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## WMG GOLD

L to R: Mike Millington, Champions:  
Di Cook; Sue Hillier; Anne Richards,  
Sue Volzke and Kevin Smuts



**Sue Hillier, Anne Richards and Di Cook** win Gold at the **2017 World Masters Games** in NZ

Congratulations to **Sue Hillier**, **Anne Richards** and **Di Cook** on your fantastic victories at the World Masters Games in NZ.

Sue won the O50 Open and Anne the O60 Open whilst Di won the O65 Recreational event.

Five WA Juniors represented Australia in the Trans Tasman Test Series against New Zealand.

New Zealand won their 3rd series in a row belting the Aussies 13-5 and 13-5.

**Oscar Curtis** was able to hold his head up high with a 2 from 2 result whilst **Dylan Classen** and **Remi Young** each secured one win.

Thank you to Karen Young who has provided a very comprehensive summary of the NZ Junior trip.

Congratulations to **Mike Corren** and **Cindy Meintjes** for winning the Open events at the WA Closed.

I would like to welcome aboard **Olivia Lindsey** who has agreed to write a number of articles for the SWAN during the year. Olivia has kicked off her writing with a report on the HEAD Junior Classic.

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## WORLD RANKINGS

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WA MEN:	TM:	HWR:
Mike Corren	220	38
David Ilich	320	300
William Curtis	403	359
Tim Cowell	455	178

**TM: This Month**

**HWR: Highest World Ranking**



**Sue Hillier** beat Angelique Clifton Parks (South Africa) 19/17, 8/11, 12/10, 11/8 in the O50 final at the World Masters Games.



# NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR EVENTS

**Karen Young has compiled this comprehensive report on the NZ Trip.**

## **Oceania Junior Championships**

Six WA juniors travelled to Auckland to play in the OJC held at the Henderson Squash Club from Friday 14th to Monday 17th April 2017.

The club has 6 courts with a main centre court set up for television viewing. Two of the courts are glass backed.

There were 215 entrants. In order to give people time to arrive play didn't commence until 12 noon on Friday but went on into the night finishing around 9pm. Then Saturday and Sunday were full days from 8 am to 9 pm so that play could be played in Henderson Squash Club and not spread over to another centre that would have been 20 minutes away.

The matches were scheduled with plenty of time and, in some cases, courts were over an hour ahead of time. A match schedule was displayed on a large screen and different colours were used to indicate the matches on court, next match on and if players had checked in.

Jade, Remi, Kiran, Dylan, Erin and Oscar were all great ambassadors for WA Squash. They mixed with the other juniors and soon made new friends. Once on the squash court, they meant business and played with determination and desire. They supported each other where possible along with Reto, Lee, Kiran's Dad, Troy and myself.

**Kiran Byles** was first up with a qualification match and, despite being 1-2 down, it looked like he was starting to get

on top; however, he just lost in four. He then went on to win his next 3 matches to win Division 1.

**Jade Woods** did not have the results she was looking for but still came away with a smile. Jade looked impressive in her first match winning in 3 but could not repeat this performance the next day. Jade played some good points in her next matches but could not string them together in her usual fashion. Jade finished 8th.

**Remi Young** started his first match as Kiran's Dad said "a bit rusty", but built on that to get stronger and stronger as the intensity of the matches increased. He did not drop a game in his 3 matches leading up to the semi-final.

His opponent in the semi-final was Elijah Thomas, who he had played and lost to 3 times before. However, he did not let that affect him and went into the match nervous but with an element of confidence and ready for the challenge. The games were close but Remi kept patient and came out the winner in 3.

He was going to have to retain that form and more for the final against top seed, New Zealander Leo Fatiolofa. Remi gave it all and although down 0-2 he still came back to comfortably win the 3rd, but Leo still had something up his sleeve and came back to win the 4th. Runner-up was great result for Remi.

**Dylan Classen** made quick work of his first match with a boy from Tahiti winning 3-0. Seeded 5 he played the 4th seeded New Zealander, Apa Fatiolofa next. This match is the best I have seen Dylan play. He played with purpose and of note was the way he focussed from the moment the

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first ball was struck to the last. He deserved this win in 3.

This put Dylan into the semi-final where he was up against the very talented top seed Edward Thng from Singapore. Dylan fought hard and played some very good squash but went down in 3.

This set him up to play 3/4 playoff against Mason Smales (we were staying with his family). Leaving the banter off the court, Dylan continued to play well but could not match the speed of Mason and lost in four. Dylan finished a creditable 4th.

**Erin Classen** had a relaxed start as she had a bye in the first round and did not play on Friday, then her first match on Saturday was later in the day. She had to rid herself of her nerves to get the job done. She won in 3 and then it was a step up the next day to the semi- final against Natalie Sayes from NZ.

Although Erin had beaten Natalie in Darwin at the AJO in January, Erin was still very nervous but she got off to a positive start to win the first game. Natalie then came out very aggressive and Erin struggled to keep up with the pace this time. Natalie continued her aggressive strike of the ball and, on this occasion, Erin had no answer and went down in four.

In the playoff for 3rd/4th against another New Zealander, Erin managed to get more into her game and played some good squash to secure 3rd place.

**Oscar Curtis** was a like a machine. I did not think he was going to give 1 point away in his first match. He romped through all matches in the lead up to the final.

His semi-final against Mason Smales was a polished display of shot making from all over the court and had Mason scrambling, Oscar winning 3-0.

The showdown against Edward was going to be interesting and there were bets on for both players. Both had not dropped a game and both looking in good form. Oscar looked the better in the first game; however, Edward then came back and was forcing Oscar into uncharacteristic errors.

It was a high-class match for U13 and Oscar lost in four hard fought games, finishing runner-up.

Well done, WA Juniors. The WA squash community should be very proud of our kids' performances not just on the court but also off the court.

## **Position Summary of WA Juniors:**

Oscar Curtis U13B: RUNNER UP

Dylan Classen U13B: 4th

Erin Classen U13G: 3rd

Kiran Byles U15B: Winner Division 1

Remi Young U15B: RUNNER UP

Jade Woods U17G: 8th

## **The Trans-Tasman Test Series**

At the presentation of prizes for the OJC, the Trans-Tasman teams were introduced. WA were represented by 5 juniors: Oscar Curtis and Dylan Classen U13B , Erin Classen U13G, Remi Young U15B and Jade Woods U17G. This is a wonderful representation for WA having 5 in the team of 18.

After the prize-giving, the Australian team all met together to meet the coaches, Zac Alexander and Kaye Kendall, who had been there during the tournament

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watching as much play as possible but not taking on coaching duties until the Trans-Tasman test series.

Zac took care of coaching duties of the number 1s and Kaye the number 2s. All the matches were live streamed.

## **Day 1 Tuesday April 18th**

First up were the U13 girls with Erin to play Sophie Hodges who had narrowly lost the OJC final 7-11 in the 5th.

Erin, looking less nervous now, came out fighting and looking good to win the first. Sophie then came back in the 2nd with some unexpected shots and took the 2nd. For the next 3 games, it was see-sawing right to the end of the 5th game. After an exciting finish, Erin narrowly lost.

Brother Dylan on the other court (finally not at the same time as in the OJC) was next for WA taking in a replay of the 3rd/4th playoff against Mason Smales.

Dylan had Mason worried after winning the first and being up in the 2nd, but Mason kept fighting and got the 2nd. Dylan found himself down in the 3rd but came back to level but just got pipped at the end of it. Dylan lost 1-3.

Oscar was up next against Apa, who he hadn't played in the OJC. Oscar showed his dominance to win in 3 and get Australia on the board.

Both U15 girls from Queensland played well to win making the overall score 3-3.

Remi was on next with a repeat of his semi-final against Elijah Thomas. There were some very long rallies in this match and Elijah was clearly looking for revenge. A tight first game saw Elijah

come out on top but Remi clawed back to win the 2nd.

The next games saw some great rallies as they tried to manoeuvre each other around. Remi ended up winning 3-1 and putting Australia into the lead at 4-3.

After this, however, Australia managed just one more win by Alex Haydon in the U17 girls. Jade fought hard in her match but could not match her opponent and went down in 3.

No wins in the U17 boys and U19 boys and girls resulted in Australia being down 5-13 after the first day.

## **Day 2 Wednesday April 19th**

Australia came out fighting on the 2nd day with Oscar Curtis playing a determined Mason Smales trying to do better than in the individuals against him. Mason managed to get a game but Oscar kept it together to win 3-1.

On the other court, it was Dylan up against Apa Fatiolofa. Trying to repeat his 3-0 win in the individuals, however, Apa was up for the challenge and this match went all the way to 5 sets.

Dylan showed his control and excellent shot-making to win the 5th game comfortably. Good start for Australia, up 2-0.

Next up were the U13 girls, Erin against Natalie Sayes, the winner of the OJC individuals. Erin couldn't convert the close games and went down 3-0.

Maggie also couldn't convert the close games and lost 2 of them 12-10. She kept fighting all the way but also lost in 3. 2-2 now.



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Next up, U15 boys, Remi against Leo Fatiolofa, his OJC finalist opponent and Josh Penfold against Elijah Thomas.

Remi got off to a great start to take the first game 11-9 and then had Leo under real pressure in the 2nd up 9-7, but could not maintain it, losing that game 9-11. The next 2 games, Remi fought hard but lost in four.

Josh, having beaten Elijah in 3 in the individuals was having a much harder time and it was point for point. Into the 5th game and rallies went on and on as both of them were not wanting to take too many risks. In the end, it was Elijah who was the winner 18-16 in the 5th. A tough loss for Australia. Score now 4-2 to NZ.

The U15 girls looked like they were going to continue their top form from the day before with Hayley Hankinson winning in 4 again; however, Katie Davies could not maintain her form and lost in straight. Score now 5-3 to NZ.

In the U17s, the boys Maaz Kahtri and Jacob Ford and Jade could not pull off an upset while Alex Haydon continued her winning form to win in 3. Score 8-4 to NZ.

In the U19 matches the girls and Nick Calvert all had some close games but could not pull off wins but Lachie Cocksedge, although down 0-2, managed to claw his way back and take the match 3-2.

Final score on Day 2: NZ 13 Aus 5.  
Overall score NZ 26 Aus 10 (4 points from WA Oscar 2, Dylan 1, Remi 1)

It was a tough 6 days of squash. However, I do know that the kids had a great time and that they would have happily travelled on to the New Zealand Junior Open to be with their new friends and play the game they love.



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Six Western Australians made the long journey to New Zealand to compete in the 2017 Oceania Junior Championships and Trans Tasman Test Series.



<b>U13G</b>	<b>Erin Classen: Finished 3rd</b>	
<b>PO 3-4</b>	Defeated Ella Lash (NZ)	11-8, 11-5, 11-4
<b>SF</b>	Lost to Natalie Sayes (NZ)	11-4, 1-11, 5-11, 6-11
<b>R2</b>	Defeated Rakairoa Joyce (NZ)	11-6, 11-4, 11-5
<b>U13B</b>	<b>Dylan Classen: Finished 4th</b>	
<b>PO 3-4</b>	Lost to Mason Smales (NZ)	1-11, 12-10, 7-11, 11-13
<b>SF</b>	Lost to Edward Thng (Singapore)	4-11, 9-11, 4-11
<b>QF</b>	Defeated Apa Fatialofa (NZ)	13-11, 11-8, 11-7
<b>R1</b>	Defeated Roignant Kainui (Tahiti)	11-4, 11-1, 11-2
<b>U13B</b>	<b>Oscar Curtis: Finished 2nd</b>	
<b>FINAL</b>	Lost to Edward Thng (Singapore)	11-6, 5 11, 9-11, 8-11
<b>SF</b>	Defeated Mason Smales (NZ)	11-8, 11-5, 11-7
<b>QF</b>	Defeated Freddie Jameson (NZ)	11-5, 11-5, 11-4
<b>R1</b>	Defeated Campbell Griffin (NZ)	11-0, 11-2, 11-2
<b>U15B</b>	<b>Remi Young: Finished 2nd</b>	
<b>FINAL</b>	Lost to Leo Fatialofa (NZ)	8-11, 8-11, 11-6, 3-11
<b>SF</b>	Defeated Elijah Thomas (NZ)	11-7, 11-6, 11-9
<b>QF</b>	Defeated BJ MacDonald (QLD)	11-5, 11-7, 11-3
<b>R2</b>	Defeated Sam Kelly (NZ)	11-4, 11-6, 11-2
<b>R1</b>	Defeated Paul Moran (NZ)	11-4, 11-3, 11-5
<b>U15B D1</b>	<b>Kiran Byles: Finished 33rd</b>	
<b>FINAL</b>	Defeated Ross Jowsey (ENG)	11-7, 11-8, 6-11, 11-8
<b>RR R2</b>	Defeated Max Conder (NZ)	11-6, 11-5, 11-3
<b>RR R1</b>	Defeated Joseph Clyde (TAS)	11-1, 11-5, 11-5
<b>Q</b>	Lost to Isaac Karati (NZ)	10-12, 10-12, 11-9, 7-11
<b>U17G</b>	<b>Jade Woods: Finished 7-8</b>	
<b>PO 7-8</b>	Lost to Emma Clyde (TAS)	11-8, 15-17, 8-11, 2-11
<b>PO 5-8</b>	Lost to Annaleise Faint (NZ)	5-11, 7-11, 4-11
<b>R1</b>	Defeated Paige Saies (NZ)	11-2, 11-4, 11-2



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## Story by Remi Young

I played the Trans-Tasman test matches for Australia against New Zealand on April 18th and 19th, 2017.

For me, these were rematches of the semi-final and final from the Oceania Junior Championships held just days earlier.

My first match was against Elijah Thomas, who I previously beat in 3 in the tournament. This time he took it to me a lot more and got the first game but I managed to get back and win in a hard fought 4 games.

After the first day, Australia were down 13-5 in matches, so the next day had to be a big one if we were any chance of winning.

I played Leo Fatialofa, who 2 days prior had beaten me in 4 games. I got off to a great start winning the first 11-9. I then led 9-7 in the second before losing 9-11. Things didn't go to plan after that and I lost in 4 once again.

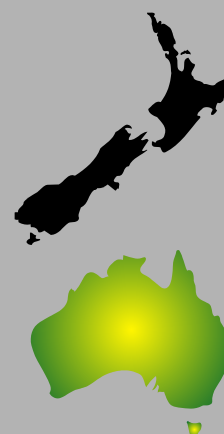
Close matches all around but Australia

lost 10-26 in overall matches. We Aussies may have lost but we put up a good fight!

It was great to be in a team environment with new people to get to know. Also, nice to share the experience with fellow WA mates.

The coaching from Zac Alexander was really good in that he gave me good tactics to try and implement into my game. I will take his advice away and try and build on it. I also made new friends with the Kiwis and hope that I will get to see them again next year in Australia.

## TRANS TASMAN



## TEST SERIES



Zac and Remi



Dylan, Erin, Oscar, Remi and Jade

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## TRANS TASMAN TEST SERIES

Day 1	Australia		New Zealand				
U13 Girls	Maggie Goodman	L	Natalie Sayes	0-3	NZ	1	0
	Erin Classen	L	Sophie Hodges	2-3	NZ	2	0
U13 Boys	Dylan Classen	L	Mason Smales	1-3	NZ	3	0
	Oscar Curtis	W	Apa Fatialofa	3-0	NZ	3	1
U15 Girls	Hayley Hankinson	W	Georgia Fyfe	3-1	NZ	3	2
	Katie Davies	W	Renee Dudson	3-1		3	3
U15 Boys	Josh Penfold	L	Leo Fatialofa	0-3	NZ	4	3
	Remi Young	W	Elijah Thomas	3-1		4	4
U17 Girls	Jade Woods	L	Rhiarne Taiapa	0-3	NZ	5	4
	Alex Haydon	W	Winona-Jo Joyce	3-0		5	5
U17 Boys	Maaz Khatri	L	Matthew Lucente	0-3	NZ	6	5
	Jacob Ford	L	Gabe Yam	0-3	NZ	7	5
U19 Girls	Shehana Vithana	L	Kaitlyn Watts	0-3	NZ	8	5
	Courtney Mather	L	Anika Jackson	0-3	NZ	9	5
	Taylor Jones	L	Nadia Hubbard	0-3	NZ	10	5
	Grace Pattison	L	Courtney Trail	1-3	NZ	11	5
U19 Boys	Lachlan Coxsedg	L	Finn Trimble	0-3	NZ	12	5
	Nick Calvert	L	Mitchell Kempton	1-3	NZ	13	5

Day 2	Australia		New Zealand				
U13 Boys	Oscar Curtis	W	Mason Smales	3-1	AUS	0	1
	Dylan Classen	W	Apa Fatialofa	3-2	AUS	0	2
U13 Girls	Erin Classen	L	Natalie Sayes	0-3	AUS	1	2
	Maggie Goodman	L	Sophie Hodges	0-3		2	2
U15 Boys	Remi Young	L	Leo Fatialofa	1-3	NZ	3	2
	Josh Penfold	L	Elijah Thomas	2-3	NZ	4	2
U15 Girls	Katie Davies	L	Georgia Fyfe	0-3	NZ	5	2
	Hayley Hankinson	W	Renee Dudson	3-0	NZ	5	3
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	Jade Woods	L	Winona-Jo Joyce	0-3	NZ	8	4
U19 Boys	Nick Calvert	L	Finn Trimble	0-3	NZ	9	4
	Lachlan Coxsedg	W	Mitchell Kempton	3-2	NZ	9	5
U19 Girls	Courtney Mather	L	Kaitlyn Watts	0-3	NZ	10	5
	Shehana Vithana	L	Anika Jackson	0-3	NZ	11	5
	Grace Pattison	L	Nadia Hubbard	1-3	NZ	12	5
	Taylor Jones	L	Courtney Trail	0-3	NZ	13	5





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# HEAD<sup>®</sup>

## JUNIOR CLASSIC

Story by Olivia Lindsey

This year, the **2017 Head Junior Classic** was held in conjunction with the WA Closed tournament on Saturday, April 22nd at Mirrabooka Squash Centre.

Not only did the club welcome a vast number of seniors to the event but the club was inundated with over 56 juniors participating in 7 ability divisions.



The tournament drew entries from all across the state. There was a nice proportion of both metro and country juniors, some travelling from as far as Exmouth and Esperance.

Originally, the Head Junior Classic was an aged based tournament, however, the event was turned into an ability-based tournament due to the popularity of Roger Flynn's excellent tournament grading system. This grading system has recently been introduced to WA squash and we look forward to using it in the future.

The juniors took part in a long busy day at the courts where matches began at 9.00am and ran until 5.00pm. There was some brilliant squash played and the five setters were an absolute highlight.

It was pleasing to see a wonderful level of sportsmanship shown by all the players on the day. All juniors fairly new to squash and those competing in their first tournament made an amazing effort both on the court and with their marking and refereeing duties.

There was also a number of older juniors who participated in both the junior and senior tournament. This resulted in these juniors playing in over five intense matches, in just the course of one day!

A huge thank you goes out to all of those who were involved in the tournament. **Thank you to the major sponsor HEAD** who made this tournament possible, providing the prizes for the winners.

Thank you to **Kane Fasolo** the tournament director and **Tim Cowell** who sat behind the desk all day organising matches. Another thank you goes out to all the parents who were involved in running the canteen providing lunch and food to both junior and senior players throughout the day.

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## JUNIOR CLASSIC

### DIVISON 1

- 1 ABEL JIN (VPK)
- 2 TREY MACKENZIE (Esp)
- 3 CALLUM BLAKEY (Mar)

### DIVISION 2

- 1 KANE-JARAN HOLMAN (Mar)
- 2 BRAD WARD (Mad)
- 3 DAMON BLAKEY (Mar)

### DIVISION 3

- 1 KIRAN BYLES (Mar)
- 2 ISABELLA DIVER (Mar)
- 3 JACKSON KIELY (Mad)

### DIVISON 4

- 1 LEWIS CHRISTIE (Mir)
- 2 PATRICK MINSON (Cam)
- 3 OLIVER ERNST (Cam)

### DIVISON 5

- 1 DANIEL MARSH (Mad)
- 2 CAITLIN PRATT (Nar)
- 3 AUGUSTUS DAVIS (Bun)

### DIVISON 6

- 1 ISLA HARRIS (Moo)
- 2 ERIC MARSH (Mad)
- 3 EVA FRENCH (Bun)

### DIVISON 7

- 1 HUGO ROCHE (VPK)
- 2 AVA PIANTA (Man)
- 3 TAE LIN WYNBERGEN (Mar)

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to all the winners

The 2017 **WA Closed Championships** were held on 21-22 April at Squashworld Mirrabooka. Mike Corren won the Mens Open 3-0 beating David Ilich 11-6, 11-4, 11-5. Cindy Meintjes won the Ladies Open 3-1 beating Clare Slyth 7-11, 11-8, 12-10, 11-8.

### 2017 WA CLOSED RESULTS

Division	Winner	Runner up	Plate
Mens Open	Mike Corren	David Ilich	Dan Jones
Ladies Open	Cindy Meintjes	Clare Slyth	Pascale Louka
Mens Div 1	Paul Hey	Ivan Patchett	Grant Hardwick
Ladies Div 1	Bec Barendrecht	Prue O'Neill	Tanya Chapman
Mens Div 2	Richard Shearman	Murray Reynolds	Luke Austin
Mens Div 3	Danny Rosman	Beren Scott	Jesse Helliwell
Mens Div 4	Sam Brookes	Tyron Holloway	Matthew Birch
Mens Div 5	Richard Grain	Gailin Blackwood	Sam Turner

**CONGRATULATIONS**

### Story by Sue Hillier

On 19 April the athletes attended their second workshop 'Performance Psychology' and their parents attended a 'Supporting My Athlete' Workshop. These workshops started at 8am to enable the parents to go to work afterwards. As with the first workshop our athletes were joined with talented athletes from Table Tennis and Volleyball.

Supporting My Athlete was run by **Amanda Schonfeld** from WAIS. She had three main points for the parents of athletes:

1. How you react to a bad performance or loss after watching a video which saw young athletes say how they felt about their parents behaviour at competition. It brought home how sometimes a parent's reaction/body language could be seen by the athlete as negative (even though a parent's reaction is disappointment for the athlete).
2. How you engage in the car after a loss. Research has shown how athletes FEAR the drive home after a loss as they are 'trapped' in a car with no escapes available. The advice was to let the athlete initiate discussion, if they didn't then listen to some music on the way home. Let the coach, coach.
3. How to check medication to see if it is a banned substance for your sport. All parents downloaded the GlobalDRO app <http://www.globaldro.com> to their phones and were walked through the process of checking over the counter medication. Supplements were also discussed, with the recommendation that U18 athletes don't need supplements; they can get all they need from food.

All parents advised that it was a great workshop and were positive afterwards.

Meanwhile the athletes were in their 'Performance Psychology' workshop which was run by **Jesse Phillips** and newly selected Hockeyroo **Georgia Wilson**. Their topics were:

1. Mental Awareness
2. Mental Strength
3. Mental Skills

The athletes learnt about the wiring of an adolescent brain and how emotions can sometimes get the better of them. They were given some tips on how to acknowledge negative thoughts as just thoughts, then put them aside and move on.



They discussed the Locus of Control, their Social Support, and Expectations on them by others and given advice on Meditation. Georgia gave a passionate story about her discovery of meditation and her recommendation of the site she uses which was very helpful.

Jesse, got the athletes thinking about the mental side of the game with his message:

## YOU HAVE THE CHOICE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

**Locus of Control Definition:** The extent to which people believe they have power over events in their lives. A person with an internal locus of control believes that he or she can influence events and their outcomes, while someone with an external locus of control blames outside forces for everything.



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## Entries Close:

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# State Squad Camps April 2017

By Mike Cornish

This year's second lot of camps once again brought together our Development Coaches: Roger, Tim, Mike, Sue, Andrew and Dave for four days of squash sessions that incorporated decision making skills and team building activities. We also worked on reinforcing what was presented at the January camps. 13's and 15's worked together for the first two days followed by the 17's and 19's with a team building session and "Dubs" programmed in between.

The team building activities once again proved to be very popular and challenging. The activities included the concentration grids, tuff mudder challenge, court sprints and cooperative games. All these activities working on the age groups supporting each other in various situations.

Another part of the program which is proving to be hugely successful is the "Dubs" tournament. As a result of Roger's huge success in doubles with the Scottish team he has been able to give our youngsters a huge insight into the tactics of the doubles game. And it was fantastic to see a completely different approach to the way it is played at this camp.

Once again the camps have proven to be an integral part of the players development. WA Squash see it as part of growing the squash person not just the player. And our thanks go to people like Roger and Neil for their valued contribution in not only working with the group but also mentoring and upskilling our coaches and officials in the process.

Also a huge thanks to the office staff - Sue and Don - for all the behind scenes work (admin) and to the team of coaches. A job well done and we look forward to the July camps.





# Metro Talent Camp #2

By Tim Cowell

Immediately following the performance camp at Mirrabooka, the coaching team of Roger Flynn, Mike Cornish and myself ventured to Squash Factory, Wangara for a two day development camp with 24 juniors from Marmion, Subi Kings and Maddington/Gosnells in attendance.

The squash focus of the camp was on the minimum acceptable standards; rather than focusing on trying to hit the perfect bullseye for each shot, understanding the general area they should be aiming to hit their shots to. By the end of day 1 they had plenty of practice on their boasts, drops and straight and cross court drives.

The start of the day however saw the juniors split into 4 different teams and in one minute they were able to come up with the following team names. "Lemon Squash", "Cricket Sandwiches" "Negative Ham" it's a Daniel Marsh inside joke, and "Worst Name Ever".

Every activity had a team aspect of scoring attached, which helped everyone to focus on the task at hand. Different team building activities mixed it up for everyone so it wasn't just squash. Highlight would certainly be 6 years young **Sterling Slyth** who smashed everybody on the wall squat challenge! He may have required a piggy back off court when he finished.

The camp finished off with some doubles, of which the majority were playing for the first time. By the 2nd and 3rd matches everyone had the hang of it, with some well timed power plays and time outs called. Fin and Erin where the doubles champions, whilst Lemon Squash were the overall team champions by 19 points over Negative Ham.

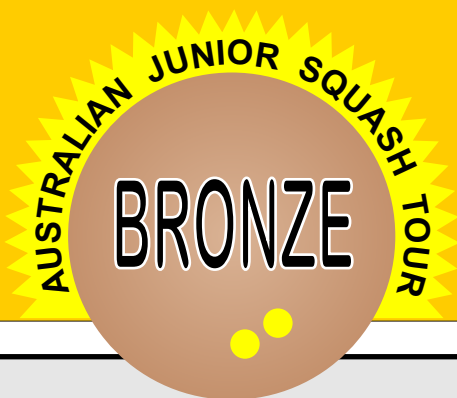
A big thank you goes to the Marmion Squash Club and The Squash Factory for hosting the camp and providing the facilities, Healthways Smarter than Smoking and WA Squash for their support of junior squash development. Finally to the coaching team of Mike, Roger and our Marmion Coaches 'The Blakey Boys' Josh Callum and Damon.







# Northwest Junior Championships



Story by **Natasha Malek (Wickham Squash Junior Coordinator)**

On the 29 April 2017 Wickham Squash Club held the very first Northwest Junior Championship. This was a very exciting time not only for the small town of Wickham and the Wickham Squash Club but more so Junior Squash in the Northwest. The tournament was sponsored by local businesses and community groups such as **Port Wallcot, GreenTree, and Rio Tinto**. Thank you so much.

The day ran smoothly with players as young as 7 years old competing and playing some fantastic squash, through to our A division which included two state players from Exmouth exhibiting some outstanding squash. As junior squash is growing the tournament welcomed four Exmouth players three of whom represent the state and the rest were Wickham players.

In total the tournament had 24 players whom were ranked into 3 ability level divisions, each player played a minimum of three games throughout the day. It was a very competitive day for all with the main final between Anita Tsangaris from Exmouth and Leigh Trost from Wickham. Anita took out the final winning 3-0 however Leigh played his heart out and definitely held his own.

We all came together to celebrate all the players and the amazing start to junior squash in the Northwest by sharing a meal and presenting those winners and runner ups in the three divisions. On behalf of the Wickham Junior Squash Committee: Steve Edney, Ben Baboa, Thomas Saylor and myself we would like to thank WA Squash in particular Mike Cornish for all the support in making this event possible. We look forward to holding this event yearly and welcoming many other clubs like Broome, Port Hedland, Exmouth, Karratha, Dampier, Tom Price and Pannawonika.

We have many talented players out here and I'm excited to see them develop and become players who represent our state and country.







## CONGRATULATIONS SUE HILLIER, ANNE RICHARDS & DI COOK



### AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND: 21-30 APRIL 2017

WA was represented by **Di Cook, Sue Hillier, Mike Millington, Anne Richards, Kevin Smuts** and **Sue Volzke** at the World Masters Games in NZ.

North Shore squash centre was a fantastic venue for the WMG. It had 7 courts with 3 of them show courts. The volunteers and organisers at the centre were exceptional, with the event running smoothly.

The centre had an awesome entertainment area overlooking the river, providing a great place for competitors to eat, rehydrate and relax and get to know players from all around the world.

Expecting cold conditions for this tournament we were all shocked that the weather was fine and a crowded centre made the courts quite warm, just like playing at home. We all noticed that good length was rewarded, as the ball died in the corners.

**Sue Hillier** O50 - Picking a winner of this match up was difficult. Both players hadn't dropped a game in their previous rounds. Angelique, a former South African representative had a sound technique but Sue looked the fitter. After a tense first game which Sue won 19/17 it was still anyone's game. With long rallies and strong short games the two battled it out with Sue emerging the winner. It was a hard fought contest where fitness prevailed.

**Anne Richards** O60 - Played extremely well, she made a fast start and didn't let her opponent get into the game or settle at all. Anne injured her ankle the day before, and was pleased that medics were on site for all sports (the beauty of WMG). Strapped up for her match, Anne was so focused and started attacking from the first rally. Running on adrenaline she closed out the match quickly and was far too good for her opponent on the day.

**Sue Volzke** O65 - having had surgery on her shoulder last year Sue knew this tournament was going to be a test for her. Unfortunately her opponent was incredibly fit and fast and just too good for her this time. The Canadian started the match hitting the ball hard and her consistent length was just too good.

**Di Cook** O65 Rec - 2 games to love and match ball down, she fought hard to come back and win in 5: 4/11 5/11 13/11 11/8 11/6. A gutsy performance.

**Kevin Smuts** O60 - came up against the No 1 seed and eventual winner in his second round. Great effort!

**Mike Millington** O70 - having had both knees replaced he moved around the court well and finished a creditable 5th.



# RESULTS FOR WA MEDALISTS

## O50 Final:

- (1) **Susan Hillier** (Australia) def  
(2) Angelique Clifton Parks (South Africa)  
19/17, 8/11, 12/10, 11/8

## O50 Semi Finals:

- (1) **Susan Hillier** (Australia) def  
(4) Annie Hall (NZ) 11/5, 11/5, 11/0
- (2) Angelique Clifton Parks (South Africa)  
def (3) Kathryn McKay (NZ) 11/7, 11/3, 11/2

## O60 Final:

- (1) **Anne Richards** (Australia) def  
(3) Sarah Wilson (Australia) 11/2, 11/8, 11/3

## O60 Semi Finals:

- (1) **Anne Richards** (Australia) def  
(4) Napoli Teremaki (Australia)  
11/7, 11/7, 11/6
- (3) Sarah Wilson (Australia) def  
(2) Freda Walker (NZ) 11/7, 11/8, 12/10

## O65 Final:

- (2) Laura Ramsay (Canada) def  
(1) **Susan Volzke** (Australia)  
11/3, 11/5, 11/6

## O65 Semi Finals:

- (1) **Susan Volzke** (Australia) def  
(4) Judith Orr (NZ) 11/3, 11/6, 11/9
- (2) Laura Ramsay (Canada) def  
(3) Gwen McGeown (NZ) 11/7, 11/4, 11/2

## Rec 65+ - 4 person Round Robin

- Di Cook** (Australia) def Christine Eaton  
(NZ) 3-0  
**Di Cook** (Australia) def Jennifer Smith (NZ)  
**Di Cook** (Australia) def Jane Mackie  
(Australia) 4/11, 5/11, 13/11, 11/8, 11/6





# Masters of Squash

## ❖ RON CLAYTON ❖

Ron Clayton is a widely known, liked and respected member of the WA Masters Squash community.

While most would know of Ron's love and promotion of the game through his years of involvement with the Busselton Masters tournament, the first and one of the most popular Masters events of the year, few would be aware of his extremely interesting and varied personal and professional background.

Ron was born into the Rosa Brook farming community (near Margaret River) in the late 1940s. In the 50s Ron, with his parents and his three younger siblings, moved to Busselton. Here, in this active coastal community, Ron grew up enjoying all the great aspects of coastal living, something many of us only experienced on rare holidays as youngsters.

Growing up in Busselton, Ron developed a special interest in radio, which led to him joining the RAAF in 1965 as a radio technician based at the Pearce Air Base.

Ron also has a great love of music and is an accomplished guitarist and singer.

While at Pearce Ron was able to combine both these loves; working with radios and getting together with some fellow musos at Pearce to form the band Rebound.

I believe the band members still play together whenever they can, sometimes through the internet as one member now

lives in the UK.

During Ron's time in the air force, his involvement in radio technology followed the advancements through the emerging computer age, which he embraced with enthusiasm.

His involvement and knowledge of computers led to Ron becoming part of the team assessing, evaluating and training on the F111 and F/A aircraft for the RAAF. Ron's involvement with this project saw him based in the USA for several years.

Ron returned to Busselton after retiring from the air force in 1985 and took over the running of Busselton Squash Courts.

It was during this time the South West Masters Tournament, run from the Busselton courts on the Labour Day long weekend in March, became part of the Masters calendar. The tournament has now been going for 31 years, and remains a favourite with old and new Masters players.

Squash, along with family, became a major part of Ron's life during these years when he was running the Busselton courts, and he remained committed as a player and organiser when





# Masters of Squash

## ❖ RON CLAYTON ❖

he was no longer involved in the business. In fact, this increased 'free time' gave him the opportunity to become more involved than ever.

With his knowledge and skills in computer programming, Ron, along with Brian Roby, developed the sophisticated Masters Squash player ranking and tournament draw systems, Autograde and Autodraw.

These systems are used extensively by squash organisers, both in Australia and internationally. Australian Masters Squash also uses the Autograde program as the National Masters ranking system.

However, Ron did not stop at developing these systems, he worked tirelessly, using the systems to prepare and run the draws and manage the results for the Australian Masters Championships year after year, as well as for many other tournaments around Australia, and remained on hand to ensure the smooth running of the events.

Ron's hands on presence and these tools have ensured more even competition for the players and a far more seamless overall running of Masters tournaments.

Ron's involvement in squash was not restricted to the WA Masters. In 2003 he held the official position of AMSA registrar, a position he held jointly with Duncan Constable until 2010, then on his own until he took the decision to stand down in

2016. Further, in 2006 Ron was elected as a Selector for the Australian Squash test team, a position he also held until his decision in 2016 to stand down from office.

Ron has been widely recognised for his continuous and generous contribution to squash in Australia. In 2009 he received the very special Judith Goadby Award, an award that recognises those who represent the true spirit of Masters Squash.

In 2015 Ron received his 20 years attendance AMSA Medallion. He is also a recipient of the WAMS award, given annually for outstanding contribution to WA Masters Squash.

And most recently Ron has received Life Membership of AMSA-a wonderful and fitting recognition of his professional and personal contribution to squash over more than two decades.



# Masters of Squash



AMSA Honorary Life Membership



Busselton Squash Club Life Membership



Tournament Control where Ron shines!



WAMS Award

*Thank You Ron for your wonderful contribution to Masters Squash over several decades*





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# 2017 MASTERS CALENDAR

## Friday Night Masters

Season 1	Feb 10 to Jun 23	7:30pm Blue Gum Squash
Season 2	Jul 28 to Nov 24	7:30pm Blue Gum Squash

## Tournaments

Hilton Classic	May 6, 7	Hilton Squash Centre
WAMS State Championships	Jul 21, 22, 23	<b>Venue TBA</b>
Masters/Junior Tournament	Jul 28	Squash Factory, Wangara
Aust Individuals Championships	Sep 4 to 8	Ballarat VIC
Aust Teams Championships	Sep 11 to 15	Ballarat VIC
Spring Teams Tournament	Nov 18, 19	Squash Factory, Wangara

## Social Events

WAMS Dinner Dance	Aug 5	<b>Venue TBA</b>
Christmas Function	Nov 25 or 26	<b>Venue TBA</b>

## AGM

Annual General Meeting	Nov 18*	<b>Venue TBA</b>
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\* To be confirmed

# Friday Night Masters

The new season has recommenced  
**but it isn't too late to join!**

Simply contact Phil on the  
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**Top 4**  
**JUNIOR RANKINGS**



**May 2017**

**BOYS U19**

1. Tye Harland - ESP
2. Remi Young - MAR
3. Abel Jin - VP
4. Trey Mackenzie - ESP

**BOYS U17**

1. Remi Young - MAR
2. Abel Jin - VP
3. Trey Mackenzie - ESP
4. Gregory Chan - VP

**BOYS U15**

1. Remi Young - MAR
2. Gregory Chan - VP
3. Oscar Curtis - VP
4. Eric Gray - HIL

**BOYS U13**

1. Oscar Curtis - VP
2. Dylan Classen - MAR
3. Kaleb Sands - MAR
4. Mitchell Ferrari - EXM

**BOYS U11**

1. Augustas Davis - BUN
2. Jonathon Groenewald - MAR
3. Eric Marsh - MG
4. Harvey Pianta - MAN

**GIRLS U19**

1. Kiara Rogers - MAR
2. Jade Woods - EG
3. Pascale Louka - VP
4. Olivia Lindsey - MAR

**GIRLS U17**

1. Jade Woods - EG
2. Pascale Louka - VP
3. Erin Classen - MAR
4. Isabella French - BUN

**GIRLS U15**

1. Erin Classen - MAR
2. Isabella French - BUN
3. Michaela Pratt - NAR
4. Bayley Ponton - MAR

**GIRLS U13**

1. Erin Classen - MAR
2. Caitlin Pratt - NAR
3. Aiyana Morris - BUN
4. Isla Harris - MOR

**GIRLS U11**

1. Isla Harris - MOR
2. Hannah Slyth - SUB
3. Ruby Brandon-Stewart - MAR
4. Matilda Blakey - MAR

# EVENT CALENDAR

**MAY 6-7** Hilton: **Masters Hilton Classic**

**MAY 6-7** Geraldton: **Geraldton Open & Masters**

**MAY 6-7** Geraldton: **Geraldton Junior Open** (AJST Bronze)

**MAY 20** Broome: **Kimberly Junior Championships** (AJST Bronze)

**MAY 20** Katanning: **Katanning Junior Championships** (AJST Bronze)

**Southern Grand Prix Series**

**MAY 20-21** Broome: **Broome International**

**MAY 26-28** The Club Perth: **WA Open** (PSA Closed Satellite)

**JUN 2-5** Kalgoorlie: **City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Golden Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

**JUN 3-5** Kalgoorlie: **Golden Junior Open** (AJST Silver)

**JUN 10** Exmouth: **Exmouth Junior Championships** (AJST Bronze)

**JUN 17** Bunbury: **Bunbury Junior** (AJST Bronze)

**Southern Grand Prix Series**

**JUL 1-2** Mirrabooka: **Squashworld Mirrabooka Open**

**JUL 1-2** Mirrabooka: **WA Junior Championships** (AJST Gold)

**JUL 3-4** Mirrabooka: **WA State Junior Teams**

**JUL 21-23** Venue TBC: **Masters State Championships**

**JUL 28** Squash Factory: **Masters/Junior Tournament**

**AUG 5** Brentwood: **Squashworld Brentwood Junior** (AJST Bronze)

**AUG 5-6** Dampier: **FeNaClng Championships**

**AUG 19** Narrogin: **Narrogin Junior** (AJST Bronze)

**Southern Grand Prix Series**

**SEP 2** Terrace: **Prince Super Series #1** (AJST Bronze)

**SEP 9** Terrace: **Prince Super Series #2** (AJST Bronze)

**SEP 16** Terrace: **Prince Super Series #3** (AJST Bronze)



# EVENT CALENDAR

**SEP 24-26** Venue TBC: **WA Country Teams Championships**

**OCT 3** Fitzpatrick's: **Maddington/Gosnells Junior Graded**

(AJST Bronze)

**OCT 22-23** Cambridge: **Squashworld Cambridge Open**

**OCT 22-23** Cambridge: **Cambridge Junior** (AJST Bronze)

**NOV 4** Manjimup: **Manji Mozzies Junior Open**

**Southern Grand Prix Series**

**NOV 18-19** Squash Factory: **Masters Spring Teams Tournament**

**AST: Australian Squash Tour**

**AJST: Australian Junior Squash Tour**

**WAMS: WA Masters Squash**

## EVENT POSTERS

As soon as you have a poster prepared for your event, please send it to [kim@squashmedia.com.au](mailto:kim@squashmedia.com.au) You can either send a pdf or jpg file of the poster. We recommend you promote your event 3 to 6 months prior to its commencement.

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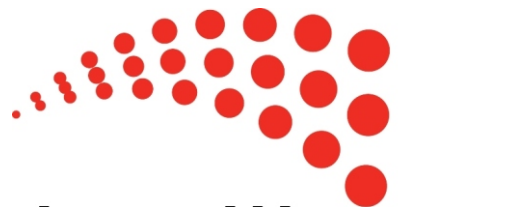
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