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Mr. Neven Barbour  
President  
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Dear Neven,

**Squash Australia Report to 2013/14 Oceania Squash Federation General Meeting**

I offer this report of Squash Australia's activity, relative to the Oceania Squash Federation's (OSF) 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 2013/14 period.
- The total number 'full active' participants Squash Australia has reported to the Australian Government is 13,296 for 2014.
- As a Commonwealth Games year, Glasgow 2014 was a significant focus for Squash Australia. We were proud of our achievements of two gold and one bronze medals.
- 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 large 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 26 professional tournaments.
- Squash Australia continued the Australian Junior Squash Tour in 2014. 90 tournaments have been registered across the nation and 1500 junior players have participated to date. Entries into the Australian Junior (Closed) Championships in Perth were maintained at 211 players. The winner of the U19 Girls was Lakeesha Rarere - Queensland and U19 Boys – Sam Ejtemai from Victoria.
- For the third year, Squash Australia offered the Australian Junior Open, for 2014 this was held in Geelong, Victoria at Easter, with 166 juniors taking part. The winner of the Sarah Fitz-Gerald Trophy was Lakeesha Rarere - Queensland and David Palmer Trophy – Sam Ejtemai from Victoria. The 2015 AJO will be held at Easter in Sydney. Entries are open, the event is registered on the WSF World Junior Circuit.
- The 2014 Oceania Junior Championships was hosted by Squash Australia on behalf of OSF in January 2014 on Queensland's Gold Coast where 150 juniors took part. The winner of the U19 Girls was Jessica Turnbull - Queensland and U19 Boys – Sam Ejtemai

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from Victoria. To maximise the opportunity for young players to compete, a Trans-Tasman Challenge between Australian and New Zealand Junior Teams was staged immediately prior to the OJC. The 2015 OJC will be held at April 2015 in Invercargill, New Zealand.

- Squash Australia has been successfully promoting the 'Oz Squash' program in the 2013/14 period where it was conducted in 107 Active-After Schools Centres across the country. The program based on the 'Playing for Life' philosophy uses modified equipment to introduce children to Squash. It has also been extended to In-School and In-Centre Programs to eventually embrace the wider Squash community. Approximately 100 coaches have been specifically trained to deliver the program.
- With the assistance of the Australian Sports Commission, Squash Australia continues to offer Coach and Referee Education and Recognition programs to its members.

In terms of challenges facing the sport in Australia;

- With many squash centres built on 'private land', the retention of facilities due to increasing property values continues to be a threat for the sport. Much effort has been brought to bear on a strategy to have squash centres developed as community facilities. There is a total of 421 Squash Centres currently identified by Squash Australia.

We look forward to working with our counterpart organisations and fellow members of OSF and wish all a fruitful 2015.

Kind regards



Gary O'Donnell  
Chief Executive Officer