

Western Australia outdoes other states

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THE 2011 Li-Ning King of Burnie Australian Closed Championships came to an end on Saturday, with a number of championships decided.

Western Australia was the big winner with several players taking home titles.

In an all Western Australian final of the Burnie Trophy Centre

men's singles, Nick Kidd defeated Himanshu Thacker.

Kidd was too strong for Thacker, winning the game in straight sets 21-12, 12-5.

The Bartletts Legal Services women's singles final was a little closer with New South Wales' Michelle Zhang defeating South Australian Verdet Kessler 21-9, 22-20.

In the Bass and Equitable men's

doubles final it was Western Australians Wee Ung Hii and Chris Ong who defeated Raymond Tam and Wesley Caulkett in a thrilling encounter.

Tam and Caulkett took the first set 15-21 before Hii and Ong stormed home taking the final two sets 21-16 and 21-19.

In the Glow Cosmetics women's doubles Zhang teamed up with Victorian Ann-Lousie Slee to

make it two titles for the tournament.

Zhang and Slee defeated Verdet Kessler and Talia Saunders in straight sets 21-13, 21-19.

In the RACT mixed doubles both Kidd and Saunders picked up their second title, defeating Tam and Slee 21-17, 21-4.

Coaster David Jones was awarded the prestigious Cliff Cutt Memorial Trophy.



JOB WELL DONE: West Australians Nick Kidd (right) and Himanshu Thacker high five after the finish of the 2011 Li-Ning King of Burnie Australian Closed Championships men's singles final. The game was won by Kidd. Picture: Stuart Wilson.