

# **AWTTA – President’s Report, 2025**

## **Thanks and Acknowledgement:**

Thank you to the members of our committee, co-ordinators and co-ordinator assistants for ensuring that the club, Keenagers and competitions ran smoothly over the past year. We are thankful that Justin Fowler set up the finances on Xero, before resigning due to increased work commitments. Fortunately, our Secretary, Janet Freer, took on most of the Treasurer’s role.

Also, thanks to several members who volunteered to assist with AWTTA tournaments, the ATO Festival of Sport’s Table Tennis sessions, club social functions, Sunday sessions, results entry, first aid officer, school sessions, catering co-ordinator, kitchen assistants, providing dessert slices, cleaning at events, minor maintenance, mowing, gardening, promotion, social media and other voluntary jobs. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

## **Club Competition**

Thanks to Ashley Harding for his role as overall competition co-ordinator. He has been well supported by Division Co-ordinators and assistants, including Cody Luton, Emily Bollingmoore, Chris Grealy, Ashley Wurtz and Michelle Bowd. Thanks to others who have volunteered to assist these people from time to time.

## **The 2025 Club Championships, October**

Division 1: Winner - Levi Geering; Runner-up - Andrew Lindner

Division 2: Winner - Angus Avery; Runner-up - Craig Salzke

Division 3: Winner - Jung Ui Hyun; Runner-up - Finnegan Clift

Division 4: Winner - Finn Border; Runner-up - Arsh Mandaviya

## **Social events.**

About thirty people enjoyed a “bring and share” dinner and some handicap-based games, organised by Ian Radley and Janet Freer. The Keenagers have had a very social interclub event, a few small BBQ lunches, and two lunches where Tony Ellwood’s and Harry McDiarmid’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays were celebrated. Eighty people booked in for the AWTTA Christmas lunch following the AGM on Saturday December 6.

## **Membership Stats, as per TTV’s records:**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Competition - Juniors</b>	43	50	34	33	36	32	36	33
<b>Competition - Adults</b>	87	78	59	97	103	93	104	114
<b>Social</b>	138	143	156	152	146	140	142	133
<b>Total</b>	268	271	249	282	285	265	282	280

## **Tournaments/Interclub events**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>AW Junior Tournament</b>	53	28	Not Held	Not Held	42	57	70	57
<b>AW Senior Tournament</b>	43	58	Not Held	Not Held	33	55	49	42
<b>AW Veterans (2 days)</b>	81	75	68	Not Held	66	104	80	93
<b>AW Keenagers</b>	75	75	Not Held	74	62	62	82	74

## **The AWTTA Junior and Senior Tournaments, May**

There was a reasonable number of entries for the Junior Tournament, with a total of 57 players. There were 42 players in the Senior Tournament. AWTTA members enjoyed some success. Congratulations to the following winners and runner-up at the Senior tournament.

Under 1300 points division - winner	Geoff Prior
Under 1000 points division - winner	Geert Mensinga
Under 1300 points division – runner-up	Ashley Harding

### **The AWTTA Veterans Tournament**, November

There were just 10 locals amongst the 93 entrants and here are some winner and runner-up results for the AWTTA members:

Mixed Doubles – Winner	Geoff Prior & Debbie Wilson (Geelong)
Under 1300 points Singles (Saturday) – Runner Up	Geoff Prior
Under 1300 points Singles (Sunday) – Winner	Geoff Prior
Over 80yrs Mens Singles – Runner Up	Kevin Phibbs
Under 1000 points Singles (Saturday) – Runner Up	Terry Caldwell

### **AWTTA Keenagers Interclub Event**, March

This was a very successful Doubles event with over seventy players representing nine clubs.

AWTTA members enjoyed some success:

Ladies - Div 3	1	Gillian Leonard	Wangaratta	Lois Nolan	AWTTA
Ladies - Div 2	2	Lil Waugh	AWTTA	Margot Joy	Wangaratta
Ladies - Div 1	2	Julie McKenzie-McHarg	AWTTA	Sandra Eldridge	AWTTA
Men - Div 2	1	Mick Wadick	PMTTA	Kevin Phibbs	AWTTA
	2	Stuart Gibbs	AWTTA	Geert Mensinga	AWTTA

### **Victorian Country Championships**

Team Results:

A1 grade - 1st place: Sam Palmer, Max Geering and Levi Geering.

B2 grade - 4th place: Ash Harding, Adrian Rix and Ben Anderson (Bendigo) Composite team.

D1 grade - 1st place: Ken Smith, Cody Luton and Nathan Jackson.

D2 grade - 4th place: Paul Hossack, Zaviar Hossack and Ky Lieschke.

D3 grade - 4th place: Stuart Gibbs, Julie McKenzie-McHarg, Sandra Eldridge and Geert Mensinga.

AWTTA players also did well on the individual ladder for the team event

A1: 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Palmer; 3<sup>rd</sup> Max Geering; and 4<sup>th</sup> Levi Geering

D1: 1<sup>st</sup> Ken Smith; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Nathan Jackson

Individual Events Results:

Open Mens Singles: 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Palmer; and Levi Geering made it to the semi-finals.

Under 21 Male Youth: 1<sup>st</sup> Max Geering

### **AWTTA's State Representation**

Congratulations to Max Geering who was selected as captain of the Victorian U21 Mens team.

### **Life Membership**

Cody Luton was granted AWTTA Life Membership, at the AGM, in recognition of his club contribution.

During his 15 years as a member, Cody served on the committee for 6 years, and he has been a competition co-ordinator for 12 years. Cody also supervised school groups for a few years and ran a couple of AWTTA tournaments, as well as many club championships. He has also organised AWTTA teams for the Victorian Country Championships, and he has been successful in that team event a few times. Many beginners have appreciated Cody's assistance in learning the basics of Table Tennis.

While on the committee, Cody initiated discussions leading to the purchase of a defibrillator. Within a short time, Cody and Luch Bartolo used the defibrillator to save the life of Bill Mitchell, a club life member.

Cody's contribution has been very significant over a long period, and he is a worthy recipient of a Life Membership award.

### **Coaching**

Sam Palmer continues to travel from Dandenong for coaching sessions in Albury, aiming for one Saturday per month. He has also started Friday afternoon sessions for Keenagers. Some of our more experienced players have provided some additional coaching.

### **TTV AWARDS TO AWTTA**

- 15 years of service award to AWTTA past Treasurer, Rick Woods.
- 2024 TTV's Club of the Year award.

### **Sponsors**

Thanks to Ian Radley for maintaining a good relationship with our sponsorships, including regular sponsor newsletters. Our main sponsors are Commercial Club Albury and AlburyCity. The following minor sponsors have continued to support the club in 2024: Lester & Son, 777 Automotive, Helloworld, Delited Cleaning Services, Border Sign Studio, Daintree Family Dental Clinic, Table Tennis World, Seaton Arms Motor Inn, Arnold's Fruit Market, V&P Brosolo and Albury Engineering and Mower Service. This year they have been joined by Kelly & Astill Regional Lawyers, Stewart Gould Real Estate and Hume Retirement Resort.

### **Planning for the future**

We are still pursuing grants for improving facilities, including changerooms, improved clubroom, additional courts, storage battery, replacement of some air conditioners and an air conditioner for the office. An application for an AlburyCity Infrastructure Grant has been submitted for Architect drawings, so that we are "shovel-ready" to apply for a future grant to commence construction.

We have accumulated a healthy cash balance that would allow us to make a significant contribution to construction costs, and this will mean grant applications are more likely to succeed.

We have managed to maintain our membership around 280, but there's room for more! Please go out of your way to actively encourage others to join. We have two schools attending regularly and it would be great to have more students visit and maybe have some of them join the club.

Terry Caldwell  
AWTTA President 2024-2025