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Mr. Neven Barbour
President
Oceania Squash Federation

Dear Neven,

Squash Australia Report to 2012/13 Oceania Squash Federation Annual General Meeting

I offer this report of Squash Australia's activity, relative to the Oceania Squash Federation's (OSF) Annual General Meeting for the review of the Members and Executive.

A brief synopsis of activities is;

- Squash Australia maintained its membership of the OSF and WSF in the 2012/13 period.
- The total number of participants playing in Pennant Competitions throughout Australia is 12,100 players for 2013.
- The organisation provided support to WSF beyond its Membership Fees making contributions towards the WSF Back the Bid for the 2020 Olympic Games.
- Squash Australia continued its focus on building its Australian Squash Tour which incorporated all State and Territory squash association 'Opens' offering PSA and WSA divisions. All events have generated full draws, with a wide range of nationalities represented and excellent Squash. The Australian Squash Tour has been a resounding success in attracting players to visit Australia. The circuit held in every state and territory throughout Australia hosted 27 professional tournaments and attracted overseas players from 28 different countries.
- Squash Australia has implemented the Australian Junior Squash Tour in 2013. 75 tournaments have been registered across the nation and 980 junior players have participated to date. Entries in the Australian Junior (Closed) Championships have increased by 10% with 222 players to compete at the upcoming Australian Junior Championships in late September, early October 2013.
- For the second year in a row, Squash Australia offered the Australian Junior Open in Thornleigh, Sydney at Easter 2013, with 211 juniors taking part. The winner of the Sarah Fitz-Gerald Trophy was Jessica Turnbull - Queensland and David Palmer Trophy – Tomotaka Endo from Japan. The 2014 AJO will be held at Easter in Geelong. The under 19 age group being registered on the WSF's Junior Circuit.
- The 2013 Oceania Junior Championships will be hosted by Squash Australia in January 2104 at Queensland's Gold Coast. Preparations are well in hand with the Gold Coast Tourism Commission supporting the event.
- With many squash centres built on 'private land', squash is well challenged to retain its facilities due to increasing property values and so much effort has been brought to bear on a strategy to

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have squash centres developed as community facilities. This is beginning to gain traction with new centres under construction or built in Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria. There is a total of 410 Squash Centres listed in Australia.

- Squash Australia has been successfully trialling the 'Oz Squash' program in 2013. It has been included in 25 Active-After Schools Programs throughout the country this year. The program based on the 'Playing for Life' philosophy uses modified equipment to introduce children to Squash. It has also extended to In-School and In-Centre Programs with further trials planned for later this year and released in 2014 to the wider community. Approximately 100 coaches have been specifically trained to deliver the program.

We look forward to working with our counterpart organisations and fellow members of OSF and wish all well and a fruitful 2013/14.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. O'Donnell', written in a cursive style.

Gary O'Donnell
Chief Executive Officer
On behalf of Squash Australia