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PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR 2026 WORLD MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

New meaning to term 'shopping court'

Squash in glass of its own with Karrinyup plan

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For more on squash in WA, go to squashwa.asn.au.



Even Dean is Getting Ready!





Firstly, my sincere apologies for the delay in finalising this month's SWAN. With good reason the Australian Masters took priority.

Great to see Dampier Squash celebrating their 43rd Anniversary. What a coup to get Dean Williams to not only revisit the courts he helped open (with Chris Dittmar) way back in 1982 but to also get him to play!

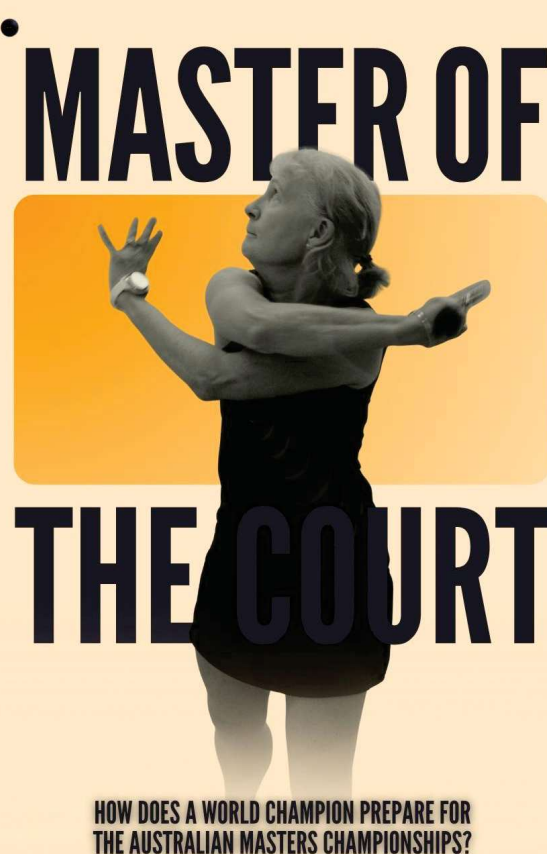
Reminds me of the Cher commercial ... take me back to the eighties!

What a busy month September will be with the Australian Masters Individual and Teams plus the Trans Tasman Series against NZ followed by the Country Teams Championship later in the month.

All eyes will be on World Champion Sue Hillier as she looks to win the 60-64 Women's Open. She will also join Tim Cowell in the Australian Team to hopefully beat the Kiwis in the Trans Tasman Test series.

Check out the article on Page 10 ... How does a World Champion prepare for the Australian Master Championship.

*We wish both
Sue and Tim
every success.*



Squash WA : Administration



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Josh Blakey
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Officer



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Manager



Behind the Scenes

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with Leigh Kaye

Australian Masters Squash Championships

The Aussie Masters Champs are underway! All results and draws for the Trans-Tasman Test Series, Individual Championships, and Team Championships are available on the official event website here:

<https://amsc.australianmasterssquash.com.au/2025-home/>.

You can also watch all the action LIVE via the Squash WA YouTube channel [HERE](#).

Huge thanks to all the incredible volunteers that have helped pull this off, as well as our amazing sponsors City of Stirling, 74 Islands, Elementa Whitsundays, Fremantle Steel, Bailey's in the Swan Valley and ECG Engineering.

More to come in next month's SWAN ...

Fake Emails

We've noticed an increase in fake emails going around. Always check the email address if one looks suspicious. Emails from office staff will always come from '@squashwa.asn.au', and there is no reason for a Board member to be contacting you as all communication from them is sent by the office. If you're not sure, don't reply to the email, and check with the office.

Serena Moving On

After over 3 years at Squash WA, Engagement Officer Serena Richardson will be moving on. Serena has been an integral part of the rejuvenation of squash in WA and we could not have done it without the volume of work she has pumped out, her creative flair, and her ability to help anyone with anything at any time. She has offered to see through the Australian Masters and Country Week events and officially leaves after 30 September.

I am personally super thankful for the long handover, the friendship/relationship we've created, and the work we have put out together as a team to move Squash WA forward. The good news is that she will continue to play and be involved in squash, which is a win for the squash community.

We have advertised for an Admin/Engagement person on Seek. If anyone in the community is keen to apply, please jump on Seek or contact me directly.

Code of Conduct

We've been working in the background with Squash Australia, Sportwest and Sport Integrity Australia to review our Code of Conduct and Disciplinary policy.

Whilst Squash WA has a fairly low record of poor behaviour, we do see the occasional breach so are keen to ensure we are doing what we can to minimise them.

A document has been drafted to outline the Code of Conduct, Policy guidelines, process (flow chart) and sanctions. This will be shared when ready.

Irrespective of the policy we need to remember that volunteers run our committees and various panels, so any poor behaviour has an adverse effect on them. They are mums, dads, brothers, sisters, etc. just like you – human... so please be kind and respectful to each other.

Happy squashing!



Vale Sandra Heeney

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The office and board of Squash WA wish to express their sincere condolences to the family of the late Sandra Heeney.

Those who knew Sandra would describe her as a passionate woman who lived and breathed squash. The friendships Sandra made were vast, and her friends and family will miss her dearly.

Sandra's children Travis and Rebecca are grateful for the outpouring of love from all who knew her. Travis shared with us that they "gave mum her favourite racquet to take with her, so she can continue playing the game she loved so much".

Sandra's funeral took place in Brown Chapel, Karrakatta Cemetery on 1 September 2025, with a wake that followed at the Herdsman Tavern. For those who were unable to attend, Travis has shared a link to the live stream of the funeral. [CLICK HERE](#) to access it.



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2025 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

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

MARCH

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

MAY

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

JULY

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

SEPTEMBER

2, 3, 8	Trans-Tas Masters	Belmont/Mirrabooka
5-13	Aust. Masters Champs	Mirrabooka
13-14	Cambridge Junior Teams	Cambridge
19-20	Vic Park Open	Vic Park
26-28	Country Week Teams**	Mirrabooka
28-1/10	Aust. Junior Champs IND P	TBC

NOVEMBER

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

FEBRUARY

14-16	West Coast Open S**	The Squash Factory
15-16	Australian Doubles Open	QLD
28-2/3	Esperance Open PSA-Sat B	Esperance

APRIL

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

JUNE

5-8	WA Open Intl. PSA-C6** -S	Belmont
19-24	Aust. National Championships	QLD
20-22	South West Masters Teams	Busselton

AUGUST

1-3	FeNaClING Teams	Dampier
8-10	Ice Cold Winter Teams	Mirrabooka
13-14	Interschool Competition**	Mirrabooka
22-24	Leschenault Classic Teams	Leschenault

OCTOBER

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

DECEMBER

7	Belmont Junior Classic	Belmont
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How to dominate squash this Sep'T'ember.

Thanks AC (Anonymous Contributor)

For all levels of Squash player, controlling the rallies so that you dictate the way the game is played, is the ultimate goal. From F Grade to State Grade, the person in control of the larger percentage of rallies, usually gets up. Yes, every now and then you can be all over a rally - running your opponent ragged - only to end up on the receiving end of a rolling nick. But most of the time, if you have control of the 'T' - that precious little spot at the crossover of the two lines - you can work your opponent to the furthest parts of the court while saving precious running energy yourself. Ultimately you will take out their legs and their heart at the same time.

One of the old boys who used to coach, taped a large ring - 2 metres in diameter - right where the centre of the 'T' joins cross over, and made his students play every ball with one foot in that circle.

It taught a number of things - efficiency, lunging, timing, footwork, stretching. Forcing yourself back to the centre of the court gives you full control of it. It's hard to win games if you stand at the back and wait for the ball to come to you. Positioning yourself on the 'T' opens up the attacking options when striking the ball, and makes it difficult for your opponent to find a place on the court to hit the ball where you can't get it.

Let's face it, squash is an easy game if you execute the skills correctly. Imagine if you could hit the ball straight and deep and stick it flush to the wall every time you hit a drive. You'd win most matches even in world ranks! But hey, it's hard to do, especially considering the ball is coming back to you at a different speed and unique angle every time you face it.

Prac'T'ice is the key to con'T'rol. And plenty of it. Drills are important and not as boring as they sound. They can be serious fun, and the local club coach will have a heap of ideas to throw at you, so make sure you hit them up. That's why they're there, and they love it. You can treat drills like a game and come up with a scoring system to challenge each other whilst building a bank of shots in your arm. Repetition creates automation in any given situation. So it's good to get a solid technique on board first if you can. You don't want to be programming 10,000 straight drives into your arm with a dodgy backswing. Or one of those windmill follow-through's that's likely to take your opponent's eye out!

Once you've built up control, you can start to use all of the court's space. If your opponent is a mate and has been practising with you, it means you've both learned how to dominate the 'T'. So you'll have to figure out other ways to get by them. The soft, sweet lob is an underrated and under-utilised killer shot, that when executed well, will die deep in the back corner along with your frustrated opponent. It does a couple of good things. Firstly, it buys you plenty of time to get back to the 'T' to get you back in charge of the court.

Secondly, it takes your opponent right to the back of the court, nice and deep, where there is little room to swing. It's claustrophobic back there, and it's a long way from the front wall. When you get the ball high and soft and dropping near vertically down into the back of the side wall, it will stop in the corner and cramp their swing making it very difficult to get the ball back to the front wall. If they do get it back, you'll likely be forcing a loose ball or a messy boast, so you'll take control of the rally again.

Definitely another great shot to add to the repertoire.

So spring onto the court this Sep'T'ember and treat it like a dance floor. Have a crack at some new moves and see if you get around the court gracefully. Have a hit with a coach too. It's well worth the investment into your game to get some professional skills on board that you can practice with your mates. And don't forget your drops - there's nothing better than a short winner.

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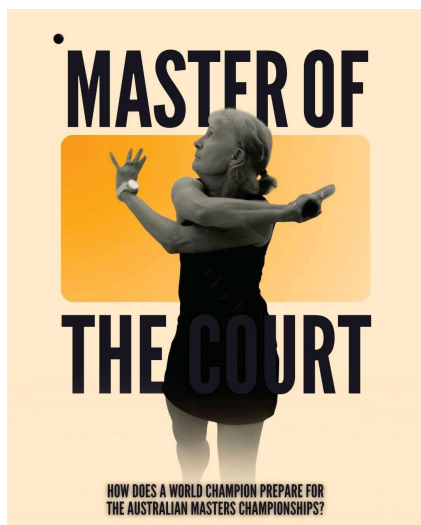


Preparation for Trans-Tasman Test series and Australian Masters

With just one week to go, anticipation is building for both the Trans-Tasman Test Series and the Australian Masters.

This will be my sixth TT, and with a new opponent this year, the challenge of the unknown has been on my mind ever since the New Zealand team was announced. I know the nerves will kick in once I reunite with the TT team.

Representing Australia remains my primary focus; the individual events come second.



Over the years, my training has evolved and adapted with age. I now maintain a consistent routine of 2–3 hits per week, complemented by strength and conditioning work. I've learned not to ramp up training too close to competitions, as that's often when injuries occur.

Thankfully, playing at Vic Park helps ensure that even after a tough five-set match, I recover well and avoid soreness.

From a coaching perspective, recent months have focused on game-based training, including conditioned games and volley drills, with a strong emphasis on serve and return. I'm fortunate to train each week with a fantastic group of people ranging in age from 18 to 62. Everyone brings their own unique style and technique, which keeps things dynamic. We train hard, but more importantly, we have fun and support one another - a team in every sense.

One of my key takeaways - both as a player and a coach - is to always respect your opponent's ability on court. They are there for the same reason you are: to play well and hopefully win. The real challenge lies in adapting your strategies, working them around the court, and finding their weaknesses. Be prepared to have the mental battle with your opponent - not with yourself. That mindset can often be the difference in tight matches.



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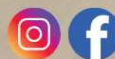
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Chas RENNER - Gold Medallist and National Record Holder

I joined the Melville Swimming Club in 1934 at the age of 6, ended with Life Membership in 1973 (Swam, Committee and President). Joined Melville Masters Swimming Club in 2008 at the age of 80. I mixed social swimming with my squash till I retired in 2019.

Around this time I was told, after competing in an interclub swim meet that I had broken a 50m backstroke National time in my age group 90-94. Naturally I concentrated on backstroke since then.

In swimming you rarely swim against anyone in your age group, you swim against the clock and results are decided on times. I think I held 4 National times in my 90-94 era, some have been broken since. 95-99 is ongoing, maybe 6 but lost 1 back to my Queensland opponent last year. I think I hold 10 or so State records.

Competed in National Championship in Darwin last year, only had 1 local opponent, came home with 8 medals, the competition is thinning out at this stage of life, but as I said you swim against the clock.

Still swimming 2-3 times a week, pool in the winter and ocean during summer. The coffee is great after you finish!





NOT ICEBOARD



WHAT SCHOOL STAFF AND EVENT ORGANISERS HAVE TO SAY...



The sessions were fantastic and highly engaging for our students. They enjoyed the activities the squash coaches delivered and they were developmentally appropriate so every child experienced success.

-Henley Brook PS

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I just wanted to touch base to let you know how well received the squash clinic was yesterday. The few kids I spoke to at the end of the day said that was their favourite part (especially loved the inflatable structure!) and the staff all said your coaches were amazing. We're very excited to have you back in for future programs!

-Curtin University Carnaby Kids School Holiday Program

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The coach was friendly, inclusive and knowledgeable about squash. Some students in the school had special needs and didn't want to be involved at a whole class level so he was able to set them up with a different activity and worked 1 to 1 with them while the rest of the class were involved in the inflatable activity. He then came around to help those students in the inflatable activity. He had a really good rapport with the students and they responded well to his instruction. He made some of the activities harder and more challenging and the older students really enjoyed this. Overall the students had a great time, they had lots of fun and were excited to be given a wristband to redeem free court hire so they could play squash with their friends and family in the holidays.

-Weld Square PS

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The coaches were very motivating and engaging at our school sport expo held at HBF Arena. All students participated with enjoyment and a number of them have since looked to take up squash!

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Our coach was fantastic. She really engaged the kids and knew what she was doing.

-Multicultural Services Centre WA (MSCWA)



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Healthways Interschool Competition

thanks Josh Blakey

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Back again for the **2025 Healthways Interschool Squash competition** and I was so glad to see the numbers increase from last year, this time with 16 teams for years 7-9 on Wednesday and a whopping 22 teams on Thursday for years 10-12.

With some last-minute changes to the draws, we started off on Wednesday with the year 7-9 group. The level of squash played across the day has certainly improved from last time I ran this event. **Shenton College** have become the school to beat for the boys, winning their 2nd title in a row. Meanwhile we had **Applecross Senior High School** dominated the girls division with an all Applecross final.

Day 2 was a bit of a daunting task with 17 teams in the boys division but it all went off without a hitch. There was lots of strong competition from all 8 schools participating and some really close matchups throughout the day. It all culminated in **Warwick Senior High School** taking out the boys title for the first time ever and **Applecross Senior High School** winning their 2nd girls title in 2 days.

I hope you all had an amazing time across the whole event and I hope to see numbers like that again next year.





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Out with Old and in with the New

As of the 1st September 2025 the WSF have amended the Rules of The Singles Games of Squash.

The aim of the rule changes are for referees to:

- Apply changes to the Rules of Squash, including the key changes outlined below.
- Continue to take a consistent approach to misconduct, with respect for Officials now forming a key part of the Fair Play principle and 'attempting to influence the referee' being added as a specific conduct violation.
- Maintain the continuous flow of matches, by utilising updated rules around injury breaks and court conditions.

A summary of the key changes to the Rules of Squash 2025 are as follows.

Access

The Rules now stipulate 'access to the ball' without requiring additional modifiers previously used (unobstructed, direct), catering for movement in all areas of the court.

This represents a significant change in terminology. The previous modifiers created unnecessary confusion and contradictions – “unobstructed” suggested a zero-tolerance standard completely free from interference, yet the rules also allowed for “minimal interference.” “Direct” implied moving in a straight line without deviation, which does not reflect actual player movement patterns on court.

The previous terminology was limiting and prevented adaptability for the different movement required in various areas of the court. Players naturally circle around each other when exchanging drives from the back corners and approach the ball from angles at the front to maximise shot options.

The simplified “access to the ball” removes these contradictions whilst maintaining player responsibilities: after completing a reasonable follow-through, a player must make every effort to clear, while the opponent making every effort to play the ball must be provided with all four requirements – fair view, access, space for a reasonable swing, and freedom to strike to any part of the front wall.

Swing Interference

Rule 8.9 now states:

- If “the swing was, or could have been, affected by the position of the opponent”, a let is allowed;
- If “the swing was prevented by the position of the opponent”, a stroke is awarded.

These changes recognise that swings can be affected or prevented by positioning alone, without requiring physical contact. Rule 8.9.3 has been removed as these scenarios are now covered by the updated wording.

Turning

The definition of turning has changed and now occurs when a player rotates in a way that causes them to lose sight of either the ball or the opponent, or when the ball passes behind their body from one side to the other. This covers all potentially dangerous turning situations.

If the striker encounters interference while turning, and could have made a good return, then:

- If “the swing was prevented, even though the opponent was making every effort to avoid the interference”, a stroke is awarded;
- If “the non-striker had no time to avoid the interference”, a let is allowed;
- If “the striker could have struck the ball without turning, but turned in order to create an opportunity to request a let”, no let is allowed.

Conditions of Play

Rule 12 now consolidates distraction, fallen objects, and court conditions under one framework. New provisions



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cover scenarios where the court floor becomes wet through a player diving, falling, or placing a wet hand or knee on the floor. Players who create wet areas must continue play or concede the rally and cannot subsequently request a let for safety reasons if play continues. The referee retains authority to stop play if conditions are deemed unsafe, and if the wet area is believed to have been caused deliberately to gain an advantage, conduct penalties will apply.

Timing Changes

Several timing adjustments align with professional practice:

- 1 minute between warm-up and start of play (previously 90 seconds);
- 2 minutes between games (previously 90 seconds);
- Up to 2 minutes for equipment changes (previously 90 seconds).

Injury and Medical Provisions

Recovery time now starts when the referee announces the injury category, providing clarity on timing. Several injury categories have reduced maximum recovery periods:

- Self-inflicted Injuries: Up to 3 minutes (previously fixed 3 minutes);
- Contributed Injuries: Up to 15 minutes (previously up to 30 minutes);
- Opponent-inflicted Accidental Injuries: Up to 15 minutes (previously fixed 15 minutes);
- Self-inflicted Blood Injuries: Up to 5 minutes (previously fixed 5 minutes).

Pre-Existing Wounds

It is the player's responsibility to cover any existing wounds before going on court. If a blood injury occurs from an uncovered or inadequately covered pre-existing wound, the injured player must immediately concede the game in progress and take the game interval for treatment.

Illness

The definition now includes physical impediments such as blisters alongside cramps, nausea, and breathlessness.

Conduct

Attempting to influence the referee and turning as a dangerous action are now explicitly included within the Conduct rule, creating consistency with professional standards.

So, it is out with the old rules in the bottom of your squash bag or on your phone and in with the new. Copies of the rules can be downloaded from the WSF or WSO websites.

Question of the Month

During the 'Warm Up' both players must have equal opportunities to strike at the ball. One player is retaining control of the for unreasonable time in warming of the ball. What must the Referee do?

- a) Say nothing b) Wait until the opponent appeals c) Apply a Conduct penalty

**The answer is revealed
on the back page**

Quote for the Month



Your talent + your motivation = a performance. Every game and training session is a performance. You can have all the talent in the world, but if you don't have the commitment, you won't perform well. But if you have limited ability and great commitment, you can still perform well. Players underachieve because they can't cope with the game's requirements and demands, and mental toughness is one of those requirements. Mental toughness is just as important as physical toughness. The mentally stronger side usually wins. — Alan Jeans (Former St Kilda and Hawthorn VFL football coach)



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Special Dampier Diary - FeNaCLNG

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thanks Dean Williams

1-4 August 2025

Recapping my experience at the 2025 FeNaCLNG Tournament

It has taken 43 years and a few days but I finally made it back to Dampier to celebrate the 43rd year when a very young Chris Dittmar and I opened the glass backed court 3. The memories of that time came flooding back and I have to thank The Dampier Squash Club (especially President Cal Heath) for making it happen.

I managed to get a recorded message from Chris which was played to the crowd and he still vividly remembers the time we had especially with the Cox and Vollprecht families when we went fishing out on West Lewis Hilton Island, footy in the street and far too much hospitality!!

When I was talking to Cal about going up to Dampier, I stupidly said that I had been doing a bit of coaching and had a dream that I might be able to get fit enough to enter the World Masters in 2026 and I agreed to try and play in one of the teams. In hindsight it was a bridge too far as by Sunday afternoon I was done and dusted. But it was great fun and no permanent damage was done. To have waited over 24 years to hear that markers call again of "best of 5 games, love all ... PLAY" was quite a nervous moment not knowing how I would go. Thank you to my 4 opponents for being very nice ... not quite nice enough to let me have a win but they were all great sports.

The FENACLNG Team tournament is unique as its one of the best squash events I have ever been to due to the wonderful atmosphere of the courts being at one with the social areas. To walk outside from playing and see people enjoying themselves around a BBQ or the bar or just getting ready to play is so unusual and wonderful. Plus of course the fact that many players were camping within 200m from the courts made it so special.

Also, the fact that every team had a theme, team-shirts, matching outfits and a fantastic attitude on court where, whilst it was very competitive, it was played in a great spirit. Congratulations to the winners and the runner ups as well as to everyone who played. A huge thank you to all the brilliant helpers, the committees, to Karratha for their 3 courts, and a special thanks to Neil Butler for again organizing the draw, the schedule and keeping all the matches flowing.

Finally I think it's worth mentioning that whilst the squash is what we went for, I think the prestigious table tennis doubles championship played at 1 am on the Monday morning is the title everyone will be going for next year ... thanks to my partner Cal, we were victorious in the final against a very weary and tired looking Kane Fasolo and partner who could hardly open their eyes well I think they were tired !!!

What a weekend and may it stay the same forever and ever as we seem to have lost these unique events in pursuit of ranking points, ratings and registrations . May it never be changed!!!

Thank you, Dampier Squash Club, and to President Cal and if I'm still playing, I would love to return ... to defend my table tennis title.





FeNaCLNG - Dean Williams in Action

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thanks Jason Mennell

1-4 August 2025

All eyes are on one person. On the cusp of 70 he looks fit - maybe even handsome still - but is otherwise unremarkable in appearance. Dean Williams might have thinned grey hair with only wisps of the black mop he sported in his youth, but the steely resolve in his eyes confirms his competitive streak still burns bright. Wearing a black and orange Dampier Squash Club shirt, he glides across the court he officially opened during an exhibition match in 1982. The stroke of his racquet is clinical. The crack of the ball as it hits the front wall is crisp.

There are few players who can boast of being a former world No.2. There are fewer still who can lay claim to reaching such lofty heights during an era when Geoff Hunt and Jahangir Khan were at the top of their games. Williams' return to competitive squash comes with one eye on the World Masters Championships in Perth next year. He has a decorated history, and he has a future goal. He is a player who warrants respect.

There is a lot of interest in the contest. Apart from the fact Williams is back at the club he opened 43 years earlier, he is about to serve for the first time in a competitive match in 25 years. His startled opponent is a country hacker from Bunbury. And although 25 years younger, all delusions of the hacker's squash prowess begin to dissolve during a nerve-shredding warm-up. It is a sobering moment for Williams' opponent. The draw has determined him to be the unwitting guinea pig.

With people bustling for position in the grandstand above the court and an excitable chatter filtering through the muggy Dampier air, veteran PSA referee Neil Butler calls for the game to start. With a swish of the racquet, the battle begins. And after a few loose shots from both, it doesn't take Williams long to make his mark with a cross court drop that sees the ball kiss the front wall before rolling off the side wall. First blood to Williams. The crowd's appreciation is loud, and it takes a while for the happy chattering to eventually settle in anticipation of the next point.

The FeNaCLNG Squash Tournament is an instant favourite for anyone that has joined the annual pilgrimage to the balmy port community in Western Australia's North West. Playing squash is incidental, a masquerade to the unrivalled weekend of country hospitality and an escape from the dreary cold weather lurking to the south. With 93 players, a clutch of supporters and an army of volunteers flocking to the courts for a weekend of high jinks, outlandish team uniforms and lots of laughter, this year's 36th annual tournament is all too familiar. But unlike previous years, Williams' special guest appearance means there is heightened interest in the dynamics as they unfold on court – or at least there is in this match.

With the crowd settled, Williams serves from the left and his opponent stays in the rally briefly before hitting the ball into the tin.

"Come on J" encourages a lone voice from the crowd.

Williams' opponent doesn't need to look up to know where the encouragement has come from. His wife has sacrificed a weekend and two days annual leave to travel to support her husband and their 11-year-old son in their pursuit of country tournament frivolity. It is familiar territory for her, living out of suitcases, tidying up hotel rooms, separating sweaty squash clothes from clean, and endless errands to the local store to buy all manner of things that were left at home. The 11-year-old son is also watching the match. It is unusual for him to show much interest in his father's games, particularly when there is a free court next door that he could be taking advantage of. But even he has sensed there is something special about this match.

Williams' opponent eventually gets on the board, but it is too little too late. Williams takes the first 11-3, and the hacker walks off sheepishly, knowing he has been given a masterclass by someone two months older than his dad. The hacker nevertheless steadies himself and regains his composure to win the next. The final game scores read 11-3, 9-11, 11-8, 2-11, 9-11. A peculiar set of numbers to most, but instantly recognisable to all who play squash. Result: 2-3 in favour of Williams' opponent.

With the theatrics on court coming to an end, normal formalities resume. The 11-year-old boy continues his hunt for a spare court and the wife returns to her duties of caring for her boys. Everyone else returns to beer and wine and chatting, and the occasional game of squash. Enduring friendships are reinforced and new ones formed. At the celebratory prizegiving dinner on Sunday, the hacker can be heard telling others of his great comeback as he describes how he realised Williams had basked in 30 years of glory on court, and how it was his time to steal some of the limelight.



FeNaCLNG Teams Championship

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thanks Daniel Mines

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This year FeNaCLng Squash Tournament 2025 had 93 players representing 18 Clubs. The clubs from all over the state were Blue Gum, Broome, Bunbury, Busselton, Cambridge, Dampier, Geraldton, Karratha, Katanning, Leschenault, Lords, Mandurah, Mirrabooka, Narrogin, WA Virtual Perth club, Port Hedland, Vic Park and Wickham. We had 4 grades, 5 Teams in A grade, 5 Teams in B grade, 6 Teams in C Grade and 7 Teams in D Grade.

The numbers were very similar compared to last year with 95 players last year but we had less A grade teams this year and more D grade teams which is great to see. Great to see some Port Hedland members start to show up again in the squash world.

The Dampier squash club ran the event with a lot of input from multiple members before, during and after the event. These things don't work without volunteers. The main people behind the scenes were Cal Heath (President), Simon Keogh (Club Captain), Matt Faux (Treasurer) and Daniel Mines (FeNaCLng Squash Tournament Director).

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Antony Montgomery	Rebecca Herring	Chaz Gardiner	Mitchel Wells

Player of the Tournament this year winning a 3 night accommodation voucher for next year's tournament was **Victor Ranieri** from the Narrogin Squash Club. He has been a great supporter of country squash for many years all over the state. He had multiple 5 set matches over the weekend and was always in great spirits. A well deserved award.

Another fantastic year for the tournament with lots of fun being had both on and off the courts. Certainly some good times had on Sunday night with the usual ping pong tournament, games and Dancing around the campfire telling yarns.

Can't wait to see everyone again next year.



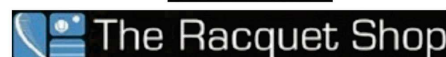
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LEVEL 2

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Third: 'Mid Court Crisis' (Gavin Stevenson, Jack Fox, Jason Bass, Mark Giggins, Zeyn Arbi)

Plate: 'Into the Nick' (Carolyn Temple, Cassandra Raath, Debra Shahar, Lockie Jamieson, Luke Jamieson, Philip Nardi)

Wooden Spoon: 'Guts N' Roses' (Daniel Richardson, David Bray, Jason Severn-Ellis, Kieron Finlay-Mulligan, Kim Lloyd, Serena Richardson)



Congratulations to the Monday Night League Winning Team ...



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Answer to the quiz:

c) Apply a Conduct Penalty (Rule 14.6.8)

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