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It came to my attention recently of the passing of Max Smyth. A wonderful member and competitor

who passed away late last year I believe, aged 87. Max competed in 42 VMSA tournaments in his time. He played for Hawthorn Club or as we know now Grace Park Hawthorn. I recall the last VMSA match he played which was in Dromana at the Victorian Masters Championships in 2017. I refereed his match against Syd Webb which Max won in five. Our condolences to Max's family who quite often accompanied him to events. We will miss him.

As we role along in 2026, there is plenty happening. The new VMSA website is now in full operation with many new features to navigate through. Michelle is constantly managing the website and making improvements to ensure its smooth operation. As a result, on-line entry and payments for social activities have nearly become paperless. I hope everyone is enjoying these improvements and the content created by Anil Joseph and his team at worldwidedigital.com.au.

We have now completed our first two tournaments on the calendar at Bairnsdale and the Vic Champs at Mulgrave and Pennant is coming to an end of the Autumn season. Thanks everyone who supported our event in Bairnsdale and Mulgrave and for keeping the pennant competition alive. It's the first time Mulgrave have hosted a tournament and they have always been great supporters of squash and the VMSA. The World Masters Squash tournament in Perth is drawing closer. For anyone who is planning to go, it will be a huge event. So save your pennies and get to the tournament process.

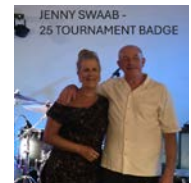
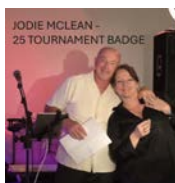
Winter is just around the corner, and pennant season finals are not far away. Good luck to all teams competing in the East and West Autumn finals.

Bad knees and not squashing at the moment. **Your Prez**



Many of our Bairnsdale tournament participants stayed over on the Sunday night so a group dinner was arranged and fun was had by all.

TOURNAMENT BADGES AWARDED IN BAIRNSDALE



We have new stubby holders available for purchase at the tournament desk. It has a section to put your name, so no confusion with others!

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS 2026

Masters/Juniors - Westerfolds	May 30
Bendigo	July 24-26
World Masters Perth	Aug 30-Sep 6
Inform Ballarat	Nov 20-22

2026 BAIRNSDALE TOURNAMENT

Report from Darren O'Neill – Tournament Director



Feeling good about the road trip to Bairnsdale there is a new president (Vikki Holland) and new energy at a club is always an important thing. We arrived and had the luxury of High-Country Hooch distillery waiting to let us sample their goods, not only did we sample but they also offered sponsorship which we were grateful for so thanks Paul & Leanne your gifts were the Number 1 prize.

It was great to see past players re-enter one of our tournaments Geoff Ely and Stephen Spehre two who had been away from us for ages, so great to see them back. There were some fantastic matches played and so many competitive matches. Our tournament desk ran very smoothly with the girls working really hard to get matches allocated to time, I am grateful to have my team who make me look good so thanks ladies you are incredibly special to me.

A special mention to the Vikki Holland (Club President) and her team for trying to find fill ins to get us balanced again and Jeff Petersen for filling in at multi levels above his standard you are just fantastic and also a ripper bloke. Finally, Mark Edgley for the shop set up and a kind donation, Mark worked side by side with Andrew Meredith who came from Shepparton with his shop, so no excuses players you had plenty of equipment to choose from. Thanks guys.

As I mentioned our Dinner Dance ended up at the Mitchell River Tavern with 75 people attending. Generally, I don't have really any comments about the food because it is what it is, but what the pub achieved was surprisingly good people made many comments to me about that so I guess we will have to head back there again one day. Huge thanks to Gillick's Bus Lines for their support and getting us to and from the pub we appreciate the support. The Jimmy's (Band), let me say James (lead singer) you really put on a special treat for us the dance floor was flat chat all night which reflects on great music being played, I think we wore James out, but he hung in there a fantastic effort James.

I had the honour of handing out five tournament badges in Bairnsdale. A huge congratulations to those people well deserved indeed.

Lucy Allinson 25 Tournament Badge
Donna Fisher 25 Tournament Badge
Clem Viney 50 Tournament Badge

Jodi McLean 25 Tournament Badge
Jenny Swaab 25 Tournament Badge

To our new players (VMSA Virgins) Anthony Altouvas MCC, Vikki Holland Bairnsdale, Joel Pinczewski Monash Uni, Tim Bye La Trobe Valley, Naomi Robertson Corio thank you for being a part of the tournament, I hope you all had a fun time. Thanks to you for playing a tournament outside your local area is always greatly appreciated, building and being part of a great community plus quality tournaments is a healthy environment for all.

To all the people who travelled from everywhere to attend the tournament Marty Gunn - Wagga Wagga, Foxy Loxi (Judy Fox) – Tassie, Donna Fisher – Mildura, thanks for making the effort I cannot tell you what a buzz I get when you enter.

To Vikki and her committee, the volunteers who made food all weekend and the bar staff for a well-stocked fridge, I want to thank you for the endless support and commitment you gave the VMSA. You all did do a fantastic job to make our experience memorable to say the least. Thanks to Vikki for organising the High-Country Hooch for the prize packs used for trophies.

A visit from the Mayor Jodie Ashworth - East Gippsland Shire Council, who handed out trophies and gave a speech to our players - that was special. Thanks Mayor, keep up the wonderful job serving your community.

To everyone who attended the tournament a big thank you, thanks to the raffle girls for giving their time to sell the tickets. Our girl Jilly Morsch for building the raffle prizes they looked fantastic.

As always thanks to Pammy, Helen, Ally, and Miss Janine for your support behind the desk everyone has found a fabulous team connection which is great. Thanks to Michelle for all the work she does collecting payments and organising everyone for the bus and dinner table settings ect, ect, ect An incredibly special woman and an enthusiastic lover of Masters squash.

**Thanks for supporting Masters Squash - see you at Mulgrave 10-12 April 2026.
My Pleasure Darren O'Neill**

Presentations - VMSA BAIRNSDALE MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2026

Event	Award	Awarded to
(1) SECTION 1	Winner	PETER GILBEE Lilydale
	Runner Up	MARK EDGLEY Bairnsdale
	Third/Special plate	CARL FRESHWATER Bairnsdale
	Plate	BILL DOHERTY Latrobe Valley
	Consolation plate	DANIEL ROLLS Ballarat
(2) SECTION 2	Winner	GEOFF ELY Maffra
	Runner Up	STEPHEN RUSSELL Lilydale
	Third/Special plate	MICK DYKE Churchill
	Plate	ROGER CHILD TSMC
	Consolation plate	CLEM VINEY WSRC
(3) SECTION 3	Winner	STEPHEN SPEHAR Maffra
	Runner Up	ANNE FORDHAM Tonic Squash
	Third/Special plate	JON GRANT WSRA
	Plate	DAN KORN MCC
	Consolation plate	ROBERT MACFARLANE Lilydale
(4) SECTION 4	Winner	JOEL PINCZEWSKI Monash Uni
	Runner Up	JEANNETTE VEAR GPHC
	Third/Special plate	JESSIE DE LA CRUZ Bairnsdale
	Plate	JULIE LESTER Squash Melb
	Consolation plate	JOHN DE LEIJER GPHC
(5) SECTION 5	Winner	MARTIN GUNN Wagga
	Runner Up	GILL DIGGLE Mulgrave
	Third/Special plate	FRANK BUGEJA Poowong
	Plate	LUCY ALLINSON Squash Melb
	Consolation plate	BRENDAN O'KELLY Bairnsdale
(6) SECTION 6	Winner	WENDY MCWILLIAMS Mulgrave
	Runner Up	ALLISON GILBERT Bairnsdale
	Third/Plate	LINDA THURKS Caravan Club
	Consolation plate	JEANETTE BARTON VRC
(7) SECTION 7	Winner	RALPH D'ARCY Mulgrave
	Runner Up	GEOFF MORLEY Maffra
	Third/Plate	VIKKI HOLLAND Bairnsdale
	Consolation plate	CHERYL GILBEE Lilydale
(8) SECTION 8	Winner	JENNY ANDERSON Moe/Morwell
	Runner Up	NAOMI ROBERTSON Corio
	Third/Plate	HELEN LOCOCO Leopold

BAIRNSDALE PRESENTATIONS



BAIRNSDALE AROUND THE COURTS



BAIRNSDALE AROUND THE COURT Cont (3)



BAIRNSDALE DINNER DANCE



TOURNAMENT REPORT

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MULGRAVE 2026

The Victorian Championships 2026 at Mulgrave is done and dusted, Mulgrave CC Squash Club excelled, with attention to detail to make this tournament a success to promote VMSA Squash and the club in general. Vic Champs is the champion's tournament, probably our most prestigious tournament of the year. The prestige of winning a Victorian Title has a special place in our squash achievements without a doubt. We are also bringing younger age groups in which has been low in numbers for a few years now. We must teach these kids (haha) 35+ the Masters way.

Out of the 86 entries, 10 New players attended (VMSA Virgins) and what an effort - 21 entries from Mulgrave, I think Lilydale holds the record with 34 entries so take note. It really is up to every club to push the boundaries to get players and external commitment, probably the hardest job of them all.

Thanks to so many from Mulgrave from Catering to Management. A special mention to Marguerite Lee whose organisational skills were well accepted by me in particular. Well done to the committee who gave their time to push for success. Great job and congratulations from me.

In the Men's 35-39 we had 4 entries, so thanks to those younger players for supporting master's squash - now you're on your way to achieving a 100-tournament badge, but what was very special we had Barry Durham and Eric Panther 85-89, fine effort gentleman. Also 4 entries in the 80-84 Men's, wow congratulations these guys have hearts of lions. I hope you can manage many more tournaments.

10 New players who gave up their time to play their first tournament thanks to all I am very appreciative of your effort. Gavin Sutherland, Carlo Zabotto, Lorraine Howell, Kim Graham, Daniel Meyer, Eric Panther, John Fiori, Courtney Rodricks, Peter Joyce & Shane Potter. Keep going forward and connect to us you will enjoy our tournaments and mak friends for life.

Three badges were handed out at Mulgrave, so congratulations to Lori Fernandez 25 Tournaments and Garry Irwin (NS' 25 Tournaments, last but not least the wonderful Judy 'Foxy Loxy' for achieving her **75** tournament badge, when you put this one in perspective it looks like this, roughly 4 tournaments a year so that's over 20 years but that's also traveling from Tasmania, so a fine effort. Well done Judy we love ya heaps. Thanks everyone for your commitment to our tournaments. Over the next few tournaments if you play, you may achieve a tournament milestone as I still have few to give out.

Our dinner was at Mulgrave Country Club. We had a private room which was very nice. Mulgrave CC is a massive complex, thanks to the club for giving us a private room and for the great 2 course meal. I noticed loads of chatting going on with old friends catching up which is always great to see.

Check out this link to view all the medal awards presented to our Victorian Champions

<https://vmsasquash.com.au/victorian-championships-mulgrave-tournament/>

A special mention to our interstate players who made the effort to come down, you all made a sensational effort. At Mulgrave we had players from NSW, QLD and TAS, thanks for making that effort.

Mulgrave sponsorship for the court hire and suppers was well received and appreciated, so thank you for that.

Thanks once again to the raffle girls, Ally, Jenny & Leanne great effort. To all my crew Pam, Helen, Janine and Allison G you are amazing and I know how lucky I am to have you.

All the raffle prizes came from Allison Douglas and were packed by Gary McPyke haha, thanks gang, they looked great.

Check our website for all the 1 million pic's Gary took over the weekend, thanks Gaz.

See you all in Bendigo 24-26 July 2026 it will be a hoot we have a great band lined up at the Bendigo RSL for the dinner.

Thanks for supporting Master's Squash we cannot do it without you.

My Pleasure Darren O'Neill

VMSA 2026 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - MULGRAVE

Event	Award	Awarded to
MENS 35-39 OPEN	M35-39 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	SKY LOO, MULGRAVE CC GAVIN SUTHERLAND, MCC DANIEL JONES, VRC
WOMENS 40-44 OPEN	W40-44 OPEN WINNER	KIM GRAHAM, KOOYONG
MENS 40-44 OPEN	M40-44 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP	SHAHROZE KHAN, MULGRAVE CC BILL DOHERTY, MAFFRA
MENS 45-49 OPEN	M45-49 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP	CAMERON PENNA, BENDIGO SCOTT PETTS, WODONGA
WOMENS 50-54 OPEN	W50-54 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	JODI MCLEAN LILYDALE LORRAINE HOWELL (V) MULGRAVE ALLISON DOUGLAS MCC
MENS 50-54 OPEN	M50-54 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	MOHAMMAD ALI MULGRAVE DAVID KEMPSTER MULGRAVE MARK ROBERTSON MCC
WOMENS 55-59 OPEN	W55-59 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	ANNE FORDHAM MULGRAVE JANINE EEDY MULGRAVE DONNA FISHER MILDURA
MENS 55-59 OPEN	M55-59 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	DARREN NAGEL WSRC MICHAEL BOURKE WSRC ANTHONY ALTOUVAS MCC
WOMENS 60-64 OPEN	W60-64 OPEN WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	JENNY SWAAB MULGRAVE LUCY ALLINSON SQUASH MELB MICHELLE ROWLES MCC

MENS 60-64 OPEN	M60-64 OPEN WINNER	WARREN MILLER LILYDALE
	RUNNER UP	CARLO ZABOTTO (V) ROYAL SY
	THIRD	STEVE MORLEY SQUASH MELB

WOMENS 65-69 OPEN	W65-69 OPEN WINNER	CARON PENDREY LILYDALE
	RUNNER UP	BIDDY MCFARLANE MCC
	THIRD	JULIE LESTER MULGRAVE

MENS 65-69 OPEN	M65-69 OPEN WINNER	PETER GILBEE LILYDALE
	RUNNER UP	MALCOLM MCCLARTY KOOYONG
	THIRD	STEPHEN RUSSELL LILYDALE
		JOHN BARTON VRC

WOMENS 70-74 OPEN	W70-74 OPEN WINNER	ALLISON GILBERT BAIRNSDALE
	RUNNER UP	JUDY FOX TAS

MENS 70-74 OPEN	M70-74 OPEN WINNER	ROBERT SIMS MCC
	RUNNER UP	DAVID SHAY WERRIBEE
	THIRD	GARRY IRWIN MAASH

WOMENS 75-79 OPEN	W75-79 OPEN WINNER	HELEN LOCOCO, LEOPOLD
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MENS 75-79 OPEN	M75-79 OPEN WINNER	GEOFF CHAMBERS RACV
	RUNNER UP	ADRIAN ANDERSON LILYDALE

MENS 80-84 OPEN	M80-84 OPEN WINNER	FRANK BUGEJA POOWONG
	RUNNER UP	TIMOTHY HILL VRC
	THIRD	TOM SLATTERY MULGRAVE

MENS 85-89 OPEN	M85-89 OPEN WINNER	ERIC PANTHER (V) MULGRAVE
	RUNNER UP	BARRY DURHAM GPHC

DIVISION 1 WOMENS	DIV 1 WOMENS WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	TASHIA MIHAIL MULGRAVE WENDY MCWILLIAMS MULGRAVE JEANETTE BARTON VRC
DIVISION 1 MENS	DIV 1 MENS WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	GREG MURPHY BENALLA SHANE POTTER (V) MULGRAVE COURTNEY RODRICKS (V) MONASH
DIVISION 2 MENS	DIV 2 MENS WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	JOEL PINCZEWSKI MONASH UNI DANIEL MEYER (V) LaTROBE VALLEY DAVID JEFFERY MULGRAVE
DIVISION 3 MENS	DIV 3 MENS WINNER RUNNER UP THIRD	ALDO MONTALTO RACV IAN HAWKEY MULGRAVE GEOFF MORLEY MAFFRA

BADGES AWARDED AT THE VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Gary Irwin
25 Badge

Lori
Fernandez
25 Badge

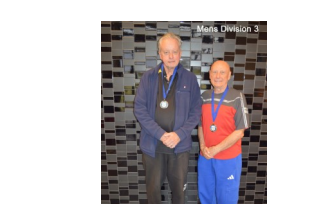
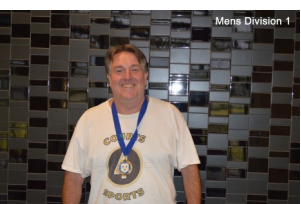
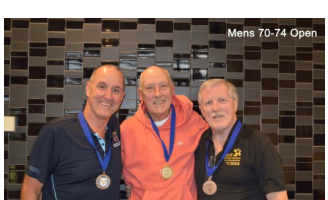
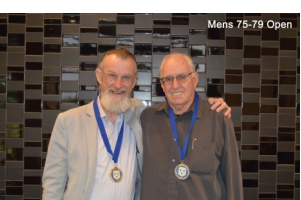
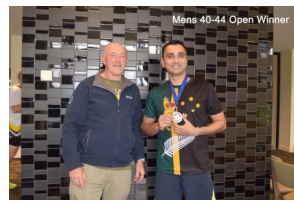


Judy Fox
75 Badge

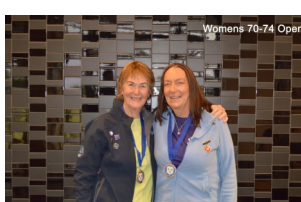
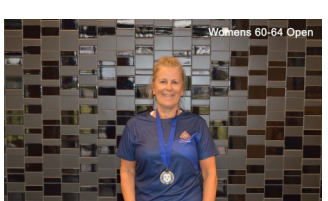
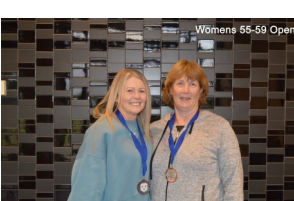
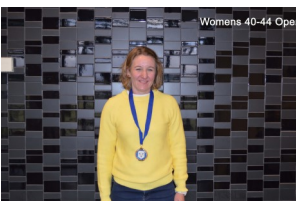


2026 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MENS DIVISION



WOMENS DIVISION



AROUND THE COURTS – VIC CHAMPS - MULGRAVE



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VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS DINNER





MASTERS JUNIORS

JIM BRISTOW CUP

Saturday 30th May 2026

Venue: Westerfolds Squash Club
2 Swilk Street, Templestowe

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 22nd May 2026

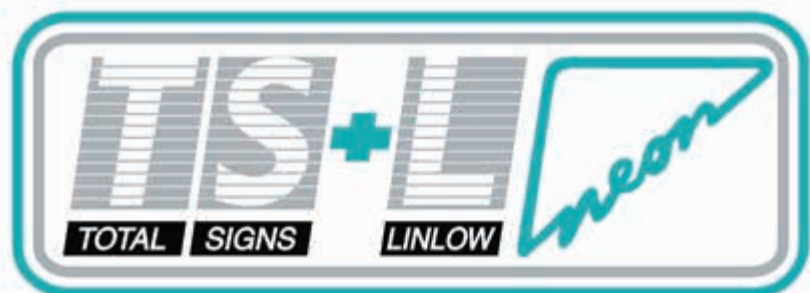


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24th-26th July 2026

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Early Bird Closing Date: Friday 10/07/2026

Closing Date for Entries: Thursday 16/07/2026

