Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)

Monthly Committee Meeting

Monthly Committee Meeting - in person?

When	09-09-2026 at 18:30
Location:	Squashworld Brentwood, 33 Moolyeen Rd, Brentwood WA 6153, Australia
Chairperson	Steven JONES
Minute taker	Steven JONES
Present	Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Brett Hainsworth , Josie Jones , Steven JONES (President), Louis MEYER (Vice President), Jonathan RAFOLS
Apologies	Yvette Clement (Secretary), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Frank LUPIS

Minutes

1. Centre Improvements

Discussion - 2026-27 Projects

Committee discussed what the next project could be to improve the centre. We have looked at air-conditioning and updating the changerooms as part of a larger scale project but have not been able to progress this due to the cost being very high. We discussed whether these projects could be broken down into smaller pieces and completed in stages, and if so, what would be the priority.

For any of these projects we would need support from the Centre (Mike), the Tennis Club, and the City of Melville.

Changerooms

- Could be split into 3 areas - Showers, toilets and change area
- Some funding may be available to support female facilities, usually not for male
- Club member may be able to supply materials at cost price
- Aim to leave the layout the same, but update all tiles, fixtures and fittings, including privacy screens
- Need a clear plan so that it can all tie in together if done in stages

Air-conditioning

- Look into options that can possibly be expanded over time
- Focus on heating / cooling the club area initially

Plan - for both projects

- next 6 months - arrange for some quotes / options to be developed with costs so that we can decide how best to approach this
- email Mike, and the Tennis Club to ascertain what level of support may be available

2. Committee - 2025-26

Steven Jones - President

- Main club contact point
- Support Treasurer
- Grant identification and application
- Play Our Way grant sub-committee
- Co-ordinator - Thursday night in-house
- Advertising - maintenance of digital signage via piSignage
- Liaise with Squash WA, Squashworld Brentwood, Blue Gum Tennis Club, City of Melville
- On Squash WA Masters Squash committee
- Level 1 - Squash Aust coach

Louis Meyer - Vice President

- Create brand, identity guidelines for future use
- Development of club policies and guidelines, ie child safe
- Update website to ensure it is club based and link centred based info to centre website.

- Actively use our social media pages – Facebook / Instagram – possible advertising
- Internal communications and strategic advertising - newsletter
- Liaise with state and federal politicians
- Grant identification and application

Yvette Clement - Secretary

- Membership - aim to increase retention, participation, convert casuals to members, build Squash WA participation
- Liaise with Squashworld Brentwood
- Play Our Way grant sub-committee

Josie Jones - Junior Co-Ordinator

- Junior co-ordinator, zone development, club development squad
- Support social media content, especially Instagram
- Level 1 - Squash Aust coach
- Level 1 - WSO Referee

Belinda Martella - Treasurer

- Merchandise options - junior shirts, reprints
- Social functions, couple of times per year
- Play Our Way grant sub-committee

Anthony Campbell / Audrey Lazaroo - Club Captains

- Liaises with members to form pennant teams
- Ensures pennant players are eligible to play, and financial
- Key contact for Squash WA enquiries
- Liaise with Pennant committee, and Club Captains group
- Anthony - on Squash WA pennant committee, Level 1 - Squash Aust coach

Brett Hainsworth - Committee

- Social events - social outings, annual evening, club tournament, other

Frank Lupis - Committee

- Fundraising - annual Bunnings BBQ, promotion of other sources of income - containers for change, entertainment books, ISponsor, new sponsors, business directory

Jonathan Rafols - Committee

- Maintenance - identification and support to report or maintain the centre facilities
- Liaise with Squashworld Brentwood as required
- Juniors - support development through weekend coaching / game play session (if viable)

What we would like to achieve in the next 12 months

- Improve the changerooms, showers and toilets - this project has been passed back to the Tennis Club, also consideration of air-conditioning

- Use the Play Our Way program grant to the fullest capacity - IN PROGRESS

3. Calendar of Events

2026 calendar

Sep - Club Championships (Singles) - 7th, 8th & 12th Sep entries now open - click here to enter

Sep - AGM - 12th Sep - nominations open - click here to register your interest

Sep - Come & Try Day (Play Our Way) - 20th Sep - on Eventbrite

Oct - Club Championships (Doubles) - 17th Oct - entries now open - click here to enter

Nov - Annual Club Event - 7th Nov - currently being explored

Nov - Come & try Day (Play Our Way) - 22nd Nov - on Eventbrite

Dec - Annual Golf Day - 6th Dec (TBC)

4. Grants

April 2024 - Play Our Way Program - this is a federal grant through the Dept of Health and Aged Care aimed to promote equitable access, build more suitable facilities, and support grassroots initiatives to engage women and girls in sport and physical activity throughout their lives. There are two focus areas - (1) Facilities - safe, accessible, inclusive and welcoming, and increased useage, (2) **Participation and Equipment - Organisational delivery, quality of programs and support, access, increased involvement across all areas of club development.** Projects must be completed by 30 June 2027.

Oct 24 - we have been successful with our program grant - $22,500 per year for 3 years, see separate item for discussion

Jun 25 - First year of funding has been received and allocated.

Financial Year - 2025-26

July 2025 - first payment of $11,250 for 2025/26 FY received 9th July

Jan 2026 - final payment of $11,250 for 2025/26 FY received 9th January

Financial Year - 2026-27

July 2026 - first payment of $11,250 for 2026/27 FY - received 9th July

Jan 2027 - final payment of $11,250 for 2026/27 FY

4.1. Play Our Way Grant - Programs and Equipment

The club has been successful in our funding application for programs and equipment to support women and girls to engage in squash, and to encourage them to remain attached is some way. The funding is significant - $22,500 per year for three years, so we want to use this is the best possible way. Louis had drafted an outline of how this program, named FutureSquash, will operate as a starting point. We will a sub-committee to manage the grant activities which will include:

- Advertising and promotion of squash, the centre and the club

- Development of management group, gain feedback from players, parents and interested people, focus groups
- Development of materials, websites, baseline data and programs to support the grant
- Introducing Come and Try days, women's/girls competitions, womens / girls only sessions, coaching
- Exploring motivational guest speakers
- Partnering with Squash WA, Fuel to Go and Play, Squashworld Brentwood and local council

Overall aim is to increase the number of women and girls playing squash at our centre, and as club members, provide opportunities for women and girls to participate, and make it easier for women and girls to engage in our sport. We will also be aiming to increase representation at our club and provide opportunities for women and girls to develop further skills in the sport, either via coaching, development pathways, or officiating.

Financial Year - 2025/26

Initial plans for this financial year.

- Come & Try days - every two months for remainder of 2025/26
    - Sunday afternoons seem to popular, so will run in that timeslot
    - Feb - Sunday 15th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
    - Mar - Sunday 29th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
    - May - Sunday 24th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
- Establish a working committee for managing the grant, focus on female participation - IN PROGRESS
- Womens Social Squash
    - Saturday & Monday morning - court hire to be covered by participants from 1st October, grant to fund coach this financial year
        - Saturday moved to Sunday effective April 2026
    - WhatsApp group to be established to promote Social Squash and other events, connect women together - COMPLETED
- Follow approved activity plan
    - 1:1 coaching - vouchers to be provided in packs
    - Guest speaker presentation - Discussing with Squash WA, aim for June 2026 - deferred to 2026-27 FY
    - Supporting girls / women to undertake qualifications - Coaching, Refereeing
- Women's Forum - Saturday 31st January (10.30am to 11.30am) - COMPLETED

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Initial plans for this financial year.

- Come & Try days - every two months for remainder of 2026, aim to continue in 2027
    - Sunday afternoons seem to popular, so will run in that timeslot
    - Jul - Sunday 26th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
    - Sep - Sunday 20th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm
    - Nov - Sunday 22nd - 1.00pm to 2.30pm

- Support for State representatives - funding to attend Nationals, coaching support - $1000 per person allocated (3 x girls)
- Support to grow Womens Social Squash - vouchers to attend, and for coaching
    - Survey participants to seek feedback on what is working and suggestions to improve
- Support to grow female participation in club, and Squash WA
    - Possible sponsorship of West Coast Open if held at Blue Gum
- Creation and delivery of Womens forum in conjunction with Squash WA - to be finalised
- Final year of funding
    - Louis has a report to submit for 2025-26, will do so next week, Steven to provide stats and budget
    - Case studies to be identified for final report - suggested (1) Clarke girls, (2) Women who have come onboard, (3) juniors who have joined, now playing tournaments

5. Standing Items (for update)

The following items will be updated at each committee meeting but may not need discussion.

5.1. Membership

Membership - priorities for 2026 - We finished with 194 members for 2025 (199/2024, 203/2023, 209/2022)

1. Aim to keep our current members (171 have renewed / joined for 2026 to date)

2. Encourage regular casual members to join the club - new enquiries will be recorded at potential members so we can provide regular updates and incentives to join. Yvette emailing all new enquiries and referrals.

1. Membership offer (August special) to be offered for remainder of the year - $30 adult, $20 junior
2. Aim for club to have all of our members and regular players reflected on Squash WA (Revo) database for funding and participation numbers heading into 2028 Olympics

5.2. Fundraising

Bunnings BBQ - no dates agreed for 2026, Frank currently looking into this

5.3. Sponsorship

Sponsorship of the club is an important part of our revenue, and we are fortunate to have a number of long term sponsors supporting the club.

New sponsor for 2026

- Ron Clarke - Clarke's Custom Homes - Platinum Sponsor

Steven has emailed all current sponsors and invited them to renew for 2026. The following sponsors have replied to date:

- Yes - Hadden Donald - Slab & Garden City (Platinum)
- Yes - Belinda Martella - Simply Magic Drycleaning (Platinum)
- Yes - Dan Andersson - Massage on the Run (Platinum)
- Yes - Nick Ratcliffe - Danazlin (Gold)
- Yes - Mike Corren - Squashworld Brentwood (Gold)
- Yes - Phil Scott - Scott & Associates (Gold)
- Yes - Theirry De Chalain - FRCI Australia (Gold) - NEW
- Pending - Craig Tamlin - Lumen IT

Revert to Silver

- Frank Lupis - 2B Chauffeured
- Frank Lupis - Franks Lawnmowing
- Luke Missak - Tech Tank
- Joan Samuels - Body Tune

The sponsorship package was sent out to our community for 2026. The aim is to provide members with an opportunity to advertise their business at no cost and then increase their exposure with the club on sliding monetary scale - websites, newsletter, naming rights, business directory, advertising. The following are new Bronze sponsors (free)

- Vince Scagliotta - Vince's Health & Wellness
- Gary Harty - The GH Brand
- David Bayens - Stretched Perth
- Charles Dalton - PSi tech
- Peter Guilbert - Rosebridge House
- Pending - Onnie Biswas

2025 Sponsors - Scott & Assoc (Phil Scott), Danzalin (Nick Ratcliffe), Massage on the Run (Dan Andersson), Simply Magic Drycleaning (Belinda Martella), 2B Chauferred, Franks Lawnmowing (Frank Lupis), Lumen IT (Craig Tamlin), Slab & Garden City (Hadden Donald), Squashworld Brentwood (Mike Corren), Tech Talk (Luke Missak), Joan Samuels (Body Tune)

No discussion at this meeting.

5.4. Merchandise

Aug 26 - Yvette is going to arrange a hoodie order in the next couple of weeks, same design, same hoodies - $60 each, $70 with name added.

Discussion around future merchandise

- Louis shared a draft design based on our current 'branding' for consideration. Overall feedback was positive
- Discussed that the next run should be for 50th anniversary merchandise, have this ready to go for January, and sell throughout the year. Louis will look at a draft for this
    - Question - did we want to include an open for sponsors to be on the shirt, or just have a 'clean' shirt
    - Pros - sponsors pay $500 each for their logo, brings down the cost per shirt when selling, maybe higher volumes
    - Cons - may distract from the celebration of the 50th anniversary

Junior shirts. All junior members will receive a shirt as part of their membership in 2026.

5.5. Pennants

Winter season - Finals time, Blue Gum well represented again. UPDATE - we have 3 teams in grand finals, two are playing each other, finals are at Cambridge on Tuesday 25/8.

Spring season - nominations are open for next season which needs to be sorted out by the 2nd September, if you are wanting to play you need to do the following:

- Be a financial member of Blue Gum Squash Club
- Be a financial member of Squash WA (local level)
- Enter the event via Squash WA - Spring Pennants
- Let Anthony Campbell know that you want to play - committee@bluegumsquash.org

IMPORTANT - Squash WA Fees for 2026-27 (1st July to 30th June) - All pennant players need to renew asap.

New Squash WA members are able to join for 2026-27 via our portal - https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bgsci/rego/start - and membership will expire 30 June 2027. Early bird registration is now open and all current players are encouraged to renew their membership of Squash WA by the 31st July.

Registrations for the remainder of the year are now discounted, by 25% in December, and 50% in March.

Categories of Registration (includes processing fees this year)

Compete ($129.00 / $83.00) - this is for any players competing at a National Level - Squash Australia events

Local ($117.00 / $60.00) - This is ***for any players competing at a State Level - pennants, tournament*** etc - most of us fit in this group - Squash WA events

Social ($48.00 / $25.00) - This is for club members who would like insurance coverage, can reserve for pennants twice before needing to upgrade

Support ($25.00) - For those who are in a support role and what to keep connected to Squash WA and Squash Aus

Digitial ($0.00) - Free option for all players at any level to keep in touch with what it is happening

Most of players will fit into the **LOCAL or SOCIAL category**. There will be benefits attached to some memberships (Squash TV for Compete and Local), and discounts.

5.6. Squash WA - Masters

The **World Masters Championships** are coming to Perth this month, which is very exciting. Put the dates in your diary and get involved. Click **here** to read more.

- Opportunity to volunteer and support Squash WA / Squash Aust with the event
    - Volunteering is easy, register here. Volunteer | World Squash Masters Championships

Blue Gum Players - Age group / seeding / first matches (please check official draw for match times and locations) - apologies if I've missed anyone!

- 35-39 - Thierry (17/32) - 1/9 - 14:00 - Belmont
- 35-39 - Jason (9/6) - 1/9 - 1400 - Belmont
- 35-39 - Joan (un) - 1/9 - 1200 - Karrinyup
- 40-44 - Luke (un) - 30/8 - 1210 - Karrinyup
- 45-49 - Peter W (9/16) - 30/8 - 1210 - Belmont
- 45-49 - Ryan E (un) - 30/8 - 1250 - Belmont
- 50-54 - Mike C (1) - 31/8 - 1210 - Belmont
- 50-54 - Tom G (un) - 30/8 - 1330 - Belmont
- 50-54 - Chris C (un) - 30/8 - 1450 - Belmont
- 55-59 - Edmund (un) - 30/8 - 1130 - Mirrabooka
- 55-59 - Steven (un) - 30/8 - 1210 - Mirrabooka
- 55-59 - Stuart (un) - 30/8 - 1210 - Mirrabooka
- 55-59 - Clare (5/8) - 1/9 - 1400 - Belmont
- 60-64 - Audrey (17/32) - 31/8 - 1130 - Belmont
- 65-59 - Andy (un) - 30/8 - 1250 - Mirrabooka
- 65-59 - Cathy W (un) - 1/9 - 1400 - Mirrabooka
- 70-74 - Anna (un) - 1/9 - 1520 - Mirrabooka
- 75-79 - Ric N (17/32) - 31/8 - 1410 - Mirrabooka
- 80-84 - Mike M (5/8) - 2/9 - 1040 - Mirrabooka

5.7. Juniors

Junior Program - Monday afternoons - 4.00pm to 5.30pm

- Average of 25-30 kids each week
- Club development court, beginners (novice) court, 5 courts of general coaching

School Vouchers - these are being followed up by Yvette as they are emailed to the club. Kids are able to link into free court hire, or junior programs. We can target these kids for school holiday camps.

State Championships - Congratulations to Jasper Tapley & Miranda Clarke for winning the U11 & U13 state title

2026 Representatives:

State - Kayla Clarke, Ella Clarke, Miranda Clarke & Jasper Tapley

We are looking for more people to get involved in coaching and developing their skills through the formal pathway. If you are interested in becoming a coach please contact any committee member to discuss options and how we can support you.

6. Refereeing

Refereeing - What to know more about the rule and how to referee matches?

The World Squash Officiating website has courses for referees and players to help them better understand and apply the rules during competition. It's free to access so check it out!

WSO Website **This would be useful for all pennant players to complete!**

Squash WA is keen for every club to have a level 1 referee, we currently have Josie qualified to this level. Anyone else who is interested please contact the committee, as we will support you to achieve this.

The club will be promoting the **Level 0** refereeing course for ALL PENNANT players in 2026. Ideally this would be a pre-requisite, but realistically it is about motivating players to be more confident and consistent when having to referee matches as part of the pennant experience. Further details to follow in January 2026. Course can be accessed **HERE** if you want to do it now.

The Level 0 course is a free, basic introduction to the rules of squash. Designed for players, coaches, referees, squash enthusiasts, and parents, this course provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the sport of squash.

We are looking for more people to get involved in refereeing and developing their skills through the formal pathway. If you are interested in becoming a referee please contact any committee member to discuss options and how we can support you.

7. General Business

Meeting was held at Rowing Club, no new minutes added from previous month.

End of minutes.