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## THE PREZ SEZ

By Lou Morsch



Well Ho-Ho-Ho friends. It's Christmas time again. Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing break with

plenty of cheer. May the New Year see you refreshed and ready to start another chapter of Masters squash.

Thanks to everyone again who supported our competitions and tournaments throughout the year. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors who have backed us as always and thank you to the committee who serve the association so well.

If you weren't in Ballarat in November and you didn't take advantage of the great offer from INFORM of a \$25 Members discount on online purchases, the offer will come around again in 2025. We will notify you by message to remind you of Steve and Lisa's great deal.

Congratulations to Helen Lococo for being the recipient of the Judith Goadby Award in Ballarat in November. She is a wonderful, passionate and loyal supporter of the VMSA and she gives her time and assistance with little or no fanfare. There is a further report on Helen in this edition of the Newsletter.

I just want to acknowledge Richard Cagliarini and Karen Morrissey from Squash Logic Melton. You may not know but Richard has called time after 20 years of passion and devotion managing the Squash Logic Courts. They have been the cornerstone of squash in the Western suburbs and I congratulate Richard and Karen for what they have done for the sport for so long. The centre is now going to be managed by Ollie Haley and be known as the Western Squash and Racquetball Centre. If you don't know of Ollie, you might know or have seen his mum Leanne swilling the odd glass of red at Pennant. Good luck Ollie.

As we return in 2025, we have an exciting challenge for everyone. Our first squash tournament in Mildura on the 14-16th February. Please come and support it. Should be hot hot hot - just like our squash!! You can tune up for the event by competing in the Mountain Districts Open Squash tournament. The VMSA proudly support this event set for the 31st January-2nd February 2025.

Great New Year squashing!!

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## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

### 2025

*Mildura Individual* Feb 14-16

*Vic Champs – Bendigo* April 11-13

*Masters Juniors – Westerfolds* May 31

*Horsham Individual* July 25-27

*Squash.com.au Ballarat* Nov 21-23

# Squash.com.au Ballarat Individual Masters Tournament



I remember sitting at the tournament desk Friday night looking around the room watching everyone being social and just generally catching up. What a great visual it was and an even better weekend. It is just something extra special about the Ballarat tournament and for those who played at Ballarat, I hope you had a fun time.

The tournament was a beauty this year. I thought the numbers were great but I know we can do better, so thanks to all who attended.

The weekend started Friday night with 20 matches lined up in the 7.30pm time slot. As always it was hectic and the matches were played in typical master's friendliness and sportsperson-like manner. We had 118 Entries, 12 Sections, plus 6 Virgins. Thanks to Brian Armstrong (TAS), Daniel Attard, Viv Nel, Daniel Shrimpton, Keina Tiaon and Ian Wisel for playing your first tournament. As you all know I love our VMSA virgins and I'm so grateful you played in one of our tournaments. A special thanks to those players who got one of those new players to attend because this is how we get better squash numbers, it's fantastic. To those new players, you have a complimentary entry to either Mildura 14-16 Feb 2025 or the Vic Championships Bendigo 11-13 April 2025.

Thank you to all the Interstate players who made the effort to cross the border. TAS 5, NSW 1 and ACT 1.



The Member's draw was won by Michael Lucas from Squash Logic, the 2 dinner tickets are to be used over the next 12 months, Congratulations Michael.



1 badge was given at Ballarat this year to a really fantastic supporter of Master's Squash, Cheryl (Chezza) Gilbee 25+ tournament badge.

Special mention to some players who have made a comeback to our tournaments Darren Roylance (Shepparton 2016), Michael Bourke (Bairnsdale 2021) and one of our favorite players, Mick Lucas - well I've lost count how many times Mick has made a comeback, but we love to see him no matter what.

The Judith Goadby Memorial Award for 2024 was awarded to Helen Lococo. The Judith Goadby Memorial Award is the highest award you can win in master's squash for commitment in a volunteer capacity. Congratulations Helen, we are so lucky to have you helping us.

95 people came along to the Ballarat Golf Club. We had a fabulous night with the food being very good, I mean really good, a few drinks, and great conversation. Our band this year played some fantastic songs to help us dance the night away, the dance floor was packed all night. Thanks to the golf club for being so accommodating it was very easy dealing with them.

To the court's manager Jess Parker, you were so helpful with all our requirements. You made my job easy so thanks for the support. To all the people who helped over the weekend, I know you were under pressure so thanks for the hours you put in to produce great food and for the wide range of beverages on offer to our players, cheers to the bar and food staff.

A special mention to Paul Atkins for all the tech things you did for us, especially the printer (ha-ha)

Check the results page on the VMSA website for the all the finals match results.  
<https://vmsasquash.com.au/uploads/files/Tournaments/Previous%20Tournament%20Results/49%20Masters%20Tournament%20-%20November%202024%20-%20Ballarat.pdf>

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## Tournament Director's Report (cont'd)

Ballarat section 1 winner Peter Gilbee defeated Paul Brewtnall in three games in a great match with the gallery full to the brim. Peter gave a humble speech to the crowd and to other winners. Peter is a great supporter of the VMSA & master's squash.

As always Steve and Lisa Walton are great supporters of masters squash and squash in general. They supplied fabulous prizes as always. Thank you to Lisa this year for coming from Queensland to be with us all weekend. I am sure all the people who won a prize will enjoy using it. Lisa worked the merchandise stand all weekend, so I hope you supported her by buying something you needed. Another great deal, Squash.com.au have come on board to give any financial VMSA members \$25.00 discount on anything they buy over \$50, so use this offer and get your VMSA membership for free. Conditions apply so contact Michelle Rowles for more information 0407838572 or rowles.michelle@yahoo.com.au .

A special mention to Jill for the raffle prizes you supplied to support the tournament and Wali, and Terry for their continued support.

To all the people who helped me behind the desk in 2024 - Janine, Helen and Pam, you are my golden girls, and I just love you to bits for all the help and support. Michelle and all the others who popped in to lend a hand when the pressure was on you all are amazing people. A special mention to Lynette for all the photos during 2024.

Our next tournament will be held at Mildura on the 14-16 February 2025. Entries are open and remember it is an Individual Event. There will be no teams events at the VMSA Tournaments in 2025. Click this link to enter, <https://vmsasquash.com.au/mild-feb-24>

Please keep doing your part for Australian Squash in 2025 as I and the Committee will.

My Pleasure, **Darren O'Neill**

VMSA Tournament Director

**JUDITH GOADBY AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2024**

**HELEN LOCOCO**



The Judith Goadby Award is VMSA's most prestigious award handed out each year at Ballarat, if there is a deserving recipient. This year the award went to Helen Lococo who is not only a long time player in tournaments but you would also have come across her serving behind the tournament desk doing multiple jobs. She has played across many clubs for over 35 years at a masters level in the metropolitan area and is now the only original member in her team. Helen has had many challenges with injuries and such but, like the true trooper she is, has always come back stronger and more determined to keep playing and helping out in any way she can.

Anyone who has met Helen knows she is a well liked person who will always give time to people around her and puts her hand up to help out where needed.

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**Presentations - SQUASH.COM.AU BALLARAT MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2024**

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Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	PETER GILBEE Lilydale
	Runner Up	PAUL BREWTON TAS
	Third/Plate	MATTHEW MCCONNELL TAS
	Consolation plate	DAVID HOWE Ballarat
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	DARREN O'DONNELL Ballarat
	Runner Up	SETH ADAMS Ballarat
	Special plate	DARREN NAGEL Squash Logic
	Plate	CHYE LIM GPHC
	Consolation plate	GARY MCPYKE Mulgrave
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	CHRIS ROWLAND MCC
	Runner Up	IAN WISEL MCC
	Special plate	TRAVIS BRUNT Squash Logic
	Plate	AUSTIN RICHARDSON Mulgrave
	Consolation plate	ADITYA GAUR Squash Logic
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	ANDREW MEREDITH Shepparton
	Runner Up	LOU MORSCH Squash Logic
	Third/Special plate	GREG DUNCAN Milawa
	Plate	MARTIN GUNN Wagga Wagga
	Consolation plate	KIM CHAMRA Focus GP
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	VINCE ANCORA Focus GP
	Runner Up	LORI FERNANDEZ Corio
	Third/Special plate	TREVOR WALKER Werribee
	Plate	LAUNA SCHILLING Horsham
	Consolation plate	JODIE MCLEAN Lilydale
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	VIV NEL Lilydale
	Runner Up	DANIEL ATTARD Ballarat
	Special plate	NEIL TYTLER Squash Melb
	Plate	DARREN ROYLANCE Yarram
	Consolation plate	DESI CARLSE Squash Melb
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	JOHN DE LEIJER GPHC
	Runner Up	PAUL ATKINS Ballarat
	Third/Plate	SUE LANDY Ballarat
	Consolation plate	ALLISON DOUGLAS MCC
(8) SECTION 8	Winner	NORM BROWNING Focus GP
	Runner Up	JACK BARRY Ballarat
	Third/Plate	MAL RUBINICH Squash Logic
	Consolation plate	DAVE BLACKER Squash Logic
(9) SECTION 9	Winner	MAREK HABSUDA Ballarat
	Runner Up	ROBYN CREEK Horsham
	Third/Special plate	INO WOBBS Lilydale
	Plate	KEINA TIAON Lilydale
	Consolation plate	ROSS MEDDINGS Squash Logic
(10) SECTION 10	Winner	LYNETTE WOODYARD Squash Logic
	Runner Up	SALLY WINGETT Lilydale
	Third/Plate	JUDITH FOX TAS
	Consolation plate	VIC STAFFORD Brighton
(11) SECTION 11	Winner	ALLISON GILBERT Bairnsdale
	Runner Up	CHERYL GILBEE Lilydale
	Third/Plate	JENNY ANDERSON Moe
	Consolation plate	BARRY DURHAM GPHC
(12) SECTION 12	Winner	BRYCE SIMPSON Horsham
	Runner Up	HEATHER CAMPBELL ACT
	Third/Plate	HELEN LOCOCO Squash Logic

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# PRESENTATIONS—BALLARAT 2024



Peter Gilbee -  
Section 1 Winner



SECTION 1



SECTION 2



SECTION 3



SECTION 4



SECTION 5



SECTION 6



SECTION 7



SECTION 8



SECTION 9



SECTION 10



SECTION 11



SECTION 12



Cheryl Gilbee - 25  
Tournament Badge



# 2024 BALLARAT DINNER DANCE





# AROUND THE COURTS





VMSA Spring 2024 Individual Results Grand Final

EAST

Grade 01	Grand Final	Lilydale Club 01	Won	Lilydale Club 03	4R12G217P-0R3G153P
Grade 02	Grand Final	Mulgrave Club 02	Lost	Westerfolds 01	1R5G194P-3R11G227P
Grade 03	Grand Final	VRC 01	Won	Mulgrave Club 04	3R9G195P-1R5G173P
Grade 04	Grand Final	Mulgrave Club 07	Lost	VRC 03	2R7G202P-2R8G206P

WEST

Grade 01	Grand Final	Squash Logic 02	Won	Squash Logic 03	2R6G130P-1R4G119P
Grade 02	Grand Final	Werribee 02	Won	Fitzpatrick 02	4R12G215P-0R3G147P
Grade 03	Grand Final	Werribee 04	Lost	Werribee 03	1R7G201P-3R9G203P

**Congratulations to our esteemed Secretary, Michelle Rowles on receiving a Volunteer Award from Vic Squash at their AGM in recognition of her contribution to squash – well deserved.**



*Is Darren a common name? It would appear so as here we have three Darrens – two of them are Darren O'.... Pictured from left, Darren Nagel, Darren O'Donnell and Darren O'Neill.*



# 2024 PENNANT FINALS

## WESTERN SECTION



Grade 1 Premiers Squash Logic Western Section



Grade 1 R/up Squash Logic Western Section



Grade 2 Winners - Werribee 2 Western Section



Grade 2 R/up - Fitzpatricks - Western Section



Grade 3 R/Up Werribee 4 Western Section



Grade 3 Winners - Werribee 3 Western Section



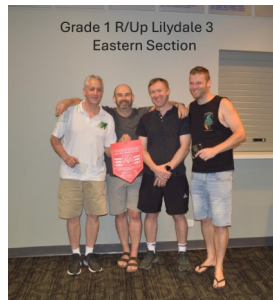
Winners & R/Up Grade 3 West Section

Werribee Teams 3 and 4

## EASTERN SECTION



Grade 1 Winners - Lilydale 1 Eastern Section



Grade 1 R/Up Lilydale 3 Eastern Section



Grade 1 Winners & Ru/Up - Lilydale 1 & 3 Eastern Section



Grade 2 Winners - Westerfolds 1 Eastern Section



Grade 2 R-up Mulgrave 2 Eastern Section



Grade 2 Winners & R-up - Mulgrave 2 & Westerfolds 1 Eastern Section



Grade 3 Winners - VRC 3 Eastern Section



Grade 3 R-up Mulgrave 4 Eastern Section



Grade 3 Winners & R-up - Mulgrave 4 & VRC 1 Eastern Section



Grade 4 Winners - VRC 3 Eastern Section



Grade 4 R-up Mulgrave 7 - Eastern Section



Grade 4 Winners & R-up Mulgrave 7 & VRC 3 Eastern Section

# SQUASH LOGIC MELTON UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT



We'd like to announce that, after 20 years, Squash Logic Melton is transitioning to new management – effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 we pass the baton, (or should we say, 'racquet'!?) to much loved Oliver (Oli) Haley who has worked with us over the past two years.

This marks the end of an era, and we want to take a moment to reflect on our journey and express our heartfelt gratitude to our loyal supporters. members, staff and the community who have become like family over these years.

Over the past two decades, Squash Logic Melton has become a cornerstone of the local squash scene, fostering a welcoming environment for squash enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels.

With your support, we've achieved many milestones, including:

- Hosting numerous squash competitions and tournaments
- Building a thriving membership base and expanding our facilities to include Victoria's first and only 'glow in the dark' (UV blacklight) court.
- Developing young talent and supporting rising stars in the squash world
- Offering diverse programs and fitness opportunities for our members.

While we say goodbye as the 'old' management team, we are excited for the future of squash in the West and feel confident that the much younger and more energetic new management will continue to uphold our commitment to excellence, community and the love of squash. We know you will show your support to them as Squash Logic Melton transitions into a new look and feel, with Oli at the helm. The venue will be known as the **Western Squash and Racquetball Centre** and we will be supporting Oli in the transition period.

'Squash Logic' will continue our existing coaching and re-stringing business from the venue and we will be in touch directly with players currently being coached for details about next year.

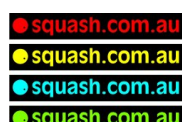
Our final day of operation is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10am to 3pm. To make our last day memorable, we would be delighted to have you join us on the court one last time or feel free just to stop by for a drink and/or chat. Hope to see you then.

Thank you for being part of our incredible journey!

**Karen & Richard Cagliarini**



*The VMSA wishes Karen and Richard all the very best for their future endeavours and thank them for the wonderful work they have done keeping squash alive at Melton.*





# MILDURA 2025 A VMSA TOURNAMENT

14-16 February 2025

TO BE PLAYED AT:

Mildura Squash Club - Corner of Deakin & Sixteenth St Phone: 0438236276

**Entries close Thursday 6th February 2025**



**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**

Darren O'Neill

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**NEXT TOURNAMENT:**

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

BENDIGO SQUASH CLUB

11-13 April 2025

## TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

1. The Tournament will be a mixed graded event and will be conducted using triple plate or round robin draws depending on the number of entries received. Scoring will be PAR15 for all sections. All matches will be best of 5 games and every effort will be made to ensure that each entrant gets at least three matches.
2. All players must fulfil their obligations to other participants by competing in all matches set down for them.
3. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept, decline or re-grade any entries.
4. Notice of withdrawal and requests for refund must be made to the Tournament Director 7 days prior to the tournament start date. Any requests for refunds after this date are at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
5. No claims whatsoever will be recognised should any player receive an injury whilst participating in the tournament.
6. First round matches will be available on our website [www.vmsasquash.com.au](http://www.vmsasquash.com.au) from Thursday 13th February 2025.
7. All players must report to the Tournament Control Desk at least **30 MINUTES BEFORE** their next scheduled match.
8. All players are expected to be warmed up and ready to play as soon as the previous match is completed.
9. All players are expected to mark or referee the match immediately following their own, or as directed by the Tournament Control.
10. Trophy presentations will be at approximately 4:30pm Sunday followed by a complimentary supper.
11. A social get together, including complimentary supper will be held at the Mildura Squash Club on Friday evening after the conclusion of the matches.  
**ALL WELCOME**
12. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the squash centre during the weekend.
13. A Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 15th February at Mildura Club da Vinci, 498 Deakin Ave, Mildura from 7.30pm till 12:00am featuring a live band and a 2 course meal. Drinks at bar prices. Cost: \$60 per person. PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ENTRY.
14. A Courtesy Bus will be provided to the Dinner Dance. Cost: \$10 per person. PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH YOUR ENTRY. You will be advised of the pickup times on Saturday. Any queries contact Michelle Rowles on 0407 838 572.
15. Accommodation: At your own discretion.
16. Tournament Entry Fees are \$50 for Non-Members, \$40 for VMSA Financial Members and \$35 for VMSA Financial Members who have played 25+ tournaments. Please note playing in a VMSA Pennant Team does **NOT** automatically mean you are a financial member of the VMSA. Membership of the VMSA provides discounted entry fees to tournaments as well as many other benefits for just \$25 per year. Ask any of our Committee Members for details.

**Early Bird Discount applies for entries lodged online only, cut off date 31st January 2025**

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## VMSA INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT - MILDURA 2025 - ENTRY FORM

**EVENTS:** Events/Gradings will depend on entries.

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age at 14th February 2025:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Given Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Suburb:** \_\_\_\_\_ **P/Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Please fill in all the details of your current pennant team, grade and position.

	Midweek	State	Country	Masters
League				
Grade				
Position				
Club				

Are you a financial member of the VMSA?  YES  NO  
 (Playing VMSA pennant is not automatic membership – see conditions)

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT?  YES  NO

**We need as many players as possible to play Friday night – matches start at 7.30pm** **Time Available:** \_\_\_\_\_pm

ENTRY FEES: Non-Members \$50.00  
 VMSA Members \$40.00 (Financial Members only)  
 25+ Tournament players \$35.00 (25+ Financial Members only)

PLEASE COMPLETE:

Entry Fee:		Entry Fee: \$
Dinner Dance:	\$60 per person No. attending _____	Dinner Dance: \$
Courtesy Bus:	\$10 per person No. attending _____	Courtesy Bus: \$
VMSA Membership:	\$25 if due (check due date on website)	VMSA Membership: \$ _____
		TOTAL: \$ _____

Do you have any dietary requirements for the Dinner Dance? Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by all tournament conditions and decisions of the Tournament Committee.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send entry form and payment to Darren O'Neill VMSA PO Box 76 CARNEGIE VIC 3163  
 Email [tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au](mailto:tournaments@vmsasquash.com.au) Please do not send cash by mail.

***Entries close Thursday 6th February 2025***

My preferred method of payment is:

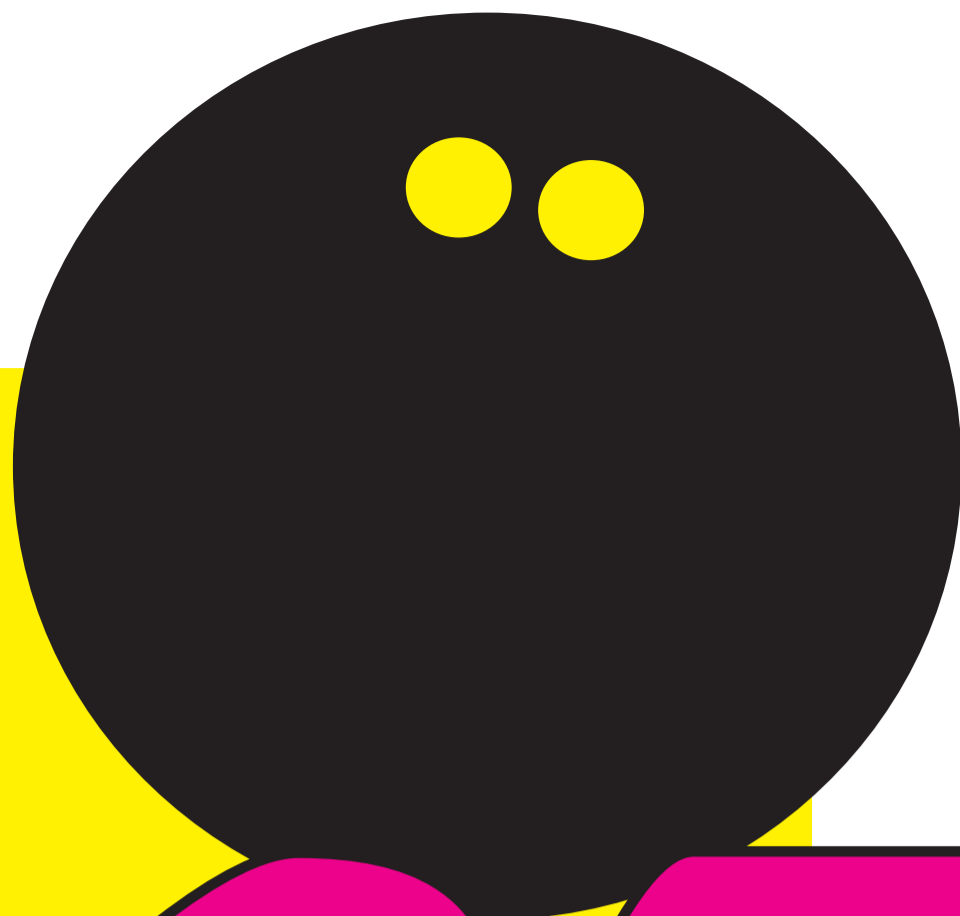
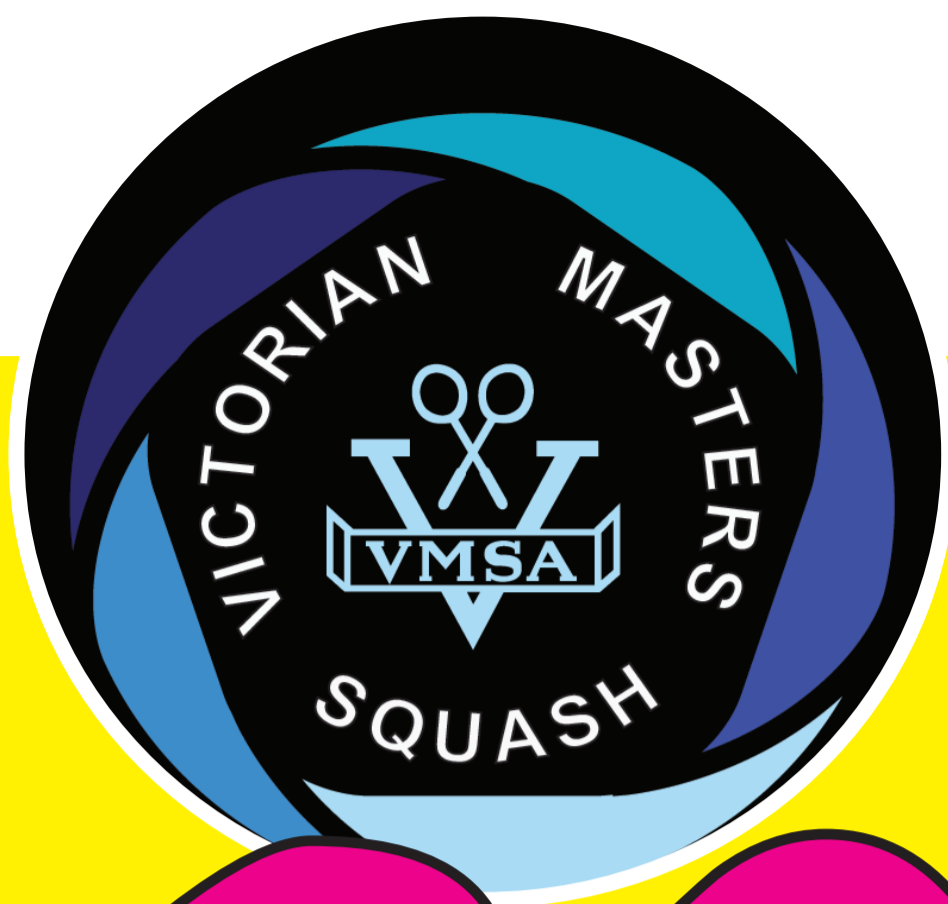
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# 2025 Tournaments

**Mildura - 14th-16th February Individual Tournament**

**Bendigo - 11th-13th April 2025 - Victorian Championships**

**Westerfolds - 31st May 2025 - Masters Juniors**

**Horsham - 25th-27th July 2025 - Individual Tournament**

**Squash.com.au - Ballarat 21st-23rd November 2025  
Individual Tournament**