Zac Alexander all entered the event on the back of a highly doubles-specific preparation, while Australia's top-female pairing of Rachael Grinham and Donna Lobban spent time preparing at the National Performance Centre on the Gold Coast before travelling to Birmingham.

The team's start to the Doubles campaign was extremely promising, with five of the six pairings reaching the quarter-final stage of competition. However, a disappointing quarter-final day saw four of the five pairings eliminated in the final match before the medal rounds.





The successful pairing in the quarter-final round were defending Mixed Doubles champions Donna Lobban and Cameron Pilley. Their victory was bittersweet for Donna, with her husband Greg featuring in the Scottish pairing they defeated.

Despite the team not adding to Australia's overall medal tally, the performances of the three debutants high-

lighted the potential for success in the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games, where the squash competition will be held in Bendigo. Jessica Turnbull and Alex Haydon finished the tournament impressively to win the Women's Doubles Plate event, while Rhys Dowling and partner Cameron Pilley were competitive in their quarter-final loss to a strong English pairing, who would go on to claim gold.

2022 Commonwealth Games Team

Women's Singles	
Donna Lobban (NSW)	Round of 16
Rachael Grinham (QLD)	Round of 32
Jessica Turnbull (QLD)	Round of 16
Men's Singles	
Rhys Dowling (NT)	Round of 32
Women's Doubles	
Rachael Grinham (QLD) & Donna Lobban (NSW)	Quarter-Finals
Alexandra Haydon (SA) & Jessica Turnbull (QLD)	Round of 16 (Plate Winner)
Men's Doubles	
Zac Alexander (QLD) & Ryan Cuskelly (NSW)	Quarter-Finals
Rhys Dowling (NT) & Cameron Pilley (NSW)	Quarter-Finals
Mixed Doubles	
Rachael Grinham (QLD) & Zac Alexander (QLD)	Quarter-Finals
Donna Lobban (NSW) & Cameron Pilley (NSW)	Semi-Finals

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

| 2022 World Junior Championships

The World Junior Championships returned to the World Squash calendar in 2022. Originally scheduled in Russia, the hosting rights were given to Nancy, France, following events in early 2022. Australia's twelve best junior squash players – six men and six women – travelled to France for the individual championships. The top four boys – Oscar Curtis, Luke Eyles, Gregory Chan and Dylan Classen – then competed for Australia at the Junior Men's Team Championships.

National Junior Champions Oscar Curtis and Madison Lyon were the most successful Australian players in Nancy, both reaching the third round of their respec-

tive draws. Oscar and Madison both remain eligible for the 2023 World Junior Championships in Melbourne where they will look to build on their impressive showing in Nancy.

Erin Classen and Luke Eyles were the next highest finishers in the women's and men's draws. Erin was the victim of a particularly challenging draw, facing the second seed and eventual champion in the second round. This opportunity provided Erin with valuable experience, and all twelve players gained similarly beneficial experience testing themselves on the international stage for the first time in three years.





Men's Junior Team Championships

The four junior men selected for the team's event performed above expectations in Nancy, defeating the higher-seeded Korean team in their opening match to ultimately secure a spot in the knockout stages for the top 12 teams. The team succumbed to India in the knockout stages, before close losses to Canada and Colombia, both of which went down to the final rubber, resulted in the team finishing in 12th place.

From the boys team, Dylan Classen will join Oscar in pursuing further success at the 2023 individual event, while Luke Eyles and Gregory Chan will transition out of juniors and onto the PSA Tour.

2022 World Junior Championships Team

Junior Men's Team Championship

Gregory Chan (WA)

Dylan Classen (WA)

Oscar Curtis (WA)

Luke Eyles (QLD)

Support Staff

Jenny Duncalf (Head Coach)

Sue Hillier (Assistant Coach/Manager)

Junior Men's Individual Championship

Gregory Chan (WA)

Dylan Classen (WA)

Oscar Curtis (WA)

Luke Eyles (QLD)

Andre Lynn (VIC)

Brendan MacDonald (QLD)

Junior Women's Individual Championship

Erin Classen (WA)

Sophie Fadaely (QLD)

Maggie Goodman (NSW)

Madison Lyon (QLD)

Kurstyn Mather (QLD)

Hannah Slyth (WA)

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

Performance Pathway

The opening of state borders in 2022 provided increased opportunities for Squash Australia's National Coaching Team to deliver Performance Pathway camps across the state as part of the AIS-funded Solutions Project. These camps gave each state's leading juniors access to their state coaches, National Pathways Coach Jenny Duncalf and National Coach Stewart Boswell in order to help develop their capability to progress through the pathway.

This work in the Performance Pathway continued to be supported by State Performance Pathway Coordinators in each of the five major states. These roles play an important part in connecting up and coming juniors with the National Coaching Team, as well as providing them with the valuable support and guidance to take the next step in their junior squash career.



Squash Australia's commitment to providing avenues for high performing juniors to reach a world class level will take another step forward in 2023, with a Tour Group, led by National Coach Stewart Boswell, travelling to Birmingham for the 2023 British Junior Open.

National Performance Centre

Squash Australia were fortunate to receive further investment from the AIS in 2022 to support the ongoing development of the National Performance Centre (NPC) on the Gold Coast. As part of the AIS Small NSO Infrastructure Grant program, the equipment storeroom beside the squash courts at the NPC was transformed into a Conditioning Room, featuring \$25 000 worth of equipment including treadmills, Wattbikes and rowing ergometers. The Conditioning Room allows players to conveniently compliment on-court training sessions with fitness training in the conditioning room.

The support of the AIS for the NPC was reaffirmed through their provision of the DTE Video Optimisation Grant. This grant provided the installation of world class video cameras and analysis software on the three main training and competition courts at the NPC. The addition of this equipment, which was provided to a limited number of NSO's around Australia, will provide a further incremental gain to the quality of the training environment Australia's future stars have access to.



Lachlan Johnston

High Performance Manager

FACILITIES REPORT

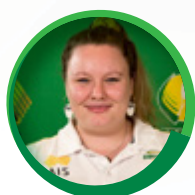
Facilities

Squash Australia would like to thank the Facilities Working Team for all their efforts in the development of the Facilities Strategy. The Facilities Strategy which rolled out on July 1 has a focus on the following areas: Data, development of a Facility Development Plan, Workforce/Products and Technology. The Facilities Strategy will allow Squash Australia to move the facilities space forward, advocate for new facilities with local government and council and assist in the retention of centres.

In partnership with the Squash Players App, crowdsourcing has seen an influx of centres that were previously unknown by Squash Australia coming into the limelight, the data held in the Squash Players App is now the most complete list of facilities data within Australia. The data has helped improve Squash Australia's club and centres communication list which can be utilised to develop case studies to support Squash Australia with building a Business Case Proposal to further advocate for the building and retention of facilities in Australia. The data provided from the Squash Players App and the information sourced from the facilities survey will assist with the completion of gap analyses to understand demand and where more courts are needed.

Squash Australia conducted a Facilities Survey to gain a better understanding of centre operations across the country, programs run and areas requiring support. Squash Australia was happy with the response rate for this survey and gained valuable information from the facilities that participated which helped shape components of the Facilities Strategy and will assist going forward. Squash Australia have started a monthly facility highlight, which promotes the great things that centres across the country are doing, whether this be recent renovations, a strong club community or an increase in participation. The facility highlight is promoted in the monthly newsletter, on the Squash Australia website and across social media.

Squash Australia are in the process of developing various resources for centres, such as a maintenance and renovation resource, risk management plans and cleaning guides. Research is underway on the development of a business case proposal for both stand-alone and multi-sport facilities to advocate for new facilities.



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National Lead, Facility & Venue Operations

National Squash Centre

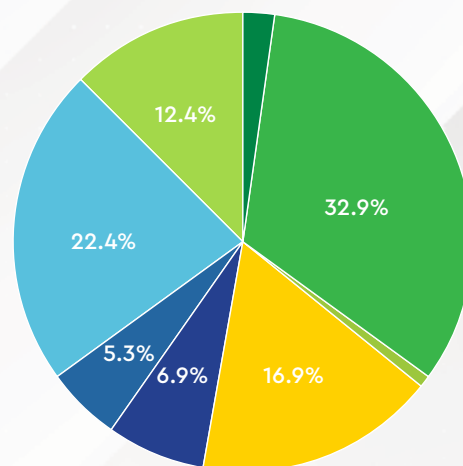
The High-Performance Training Centre had a refresh with the old storeroom turning into a conditional room for the athletes. The space is getting well utilised during training sessions and providing a valuable warm-up area for the athletes.

The junior programs that are run at the centre are growing with a strong group of females in the younger age range coming through. We have had increased interest from schools and our ladies programs and social squash nights are thriving. The Centre has seen an increased number of social players in their 20's-30's participating in the sport regularly with consistent bookings and court utilisation throughout the year. Centre staff have increased their private coaching hours and are working hard on increasing our junior participation base to encourage future generations to love and participate in the sport.

The National Squash Centre was fortunate enough to play host to George Clooney, for scenes in the newest Hollywood blockbuster, Ticket to Paradise. It was a great opportunity to showcase our sport and our national centre to a whole new calibre of people and see the courts play out on the big screen and bring awareness to the sport.

Squash venues by region

■ Australian Capital Territory: 13	■ South Australia: 39
■ New South Wales: 185	■ Tasmania: 30
■ Northern Territory: 5	■ Victoria: 126
■ Queensland: 95	■ Western Australia: 70



MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

After the full rebranding campaign conducted last year, the overarching communication strategy for the 2021–22 reporting period was largely focused on promoting the return of national events and the delivery of the National Event Calendar after the challenges of the COVID-19 period.

Events were identified as a major opportunity to consistently build national and local athletes' profiles throughout the year. Showcasing their stories and re-introducing their sporting journey to the Australian audience through Squash Australia communication channels was also aimed at continuing to support participation growth, leveraging the inspiring value of elite sport.

Communication activities delivered around the most high-profile national events were also used to generate media coverage and support the growth of the Squash Australia communication channels, including the squash.org.au website and its social media.

In that respect, a particular focus was placed on the lead-up to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, with specific campaigns aimed at leveraging the opportunities associated with the major event to raise the profile of the sport and the athletes selected to the Australian team.



Beyond The Break Consulting supported the delivery of National events with a presence on the ground at all major appointments on the Australian squash calendar, including the 2022 Australian Doubles Open, the Australian Junior Open, the Australian National Championships, the Australian Junior Championships and the Australian Open. Specific content plans were delivered with event previews, athlete interviews, live or near-live social media updates, photo galleries and other ad-hoc coverage.

Commonwealth Team announcement



Beyond the Break liaised with the Commonwealth Games Association and coordinated the communication activities, media relations and media management operations around the National team selection announcement, ahead of the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Specific assets were developed to support the announcement, including a series of video profiles with some of the athletes selected to the team.

Commonwealth Games coverage

A member of the STB team was embedded in the Australian Commonwealth Games delegation and traveled(with the team, acting as media liaison officer for squash and providing media management on the ground during the event. Additional support was provided remotely to enhance the media coverage of the event.

Squash Australia and its athletes were mentioned over 600 times throughout the Commonwealth Games reporting period (15 July – 10 August) through a variety of broadcast, print, radio and digital media providers. Attached are a few examples of coverage highlights in the Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne market selected from the 600 mentions.

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Squash
ANDREW WEBSTER
International

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Everybody laughed and it took the slightest of tense matches for about a moment before the Australian eventually triumphed 11, 11, 11, 11, 11 to win by a further 11-0.

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Andrew Webster
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WET AND WILD
You've heard of Grand Slam, but what about Grand Slam? Thankfully for the good people of Queensland, and the lovers of sport and nature, there are water courses (pools) some of which happens to be the 11.6 million or so of water in two for every second that exists here. So it's a good thing people are getting into the water. And by chance, your handle

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It's no secret that the Commonwealth Games are an opportunity for Australia to shine. Australia has topped the medal tally at 13 of the 21 Commonwealth Games held since the first edition in 1930.

Australia have won more medals than any other nation - 2416 medals overall, 556 of which were gold. The country's best year to date was 1994, when Australian athletes took home 82 gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia. They also topped the 2018 Games on the Gold Coast, taking 170 medals, including 50 gold - 43 more than the second-placed England.

BRITAIN'S UP
George Miller - the 35-year-old Scottish para lawn bowler, not the director of Scotland - became the oldest Games gold medalist in history when he claimed the bronze medal in 2014.

TRINIDAD DOWN
Andrew Parsons, the International Paralympic Committee president, has repeatedly asked not only whether the Para program being merged with the program at the 2024 Paris Olympics, but the 100 agreement of the two has been a non-starter here in Paris.

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MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

BTB also provided remote support and enhanced Commonwealth Games-related coverage across Squash Australia's website and social media channels during the event, creating a dedicated graphic suite and other personalised assets such as athlete's quote cards and live score graphics that were rolled-out during the Games. Live coverage of Australian matches was also provided on Squash Australia's twitter channel during the event.



During the Commonwealth Games period, across Squash Australia Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Linkeded there were a total of 337,600 Impressions and 19,600 Interactions, with all key performance indicators growing significantly over the reporting period (15 July - 10 August 2022) compared to the previous 30 days

Specifically, 128 pieces of content were delivered on Squash Australia's Instagram account (46 posts, 76 stories and 6 videos), with the channel reaching

over 22,500 accounts, with a 106% increase month on month and 21,000 non-followers reached overall. Almost 1,500 accounts were engaged (with a 168% increase month-on-month) and over 5,000 content interactions (defined as post, story or reel interactions).

Marketing & Partnerships

A landmark partnership with SquashLevels, world's most advanced squash rating system, was announced in late 2021 and launched officially in March 2022. The SquashLevels platform was integrated at the social, grassroots, club, and elite level right around the country, to digitally enhance the experience of the sport for players of all levels.

As part of the partnership, the Squash Australia community was given the opportunity to claim a SquashLevels account, with Squash Australia members receiving 25% off premium membership plans. The delivery of the partnership continues to see both organisations working together to enhance the national rankings system.

BTB also supported Squash Australia's delivery of its partnership with Pride in Sport, initially established in 2021. BTB contributed to developing and distributing promotional collaterals and content aimed at broadening the reach of diversity and inclusion messages across the channels and further extend Squash Australia's inclusive sporting culture, to ensure that everybody who wants to participate in the sport can do so in a safe and respectful environment

A broadcasting partnership with Cluch TV ensured that national events would be accessible to the Australian squash community on the live-streaming platform, supporting the communication activities and contributing to engage the Australian squash community and build the profile of the sport.





NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS REPORT

Australian Doubles Open 22–23 February 2022

The annual Australian Doubles Open was held at Carrara Squash Centre on the Gold Coast with 66 players entering into 6 divisions and as a Commonwealth Games year the event was a tense battle throughout the weekend.

In the Mixed Open division the final saw Rachael Grinham and Rhys Dowling defeating Sarah Cardwell and Rex Hedrick in the final 2-0.

The Men's Open draw had Rhys Dowling and Rex Hedrick paired together backing up their mixed final appearance and taking the title in a close 2-1 against Brad Hindle and Bryan Lim.

Across to the Women's Open draw Rachael Grinham was again victorious with her partner Alex Haydon defeating Amelia and Melissa Martin 2-0.

The graded divisions were contested as combined gender pairings and saw a number of travelers returning to the event following the lift of Covid-19 restrictions. Players from Sydney and Melbourne were shaking up the competition against the locals and saw some great squash by all over the two days.

C Grade Combined Doubles

Runner-up – Pavel Chmelar/Hayan Kim

Winner – Oliver Bradley/ Florian Stafleu

B Grade Combined Doubles

Runner-up – Tracey Partridge/Brad Allen

Winner – Joel Roshan Raj/James Boswell

A Grade Combined Doubles

Runner-up – Nathan George/Jessica Rogerson

Winner – Mike Wilkinson/Andre Lynn

Women's Doubles Open

Runner-up – Amelia Martin/Melissa Martin

Winner – Rachael Grinham/Alex Haydon

Men's Doubles Open

Runner-up – Brad Hindle/Bryan Lim

Winner – Rhys Dowling/Rex Hedrick

Mixed Doubles Open

Runner-up – Sarah Cardwell/Rex Hedrick

Winner – Rachael Grinham/Rhys Dowling



Australian Junior Open 9–12 April 2022

Bendigo Squash Centre in Victoria was the host for the Australian Junior Open with high anticipation for the return of national junior competition following the Covid-19 Pandemic. The AJST Platinum event was an action packed 3 day individuals and 1 days doubles event.

With 165 entries initially including a contingent from Malaysia the withdrawals were felt in the post-pandemic times and saw 144 players in the end take to court to compete for the title. With all 8 states and territories well represented this event was the turning point for Australian junior squash competition and a sign of good things to come.

Whilst the event was being held in Bendigo the fantastic news that the 2026 Commonwealth Games would be hosted by regional Victoria with squash to be included and held in Bendigo. A very exciting day for the future of squash and our junior community.



U19 Boys

Winner: Oscar Curtis WA

Runner Up: Luke Eyles QLD

Third Place: Dylan Classen WA

U17 Boys

Winner: Thomas Scott NSW

Runner Up: James Slade NSW

Third Place: Aryan Madan SA

U15 Boys

Winner: Joshua Rahul Raj QLD

Runner Up: Kasper Cheung NSW

Third Place: Marcus Wang NSW

U13 Boys

Winner: Joel Roshan Raj QLD

Runner Up: Henry Kross NSW

Third Place: James Boswell QLD

U11 Boys

Winner: Thomas Wang NSW

Runner Up: Cameron Ackroyd QLD

Third Place: Kyan Phuah MAL

U19 Girls

Winner: Maddison Lyon QLD

Runner Up: Erin Classen WA

Third Place: Maggie Goodman NSW

U17 Girls

Winner: Lijana Sultana QLD

Runner Up: Hannah Slyth WA

Third Place: Katlyn Hall SA

U15 Girls

Winner: Soha Khatri SA

Runner Up: Sarbani Maitra QLD

Third Place: Joanne Joseph VIC

U13 Girls

Winner: Tina Ma VIC

Runner Up: Madison Nargar NSW

Third Place: Claudi Burger QLD

U11 Girls

Winner: Mei Rie Lee MAL

Runner Up: Elizabeth Wang NSW

Third Place: Vera Bruce WA

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS REPORT

Australian National Championships 22–26 June 2022

The 2022 Australian National Championships was the highlight of the calendar year held at the Darwin Squash Centre in the Northern Territory and the first time it has been held outside of the east coast of Australia. Players came from around the country to compete over five days, including open and graded divisions.

The men's national champion was Rex Hedrick who triumphed over Rhys Dowling 3-0 in the final. In the women's Jessica Turnbull took her maiden national title defeating Donna Lobban 3-0.

In 2022 the introduction of the National U23 competition was launched and saw both a men's and women's draws conducted. Nicholas Calvert was successful in the tough men's draw with Sophie Fadaely victorious in the women's.



Tamika Hunt

*National Lead,
Competitions & Events*



Men's Open

Winner – Rex Hedrick VIC

Runner-up – Rhys Dowling NT

Women's Open

Winner – Jessica Turnbull QLD

Runner-up – Donna Lobban NSW

U23 Men's

Winner – Nicholas Calvert QLD

Runner Up – David Turner QLD

U23 Women's

Winner – Sophie Fadaely QLD

Runner Up – Pascale Louka WA

Men's Premier Grade

Winner – Brad Freeme QLD

Runner Up – Jason Van Der Walt QLD

Men's A Grade

Winner – Doug Black NT

Runner Up – Thomas Grose ACT

Women's A Grade

Winner – Clare Slyth WA

Runner Up – Tansyn Noble NT

Men's B Grade

Winner – Henry Siviour NT

Runner Up – Patrick Levitzke NSW

Women's B grade

Winner – Naomi Ireland NT

Runner Up – Danielle Atkinson NT

Men's C Grade

Winner – Isaac Belford NT

Runner Up – Ben Gigney NT

Women's C Grade

Winner – Hayan Kim QLD

Runner Up – Naila Alaoui NSW



STATE REPORTS





In last year's ACT Report, mention was made of the long journey through COVID and its impact on the sport generally – closed courts, pennant seasons cancelled, junior squads on hold and numbers impacted, events cancelled, school bookings drying up, older players not returning to the court and new players reluctant to start. Challenges aplenty!

SQUASH ACT SPORTS DEVELOPMENT POSITION

There were, though, several bright spots that developed in 2022 and one step that places us in the best position in many years. Squash ACT, after a search within and beyond our shores, employed Tayla Mounter as Sports Development Officer: Head Coach, Participation and Performance. The association's aspiration was to bring on board someone who would develop our sport at grass roots. Tayla, well-qualified and understanding what needed to happen, came from England where she had run various junior and senior programs, and has stepped in with fresh ideas and the energy to work with junior squads, schools and other targeted groups.

Tayla has implemented a number of programs including Mini Squash and Bronze Squash groups, the Festival of Squash for juniors of all levels, Ladies Squash session, Schools Programs which are both centre and school based, and a revamped Juniors Program. Additionally, the Woden Courts now provide free squash for registered junior players. It's been a great start!

JANSHER KHAN CANBERRA OPEN

In October, Squash ACT hosted two events back-to-back at the Woden Squash Centre; the \$US20,000 PSA Jansher Khan Canberra Open and the 2022 ACT Canberra Open. The former was a unique squash event sanctioned by the Professional Squash Association (PSA) and financially supported by individuals and businesses within the Australian Pakistani community. Working with the Pakistan High Commission was important in securing such support. The PSA attracted a good number of top-100 international players, and gained local and social media coverage.

The 2022 ACT Canberra Open included a PSA Satellite event which also attracted local, national and international squash players to what we hope becomes an ongoing major ACT tournament.

WODEN SQUASH CENTRE REFURBISHMENT

Squash ACT, as the owner of the Woden Squash Centre, has continued the centre's upgrade after years of neglect. Boasting eight hard-backed courts the centre is now back to its best – not new but clean and bright. Work continues with main court floors recently sanded, front walls re-painted. An important step will be improving heating during Canberra's colder months. Plans are coming together and, if successful, will see the court usage climb over winter.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

Quite simply, the major challenge is player numbers. COVID hit hard but the reality is squash needs to attract new players and hold those who walk into a centre and "try" the sport. The sporting landscape in Australia is complex – there are so many other options, running sport-owned facilities is costly, volunteers are hard to find, clubs increasingly under pressure. So, it is that attracting new players and keeping dedicated squashies remain the biggest priorities.

Let's hope these challenges confronting squash can be met and we see a blossoming of this great sport in 2023 and beyond.

Michael Nuttall

Squash ACT President



July 2021 saw Squash in NSW emerging from COVID-19 lockdowns and well-placed to resume and expand opportunities for the sport. However, it is clear the lockdowns have had a significant effect on junior participation and senior pennant numbers. Programs will be required to support clubs to address both of these issues and to support them with recruitment, training and resources to increase participation across the board. It is clear that all sports have similar problems and success for Squash will mean out-competing other sports and the recreational sporting industry to attract and retain players.

In September 2021, a new and highly capable CEO in Richard Griffiths was recruited and work commenced on revised strategy and implementation. Unfortunately, an offer from another sport saw him leave us after 9 months and operations have slowed prior to further recruitment.

Squash NSW and our member clubs were fortunate to receive a second round of COVID-19 Recovery Grants from the NSW Government in 2021. This was again a lifeline to Squash NSW and ensures our financial position to maintain operations and commence new initiatives while we overcome the COVID drop in participation.

The program to upgrade our Thornleigh Squash Centre, using the \$960,000 grant from the NSW Government, was completed in early 2022. The results are obvious to all who visit and see the Centre well-placed as a centre of excellence for the sport in NSW for both participation and athlete pathways programs. The Squash NSW contribution to the project was larger than originally planned due to escalating cost of building construction post-COVID but the results are worth the money.

Facilities activity for new and upgraded centres in NSW has been frenetic compared to previous years. Activity has included:

- A grant application under the NSW Government's \$2bn WestInvest program for four new centres in southern and western Sydney. The work here has also resulted in detailed design and costing information which can be used in other proposals, a bundle of participation and demand statistics for Squash, enhanced linkages to many local government areas, and formal collaborative arrangements with Table

Tennis NSW and Badminton NSW.

- Support to a Penrith Council grant application for a large new indoor facility including squash courts, again under WestInvest.
- Collaboration with Tennis NSW to support Northern Beaches Council replace an existing but very old centre at North Manly with more courts than are there currently, including a Council grant application to the NSW Government's multi-sport facilities program
- Support to a number of other proposals for facility upgrades including Castlereagh Club Sydney, Marconi Club Sydney, Wagga Wagga Squash Club, Port Macquarie Squash Club and Central Coast Squash Club

The last year has also seen considerable improvement in our state junior pathways programs with approaching three times as many juniors enrolled. Results have also been very encouraging. Junior participation including local pennant competitions in conjunction with schools is also starting to expand. This area is crucial to the survival of our sport and we are looking to innovate, collaborate and expand programs to support this area in future.

Squash NSW has continued to support increasing collaboration between Squash Australia and all state and territory associations. NSW directors continue to take part in Working Teams and Presidents' Council across all areas of the sport. We anticipate outcomes that will lead to significant improvements in participation, high performance, profile and facilities.

Finally, I would like to recognise our directors and staff for their dedication and effort during what has been another difficult year. We look forward to the ground-work done allowing us to make further gains for the sport in NSW and Australia-wide in 2022-2023.

John Small

Squash NSW President

STATE REPORT

SQUASH
NT



The transient nature of the Northern Territory means that we lose valuable players each year but we have been fortunate enough to gain some new players as well.

After 2½ years as General Manager, Howard Halter resigned in June and Darren Pittaway took over the role in July.

Squash in regional centres has grown, in particular Gove and Groote Eylandt. Players from both locations participated in the NT Open. This year a member from Gove joined the Squash NT Board and zooms into monthly meetings.

Darwin Squash Centre proudly hosted the Australian National Championships from 22–26 June. Unfortunately this timed with the peak of the tourist season which pushed up the price of airfares and made accommodation scarce, which resulted in fewer participants than hoped for. However, the championships went well and Darwinites were treated to some world-class matches.

Local competitions and tournaments have had their challenges with maintaining memberships and recruiting new players. An investment into a new TV ad

and a revamp of an old ad across a different network is hoping to attract a new audience. Anecdotal evidence suggests that new players are being drawn in but whether the long-term effect pays off remains to be seen.

Some of the Darwin schools are realising the benefits of including squash into their PE programs. It is far more than an outstanding sport, it is also sun-smart, air-conditioned and can be played in any weather, which is a big deal for the NT. The school's Clontarf Program for Indigenous boys usually focuses on AFL, yet this year they have seen the potential for squash and the boys are loving the game.

Ability groups are also taking advantage of the squash centre and it is our dream to get wheelchair squash happening in the NT.

Darren Barclay
Chairperson





Squash Queensland has enjoyed much success on and off the court in 2022. With an increase in government funding. Reinvigorated working relationships with our regions and Squash Australia. Individual and team success at National and International events including representative honours at the Commonwealth Games and WSF World Junior Championships. We are in good stead as we head into another year of strategic growth.

We farewelled our dear friends and outgoing directors Jonathan James and Steve Finitis who retired from the board at our 2022 AGM. Welcoming incoming directors Sean Ackaert, Pat Siciliano, Jules Wone and Vicky Boswell. Who join Bradley Hindle, Liz Irving and Matt Scott and myself as we continue to drive the strategic growth of the sport of squash in Queensland.

Squash Queensland were successful in their grant application to receive \$45,000 funding each year for the next three years. The funding is part of the School Sport Program and is to be delivered in partnership with the State's Department of Education.

It is aimed at enhancing the quality and quantity of school sport performance pathways by creating positive participation experiences to increase participation opportunities for Queensland students, including people with a disability, and emerging athletes, coaches, and officials. The funding is vital to ensure the growth of the sport in Queensland schools, in conjunction with local squash centres and clubs throughout the state.

Our centres already do a wonderful job of promoting squash and running junior programs. This funding will enable us to introduce our great sport to children who may not have been previously exposed to it while providing pathways to higher honours. We aim to:

- Accredited 75 student/teacher coaches and referees
- Introduce 300 students to the sport of squash and establish a link to their local club
- Case study to increase quality and quantity of school squash competitions

I would like to thank the Queensland Government through its Department of Education and Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport for the generous support which will enable us to develop the new program.

In 2023, we look to strengthen our strategic direction to diversify our income and increase opportunities for participation. As we explore partnerships with the Queensland Academy of Sport and fundraising opportunities through the Australian Sports Foundation. In addition to promoting government funding available

to individual athletes through DTIS Grant initiatives such as the Fair Play Vouchers, Emerging Athlete Pathways and Sport Australia Local Sporting Champions. As of September 15 2022, Queensland squash community and emerging pathway athletes have accessed a total of:

- **Emerging Athlete Pathways**
54 approved applications for total funding of \$22,500
- **FairPlay Round 6**
24 redeemed vouchers with total value of \$3,600

Through the Active Industry Fund, we will deliver programs in the following key areas before June 30 2023:

- Non accredited volunteer training
- Governance improvement
- Girls & women's initiatives
- Active Communities Initiatives
- Regional Program Development and Delivery

More than 100+ junior boys and girls competed at the Queensland Junior Championships held at Nerang Squash & Fitness in June/July. Featuring interstate and overseas players. The Board is working closely with our regions to further develop the Queensland Junior Championship event. And are in discussions with potential partnerships for future events. We acknowledge the efforts of our 2022 QJC hosts Southern Region, Nerang Squash & Fitness and their volunteers.

Congratulations to our Queensland Sharks team who delivered strong performances in Perth to win the Australian Junior Championships (Team Event). The team lead by Head Coach Vicky Boswell, Team Manager Jules Wone, Assistant Coach Mark Fox and House Parent Kerry Mather. An outstanding result as we look ahead to host the event the 2023.

Congratulations to the following Queensland athletes for their 2022 selections to represent Australia:

WSF World Junior Championships: Madison Lyon, Luke Eyles, Sophie Fadaely, Brendan MacDonald, Kurstyn Mather

Commonwealth Games: Rachael Grinham, Jessica Turnbull, Zac Alexander

Dean Morzone

President



While the challenges that COVID-19 has presented over the past two years have not gone away, we have reached an important stage in the Association's evolution where the Board and staff of Squash SA are looking to strengthen our financial position and sharpen our focus on the health and vitality of our sports.

As we have reviewed our Strategic and Business Plans it has become clear that while we have managed to continue to provide quality pennant competitions and a comprehensive tournament schedule, there is much more we need to do to assist our Clubs grow and thrive, and more to do in areas such as facility provision and player development.

To that end the Board have created a working group to review our current operational and staffing structure at Squash SA, outline alternative structures, and make recommendations on the preferred structure to ensure the ongoing success of the Association.

- The working group is to address some of the key issues facing the Association:
- The ability of a CEO to reasonably manage both Squash SA operations and The Southern on a day to day basis.
- Maximising the financial performance of The Southern
- The future management structure required for The Southern given the potential multi-million redevelopment

The future management and staffing structure at Squash SA to ensure our future success in growing squash and racquetball.

Ultimately the working group's recommendations to the Board will aim to provide a guide to the ideal structure for Squash SA to ensure its future success in growing the sports of squash and racquetball and also having a management model that optimises the revenue from the Southern.

Squash SA has continued to engage significantly with Squash Australia as our sports endeavor to work with a shared vision to return to the prominence it deserves. To that end we value the representation we have on the Squash Australia Board with two South Australian members, and we appreciate the chance to put our

views through to the national body via the Presidents Forum and the Executive Officers Committee.

Squash SA's hospitality venue, the Southern, has in the main weathered the challenges we have faced in recent years with the South Road project followed by COVID, and has continued to provide strong revenue for our Squash and Racquetball programmes. To ensure the ongoing success of The Southern, the Board has made the decision to upgrade and modernise the venue.

The Board has engaged an architect and are currently reviewing the proposed design concepts and construction costs. This project will ensure the venue remains a positive revenue provider for Squash SA and its members, and will provide the financial support for our sports for many years into the future.

Again, this year, we have benefited from the incredible work by our volunteers, staff and Club personnel, who we want to acknowledge and thank for their efforts during the year. This thanks extends to all our Club committee members, coaches, referees and of course our players right throughout the State.

We all look forward to a vibrant future for our sports and for the recognition that our sports are still some of the best sports anyone can play.

Sam Abishara
President

STATE REPORT

SQUASH
TAS



Squash in Tasmania has had a steady growth in numbers in both Senior and Junior numbers.

Both Hobart (Eastside Squash Centre), and Devonport held three successful PSA events with a Graded event running alongside each.

Eastside Squash Committee have now leased another centre in the suburbs of Hobart.

Hobart and Devonport have run many Squash to Schools presentations, with some success in recruitment.

Our Coaching numbers are low, with only two centres now housing Accredited Coaches.

We are striving to host Coach Accreditation programs, but we are finding it very difficult to secure a Coach Educator to visit Tasmania.

Leon Barnett

President Squash Tasmania

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STATE REPORT

**SQUASH &
RACQUETBALL
VIC**



As we emerged from the challenges presented by COVID-19, Squash and Racquetball Victoria was shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Paul Vear OAM, a man who had spent his life dedicated to squash and racquetball. More recently, Paul had been acting General Manager of S&RV until his passing in January.

To celebrate Paul's life and his massive contribution to both our sports, I am pleased to announce that S&RV will create the Paul Vear Award. Those who would be considered for the Award would need to demonstrate a commitment to our sports over decades, be very much a team player and enjoy a significant number and depth of squash and racquetball relationships.

In April, following an extensive recruitment process, Karl Mayne commenced at S&RV as our new General Manager. Recruited from Cricket Victoria, Karl has very successfully assumed the role and in a short period of time, has managed to make some significantly positive changes to the way that we work. We would also like to acknowledge Prayansh Desai, who was Acting General Manager following Paul's passing. We thank him for his commitment to step up and assume additional responsibilities in the interim period.

Karl's first day on the job coincided with the Australian Junior Open being held in Bendigo. We would since learn that Bendigo has been announced to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games Squash Program, a huge thrill for the sport in Victoria and in particular, regional communities.

During this year, we have sought to improve our connection and service to country clubs and venues through the introduction of regional coordinators who have provided a more localised avenue for support and assistance.

Following the development and release of our new Strategic Plan, we opted to cease the operations of the many and various committees supporting S&RV and create five new committees that are now directly aligned with our Strategic Plan and better support the Board and the various business operations.

The newly formed committees are Industry Unification, Financial Security, Participation and Performance, Strong Positive Profile and Workforce Development.

The composition of these committees are primarily talent-based. The contribution of the committees has been a great assistance to the Board and operational staff.

We have also felt a strong connection to the Squash Australia Board following the appointment of former Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) CEO Simon Weatherill.

It has been pleasing to see a significant increase in our social media following and engagement, largely driven by our Celebrity Squash Challenge held to celebrate World Squash Day on Saturday, 15 October at MSAC.

Other notable events included the MS Mega Challenge held at Westerfolds and Wodonga. The Victorian Open at the Mulgrave Country Club was won again by local player Rex Hedrick who has had a brilliant season and continues to be a wonderful ambassador for the sport.

Another promising development has been the growth in our junior programs with a marked increase in players competing in AJST events and a newly formed relationship with School Sport Victoria which is designed to get more kids on court.

We look forward to continuing to bounce back in 2023 and are excited by the prospects and opportunities awaiting over the next 12 months.

With thanks

Sarah Fitz-Gerald AM

President

Karl Mayne

General Manager

STATE REPORT

SQUASH
WA



2022 has been a positive and eventful year for squash in Western Australia.

After three long years, our supporter and partner Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) confirmed they would assist us in acquiring a Headquarters for WA Squash in the Belmont centre. Over the next 12 months, the building will undergo a major facelift which will improve the user experience.

With a new place to call home, WA Squash launched into this new era with a roll out of a Strategic Plan. Included in the plan was to engage a full time General Manager. I was appointed to take over the reins from Dean Williams who worked part time and was unable to commit to full time work. The Board, members and wider community commended Dean for his passion, dedication, and love of the game, and wished him well.

Participation at tournaments was significantly high throughout 2022. Players travelled far and wide across the state from Esperance to Dampier to Kalgoorlie to name a few, resulting in tournament participation skyrocketing, and providing us with a benchmark to build on.

Masters continue to shine with Sue Hillier, Glenn Hitch and Joannah Hitch selected to play in the Australian team for the Trans-Tasman Test against New Zealand, taking place in Adelaide.

WA Junior celebrated a variety of successes this year:

Five West Australians represented Australia in the World Junior Championships in France. Oscar Curtis, Erin and Dylan Classen, Hannah Slyth and Greg Chan (pictured below with the whole Australian team) played for their state and country – and made us extremely proud.

Further to this Erin and Hannah placed in the Australian Junior Open U17 girls and Oscar Curtis won the U19 categories.

Club-level junior programs have increased in participant numbers.

School programs continue to run strong.

The interschool competition has doubled in size.

The annual junior Squash-a-thon (pictured below) is growing each year.

The Australian Junior Championships are being held in Perth for the first time in eight years.

Healthway have been instrumental in enabling us to build a better pathway for juniors, whether they are playing in competitions or not.

The WA Squash Board has had a challenging, yet inspiring year, with much change within the office, Board, and general squash community – and now the hard work is starting to pay off. I have loved almost every minute working with them and very much look forward to what next year brings.

Squash in Western Australia is blessed with a passionate and caring community. With such a huge number of kind-hearted people combined with their love of the game, we have an incredible volunteer base who continue to give up their time, all for the betterment and growth of our sport. Without the generosity of these volunteers, paid staff, coaches, referees (payment could never cover what these people contribute) we would not be able to build a solid foundation for the future of squash in our state.

Leigh-Anne Kaye

General Manager WA Squash





AUSTRALIAN MASTERS REPORT

2022 TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

It is with much pleasure that I present the following report on the on-court results of the Australian team that participated in the 2022 Trans – Tasman Test Series and the 2022 Australian Masters Individual Squash Championships.

The AMSA announced the following team to defend the Vic Belsham Trophy:

Men

Over 35 – Steven Finitzis – QLD
Over 40 – Shahroze Khan – VIC
Over 45 – Jason Mudge * – SA
Over 50 – Jeff Bond – NSW
Over 55 – Warren Miller – VIC
Over 60 – Peter Gilbee – VIC
Over 65 – Jim Mobbs – QLD
Manager – Garry Irwin – NSW

Women

Over 35 – Kym Tracey-Patte – QLD
Over 40 – Joannah Yue-Hitch – WA
Over 45 – Melissa Martin – QLD
Over 50 – Sue Davis – QLD
Over 55 – Sue Hillier – WA
Over 60 – Sue Williams – QLD
Over 65 – Gaye Mitchell – TAS
Manager – Garry Irwin – NSW

*** Note:** In the lead up to the team leaving for Adelaide, a decision was made to replace Jason Mudge (who withdrew due to personal reasons) with Glenn Hitch (WA) in the Over 45 Age Group. A highlight of Glenn's selection was, along with his wife Joannah became the first Husband and Wife representatives in the same Series for either nation.



Back Row L to R: Glenn Hitch (WA), Shahroze Khan (Vic), Jim Mobbs (Qld), Peter Gilbee (Vic), Warren Miller (Vic), Jeff Bond (NSW), Steven Finitzis (Qld), Garry Irwin (NSW – Manager)
Front Row L to R Joannah Yue-Hitch (WA), Sue Hillier (WA), Sue Williams (Qld), Gaye Mitchell (Tas), Melissa Martin (Qld), Kym Tracey-Patte (Qld), Sue Davis (Qld),

First Trans Tasman Test 07th October

With a very healthy and enthusiastic crowd of over 100 locals and visitors, the battle for the Vic Belsham Trophy began at the Karadinga Squash and Function Centre. An official Welcome at the KSFC involving the players, team management, sponsors and visitors was held before matches commenced. The Australian and New Zealand Managers then introduced their players. As in previous Series, all present sang their national anthems.

The match results were as follows (in order of play; Australian players first and Australian wins in bold):

Women's 35

Kym Tracey-Patte lost to Rachel McLeod
11/7, 7/11, 3/11, 7/11

Men's 45

Glenn Hitch def Matthew Green
11/7, 11/9, 11/9

Men's 50

Jeff Bond def Scott Gardiner
13/15, 11/8, 7/11, 11/0, 11/8

Women's 45

Melissa Martin def Nadine Cull
11/6, 11/7, 11/8

Women's 55

Sue Hillier def Vicki Beker
11/1, 11/6, 11/6

Men's 40

Shahroze Khan def Paul Tuffin
11/9, 12/10, 6/11, 12/10

Men's 65

Jim Mobbs lost to Mark Waldin
9/11, 5/11, 7/11

Women's 40

Joannah Yue-Hitch def Joanna Shanks
8/11, 11/2, 7/11, 12/10, 11/2

Women's 60

Sue Williams def Karen Walton
13/11, 11/4, 11/13, 11/5

Men's 35

Steven Finitzis def Alan Westrupp
11/1, 11/7, 11/5

Men's 60

Peter Gilbee def Roger Garrett
11/5, 11/5, 11/9

Women's 50

Sue Davis def Lisa Ashton
11/9, 11/7, 11/3

Women's 65

Gaye Mitchell def Sandra LeLievre
12/10, 11/8, 12/10

Men's 55

Warren Miller lost to Gary Duberley
11/8, 8/11, 11/8, 2/11, 3/11

Second Trans Tasman Test 08th October

The Second Test was again played in front of another enthusiastic crowd of approx 100 locals and visitors at the Karadinga Squash and Function Centre.

The match results were as follows (in order of play; Australian players first and Australian wins in bold):

Men's 50

Jeff Bond def Scott Gardiner
6/11, 11/4, 11/9, 11/2

Women's 40

Joannah Yue-Hitch def Joanna Shanks
11/7, 11/7, 4/11, 11/3

Women's 60

Sue Williams def Karen Walton
12/14, 11/8, 11/8, 11/9

Men's 65

Jim Mobbs def Mark Waldin
11/4, 12/10, 11/9

Men's 35

Steven Finitzis def Alan Westrupp
11/8, 11/4, 11/3

Women's 65

Gaye Mitchell def Sandra LeLievre
11/4, 11/9, 14/12

Women's 35

Kym Tracey-Patte lost to Rachel McLeod
11/3, 11/5, 7/11, 8/11, 5/11

Men's 40

Shahroze Khan lost to Paul Tuffin
2/11, 13/15, 3/11

Men's 55

Warren Miller lost to Gary Duberley
11/6, 7/11, 10/12, 7/11

Women's 50

Sue Davis lost to Lisa Ashton
2/11, 7/11, 3/11

Men's 45

Glenn Hitch lost to Matthew Green
12/10, 11/5, 11/9, 8/11, 5/11

Women's 55

Sue Hillier def Vicki Beker
12/10, 13/11, 11/5

Men's 60

Peter Gilbee def Roger Garrett
11/9, 11/3, 11/7

Women's 45

Melissa Martin def Nadine Cull
11/4, 11/3, 11/6

After leading the 2nd Test 6-0 after the first six matches, the NZ team showed their fighting spirit to bring the overall score back to 6-5 in favour of the Australians. Australia came home in a rush winning the last 3 matches. Australia won the 2nd Test (9) matches to (5), (32) games to (18) and (474) points to (417), therefore defending the Vic Belsham Shield with an unassailable 2-0 Series lead.

2022 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

As is the usual practice, all representative players and Team Managers then competed in the Australian Individual Championships along with 204 players from all states and territories of Australia.

Continuing on from the positive results of the Test Series, the Australian team recorded the following results:

Steve Finitsis
- Over 35 Champion

Shahroze Khan
- Over 40 Champion

Glenn Hitch
- Over 45 Fourth

Jeff Bond
- Over 50 Champion

Warren Miller
- Over 55 Runner Up

Peter Gilbee
- Over 60 Champion

Jim Mobbs
- Over 65 Runner Up

Kym Tracey-Patte
- Over 35 Runner Up

Melissa Martin
- Over 45 Champion

Joannah Yue-Hitch
- Over 45 Runner Up

Sue Davis
- Over 50 Champion

Sue Hillier
- Over 55 Champion

Sue Williams
- Over 60 Champion

Gaye Mitchell
- Over 65 Champion

Congratulations must also go to the members of the NZ team who recorded the following results:

Alan Westrupp
- Over 35 Runner Up

Paul Tuffin
- Over 40 Runner Up

Matthew Green
- Over 45 Third

Scott Gardiner
- Over 50 Runner Up

Gary Duberley
- Over 55 Champion

Roger Garrett
- Over 60 Fourth

Mark Waldin
- Over 65 Champion

Rachel McLeod
- Over 35 Champion

Joanna Shanks
- Over 40 Champion

Nadine Cull
- Over 45 Third

Lisa Ashton
- Over 50 Runner Up

Vicki Beker
- Over 55 Third

Karen Walton
- Over 60 Runner Up

Sandra Le Lievre
- Over 65 Runner Up

Garry Irwin

Team Manager
2022 Trans – Tasman Test Series Adelaide,
South Australia

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