

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting (copy)

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Held online

When 17-06-2026 at 19:30

Location: Squashworld Brentwood, 33 Moolyeen Rd, Brentwood WA 6153, Australia

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute
taker Steven JONES

Present Yvette Clement (Secretary), Steven JONES (President), Jonathan RAFOLS

Apologies Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Brett Hainsworth , Josie Jones , Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Frank LUPIS , Belinda Martella , Louis MEYER (Vice President)

Minutes

1. Centre Improvements / Issues

Current Projects for 2025-26.

Outdoor Area - (COMPLETED)

- Jonathan & Rob are looking at options to improve the outdoor area, as it is a focal point for the club
- Club will allocate funding from our budget for this project - cost estimate is around \$500
- Mike has offered \$500 towards this project
 - Furniture has been re-oiled
 - Concrete has been cleaned up, removal of glue
 - Quotes for preparation and painting (high cost) - looking at options, further quotes
 - Mar 26 - Waiting for a couple of quotes, then make a decision about next steps, possibly just add foliage!
 - Jun 26 - Committee have decided to leave the outdoor area as is for now. Possible revisit in the future if needed. Regular maintenance to be undertaken.

Security Screens - (COMPLETED)

- Quote to replace / install screens
 - Door - exit by court 6 - new door
 - Door - exit by water fountain - replace security screen
 - Window - kitchen, install security screen
 - Window - kitchen, fix gaps around the window, and frame, may need access to electrical cables below
 - Waiting for some final quotes, looks like cost will be around \$2500
 - Jun 26 - Security screens have been installed (COMPLETED), just waiting for invoice.

Ladies changerooms

- Yvette has provided a quote for sanitary bins for the ladies changerooms, to discuss and/or speak with Mike

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

Jul - Come & Try Day (Play Our Way) - 26th Jul - on Eventbrite

Aug - Club Championships (Doubles) - 29th Aug

Sep - Club Championships (Singles) - 7th, 8th & 12th Sep

Sep - AGM - 12th Sep

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

Oct / Nov - Annual Club Event (49 years) - 17th Oct or 7th Nov

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

Dec - Annual Golf Day - 6th Dec

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

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 in some way. The funding is significant - \$22,500 per year for three years, so we want to use this in the best possible way. Louis had drafted an outline of how this program, named FutureSquash, will operate as a starting point. We will have 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, women's / 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 be 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
 - Jul - Sunday 26th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm
 - Sep - Sunday 20th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm
 - Nov - Sunday 22nd - 1.00pm to 2.30pm
- 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,

Women's Forum - Saturday 31st January (10.30am to 11.30am) - COMPLETED

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 (165 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.

5.2. Fundraising

Bunnings BBQ - no further dates agreed for 2026

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.

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

Yvette is looking to offer a Hoodie run for winter.

Current stock available for purchase

- Hoodie - 3 x Med (Navy)
- Polo Shirts (\$40) - 1 x Kids 14, 3 x Med, 3 x Large, 1 x X-Large
- T-Shirt (playing) (\$38) - 1 x Large, 1 x 2XLarge
- T-Shirt (casual) (\$25) - 1 x Small, 1 x Med, 2 x Large

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

5.5. Pennants

Autumn season - The Spring season has been completed with Blue Gum teams featuring in the finals, and our State Team winning the Autumn title. Congratulations to our state team, and thanks to all players who have represented the club this year.

Winter pennants - Commenced in June 2026, nominations are now open so please register your interest via Squash WA if you are wanting to play. You can sign up [here](#)

State League

- State Grade is now club based and on Tuesday
- Winter Team - Keidah Bungard, Daniel Hartigan, Heddwyn Brahma, Peter Wyatt

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/reg/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 1st 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

Digital (\$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 in 2026, which is very exciting. Put the dates in your diary and get involved. Click [here](#) to read more.

Entries are now open and close on the 19th July. You can enter via this link - [CLICK HERE](#)

5.7. Juniors

Junior Program - Monday afternoons - 4.00pm to 5.30pm

- Average of 25 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.

2025 Representatives:

National - Hannah Slyth

State - Hannah Slyth, Josie Jones, Ashton Clement, Kayla Clarke, Ella Clarke, Miranda Clarke & Jasper Tapley

Talent Squad - Sterling Slyth, Amalie Jacobs, Ivanka Lu, Jerome Tan

Futures Squad - Noah Tan, Joyce Tsao

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

No discussion

End of minutes.