



Squash New Zealand

National Office Fortnightly Update

21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

It is great to have an agreed Strategic Direction. Please see attached [early draft poster](#) that we can circulate once finalised to stakeholders etc. Please send me feedback by middle of next week. Also I will request signature from the Chair/President/Board Representative from each District next week – this will be a very powerful optical statement to funders and partners.

### Strategic Priority areas

#### **Kotahitanga**

- I will begin reviewing and updating national office roles over the next 2 weeks. Also I will put a request out to district administrators next week for historic data on domestic travel numbers costs so we can package a proposal to potential logistic/travel agencies as part of one of our partnering opportunities.

#### **Promotion**

- Reminder of the upcoming promotion collaboration with PSA regarding the upcoming EL Gouna International Squash Open, we would appreciate all feedback of the coverage.
- Fortnightly updates will be put on our website under 'archived information' and can be found here: <https://squashnz.co.nz/about/squash-nz/archives.cfm>  
Most recent found here:

<https://squashnz.co.nz/content/7th%20May%202021%20Squash%20New%20Zealand%20National%20Office%20Fortnightly%20Update.pdf>

- Chas Evans – New Zealand Squash Hall of Fame – A huge congratulations to Chas Evans who earlier this month officially became apart of the New Zealand Squash Hall of Fame. You can watch a quick 2min recap video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNcaDv2INTU>  
And read the full New Zealand Squash Hall of Fame programme here: <https://squashnz.co.nz/content/NZSHoF%202021%20Programme%20P6.pdf>
- Whangārei talented teen wins top title at AON New Zealand Junior Open  
[https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/sport/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503448&objectid=12441703](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503448&objectid=12441703)

#### **Coaching leadership**

- We are currently accepting applications for the second part of our HP Coach Development Programme New Light. The second part consists of a series of live-in residentials for a smaller group of coaches.
- A Foundation practical is scheduled for 12 June in Ohakune. For further information please check the coaching calendar [HERE](#). We are currently working with several Districts to confirm dates, if your District would like one scheduled please contact Daniel.

#### **End to end pathways**

- Looking forward to the Auckland Open PSA tournament next week at North Shore Squash Club. It is a PSA Challenger event with the biggest prizemoney and world ranking points so far this year in Australasia and has a number of top competitors from over the Tasman taking part. Big thanks to John Fletcher and Tyler Duberly.



### Grassroots Initiatives

- No update.

### Key Initiatives

#### Competition framework and Grading

- *Competition Framework:* The review group had their first meeting on Tuesday night. The group have been given some reading material regarding the review and are currently working on ensuring the process they are following is clear prior to discussions beginning
- Thank you for your feedback regarding the competition calendar this has been taken into account and there are a couple of discussions to be had. The Calendar will be locked in at the end of June.

#### Campaigns

- 2021 World Men's Team Event will now be held in Malaysia in December. See attached email from Wayne Werder, 2021 World Men's Team Championship Director. And media release sent this morning [https://squashnz.co.nz/news/index.cfm?content\\_id=5181](https://squashnz.co.nz/news/index.cfm?content_id=5181) Different scenarios to plan the NZ team for Malaysia will be explored over the coming weeks.
- National Doubles camp was held on Monday at the National Squash Centre with a good turnout following the Panmure Tecnifibre Open PSA event.

#### Updated I.T Platform

- A board paper has been drafted for next week sharing the current options available. We have had a committed panel spend many hours over the last few weeks, including Shiree (Board) and Marcus (BOP) interviewing and considering our shortlisted vendors.

#### Increased commercial Opportunities

- *Ball Orders:* We had a great response to ball orders this time around. We are pleased that all of the balls can be delivered, however the majority will be in blister 3 packs rather than dozens. If you haven't received by the end of next week please let us know. Remember we are able to supply balls to clubs for their organised play and competitions, they are not to be resold to members or be part of a Pro Shop.

#### 2030 Facility Planning & Levy model

- Working group Intro sessions being completed by end of next week and then full meetings will be scheduled the following week.

#### Support Club Capability

- Club promotions email 'What's the racket? Club deals and Promotions' will be released today, The purpose of the update is to inform of all **promotions, deals**, and information that could **benefit** our affiliated 190+ Squash clubs around New Zealand. This edition includes deals on tech, printing, insurance, general club needs, fuel, and a chance to get some free posters & manuals. You can find all the information covered in this PDF version here : <https://squashnz.co.nz/content/May%20-%20What%27s%20the%20racket.pdf> if you wish to send to clubs separately.

### Operational / Business as Usual / Other

- Nothing to report