

VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED A0008088E

**FORTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
VICTORIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
to be held via ZOOM
on
TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**

AGENDA

- 1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**
- 2. MINUTES**
Approval of the Minutes of the Fortieth Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 25 November 2020.
- 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Lou Morsch)
Consideration of the President's Report for 2020/21
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT** (Clara Edney)
Consideration and acceptance of the Annual Report, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet.
- 5. PENNANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Mike Edney)
Consideration of the Pennant Director's Report for 2020/21
- 6. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Darren O'Neill)
Consideration of the Tournament Director's Report for 2020/21 and the 2022 Tournament Calendar.
- 7. NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT** (Lynette Woodyard)
- 8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT** (Pam Park)
- 9. WEBMASTER'S REPORT** (Michelle Rowles)
- 10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS** (All positions will be declared vacant)
Current (2020/21) Office Bearers and Committee:

President:	Lou Morsch
Vice Presidents:	Mike Edney/Allison Douglas
Treasurer:	Clara Edney
Secretary:	Michelle Rowles
Pennant Director:	Mike Edney
Tournament Director:	Darren O'Neill
Committee:	Steve Franklin, Janine Mossop, Pam Park, Lynette Woodyard
Committee Appointment:	Clara Edney (Results Officer)
- 11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**
- 12. MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS**
Determination of Member Subscriptions for the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.
- 13. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2020/21 – Louis Morsch

Well if we thought 2020 was a disastrous year, maybe we should be thankful because 2021 has been even worse. It can only be described as the year that wasn't for squash in Victoria.

Covid restrictions have destroyed our freedom and led to squash being put on the back-burner this year. The usual squash tournament programme was thrown into disarray and pennant was severely disrupted. Between 2020 and 2021, we were able to complete just one pennant season and we even had to endure a mid season lockdown before squeezing in the remainder of the season. As usual Mike and Clara Edney have been wonderful contributors for Match and Pennant and I commend their efforts in keeping the competition running.

Tournaments have suffered last minute delays on numerous occasions in 2021 even to the point of being forced to cancel when we were either driving to an event in rural Victoria or cancelled the night before. Somehow Bairnsdale was completed and so were our Victorian Championships at Lilydale. Both these events occurred very early in 2021 and were a great success but since that time, nothing else has got off the ground including four attempts at hosting our Masters/Juniors event and two attempts at Horsham. We finally had to give up on both but we will be back again next year for another attempt to complete them. It truly has been a long boring, dormant period which is disappointing for all of us. Darren O'Neill has been exceptional as Tournament Director during this troubled year and his efforts to deliver tournaments under the most trying circumstances has been outstanding.

The loss of tournaments this year meant the 40th anniversary celebration of the VMSA was missed at Ballarat for a second year. Not to be deterred, we are still attempting to celebrate this milestone and have postponed the tournament to February 2022. Surely, by then we will be able to conduct it.

The VMSA website has undergone an upgrade over the last 12 months and I'm pleased to report we will soon be in a position to deliver a new updated service in 2022. We have to move with the times and I hope the new website serves our members well once it becomes fully operational.

I wish to thank the ongoing support of all our sponsors during the last 12 months. Major sponsors Inform Connection and TS and L have remained by our side as always and of recent times Mulgrave Club, Ballarat Regional Tourism, East Gippsland and Horsham Rural Council have also been welcome supporters of the VMSA.

A big thank you to all supporters of the VMSA as well. Be it pennant playing members, tournament goers or general social members. Your support gives us the desire to continue in our roles.

The VMSA committee remains active and strong with the inclusion of some new faces since our last AGM. Steve Franklin and Janine Mossop have joined the committee for the first time. Michelle Rowles as Secretary continues to inject great energy into the committee as Secretary and Darren O'Neill has been a major contributor as Tournament Director. Thank you to our other outstanding committee members for your continued dedication and service. It's a thankless job in a way but certainly appreciated by me as your President.

Louis Morsch – President

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – 2020/21 – Clara Edney

I provide the following reports:

- Statement of Profit or Loss for year ended 30 June 2021
- Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021
- Detailed Income and Expenditure for year ended 30 June 2021

The accounts have been audited by Eddy Partners. A copy of the audited accounts is available at the Annual General Meeting today.

Statement of Profit or Loss for year ended 30 June 2021

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Income			
Revenue	3	19,628	47,151
Expenditure			
Auditors' remuneration	4	(330)	(330)
Depreciation of office equipment		(292)	(343)
Other operating expenses		(25,787)	(43,287)
		(26,409)	43,960
Net Surplus/(Loss) for Year		(6,781)	3,191

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	55,842	55,451
Trade and other receivables	7	-	2,976
Other current assets	8	930	1,415
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>56,772</u>	<u>59,842</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,657	1,949
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,657</u>	<u>1,949</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>58,429</u>	<u>61,791</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	4,899	1,480
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,899</u>	<u>1,480</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>4,899</u>	<u>1,480</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>53,530</u>	<u>60,311</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds	11	53,530	60,311
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>53,530</u>	<u>60,311</u>

Detailed Income and Expenditure for year ended 30 June 2021

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Membership Subscriptions	1,850	2,950
Pennant Competitions	-	9,235
Tournament Income	6,835	11,075
Merchandise Sales	1,094	2,367
Social Events & Activities	7,350	14,680
	17,129	40,307
OTHER REVENUE		
Grants, Sponsorship & Fundraising	2,315	6,339
Interest Received	184	505
	2,499	6,844
	19,628	47,151
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Affiliation Fees	832	1,164
Auditor's Remuneration	330	330
Bank Charges	440	825
Catering Expenses	1,520	2,366
Depreciation	292	343
Donations	-	1,400
Filing Fees	59	59
Fund-Raising Expenses	-	47
Gifts & Gratuities	389	180
Insurance	1,161	1,133
Junior Coaching & T-Shirts	2,198	500
Merchandise Cost of Sales	1,094	2,378
Pennant Administration	3,833	7,556
Printing & Stationery	145	558
Referee Hire	-	248
Social Activities & Events	7,592	15,136
Squash Court Hire	200	2,288
Sponsorship of Events	-	1,000
Tournament Expenses	400	2,900
Trophies & Engraving	3,233	1,065
Website & Computer	2,668	2,484
Zoom Meetings	23	-
	26,409	43,960
Surplus / (Loss) Profit for Year	(6,781)	3,191

5. PENNANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT – 2020/21 – Mike Edney

As with a number of sports in 2021 it has been a difficult year for the VMSA pennant competition due Covid restrictions.

In the Autumn season we managed to limp through to the finals having to deal with density limits for both players and their supporters.

For the Spring season after the team entries had been lodged and grading completed, we had to abandon the competition due to the second Covid lockdown. It was decided to bring the season forward to Autumn 2022 and leave the teams as graded in place unless a club wishes to make any amendments which we will then review in case adjustments to gradings need to be made. The clubs were advised of this sometime ago and that we need to know if there are any changes by the end of November. Of course, changes can also made prior to the start of the season which will be in early February. On a brighter note, there was increased number teams from the previous season.

If players wish to participate in the VMSA competition this coming season they will need to be fully vaccinated otherwise they will not be able to enter the venue.

Where a player turns up to play and is refused entry for not being vaccinated or cannot prove their vaccination status and therefore cannot play it will be deemed a forfeit rather than a walkover which means all other rubbers will stand. However, as with walkovers the court fees must still be paid

Mike Edney – Pennant Director

6. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT – 2020/21 – Darren O'Neill

As far as 2021 is concerned I shall put that down to a recovery year, Although I am sure we would all love to be playing tournaments and having fun away. I certainly am looking forward to 2022 to have some normal back in life as you all must be, so fingers crossed.

From July 2020 to June 2021, we welcomed 22 players that are new to our tournaments, all those players were from our only two tournaments we ran this year March and April. So please keep recruiting squash players (Virgins) as we really are a small support lifeline to keeping squash great, but every effort helps.

We had regular support from our Interstate friends again, and we thank them for taking the effort to join us.

There were 4 recipients of tournament badges throughout this year. Well done to all of you, and many thanks for your continued support.

25 Tournaments	Michael Fatouros
50 Tournaments	Anne Fordham Roger Child Janine Eedy

A lot of preparation and hard work goes into the running of our tournaments, they would not run as smoothly as they do without the assistance, I receive from the Tournament Committee and helpers that spend a large part of their weekends at the tournament desk. Our tournament volunteers work together to ensure the weekends run smooth and to those people I just cannot thank you enough. You stand by me unconditionally, so thanks to Helen Lococo, Pam Park, Michelle Rowles, Linda Wing, Lynette Woodyard, Alison Douglas, plus a guest appearance at the Vic's from Garry Irwin (NSW). Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone.

I have listed some statistics for those 2 tournaments over the last 12 months.

Bairnsdale 2021 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 entrants with 6 "Virgins" 54 entered online • A decrease of 4 compared to 2020. • 2 ACT • Best of 5 games PAR 15 • Section 1 Team Entry Winners - Gender Imbalance • 64 attended the dinner dance. Courtesy bus provided
Lilydale 2021 April State Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99 entrants with 16 "Virgins". 55 entered online • 3 less than Bendigo 2019 • 3 NSW, 1 QLD • Age group round robin format to ascertain state seeding. • 76 attended the dinner dance. Courtesy bus provided
Total Entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year 179 • Last year 227
Total Attending Dinner Dance/Pub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year 140 • Last year 212

Even though the numbers of players were slightly down this year it is irrelevant because Ballarat was not held and you all know that tournament brings more numbers in the general term of things, but with only running 2 tournaments it is maybe something to take light heartedly. However, we have 2022 to look forward to as a player or a supporter of squash in general, we can provide a great weekend, but we really need you to help by speaking up and chatting to local players. We have some great squash centres around Victoria, we have seen courts we run tournaments out of really step up to make the weekend run exceptionally well and I'm proud to support any centre who shows this enthusiasm.

If there is something else you would like us to try, please tell us, as the social aspect of our tournaments is very important to us all. Our online entries have grown so much, it seems we have embraced the ease of entering online. We have made it as easy as possible so that you all can take advantage of the online facility, plus take advantage of the EARLY BIRD rate which finishes 2 weeks before the tournament start date that would be another \$5 from off your entry, entries close 8 days before the start date. When you enter online it makes my job, and the Treasurer's job a lot easier and less stressful, so please use this option if you can. You can always call me if you have any problems, I can help with any aspect of the entry process. Watch our web site in 2022 we have a brand-new one being built.

A great opportunity is to become a paid member of the VMSA for \$25.00 per year and by doing this you will receive discounts from the tournament entry plus at any of our tournaments you will go into the draw to win two dinner dance tickets which is \$120.00 of value if the dinner dance fee is the standard \$60.00 per ticket, you can use those tickets to a \$45.00 dinner as well generally the Victorian Championships.

Now to the dates and venues for the next 12 months starting in February 2022.

11-13 February 2022 Inform Ballarat 40th Year Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Graded Event • Triple Plate / Round Robins • Best of 5 games PAR 15 • 11 courts • Will alternate this tournament with other venues in the future
8-10 April 2022 Corio (Geelong)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian State Championships • Men/Women Round Robins in 5 year age brackets • Best of 5 games PAR 15 • 8 Courts • Will alternate this tournament with other venues in the future
28-29 May 2022 Westerfolds/ Templestowe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters/Juniors Tournament • Teams draw, 2 players, Round Robin • 7 Courts

15-17 July 2022 Horsham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Graded Event • Triple Plate / Round Robins • Best of 5 games PAR 15 • 6 Courts • Will alternate this tournament with other venues in the future
10-14 October 2022 Adelaide SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Masters Squash Championships - Individuals
17-21 October 2022 Adelaide SA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Masters Squash Championships - Teams
25-27 November 2022 Inform Ballarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Graded Event • Triple Plate / Round Robins • Best of 5 games PAR 15 • 11 courts
Please note that all these dates/venues are subject to change.	

Any questions, suggestions or feedback would be welcome.

I think players attending our weekend tournaments have balanced out with many new players becoming regulars, dinner dance numbers are stable depending on who runs the centre they are one positive influence which can make a difference. Player injuries remain part and parcel of being masters players and this can also affect player numbers attendance. But there is also the fact that we are all getting older and there is not a lot of new “younger” players joining our ranks.

Most of us all started way back when we were 35, (not that long ago), and back then at 35 we had already had our children and were able to have weekends away. Now the norm is to start a family a lot later so at 35 either have babies or are busy taxiing their young children around to their sporting activities. There is also a lot of players who are now enjoying retirement and are travelling Australia and the world and spending time with their grandchildren, so squash weekends are no longer the priority they used to be.

Hopefully, we can find a way to encourage more “younger” Masters players to participate in our tournaments to ensure the masters tradition of “good times” teamed with “good squash” continues well into the future.

I have always believed the Dinner Dance is a great way to bring people together off the court, to socialise whether you have your partner there or if you are solo, I don't want anyone sitting in their room on a Saturday night when we make it easy for all to come and enjoy a great night. Our bus service is second to none with it's pick up system improving continually, we take away the waiting for cabs, driving after drinking and basically deliver you to your door for \$10.00 generally the bus costs us money to run but that's not the point it is to make things easy for all. But there is always a but and that is the ever upward spiral of running costs and you all know the VMSA is not about profit, now we are out of lockdown again venues have seen this as a way to have a hike with their prices so now the quotes I get some have room charges attached plus raised meal costs to us, plus a band you do the math. I unfortunately must raise Dinner Dance fees by \$10 and believe this should carry us through for a while.

The Masters Philosophy

The Victorian Masters Squash Association (VMSA) was established in 1980 to encourage men and women age 35 years and over to play Masters Pennant and Tournaments. Aimed specifically for those who still loved playing squash and socialising but were finding it harder to do so against the younger competitors who generally wanted to play and go or stay for supper but not provide a sufficient one. A few years after the VMSA was established it reduced the playing age for Women to 30 years and over in Pennant and Tournaments only. The qualifying age for tournaments such as the Victorian, Australian and World titles remains at 35 years and over for both men and women.

The VMSA continues to run its own Pennant competition and Tournaments based on the 'Masters Philosophy' established over 30 years ago

TO PLAY COMPETITELY BUT ALSO TO PLAY IN GOOD SPIRIT

So, if you have recently “retired” from playing, haven’t played for a while and would like to do so again, or are just a beginner who also enjoys the social aspect of squash – why not come along and try the Masters approach. All you need is your racquet and some enthusiasm to compete whilst having a good time with good company.

The VMSA prides itself on its ability to provide a friendly, competitive way to play squash. You can be as competitive as you want as long as you play with good humour and commitment for the enjoyment of the game and of everyone present. This is what is known as “the Masters Spirit”

Hope to see you all in Ballarat for our 40th Anniversary, this will be the first tournament since April 2021!

The VMSA (Victorian Masters Squash Association) is proud to be celebrating its 40th Year Anniversary 11-13 February 2022. It was meant to be 2020 but covid changed everything.

As always it my pleasure to watch you all have great weekends.

Darren O’Neill – Tournament Director

7. NEWSLETTER EDITOR’S REPORT – 2020/21 – Lynette Woodyard

What a quiet year it has been on the news front as we were only able to squeeze in a couple of tournaments and one pennant season over the last 12 months. I take my hat off to the Tournament Director, President and Secretary who were able to reschedule tournaments multiple times and often cancel completely on very short notice. Not an easy thing to do, but as usual they handled it very well under difficult circumstances. Imagine what it would have been like without today’s technology and we had to rely on snail mail!

It is important to note that the VMSA community haven’t suffered any lives lost that I am aware of due to the pandemic, which makes the enforced solitude worth it, and for that, I for one am very thankful.

We did consider putting out a newsletter during lockdown, but as soon as we thought we had something to share, the situation changed again so it became a moot point.

I look forward to a much more active and newsworthy year in 2022 and all going well, our 40th Anniversary celebration will be vigorously and joyously celebrated albeit a little late.

Yours in squash

Lynette Woodyard – Newsletter Editor

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – 2020/21 – Pam Park

Memberships have remained steady with 230 members as at 30 June 2021.

Over the last two years we haven’t played much squash due to Covid, although not much has happened on the court. The Committee has been working on how to proceed with Tournaments and Pennant. Due to this impact, financial members have been given 1 year additional membership.

I have been working on the Membership database ensuring it is as up to date as I can as we move forward to our new website. I would encourage members to log in and check your profiles to make sure all details are up to date. Most important is your email addresses as these will become your username in the new website.

If you have trouble logging in you can always message or ring me on my mobile and I will help. Usually it’s Passwords which I can help with.

Good luck with squash next year, I know personally getting fit is not going to be easy.

Pam Park – Membership Officer

9. WEBSITE REPORT – 2020/21 – Michelle Rowles

Our website continues to provide our members, players and the squash community with information and updates about our Association, including information on pennant, tournaments, newsletters and photos, as well as the ability to enter our tournaments online.

The early bird rate offering players a discount of \$5 off their entry fee continues to encourage players to enter early. The number of online entries continues to grow which is fantastic and certainly reduces the workload of our Tournament Director and Treasurer.

We have appointed a website developer who has been very busy building our new website. The first stage of the website will be available in the coming weeks and will include a range of new features that I am sure you will all enjoy including a more streamlined process for entering online and purchasing dinner dance tickets if you are not playing in the tournament.

Further enhancements will be delivered during 2022.

Michelle Rowles