

Thanks and Acknowledgement:

Thank you to members of the committee and co-ordinators for their significant contributions over the past twelve months.

Also, thanks to the groups of members who have volunteered to assist with AWTTA tournaments, Lavington East Primary School session, Vacation Care Table Tennis sessions, Lavington Lions evening, Albury Probus at Keenagers session, AlburyCity Social Club dinner and games, Gateway Life Church, Tonkins Group fundraiser and an ANZ group. Other members quietly go about less noticeable tasks, such as catering, cleaning at events, minor maintenance, gardening, equipment orders, promotion, social media and other voluntary jobs, and their willing and worthwhile contributions are much appreciated.

Club Competition

Ian Radley has continued to provide good opportunities for competition players with the assistance of Division Co-ordinators and other assistants. These include Cody Luton, Neil Kreutzberger, Chris Grealy and Ashley Wurtz. Also, Michelle Bowd and Daryl Stone assisted for part of the year. Ash Harding and maybe one or two others will also be assisting for 2024.

The 2023 Club Championships were held in October

The 2023 Club Championships winners and runners-up were:

Div 1: Levi Geering and Max Geering

Div 2: Cameron Burt and Ethan Hailey

Div 3: Lucas Welsh and Andrew Welsh

Div 4: Cassie Kreutzberger and Chloe Bollingmoore

Season 3, 2022, winners

Div 1: Commercial Club - Max Geering, Luke Van Zanten, Mitchell A Smith

Leading Player: Max Geering

Div 2: Border Sign Studio - Rohan Hempel, Daniel Sutton, Vincent Blanes

Leading Player: Brendan Burt

Div 3: Delited Cleaning - Justin Bui, Iain Dalitz, Troy Peiper

Leading Player: Tyler Green

Div 4: Commercial Club - Zachery Ryan, Craig Fisher

Leading Player: Zachery Ryan

Season 1, 2023, winners

Div 1: HelloWorld - Ash Wurtz, Dean Bilston, Eamon O'Dowd

Leading Player: Levi Geering

Div 2: Table Tennis World - Josh Kelly, Terry Caldwell, Julie McKenzie-McHarg

Leading Player: Cameron Burt & Eamon O'Dowd

Div 3: Table Tennis World - Jo Cantor, Iain Dalitz, Ethan Tschirpig

Leading Player: David Avery & Antonia Fernandez

Div 4: Commercial Club - Craig Fischer, Parv Gevariya

Leading Player: Julien Brown

Season 2, 2023, winners

Div 1: Albury Engineering Mowing - Levi Geering, Tyler Green, Ian Jones

Leading Player: Levi Geering & Ash Wurtz

Div 2: Delited Cleaning Service - Tyler Green, Antonio Fernandez, Zachary Moffat

Leading Player: Cameron Burt & Tyler Green

Div 3: Border Sign Studio - Paul McAlister, Andrew Welsh, Adam Batt

Leading Player: Chris Grealy

Div 4: Daintree Dental - Will Kaye, Myles Hardge

Leading Player: Neil Kreutzberger

Season 3 of 2023 will be completed after this AGM.

Social events.

There were seventy people at the AWTTA Christmas lunch on Saturday December 2. Other social events were proposed during the year, but extraordinary circumstances led to delaying these to next year.

Membership Stats, as per TTV's records:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Competition - Juniors	43	50	34	33	36	32
Competition - Adults	87	78	59	97	103	93
Social	138	143	156	152	146	140
Total	268	271	249	282	285	265

Some Receipts comparisons (June 30):

	2018	2019	2020 [#]	2021 [#]	2022 [#]	2023
Competition	\$22,728	\$18,281	\$15,729	\$16,778	\$13,331	\$20,198
Keenagers	\$29,262	\$33,164	\$25,654	\$28,927	\$30,464	\$34,263
Schools & Groups	\$12,813	\$13,995	\$11,681	\$13,667	\$11,968	\$10,813
Total	\$64,903	\$65,440	\$53,064	\$59,372	\$55,763	\$65,274

Closed due to COVID for some time during the financial year.

Tournaments/Interclub events

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AW Junior Tournament	53 [#]	28	Not Held	Not Held	42	57
AW Senior Tournament	43	58	Not Held	Not Held	33	55
AW Veterans (2 days)	81	75	68	Not Held	66	104
AW Keenagers	75	75	Not Held	74	62	62

AWTTA's 2023 tournaments have had their best numbers for some time. We appreciate TTV's support in the timing of our events and their encouragement to players, officials and directors to travel to Albury.

The AWTTA Junior and Senior Tournament

There were sixteen AWTTA players in the AWTTA-hosted TTV tournament on Saturday May 20.

U19 Boy's Singles: Max Geering (winner); Levi Geering (runner-up)

U17 Boy's Singles: Levi Geering (winner)

Open Doubles: Max Geering & Levi Geering (runner-up)

U19 Boy's Doubles: Max Geering & Levi Geering (winner)

Division 1 Singles: Levi Geering (winner)

Division 2 Singles: Bas Smeulders (runner-up)

The AWTTA Veterans Tournament was held in November

There were 17 locals amongst the 104 entrants and here are some winner and runner-up results for the AWTTA members:

Winner Over 70 Mixed Doubles: Sandra Eldridge & Geert Mensinga.

Winner Over 60 Women's Doubles: Sandra Eldridge & Julie McKenzie-McHarg.

Winner Div 4 (Rating under 1000) Singles (Sunday): Terry Caldwell

Runner-up Over 80 Singles: Kevin Phibbs.

Runner-up Over 70 Women's Singles: Sandra Eldridge.

Runner-up: Over 70 Men's Doubles: Wolf Forke & Chris Grealy.

Runner-up Over 65 Men's Doubles: Geert Mensinga & Rick Reitenbach.

Runner-up Over 65 Women's Doubles: Lyn Forke & partner.

Runner-up Div 3 (Rating under 1300) Singles (Sunday): Ian Radley
Runner-up Div 4 (Rating under 1000) Singles (Saturday): Doug Rose.
Runner-up Div 4 (Rating under 1000) Singles (Sunday): Robert Oliver

For the **AWTTA Keenagers** event in March

There were 43 visiting players and 19 local players involved and AWTTA members had some success.

Mixed Div 1 Runners-Up: Andy Eberle and Sandra Eldridge.
Ladies Div 1 Runners-Up: Julie McKenzie McHarg and Sandra Eldridge.
Mens Div 2 Winners: Peter Burr (since dec'd) and Tony Harrington.
Mixed Div 2 Runners-Up: Wolfgang Forke and Lyn Forke.
Mens Div 3 Winners: Wolfgang Forke and Peter Nelson.
Mixed Div 3 Winners: Daphne Muller and a partner from Coburg.
Mixed Div 3 Runners-Up: Peter Nelson and Angie Kuzeff
Mens Div 3 Runners-Up: Phil Jenkin and a partner from Traralgon.

Victorian Country Championships

A big thanks to Adrian Rix and Cody Luton who organised the AWTTA teams for this event. AWTTA had seven teams of three players involved and three of the teams received silver medals. These were:

A1: Max Geering, Levi Geering, Sam Miller

C2: Hayden Scott, Steve Bell, Aaron Pimm.

D3: Terry Caldwell, Sandra Eldridge, Paul Geering/Nathan Jackson.

There was also an Individuals competition and AWTTA had some success in that:

Max Geering: Semi Finalist in Open Men Singles; Runner-up in Open Mens Doubles; Winner of Juniors.

Levi Geering: Semi Finalist in Open Men Singles; Runner-up in Open Mens Doubles; Runner-up in Juniors.

Ash Harding: Semi-finalist for Over 40s.

Luke Van Zanten: Winner of B Grade.

AWTTA Members in state teams

Max Geering, Levi Geering and Luke Van Zanten were again selected to represent Victoria at the 2023 National Championships. Ashley Harding was selected to represent Victoria in the Over 40 Division at the National Veterans championships. This is a wonderful achievement for these players, who have worked hard and progressed well with their many coaching and training sessions.

It was also pleasing to see Lucas Welsh and Michelle Bowd listed in the Victoria's top ten for Under 9 Boys and Over 40 Women, respectively.

Coaching

Sam Palmer continues to travel from Dandenong for coaching sessions in Albury, aiming at one Saturday per month. Under his guidance, Max, Levi and Luke have once again represented Victoria in the National championships.

Some of our members have taken the opportunity to be involved in training sessions with our state players.

Sponsors

Thanks to Ian Radley continuing to seek sponsorships, as well as our main sponsors, Commercial Club Albury and AlburyCity, we now have the following minor sponsors: Lester & Son, 777 Automotive, Helloworld, Delited Cleaning Services, Border Sign Studio, Daintree Family Dental Clinic, Lavington Auto Electrical, Table Tennis World, Seaton Arms Motor Inn, Arnold's Fruit Market, V&P Brosolo and Albury Engineering and Mower Service.

Facilities - planning for the future

A Concept Plan been displayed at the club to show anticipated development of the club facilities. It included changerooms and showers to the west of the courts and a new clubroom area, and then, at a later date, more courts to the south.

We are thankful to AlburyCity in its support in securing a grant for the planning thus far. AlburyCity is focussed on improving the Greenfield Park Sports Precinct and see Table Tennis as an integral part. AWTTA will seek appropriate funding for the bulk of the development cost so that the financial burden will not be too much for the Club.

Members were given the opportunity for feedback through the three versions of the Concept Plan. Members have also suggested some insulation along the walls and Ian Radley has approached a few tradespeople about options to determine if it will be viable.

I would love to see more people enjoying Table Tennis competitively and/or socially in our region. Like other sports, Table Tennis is struggling with growing the number of junior members and we need to continue to address this with school involvement and encouragement of the use of Active Kids Vouchers (NSW) and Get Active vouchers (Vic) at our club. So often, people do join because of personal invitations, so you can all play a part.

Please be mindful that we do need several more people to be involved on the committee to ensure that the club is managed effectively for a certain future. Without adequate people in these roles, the club could quietly extinguish. Nevertheless, congratulations to all members who contribute positively to this club so that it can provide social and health benefits to many.

Terry Caldwell
AWTTA President 2022-2023