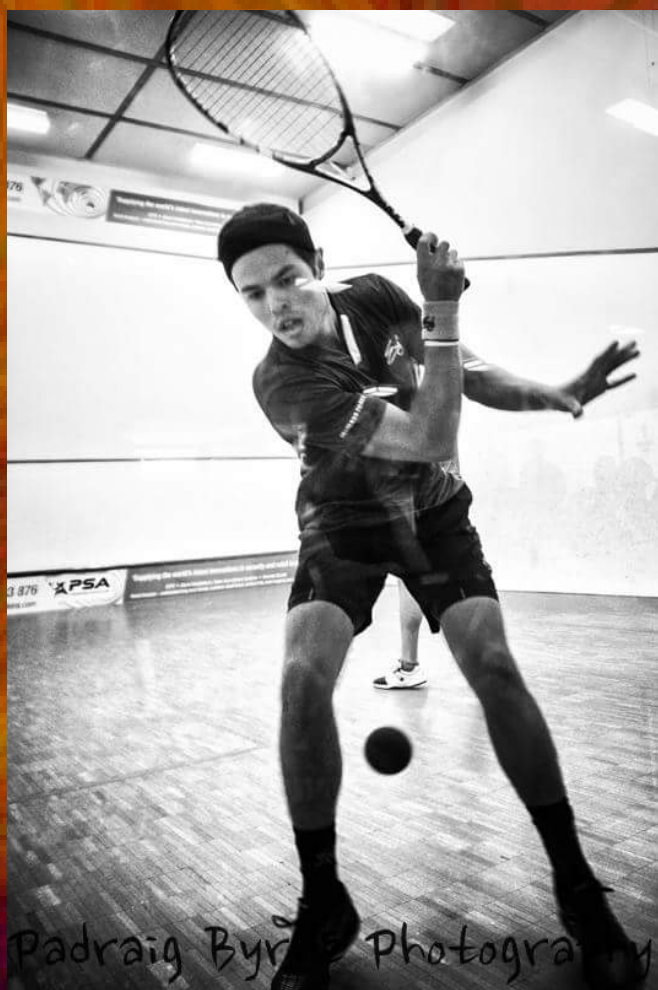




AUSTRALIAN Squash PLAYER



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Did I get your attention? Yes ... it is time for change.

Well the domestic PSA events for 2017 got underway in March and the new BONUS system introduced by Squash Australia to encourage and support Australian players has commenced. Check out the AST Top 10 Leaderboard.

Zac Alexander, Mike Corren and Tamika Saxby were title winners during March.

Alexander demonstrated he was back to his brilliant best with a comprehensive 3-0 win over Josh Larkin 11-2, 11-6, 11-6 in the final of the Pure Blonde Elanora Open. He then went to Townsville and taught Rhys Dowling a painful lesson winning the National Closed 11-7, 11-2, 11-1.

Tamika Saxby returned from a tour overseas to win the National Closed against Lisa Camilleri in straight. Camilleri put up a gutsy fight but went down 7-11, 8-11, 9-11.

Evergreen Mike Corren won back to back Esperance Opens. He beat David Illich in the PSA Closed Satellite final 11-4, 11-3, 11-4. Unfortunately, Corren did not earn



CONGRATULATIONS Zac Alexander & Tamika Saxby 2017 National Closed Champions 2017 AST Leaders

sufficient points to be listed on the AST Top 10 Leaderboard.

One must feel for Cameron Pilley who got absolutely smashed by eventual winner Greg Gaultier 1-11, 3-11, 2-11 in the second round of the British Open.

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AST POINTS



The Australian Squash Tour has been designed to promote the domestic PSA events under one umbrella and encourage greater participation by our PSA players which will in turn, hopefully better support the individual events.

The AST will see the top three male and female Australian players share in an additional \$10,000 prize pool. Note: only a player's top 10 tournaments will be counted toward their overall point score.

	AST-10	AST-5	AST-P
1	1750	900	120
2	1150	600	72.3
3-4	700	350	53.2
5-8	450	200	32
9-16	250	140	19.3
17-32	120	70	18.4

Zac Alexander won the PSA M5 Pure Blonde Elanora Open (AST 5) and National Closed Championships (AST 10) to earn maximum points - 2650 (900+1750).

He leads from Rhys Dowling (350+1150) and Tom Calvert (200+700).

Tamika Saxby has only played in one event but that was enough to see her rocket to the top of the Leaderboard. Winning the National Closed earned her 1750 points.

Lisa Camilleri (350+1150) is running second whilst Samantha Foyle (350+700) is third.

With 6 players on 250 points it was decided to only show the Top 6 (8 players) on the Women's Leaderboard.

TOP 10 - LEADERBOARD

\$10,000 PRIZE POOL

1 Zac Alexander QLD	2650	1 Tamika Saxby NSW	1750
2 Rhys Dowling QLD	1500	2 Lisa Camilleri QLD	1500
3 Tom Calvert QLD	900	3 Samantha Foyle QLD	1050
4 Josh Larkin NSW	600	4 Jessica Turnbull QLD	900
5 Alex Eustace QLD	450	5 Samantha Calvert QLD	580
Lachlan Coxsedge QLD	450	6 Lauren Aspinall SA	450
Courtney West QLD	450	Courtney Mather QLD	450
Joseph White NT	450	Ellie Jones QLD	450
9 Nick Calvert QLD	380		
Jason Holmes VIC	380		

SPLIT UP

Men's Winner	3000	Men's Winner	3000
Men's Runner Up	1500	Men's Runner Up	1500
Men's 3rd Place	500	Men's 3rd Place	500



OUR STARS



The following tables summarise the PSA matches played by our best players during March. Their most recent match is listed first:

Ryan Cuskelly

Ali Farag	L	R1	British Open	9-11, 1-11, 11-9, 1-11 (54m)
Nick Matthew	L	R1	Canary Wharf Classic	13-15, 10-12, 2-11 (65m)
Diego Elias	L	R1	Windy City Open	8-11, 6-11, 6-11 (66m)

Cameron Pilley

Gregory Gaultier	L	R2	British Open	1-11, 3-11, 2-11 (31m)
Adrian Waller	W	R1	British Open	11-6, 11-5, 11-6 (46m)
Nick Matthew	L	QF	Canary Wharf Classic	4-11, 9-11, 8-11 (54m)
Joel Makin	W	R1	Canary Wharf Classic	11-2, 11-8, 11-4 (57m)
Stephen Coppinger	L	R1	Windy City Open	11-9, 11-8, 8-11, 5-11, 7-11 (119m)

Zac Alexander

Rhys Dowling	W	F	National Closed	11-7, 11-2, 11-1
Thomas Calvert	W	SF	National Closed	11-5, 11-1, 11-1
Alex Eustace	W	QF	National Closed	11-8, 11-7, 13-11 (44m)
Jacob Ford	W	R1	National Closed	11-5, 11-4, 11-5
Joshua Larkin	W	F	Elanora Open	11-2, 11-6, 11-6 (38m)
Rhys Dowling	W	SF	Elanora Open	9-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-9 (66m)
Solayman Nowrozi	W	QF	Elanora Open	11-7, 11-5, 2-0 ret. (20m)
Nicholas Calvert	W	R1	Elanora Open	11-0, 11-5, 11-4 (19m)

Josh Larkin

Zac Alexander	L	F	Elanora Open	2-11, 6-11, 6-11 (38m)
Matthew Hopkin	W	SF	Elanora Open	8-11, 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8 (62m)
Thomas Calvert	W	QF	Elanora Open	11-6, 11-3, 11-3 (25m)
Courtney West	W	R1	Elanora Open	11-4, 11-6, 11-3 (25m)



OUR STARS



Matthew Hopkin

Joshua Larkin	L	SF	Elanora Open	11-8, 6-11, 9-11, 11-7, 8-11 (62m)
Luke Jones	W	QF	Elanora Open	11-6, 11-7, 11-8 (20m)
Rohan Toole	W	R1	Elanora Open	12-10, 11-7, 11-7 (27m)

Rhys Dowling

Zac Alexander	L	F	National Closed	7-11, 2-11, 1-11
Steven Finitsis	W	SF	National Closed	11-8, 9-11, 11-4, 7-11, 11-2 (53m)
Joseph White	W	QF	National Closed	11-7, 14-12, 7-11, 11-9
Tyas Williams	W	R1	National Closed	11-7, 11-1, 11-4 (23m)
Zac Alexander	L	SF	Elanora Open	11-9, 8-11, 8-11, 9-11 (66m)
Vivian Rhamanan	W	QF	Elanora Open	5-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-5 (35m)
Bryan Lim Tze Kang	W	R1	Elanora Open	11-6, 13-11, 11-7 (25m)

Tom Calvert

Steven Finitsis	L	3/4PO	National Closed	9-11, 7-11, 7-11
Zac Alexander	L	SF	National Closed	5-11, 1-11, 1-11
Lachlan Coxsedg	W	QF	National Closed	9-11, 11-4, 11-2, 11-4
Matthew Fraser	W	R1	National Closed	11-1, 11-2, 11-4
Joshua Larkin	L	QF	Elanora Open	6-11, 3-11, 3-11 (25m)
Ryan Pasqual	W	R1	Elanora Open	11-8, 5-11, 4-11, 11-4, 11-9 (63m)

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What a great game!



OUR STARS



Donna Urquhart

Sarah-Jane Perry	L	QF	British Open	4-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-6, 4-11 (58m)
Nada Abbas	W	R2	British Open	8-11, 11-3, 11-8, 6-11, 11-1 (46m)
Millie Tomlinson	W	R1	British Open	9-11, 14-12, 11-6, 11-5 (46m)
Annie Au	L	F	Texas Open	6-11, 11-7, 5-11, 11-5, 8-11 (66m)
Joelle King	W	SF	Texas Open	9-11, 11-8, 11-7, 11-8 (49m)
Kanzy Emad El Defrawy	W	QF	Texas Open	6-11, 11-3, 7-11, 11-3, 11-8
Milou van der Heijden	W	R1	Texas Open	11-5, 11-6, 11-6
Sarah-Jane Perry	L	R1	Windy City Open	8-11, 9-11, 8-11 (30m)

Rachael Grinham

Joshna Chinappa	L	R1	British Open	6-11, 11-8, 6-11, 10-12 (40m)
Elise Lazarus	W	Q	British Open	11-7, 11-8, 3-11, 11-6 (37m)
Kace Bartley	W	Q	British Open	11-3, 11-4, 11-5 (16m)
Danielle Letourneau	L	SF	Calgary Squash Week Open	8-11, 11-8, 10-12, 7-11 (40m)
Nada Abbas	W	QF	Calgary Squash Week Open	11-8, 11-8, 11-5 (30m)
Rachel Arnold	W	R1	Calgary Squash Week Open	11-6, 11-4, 6-11, 11-5 (38m)
Kanzy Emad El Defrawy	L	R1	Texas Open	6-11, 7-11, 10-12
Nele Gilis	L	Q	Windy City Open	11-7, 11-8, 7-11, 5-11, 5-11 (71m)
Rachael Chadwick	W	Q	Windy City Open	11-4, 11-5, 11-7 (24m)

Sarah Cardwell

Samantha Cornett	L	Q	Windy City Open	11-9, 2-11, 8-11, 7-11 (39m)
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OUR STARS



Tamika Saxby

Lisa Camilleri	W	F	National Closed	11-7, 11-8, 11-9
Samantha Foyle	W	SF	National Closed	11-8, 14-16, 11-6, 11-7 (40m)
Ellie Jones	W	QF	National Closed	11-1, 11-3, 11-0
Danielle Letourneau	L	Q	Texas Open	11-9, 10-12, 5-11, 6-11
Janet Vidhi	W	Q	Texas Open	11-1, 11-4, 11-5
Misaki Kobayashi	L	Q	Windy City Open	11-6, 11-9, 10-12, 7-11, 2-11 (39m)

Lisa Camilleri

Tamika Saxby	L	F	National Closed	7-11, 8-11, 9-11
Jessica Turnbull	W	SF	National Closed	11-9, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6 (32m)
Samantha Calvert	W	QF	National Closed	11-2, 11-2, 11-5
Vanessa Chu	L	SF	Sandgate Open	7-11, 11-6, 11-6, 7-11, 1-11
Emma Millar	W	QF	Sandgate Open	11-5, 11-9, 11-3
Selena Shaikh	W	R1	Sandgate Open	11-4, 8-11, 11-4, 11-3

Jessica Turnbull

Lisa Camilleri	L	SF	National Closed	9-11, 9-11, 11-8, 6-11 (32m)
Lauren Aspinall	W	QF	National Closed	11-3, 11-5, 11-6
Janelle Fox	W	R1	National Closed	11-6, 11-4, 11-2 (13m)
Samantha Foyle	L	QF	Sandgate Open	8-11, 12-14, 11-5, 6-11
Katie Davies	W	R1	Sandgate Open	11-2, 11-3, 11-5

Samantha Foyle

Tamika Saxby	L	SF	National Closed	8-11, 16-14, 6-11, 7-11 (40m)
Courtney Mather	W	QF	National Closed	11-6, 11-2, 11-6
Hayley Hankinson	W	R1	National Closed	11-4, 11-3, 11-4 (16m)
Ho Tze-Lok	L	SF	Sandgate Open	7-11, 9-11, 4-11
Jessica Turnbull	W	QF	Sandgate Open	11-8, 14-12, 5-11, 11-6
Ariel Lyon	W	R1	Sandgate Open	11-7, 11-2, 11-5



EVENTS



HORIZON POWER ESPERANCE OPEN



CLOSED SATELLITE

Photo: Mike Corren and David Illich

Defending champion and #1 seed **Mike Corren** was too good for David Illich in the final of the **Esperance Open** (PSA Closed Satellite). It was back to back Esperance titles for Corren who won the final 3-0: 11-4, 11-3, 11-4 in 31 minutes.

Corren cruised into the final with a comfortable 20 minute match against Tim Cowell. Corren won 11-2, 11-4, 11-5. Meanwhile, Illich had to endure a 51 minute battle against young gun Joseph White, ultimately winning a close contest 5-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-7.

In the Playoff for 3/4 Joseph White managed to get past Tim Cowell.

In the Ladies Open **Clare Slyth (Subiaco)** defeated Linda Towill (Mirrabooka).

Tye Harland (Esperance) won the U19 Boys from Trey Mackenzie (Esperance) whilst **Kiara Rogers (Marmion)** beat Jade Woods (Kalgoorlie) to win the U19 Girls.



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BRISBANE CITY SQUASH SANDGATE SQUASH MS OPEN 2017



The first Australian PSA W5 event for 2017 saw Hong Kong's **Ho Tze-Lok (WR50)** and **Rebecca Chu (WR60)** reach the final.

The #1S Ho Tze-Lok was too good for #2S Rebecca Chu winning the final in 33 minutes 11-8, 12-10, 11-8.

The best of the Australians were Lisa

Camilleri and Samantha Foyle.

Camilleri couldn't convert a 2 game to 1 lead against Chu but it was a much improved performance.

Foyle recorded a strong win against Jessica Turnbull in the quarters but was no match for the eventual winner **Ho Tze-Lok**.

Final
[1] Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) def [2] Vanessa Chu (HKG) 11-8, 12-10, 11-8 (33m)
Semi Finals
[1] Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) def [5] Samantha Foyle (AUS) 11-7, 11-9, 11-4
[2] Vanessa Chu (HKG) def [3] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 11-7, 6-11, 6-11, 11-7, 11-1
Quarter Finals
[1] Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) def Moana Gray (AUS) 11-7, 11-4, 11-8
[5] Samantha Foyle (AUS) def [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-8, 14-12, 5-11, 11-6
[3] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def [7] Emma Millar (NZL) 11-5, 11-9, 11-3
[2] Vanessa Chu (HKG) def [6] Yura Choi (KOR) 8-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-7
Round 1
[1] Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) def Leanne Turnbull (AUS) 11-6, 11-4, 11-2
Moana Gray (AUS) def [8] Samantha Calvert (AUS) 7-11, 11-5, 11-4, 11-2
[5] Samantha Foyle (AUS) def Ariel Lyon (AUS) 11-7, 11-2, 11-5
[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) def Katie Davies (AUS) 11-2, 11-3, 11-5
[3] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-4, 8-11, 11-4, 11-3
[7] Emma Millar (NZL) def Taylor Flavell (AUS) 6-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-6
[6] Yura Choi (KOR) def Mijin Kim (KOR) 11-1, 11-8, 11-4
[2] Vanessa Chu (HKG) def Madison Lyon (AUS) 11-1, 11-1, 11-2



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Final
[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) 11-2, 11-6, 11-6 (38m)
Semi Finals
[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) 9-11, 11-8, 11-8, 11-9 (66m)
[2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) def [3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) 8-11, 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8 (62m)
Quarter Finals
[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def [8] Solyman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-7, 11-5, 2-0 ret. (20m)
[4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) def [6] Vivian Rhamanan (SIN) 5-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-5 (35m)
[3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) def [7] Luke Jones (NZL) 11-6, 11-7, 11-8 (20m)
[2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) def [5] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 11-6, 11-3, 11-3 (25m)
Round 1
[1] Zac Alexander (AUS) def Nicholas Calvert (AUS) 11-0, 11-5, 11-4 (19m)
[8] Solyman Nowrozi (AUS) def Jason Holmes (AUS) 11-8, 11-1, 8-11, 11-9 (32m)
[6] Vivian Rhamanan (SIN) def Darcy Evans (AUS) 6-11, 3-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-9 (64m)
[4] Rhys Dowling (AUS) def Bryan Lim Tze Kang (MAS) 11-6, 13-11, 11-7 (25m)
[3] Matthew Hopkin (AUS) def Rohan Toole (AUS) 12-10, 11-7, 11-7 (27m)
[7] Luke Jones (NZL) def Joel Luca (AUS) 11-3, 11-3, 15-17, 11-8 (39m)
[5] Thomas Calvert (AUS) def Ryan Pasqual (MAS) 11-8, 5-11, 4-11, 11-4, 11-9 (63m)
[2] Joshua Larkin (AUS) def Courtney West (AUS) 11-4, 11-6, 11-3 (25m)



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Local Open

- (1) Aaron Franckomb def
- (2) Darcy Evans
- 11-4, 11-8, 11-2

A Grade

- (2) Jacky Levy def
- (4) Russ Hyde
- 8-11, 6-11, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7

B Grade

- (2) Shehana Vithana def
- (1) Brendan King
- 8-11, 11-8, 11-4, 11-2

C Grade

- (3) Mark Mason def
- (1) Steve Wayne
- 11-9, 11-2, 11-9, 17-15

Mixed Grade

- (5) Al Silversides def
- (3) Tom Zilfiger
- 11-13, 12-10, 11-9, 0-11, 11-8



See you all next year!





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AUSTRALIAN CLOSED - TOWNSVILLE



Final

[1] Zac Alexander def [2] Rhys Dowling 11-7, 11-2, 11-1

Semi Finals

[1] Zac Alexander def [4] Tom Calvert 11-5, 11-1, 11-1

[2] Rhys Dowling def [3] Steve Finitzis 11-8, 9-11, 11-4, 7-11, 11-2 (53m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Zac Alexander def [5] Alex Eustace 11-8, 11-7, 13-11 (44m)

[4] Tom Calvert def Lachlan Coxsedg 9-11, 11-4, 11-2, 11-4

[3] Steve Finitzis def [8] Courtney West 11-3, 11-4, 11-4

[2] Rhys Dowling def [6] Joseph White 11-7, 14-12, 7-11, 11-9

Round 1

[1] Zac Alexander def Jacob Ford 11-5, 11-4, 11-5

[5] Alex Eustace def Mark Gwynne 11-5, 11-5, 11-8

Lachlan Coxsedg def [7] Ben Courtice 11-7, 11-9, 11-6 (25m)

[4] Tom Calvert def Matthew Fraser 11-1, 11-2, 11-4

[3] Steve Finitzis def Jason Van Der Walt 11-8, 11-3, 11-4 (22m)

[8] Courtney West def Nicholas Calvert 6-11, 11-4, 14-12, 11-9

[6] Joseph White def Jason Holmes 11-7, 11-1, 11-3 (26m)

[2] Rhys Dowling def Tyas Williams 11-7, 11-1, 11-4 (23m)

AUSTRALIAN CLOSED - TOWNSVILLE





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AUSTRALIAN CLOSED - TOWNSVILLE



Final

[1] Tamika Saxby def [2] Lisa Camilleri 11-7, 11-8, 11-9

Semi Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby def [4] Samantha Foyle 11-8, 14-16, 11-6, 11-7 (40m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri def [3] Jessica Turnbull 11-9, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6 (32m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Tamika Saxby def [6] Ellie Jones 11-1, 11-3, 11-0

[4] Samantha Foyle def [7] Courtney Mather 11-6, 11-2, 11-6

[3] Jessica Turnbull def Lauren Aspinall 11-3, 11-5, 11-6

[2] Lisa Camilleri def [5] Samantha Calvert 11-2, 11-2, 11-5

Round 1

[1] Tamika Saxby BYE

[6] Ellie Jones def Di Robinson 8-11, 13-11, 11-3, 11-7

[7] Courtney Mather def Lisa O'Toole 11-2, 11-2, 11-2

[4] Samantha Foyle def Hayley Hankinson 11-4, 11-3, 11-4 (16m)

[3] Jessica Turnbull def Janelle Fox 11-6, 11-4, 11-2 (13m)

Lauren Aspinall def [8] Taylor Jones 6-11, 11-7, 11-3, 11-9

[5] Samantha Calvert def Jodi Menta 11-3, 11-5, 11-5 (14m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri BYE

AUSTRALIAN CLOSED - TOWNSVILLE





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AUSTRALIAN CLOSED - TOWNSVILLE



2017 Australian Closed Squash Championships

	WINNER:	RUNNER UP:
PSA National Closed Satellite	[1] Zac Alexander 11-7, 11-2, 11-1	[2] Rhys Dowling
Men's A Grade	[2] Elliot Geddes (Dalrymple) 11-9, 11-6, 11-9 (25m)	[1] Jordan Till (Sandgate)
Men's C Grade	Glenn Molachino (Wests) 12-10, 4-11, 11-5, 11-6	Bruce Grant (Wests)
Men's E Grade	[4] Troy Scott (Wests) 11-6, 11-4, 11-8	[2] Kobe Weder (Scottvale)
PSA National Closed Satellite	[1] Tamika Saxby 11-7, 11-8, 11-9	[2] Lisa Camilleri
Women's A Grade	[1] Di Robinson (Stafford) 11-4, 7-11, 11-9, 11-3 (22m)	[2] Taylor Jones (Stafford)
Women's C Grade	[1] Gida Varina (Cairns) 11-8, 11-6, 11-6	Abbey Butcher (Ingham)
Women's E Grade	[1] Amy Condon (Cairns) 6-11, 11-3, 11-13, 11-3, 11-8	[2] Caitlin Porter (Cairns)



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Squash Australia Awards

CONGRATULATIONS:

Referee of Year: **Josh Foyle**

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Volunteer of the Year: **Kaye Reeves**

Junior Female Player of the Year:

Jessica Graham

Junior Male Player of the Year: **Alex Eustace**

Senior Player of the Year: **Ryan Cuskelly**

Club of the Year:

Darwin Squash Association

State/Territory of the Year: **Victoria**

Distinguished Service Awards:

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Hall of Fame, Team Sport Award:

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Our 4th Commonwealth Games article looks back at our greatest games ... the 2006 Melbourne Games

The team boasted 2002 World Champion David Palmer and two World Open Finalists: Natalie Grinham (2004) and Rachael Grinham (2005).

Natalie Grinham stole the show becoming the first athlete to ever win three gold medals at the one Games.

She won the Women's Singles before teaming up with her sister Rachael to win the Women's Doubles (becoming the first siblings to win gold in doubles at the Com Games).

She then teamed up with Joseph Kneipp to win the Mixed Doubles.

Rachael Grinham was the first athlete to win a full set of medals at the one Games - gold, silver and bronze.

Like Natalie Grinham, David Palmer won a maximum 3 medals at the one Games but a gold medal was still alluding our champion.



Continued further on

Australia: 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze



WOMEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

Nicol David (MAS) def Tania Bailey (ENG) 9-6, 10-9, 9-3

Natalie Grinham (AUS) def Madeline Perry (NIR) 9-1, 9-7, 4-9, 9-3

Shelley Kitchen (NZI) def Vicky Botwright (ENG) 10-8, 9-5, 9-1

Rachael Grinham (AUS) def Linda Elriani (ENG) 1-9, 9-5, 9-5, 9-3

Semi Finals:

Natalie Grinham def Nicol David 9-10, 9-7, 4-9, 9-6, 9-3

Rachael Grinham def Shelley Kitchen 10-8, 9-4, 9-2

Bronze Medal:

Shelley Kitchen def Nicol David 5-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-2

Final:

Natalie Grinham def Rachael Grinham 2-9, 9-6, 9-1, 9-6

MEN'S SINGLES

Quarter Finals:

David Palmer (AUS) def John White (SCO) 2-9, 10-8, 9-6, 9-0

Lee Beachill (ENG) def **Stewart Boswell (AUS)** 9-4, 9-3, 9-3

Peter Nicol (ENG) def Graham Ryding (CAN) 9-5, 9-1, 9-3

Nick Matthew (ENG) def James Willstrop (ENG)

9-3, 3-9, 8-10, 10-8, 9-5

Semi Finals:

David Palmer def Lee Beachill 9-0, 9-4, 9-4

Peter Nicol def Nick Matthew 3-9, 9-5, 9-4, 9-5

Bronze Medal:

Lee Beachill def Nick Matthew 9-3, 9-7, 9-3

Final:

Peter Nicol def David Palmer 9-5, 10-8, 4-9, 9-2



For Doubles the scoring changed from 15 points per game down to 9.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Semi Finals:

Natalie Grinham & Rachael Grinham (AUS) def Tania Bailey & Vicky Botwright (ENG) 5-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-6

Shelley Kitchen & Tamsyn Leevey (NZL) def Louise Crome & Lara Petera (NZL) 3-9, 8-10, 9-4, 9-6, 9-3

Bronze Medal:

Tania Bailey & Vicky Botwright def Louise Crome & Lara Petera 10-8, 4-9, 9-4, 9-6

Final:

Natalie Grinham & Rachael Grinham def Shelley Kitchen & Tamsyn Leevey 1-9, 9-4, 9-3, 9-3



MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts (AUS) def

Rodney Durbach & Adrian Hansen (RSA) 9-7, 6-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-5

Campbell Grayson & Martin Knight (NZL) def Nick Matthew & James Willstrop (ENG) 9-4, 5-9, 9-5, 9-6

Dan Jenson & David Palmer (AUS) def David Evans & Alex Gough (WAL)

9-6, 9-2, 7-9, 9-7

Lee Beachill & Peter Nicol (ENG) def Harry Leitch & John White (SCO)

8-10, 9-2, 9-2, 3-9, 9-6

Semi Finals:

Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts def

Campbell Grayson & Martin Knight 9-6, 11-9, 11-9

Lee Beachill & Peter Nicol def Dan Jenson & David Palmer

5-9, 9-4, 9-6, 9-4

Bronze Medal:

Dan Jenson & David Palmer def

Campbell Grayson & Martin Knight 9-2, 9-4, 6-9, 9-6

Final:

Lee Beachill & Peter Nicol def

Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts 7-9, 9-7, 9-1, 10-8



MIXED DOUBLES

Quarter Finals:

Rachael Grinham & David Palmer (AUS) def Alison Waters & Adrian Grant (ENG) 9-1, 9-6, 11-9

Natalie Grinham & Joseph Kneipp (AUS) def Tegwen Malik & Gavin Jones (WAL) 9-7, 7-9, 9-5, 9-5

Vicky Botwright & James Willstrop (ENG) def Lara Petera & Callum O'Brien (NZL) 6-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-6

Shelley Kitchen & Glen Wilson (NZL) def Diana Argyle & Craig van der Wath (RSA) 9-4, 9-3, 9-5

Semi Finals:

Natalie Grinham & Joseph Kneipp def **Rachael Grinham & David Palmer**

9-7, 9-7, 3-9, 3-9, 9-7

Vicky Botwright & James Willstrop def Shelley Kitchen & Glen Wilson

3-9, 6-9, 13-11, 9-3, 9-3

Bronze Medal:

Rachael Grinham & David Palmer def Shelley Kitchen & Glen Wilson 9-4, 9-6, 9-6

Final:

Natalie Grinham & Joseph Kneipp def **Vicky Botwright & James Willstrop**

6-9, 9-6, 9-5, 9-6



CG's Records: Medal Tally: Events

1998	G	S	B	T
Australia	2	3	1	6
England	2	1	4	7
Scotland	1		1	2
South Africa			2	2
Canada		1		1
New Zealand			1	1
Wales			1	1
	5	5	10	20

2002	G	S	B	T
New Zealand	2	1		3
England	1	2	4	7
Australia	1	1	6	8
Canada	1			1
Malaysia		1		1
	5	5	10	20

2006	G	S	B	T
Australia	3	3	2	8
England	2	1	2	5
New Zealand		1	1	2
	5	5	5	15

2010	G	S	B	T
England	2	3	1	6
Australia	1	1	3	5
New Zealand	1	1		2
Malaysia	1		1	2
	5	5	5	15

2014	G	S	B	T
Australia	2		1	3
England	1	5	3	9
India	1			1
Malaysia	1			1
New Zealand			1	1
	5	5	5	15

	G	S	B	T
Australia	9	8	13	30
England	8	12	14	34
New Zealand	3	3	3	9
Malaysia	2	1	1	4
Canada	1	1	0	2
Scotland	1	0	1	2
India	1	0	0	1
South Africa	0	0	2	2
Wales	0	0	1	1
	25	25	35	85

Palmer won a silver medal in Men's Singles before teaming up with Dan Jensen and Rachael Grinham to win bronze medals in both the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

After winning a silver medal in Men's Doubles at the Manchester Games, Stewart Boswell & Anthony Ricketts were hoping to go one better in Melbourne.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be but they won their second consecutive silver medal in the event.

Australian athletes enjoyed their "home country" advantage in 2006. They achieved their highest medal haul - 13 including 5 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze.

Melbourne was the first games where a bronze medal play off took place in all events. Therefore, 13 medals from a possible 24 was exceptional. The previous best result was 12 medals from 32 awarded (2002).



SARAH CARDWELL

BIRTHPLACE: MELBOURNE

AGE: 25 (26 AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN 2018)

PLAYS: RIGHT HANDED

COACH: CASSIE THOMAS (NEE JACKMAN)

CURRENT WORLD RANKING: 47 (APRIL 2017)

HIGHEST WORLD RANKING: 41 (FEBRUARY 2017)

PSA TITLES: 3

COMMONWEALTH GAMES EXPERIENCE: REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA IN 2014 AT THE GLASGOW GAMES

In November 2015 you were ranked #66 in the World. You had just won the Queensland Open and the Malaysian Tour #8 titles. In February 2017 you achieved a career high ranking of 41. That is a significant improvement ... what do you mainly put that down too? **Yes I'm happy with the jump and keenly eyeing the 30s at the moment. I had a great training block at the end of last year and targeted five events in North America at the beginning of this year which helped me get to my career high ranking so far.**

You are travelling all over the World ... are you enjoying that? **Yes, luckily I'm quite comfortable living out of a suitcase!**

Are you still working with Cassie Thomas? **Yes, I'm very fortunate to have her in my corner.** (Note: Cassie Jackman was World Open Champion in 1999 and won 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals across two Commonwealth Games in 1998-2002)

What do you feel you need to do to make the next big leap? **Less thinking more fearlessness!**

You represented Australia before at the Commonwealth Games - what was that like for you? **Incredible, a huge motivator.**

For the 2018 Games you are very much a leading contender for selection. Is it easier or tougher this time around? **Well I'm in a better position this time but I'm also expecting more of myself whereas last time I was happy to have been selected so it's a bit of both.**

SARAH CARDWELL *continued*

What does playing for Australia mean to you? ***It's extremely fulfilling to represent more than just yourself against other individuals within your sport - being part of 'Team Australia' competing against other countries in multiple sports is an incredible feeling.***

What would you prefer to play - singles or doubles? and why? ***Both! Because doubles has evolved into a faster, more exciting game than we previously knew, and singles is what I've competed in year round since childhood.***

Have you had much doubles experience? ***At squad camps and international doubles events yes, but I haven't played on the big stage at the Commonwealth Games... yet!***

When will you know if you are in the team or not? ***The current selection criteria document states mid September 2017.***

Looking back at the Com Games has there been anyone that inspired you or a significant moment that you witnessed that said "I need to be a part of this" ? ***Yes, the final day watching Rach Grinham, Dave Palmer and Cam Pilley win Gold in doubles (from the beginning of the gold medal matches to singing the national anthem while our flag was being raised). Their professionalism as individuals was impressive enough but the way they worked together as teammates was most admirable. I learnt a lot in Glasgow.***

Your coach Cassie enjoyed success at the Com Games. Does she inspire you? ***Very much. She has enjoyed success in sport and life and is a great person (which is important to me because I feel that coaches have the ability to impact on a player's life both on and off court).***



March 2014 - Sarah Cardwell (#43) is currently the **3rd highest World ranked Australian** behind Donna Urquhart (#18) and Rachael Grinham (#31).

The Team is made up of 5 male and 5 female players.

Sarah Cardwell with team mate Lisa Camilleri in Glasgow in 2014.



WORLD RANKINGS



WORLD TOP 5 MEN

1	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
2	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY
3	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
4	Nick Matthew	ENG
5	Marwan Elshorbagy	EGY

WORLD TOP 5 WOMEN

1	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
2	Laura Massaro	ENG
3	Camille Serme	FRA
4	Raneem El Welily	EGY
5	Nouran Gohar	EGY

TOP 10 AUSSIE MEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
14	12	Ryan Cuskelly	12
17	18	Cameron Pilley	11
53	51	Rex Hedrick	51
68	76	Zac Alexander	36
90	86	Joshua Larkin	84
109	99	Matthew Hopkin	89
124	131	Rhys Dowling	120
168	178	Thomas Calvert	168
201	203	Solayman Nowrozi	201
206	204	David Clegg	177

29 Aussie players listed

TOP 10 AUSSIE WOMEN

TM	LM	PLAYER	HWR
17	18	Donna Urquhart	13
29	31	Rachael Grinham	1
47	43	Sarah Cardwell	41
49	50	Tamika Saxby	49
60	60	Lisa Camilleri	28
75	74	Jessica Turnbull	73
85	98	Samantha Foyle	73
91	48	Christine Nunn	36
102	106	Stephanie Wighton	98
119	115	Samantha Calvert	111

18 Aussie players listed

AUSSIE MILESTONES ... CONGRATULATIONS

Achieves a new HWR

**Tamika Saxby
Rhys Dowling
Thomas Calvert**

Breaks into the World Top 50

Tamika Saxby

Returns to the Aussie Top 10

David Clegg



2017 CALENDAR



<<< MAY 2017 >>>

MAY 11-14 Darwin, NT: **NT Open** (PSA M10)

<<< JUNE 2017 >>>

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

JUN 6-10 Campbelltown, SA: **SA Open** (PSA M5/W5)

JUN 29-2 Devonport, Tasmania: **City of Devonport Tasmanian Open** (PSA M5/W5)

<<< JULY 2017 >>>

JUL 11-16 Mulgrave, VIC: **Victorian Open** (PSA M10/W10)

<<< AUGUST 2017 >>>

AUG 16-20 Bendigo, VIC: **City of Greater Bendigo International** (PSA M5/W5)

AUG 23-27 Shepparton, VIC: **City of Greater Shepparton International** (PSA M5)

AUG 30-3 Bega, NSW: **Tarra Volkswagen Bega Open** (PSA M5)

<<< SEPTEMBER 2017 >>>

SEP 7-10 Coffs Harbour, NSW: **North Coast Open** (PSA M5/W5)

SEP 14-17 Thornleigh, NSW: **NSW Squash Open** (PSA M5/W5)

<<< OCTOBER 2017 >>>

OCT 19-22 Venue TBC, QLD: **Queensland Open** (PSA M5/W5)

OCT 26-29 Mackay Leisure Centre QLD: **Mackay Open** (PSA M5/W5)

<<< NOVEMBER 2017 >>>

NOV 2-5 Cairns, QLD: **Cairns International** (PSA M5/W5) ***

NOV 14-18 Darwin, NT: **Australian Open** (PSA M10/W10)

*** (Not Registered on PSA)

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MAJOR EVENTS IN EACH STATE

ACT

Australian Capital Territory

MAY 6-7: Woden: **ACT Open**

MAY 20-21 Woden: **ACT Junior Open** (AJST Gold)

NSW

New South Wales

JUL 7-9 Thornleigh: **NSW Junior Open** (AJST Gold)

AUG 30-3 Bega: **Tarra Volkswagen Bega Open** (AST PSA M5)

SEP 7-10 Coffs Harbour: **North Coast Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

SEP 14-17 Thornleigh: **NSW Squash Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

NT

Northern Territory

MAY 6-7 Darwin: **NT Junior Championships** (AJST Gold)

MAY 11-14 Darwin: **NT Open** (AST PSA M10)

OCT 17-18 Darwin: **Australian National Graded Championships** (Premier, B & D)

NOV 14-18 Darwin: **Australian Open** (AST PSA M10/W10)

NOV 19-20 Darwin: **Australian Doubles**

QLD

Queensland

APR 29-30 Carseldine: **QMSA State Titles - Best of 5 - Traditional AGED**

JUN 25-28 Venue TBC: **Queensland Junior Championships (Individuals)** (AJST Gold)

OCT 19-22 Venue TBC: **Queensland Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

OCT 26-29 Mackay Leisure Centre: **Mackay Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

NOV 2-5 Cairns: **Cairns International** (AST PSA M5/W5) ***

SA

South Australia

JUN 6-10 Campbelltown: **SA Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

JUN 10-11 Campbelltown: **South Australia Junior Age Championships** (AJST Gold)

TAS

Tasmania

JUN 29-2 Devonport: **City of Devonport Tasmanian Open** (AST PSA M5/W5)

VIC

Victoria

JUN 24-25 MSAC: **Victoria Junior State Titles** (AJST Gold)

JUL 11-16 Mulgrave: **Victorian Open** (AST PSA M10/W10)

AUG 16-20 Bendigo: **City of Greater Bendigo International** (AST PSA M5/W5)

AUG 23-27 Shepparton: **City of Greater Shepparton International** (AST PSA M5)

SEP 4-8 Ballarat: **Australian Masters Championship (Individuals)**

SEP 11-15 Ballarat: **Australian Masters Championship (Teams)**



2017 CALENDAR



MAJOR EVENTS IN EACH STATE

VIC **Victoria**

SEP 30-8 Geelong: **Australian Junior Championships** (AJST Platinum)

WA **Western Australia**

MAY 25-27 Terrace: **WA Open**

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

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

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

*** (Not Registered on PSA)

AST: Australian Squash Tour

AJST: Australian Junior Squash Tour

Masters

Important Overseas Events

APR 14-16 New Zealand: **Oceania Junior Championships** (AJST Platinum)

APR 18-19 New Zealand: **Trans-Tasman Test Match**

APR 21-23 New Zealand: **NZ Junior Open**

JUL 19-23 Tauranga, NZ: **WSF World Junior Championships (Individuals)**

JUL 24-28 Tauranga, NZ: **WSF World Junior Championships (Women's Teams)**

AUG 1-5 England, GB: **WSF World Doubles Championships**

NOV 28-3 France: **WSF Men's World Team Championships**

NOV 30-4 Singapore: **Singapore Junior Open**

DEC 6-11 Kuala Lumpur, MY: **KL Junior Open**



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By **Steve Walton**

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In a previous article I talked about our plan to build or foster the building of 10 significant Squash Centres around Australia in the next 10 years.

Even I was not prepared for the avalanche of correspondence that we have had since making this statement.

I received some excellent comments from people along the lines of “we need to make sure the current centres stay open” and “the centres of today need to get some facelifts so that they are attractive to customers” etc etc

These are all great comments which I of course agree with but in many cases I am powerless to influence these. What I can do is spread the word through our network so that if any of these centres are looking

for assistance they know where to get it.

I can report that Court-Tech (owned by Sarah Fitz-Gerald and her husband Cam) have been extremely busy around Australia upgrading squash facilities and building new courts.

I know that Grace Park in Melbourne has had a significant upgrade, new courts are being built in Gympie and there are many other projects that are yet to be declared.

So quite a lot is already occurring and there are a lot of Court Building and repairing companies operating now in Australia.

As I stated last year we will begin to see Squash Management Companies take over more Squash Centres and bring their expertise to a broader market.

In Perth the SquashWorld Group has three centres (Mirrabooka, Cambridge, Blue Gum).

In NSW and Victoria Squash Mechanics is managing centres and programs in 4 clubs (Willoughby, Westerfolds, Lane Cove, Bondi-Waverly).

The result of these and others is that Squash facilities are being upgraded and better management practices are being installed.

But our stated goal is of course to build more centres and we have received many enquiries from people asking how they can help.

So below are some simple ways that you can “keep an eye out for an opportunity” and of course there are many higher

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levels of involvement that you can have.

1/ If you see or hear that any Council owned Leisure facility is looking to upgrade or expand let me know. This is a perfect opportunity to have a Squash Court Builder talk to them about adding courts. We have a lot of supportive data on why Squash should be included.

2/ The same applies for any school (usually private) that is undergoing expansion of sporting facilities. Squash is a definite pathway sport into the US Collegiate system so Private schools will become interested in this. Some States already have strong private school competitions and we firmly believe that once one school builds a state of the art Squash Complex, others will follow.

3/ If you know of any closed down squash

courts or centres let us know. We will contact the owners, advertise the centres and see if we can bring them back to life. So many advances have been made in keyless entry etc that many of the challenges that led to the closure of courts no longer exist.

4/ And of course if you are interested privately or professionally in investing in or becoming a shareholder in a new centre(s) then let me know as we will shortly be sharing more information on one of our other stated goals which is professional management systems for Squash Centres and this will of course make it of interest to investors.

We will build 10 significant squash centres in the next 10 years but that is only our minimum goal and I certainly hope to build more!



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