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A big hello from sunny & dry Rockhampton

Hoping this newsletter finds all safe and well. What a horrible start Rocky & parts of Queensland had to 2011 it's only got to get better. The centre was not physically affected by the floods but it did impact on business for a few weeks when players couldn't get into town from the outlying suburbs. We were cut off on the southern approach from Brisbane for about three weeks but luckily still had the northern approach from Mackay to allow supplies in. Fortunately we knew of the impending flood 8 days before it struck, not so lucky were the residents of the Darling Downs communities and the southern states. For those affected by the floods, cyclones, bushfires & earthquakes we hope life returns to normal as quickly & painlessly as possible.

The countdown begins to the 2011 Australian Masters Championships

Well it's now 25 weeks to the Championships. Planning is already underway at our centre and the roofed area for bag storage off our clubroom was completed last week. The next project is completing the walls, floors and bag racking. It will also be a nice area to relax beside the pool between matches.

Coming out of 30 years of retirement for Bryan

Bryan Graff who played at Scottvale Park Squash Centre in his younger years came out of retirement at the end of 2010. Bryan who hadn't played squash for 30 years decided at the young age of 80 to pick up a racquet and ready himself to play in the Australian Championships. He plays one night a week in the centre's fixtures. Bryan is Rhonda Hite's father, and we now have three generations of that family playing in our fixtures, with grandsons Lachlan & Blake competing as well. Bryan is also Sharyn Waterhouse's father.

Accommodation in Rockhampton

For those considering competing in the Championships it is advisable to book your accommodation early. Queensland is the state of choice in the colder months for our grey nomads and in September some are still in the area trekking south. With Rockhampton, travel time from one side to the other is a maximum of 20 minutes and most motels are within 5 to 15 minutes drive from the centre. The airport is only about 10 minutes drive from the centre. For a list of venues email us on svpsli@bigpond.net.au

Grant assistance for E-newsletter etc.

Scottvale Park Squash League Incorp., were fortunate to receive grant funding for the championships through Events Queensland Regional Development funding. The grant covers our costs of Marquee hire, table/chair hire, coldroom hire, temporary fencing and the production of the E Newsletter. I will be compiling a new one every couple of weeks in the lead-up to the championships which will contain local news and tourist information. Sandra.