

QUEENSLAND 2009

In 2009 our motto was ... onwards and upwards.

Q Squash had 9 predetermined Key Result Areas for 2009. Q Squash successfully delivered on 8 of these and delivered an extra one with the hosting of the 2009 Australian Closed.

The main 6 include: collection of affiliation; delivery of the Brisbane Southside Competition, delivery of the Queensland Junior and Q Open Championships, organization of the Sharks participation at the Australian Junior Championships and organization of the Stingrays participation at the National Team Championships.

Added to this list in 2009 was the delivery of the Northside competition, the organization of a Queensland squad to participate at the National Junior Series and finally, the successful hosting of the National Junior Series in Rockhampton in April 2009.

Unfortunately, the participation of the Stingrays at the National Team Championship was not achieved. This was a difficult decision to make but the Board finally chose not to send a team. WA and NT also did not participate.

The decision was complicated by the fact that Queensland were the defending Champions however, the cost, availability of competitive players and various other politics saw Queensland not send a team for the very first time. The event will be staged in Victoria next year and every effort will be made to send a team.

Q Squash also delivered the Australian Closed Championship for the very first time and it was satisfying to see a Queenslander win the men's title. Zac Alexander beat the evergreen Craig Rowland (also from Queensland) in 4 but sadly Queenslander Lisa Camilleri had to settle for runner up against the ever improving Donna Urquhart.

The highlight of the year would undoubtedly be the 6th victory in a row for the mighty Queensland Sharks.

Australian Representative Honours:

Rheanne Niebling: represented Australia at the World Junior Championships.

Queensland successes include:

Queensland Sharks: *Overall junior team champions for the 6th consecutive year and 3 Age group champion teams: 15; 17 and 19YAG's. Coaches Kim Schramm and Larry Rauschenbach guided the team to a wonderful milestone.*

Australian Junior Champion: **Zoe Petrovansky:** 19YAG

Special Awards: **Zoe Petrovansky:** MC Hazel Award **Rheanne Niebling:** *Supershark MVP Award winner* **John Peacey:** *Supershark MVP Award winner* **Sunil Seth:** *Austin Adarraga Achievement Medal* **Dijo Sexton:** *Kay Barclay Achievement Medal.*

National Junior Series Champions:

1st Event: **Jacob Alexander:** 19YAG, **Zoe Petrovansky:** 19YAG, **Sam Fife:** 17YAG, **Dijo Sexton:** 17YAG.

2nd Event: **Jacob Alexander:** 19YAG, **Zoe Petrovansky:** 19YAG, **Dijo Sexton:** 17YAG, **John Peacey:** 15YAG, **Lakeesha Rarere:** 13YAG.

Queensland Junior Champions:

Boys: **Will Mountford-Jones:** 13YAG **Karl Krauss:** 15YAG **Sam Fife:** 17YAG & 19YAG and **Jayden Wadd:** 23YAG.

Girls: **Lakeesha Rarere:** 13YAG **Grace McErvale:** 15YAG **Dijo Sexton:** 17YAG **Rheanne Niebling:** 19YAG & 23YAG.

Special Awards:

Lachlan Johnston: *Peter Nance Achievement Award* **Bailey Zerner:** *Chris Robertson Encouragement Award* **Challen Stowell:** *Rachael Grinham Achievement Award* **Brenda Lee Mather:** *Rachael Grinham Encouragement Award.*

Top 100 Professional Players:

WISPA: **Rachael Grinham:** (4) **Lisa Camilleri:** (38) **Zoe Petrovansky:** (80)
PSA: **Steve Finitisis:** (67)

The highlight of the year was Rachael Grinham winning her 4th British Open Title.

Despite the many challenges off the court in 2009 Q Squash and Queensland players still held their own. 2010 offers hope for unity to be restored and the Government to once again invest in the development of our great sport.

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