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CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL



Steve Finitzis played like he was still in the World Top 50 at the recent Cairns International.

Finitzis showed he still has the skills and most importantly the fitness to mix it with the best.

The **Cairns International** was a great success and plans are a foot to stage the event again in 2017.

Townsville will host the **Australian Closed Championships** in March. It is wonderful to see the ACC back and in a Regional City.

It will be a boost for squash in Townsville with a number of high quality Australian players expected to attend.

All NR players are welcome to participate in the National Graded Championship which will take place on the same weekend.

Cairns will also host the **Great Barrier Reef Masters Games** in May.

Merry Xmas to all our readers. We hope you have a wonderful and safe Xmas / New Year.

2017

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

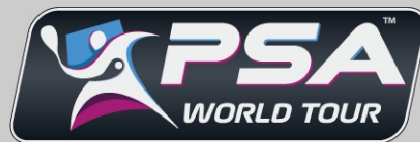
MAR 18-19 Townsville
3rd Junior Qualifier for 2016/17

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

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

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

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



1 December 2016 TM: HWR:

Ben Courtice 446 333

Lisa Camilleri 64 28

TM: This Month

HWR: Highest World Ranking

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MARC FORSTER

Qualifying was basically a one sided affair with most PSA Players winning through to main draw. There was only one upset when Cairns based junior Courtney Mather defeated Hannah Shipley in five to advance into the main draw.

Local player and ex professional Steven Finitis also won through to the main draw after defeating Ruan Olivier in straight and Jean Pierre-Brits in five.

Finitis was all the talk in the Men's draw and in a magnificent run to the final defeated Dimitri Steinmann in five, Patrick Rooney in four and Rui Soares in five.

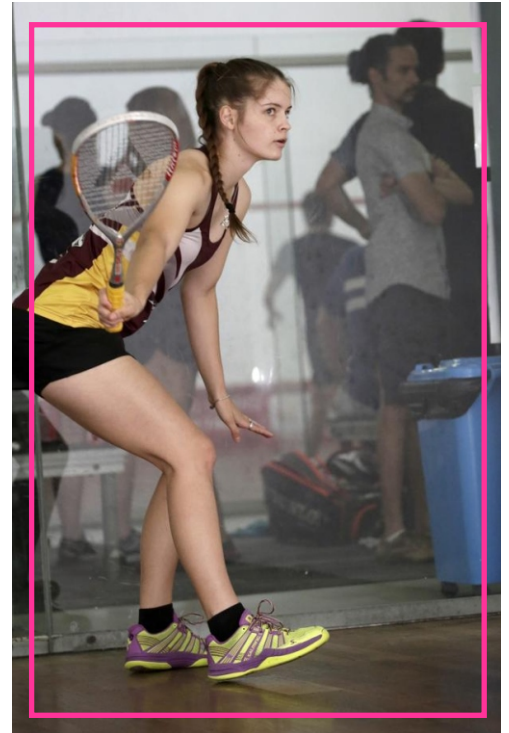
On the other side of the draw, Finitis's Commonwealth Games Teammate Zac Alexander was cruising through displaying a beautiful brand of squash.

In the final Alexander seemed comfortable against a tiring Finitis until the local hero snuck the 3rd game. But that was all he had left in the tank going down to Alexander in four games.

The women's draw was interesting with four players being the standouts. Former NQ local Lisa Camilleri, Q Open winner Amanda Landers-Murphy, #1 seed Ho Tze-Lok and Q Open runner up Milnay Louw all had a strong chance of winning.

Louw took care of Camilleri in the quarters. Camilleri wasn't feeling the best and struggled every day.

Louw then outgunned young Queenslander Jessica Turnbull in their semi to set up another showdown with Landers-Murphy. Meanwhile Landers-Murphy beat #1 seed Tze-Lok in three torrid and slightly controversial games.



Courtney Mather



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MARC FORSTER

Landers-Murphy didn't have it all her own way in the final but never looked like losing to win three PSA finals in a row for the series.

All in all the Cairns International was a fantastic event.

Both Channel 7 and Win covered the event and great news articles appeared. The Cairns Post had three articles in the paper.

Alexander was quoted as saying "it was the best finals crowd we have had in the series" he said, "perhaps due to local coach Steve Finitsis making it all the way through but either way it felt good to be in front of such an appreciative crowd" said Alexander.

Cairns squash was most appreciative of our sponsors. The **Platinum** sponsor was Pacific Toyota and owner Shannon Marshall was on hand to make the presentations.

Other sponsors included: **Gold:** Piccones Supa IGA, Piccones Village, Krystal Transport Sportsworld Fitness and Cairns Squash **Silver:** Cashcor Engineering and Mark G Johnston **Bronze:** Tormey's Air & Ice, Colin's Truck & Trailer Repairs, Jake Simonis Fencing and Squash Vision

Thank you to all the Cairns Squash volunteers who helped over the whole weekend.

Finally, thank you to former W#3 **Madeline Perry** who came up and held a coaching session with our club members.





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Final

[1] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) def [Q] Steven Finitis (AUS) 11-6, 11-4, 9-11, 11-7 (60m)

Semi Finals

[1] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) def [4] Ben Grindrod (NZL) 11-5, 11-5, 11-5 (27m)

[Q] Steven Finitis (AUS) def [3] Rui Soares (POR) 10-12, 11-3, 11-4, 7-11, 11-8 (81m)

Quarter Finals

[1] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) def [8] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) 11-4, 11-9, 11-5 (31m)

[4] Ben Grindrod (NZL) def [6] David Clegg (AUS) 11-5, 11-3, 11-7 (21m)

[3] Rui Soares (POR) def [7] Thomas Calvert (AUS) 7-11, 11-2, 11-8, 11-6 (54m)

[Q] Steven Finitis (AUS) def [2] Patrick Rooney (ENG) 11-9, 6-11, 11-7, 11-6 (50m)

Round 1

[1] **Zac Alexander** (AUS) def Courtney West (AUS) 12-10, 11-4, 11-1 (27m)

[8] Solayman Nowrozi (AUS) def [Q] Graham Miao (HKG) 11-2, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6 (50m)

[6] David Clegg (AUS) def [Q] Shahzad Khan (PAK) 11-5, 11-5, 12-14, 11-6 (31m)

[4] Ben Grindrod (NZL) def [WC] Darcy Evans (AUS) 11-6, 11-1, 7-11, 11-5 (39m)

[3] Rui Soares (POR) def Rohan Toole (AUS) 13-11, 11-6, 11-3 (21m)

[7] Thomas Calvert (AUS) def [Q] Zac Millar (NZL) 11-7, 11-5, 11-7 (27m)

[Q] Steven Finitis (AUS) def [5] Dimitri Steinmann (SUI) 11-6, 8-11, 12-10, 12-14, 11-9 (88m)

[2] Patrick Rooney (ENG) def Joel Luca (AUS) 11-3, 11-7, 11-4 (20m)



MARATHON MAN

Big Steve Finitsis racked up 279 minutes of squash in the main draw of the inaugural Cairns international.

Yep ... that is 4.5 hours across 4 matches. Add to that a further 88 minutes to qualify. So that is a grand total of 367 minutes for an average of just over 1 hour per match. **Isn't retirement supposed to be a little less hectic?**

Finitsis reached a career high 45 on the PSA World circuit. He retired from the tour in April 2016 but he obviously hasn't lost his fitness!

Final: lost to #1s Zac Alexander 6-11, 4-11, 11-9, 7-11 (**60m**)

Semi Final: def #3s Rui Soares 10-12, 11-3, 11-4, 7-11, 11-8 (**81m**)

Quarter Final: def #2s Patrick Rooney 11-9, 6-11, 11-7, 11-6 (**50m**)

1st Round: def #5s Dimitri Steinmann 11-6, 8-11, 12-10, 12-14, 11-9 (**88m**)

Qualifying Final: def Jean-Pierre Brits 11-9, 9-11, 6-11, 11-0, 11-5 (**59m**)



1st qualifying round: defeated Ruan Olivier 11-3, 11-7, 11-5 (**29m**)

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Final

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def [5] Milnay Louw (RSA) 11-7, 11-8, 11-7 (34m)

Semi Finals

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def [1] Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) 11-7, 11-7, 11-4 (34m)

[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) def [4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) 11-5, 11-8, 11-9 (29m)

Quarter Finals

[1] Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) def [6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) 11-5, 11-6, 12-10 (35m)

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def [7] Samantha Foyle (AUS) 11-7, 11-5, 13-15, 11-7 (36m)

[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) def Selena Shaikh (AUS) 11-4, 11-3, 11-4 (20m)

[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) def [2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) 9-11, 11-4, 11-1, 11-8 (31m)

Round 1

[1] Ho Tze-Lok (HKG) def [Q] Courtney Mather (AUS) 11-6, 11-4, 11-2 (18m)

[6] Stephanie Wighton (AUS) def Taylor Jones (AUS) 11-7, 11-4, 11-6 (20m)

[7] Samantha Foyle (AUS) def [Q] Aleisha Greenwood (AUS) 11-5, 11-4, 11-2 (19m)

[3] **Amanda Landers-Murphy** (NZL) def Jemyca Aribado (PHI) 11-2, 11-7, 11-8 (30m)

[4] Jessica Turnbull (AUS) def [Q] Katie Smith (ENG) 11-4, 8-11, 11-5, 11-4 (24m)

Selena Shaikh (AUS) def [8] Samantha Calvert (AUS) 8-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-6 (31m)

[5] Milnay Louw (RSA) def Taylor Flavell (AUS) 11-6, 11-4, 11-3 (28m)

[2] Lisa Camilleri (AUS) def [Q] Olga O'Neill (AUS) 11-4, 11-7, 11-3 (13m)



CAIRNS OPEN

Held in conjunction with the Cairns International the 2016 Cairns Open involved a healthy number of locals and also attracted some Southern visitors.

Division 1

Winner: Marc Forster

Runner Up: Mark Gwynne

Division 2

Winner: Courtney Mather

Runner Up: Taylor Jones

Division 3

Winner: Paul Jonkers

Runner Up: Terry Pagano

Division 4

Winner: Corey Condon

Runner Up: Kiara Stublely

Juniors

Winner: Francis Morove

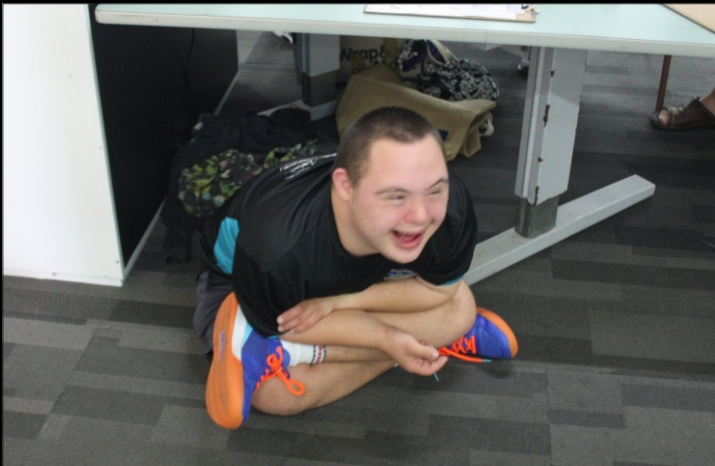
Runner Up: Tyrone Ale



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INGHAM COURTS UP FOR LEASE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For all enquiries contact:

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SPOTTED AT THE BRISBANE OPEN

Former NR President **Mike Healy** was spotted playing at the Brisbane Open in November. Still proudly wearing his NR shirt Healy played in Division 1.

Unfortunately, Healy wasn't at his best losing both his matches. In the first round of the main draw he lost to junior and #3S Josh Penfold 4-11, 5-11, 7-11.

In the Plate he lost to Sam Murray in five tough games 13-11, 6-11, 13-15, 11-3, 6-11. Murray went on to win the Plate.





NEW REDSTAR AWARDS COMING IN 2017

In an effort to recognise more NR juniors we will introduce a new system of performance recognition.

More details will be revealed in next month's edition.

NR JUNIOR PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Winning a State title is a wonderful achievement but to then go on and win a National title is something very special indeed. Winning a World title is the ultimate experience and one day a NR player will do that.

John White (born 15 June 1973 in Mount Isa, Australia) is a former World #1 squash player (March 2004). White represented Scotland in international squash and was a runner up at the World Open in 2002. He lost a nail biting final against David Palmer: 15-13, 15-12, 6-15, 14-15, 11-15.

So that proves it can be done ... Will **you** be our next World Champion or World #1?

Our two stand out players for 2016 were **Hayley Hankinson** and **Wes Dyer**. Since winning the National U13 title in 2015, Hankinson has certainly had her share of ups and downs, but the talented Mackay youngster put her best foot forward at the 2016 AJC and won the U15 title.

It was a breakthrough year for Wes Dyer. He took care of his main Queensland rival at the States and at the Nationals before producing an outstanding performance to win the U15 National title.



CONGRATULATIONS

Hayley HANKINSON < Female ♦ **WINNERS** ♦ Male > **Wes DYER**



Rankings as at **31st December 2016.**

UNDER 9 BOYS

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

UNDER 11 BOYS

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

UNDER 13 BOYS

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

UNDER 15 BOYS

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

UNDER 17 BOYS

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

UNDER 19 BOYS

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

TOP 5 RANKINGS

UNDER 9 GIRLS

- 1 Olivia McDermott

UNDER 11 GIRLS

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

UNDER 13 GIRLS

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

UNDER 15 GIRLS

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

UNDER 17 GIRLS

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

UNDER 19 GIRLS

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



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COMPULSORY
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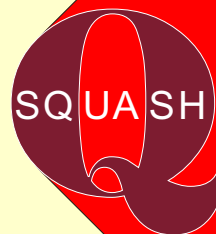


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COMPULSORY EVENT

2017

Northern Region Junior Qualifier # 2

18-19 February 2017



Sportsworld Cairns

268 Gatton Street
Cairns QLD 4870

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 10 February 2017

Entry Fee:

\$40.00 Affiliated juniors
\$50.00 Non traveling juniors



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VISITORS: Do you require a BILLET? Yes No (Please Circle)

AVAILABILITY TIMES:

Best of 5 Games to 11 PARS - Tie break at 10 all. To win a game you must win it by 2 points
All grading will be made relative to Q Squash standards and the tournament committee reserves the right to regrade any players.

All players **MUST BE** Financial members of Q Squash and under their respective age group as at **19 February, 2017.**

All Players are to mark and referee the next match at the completion of their own match.

Players are to be present and checked in with Tournament Control **30 MINUTES** before the scheduled time of their match.

The wearing of Protective Eyewear is **COMPULSORY** at this tournament.

XX Yellow Dot balls will be used.

Entry fees are due and payable once the draw has been completed. No refunds will be made.

2017

Northern Region Junior Qualifier #3

18-19 March 2017



West's Squash Club

101 Bamford Lane
KIRWAN Qld 4817

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 10 March 2017

Entry Fee:

\$40.00 Affiliated juniors
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Northern Region Junior Qualifier #4

29-30 April 2017



Mackay Leisure Centre

95 Broadsound Road
MACKAY Qld 4740

ENTRIES CLOSE:

FRIDAY 21 April 2017

Entry Fee:

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