AWTTA – President's Report, 2026

Thanks and Acknowledgement:

Thanks to members of our committee, co-ordinators and co-ordinator assistants for ensuring that the club, Keenagers and competitions ran smoothly over the past year.

Also, thanks to many members who volunteered to assist with AWTTA tournaments, TTA's National Veterans Tournament, club social functions, Sunday Social/Training sessions, Wednesday CasuaL Comp, results entry, first aid officer, vacation care sessions, school sessions, Youth Expo, Ping-Pongathon, catering co-ordinator, kitchen assistants, cleaning, minor maintenance, mowing, gardening, promotion, social media, AWTTA history scrap books 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 2026 Club Championships, October

Division 1: Winner - Levi Geering; Runner-up - Andrew Lindner
Division 2: Winner - Cody Luton; Runner-up - Craig Salzke
Division 3: Winner - Lewis Hazell; Runner-up - Justin Grealy
Division 4: Winner - Chloe Bollingmoore; Runner-up - Archie McAlister

Social events.

Close to thirty people enjoyed a "bring and share" dinner and some games including novelty games, organised by Ian Radley and Janet Freer. The Keenagers have had a very social interclub event, a Christmas in July, and a few small BBQ lunches. Eighty-six people booked in for the AWTTA Annual lunch following the AGM on Saturday November 14.

Membership Stats, as per TTV's records (as at 14/11/26):

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Competition - Juniors	43	50	34	33	36	32	36	33	26
Competition - Adults	87	78	59	97	103	93	104	114	112
Social	138	143	156	152	146	140	142	133	146
Total	268	271	249	282	285	265	282	280	284

Tournaments/Interclub events

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
AW Junior Tournament	53	28	Not Held	Not Held	42	57	70	57	43
AW Senior Tournament	43	58	Not Held	Not Held	33	55	49	42	32
AW Veterans (2 days)	81	75	68	Not Held	66	104	80	93	91
AW Keenagers	75	75	Not Held	74	62	62	82	74	68

The AWTTA Junior and Senior Tournaments, May

There were only 32 players in the Senior Tournament, including 9 from AWTTA and 43 in the Junior Tournament, including 3 from AWTTA. AWTTA members enjoyed some success. Congratulations to the following winners and runner-up at the Senior tournament.

Women's Singles – Runner-up	Sandra Eldridge
Women's Double Runner-up	Sandra Eldridge & Michelle Bowd
Under 1000 points division – runner-up	Zach Moffat

In the Junior Tournament:

Junior Under 1300 Singles - Winner	Tyler Green
Junior Under 1000 Singles - Winner	Will Kaye

AWTTA Keenagers Interclub Event, March
This was a very successful Doubles event with sixty-eight players representing nine clubs.
AWTTA members enjoyed some success:

Mixed - Div 2	1	Phil Jenkin	AWTTA	Judy Gogoll	AWTTA
Ladies - Div 2	1	Lucy MacTavish	AWTTA	Nannie van der Heuval	Ballarat
Ladies - Div 1	2	Julie McKenzie-McHarg	AWTTA	Sandra Eldridge	AWTTA
Men - Div 1	2	Kevin Phibbs	AWTTA	Mick Wadick	PMTTA

Victorian Country Championships
Team Results:
A1 – 2nd: Max Geering (2nd Individual), Levi Geering, Sam Plamer.
B2 – 4th: Ash Wurtz (3rd Individual), Callum Mitchell, Geoff Prior, David Smith.
B3 – 2nd: Tyler Green (4th Individual), Adrian Rix, Ash Harding.
D2 – 5th: Cody Luton (1st Individual), Michelle Bowd, Julie Lindner (Wangaratta player substitute).
D3 - 1st: Geert Mensinga (4th Individual), Sandra Eldridge, Terry Caldwell.

Individual Events Results:
Open Mens Singles: 1st Max Geering
Under 21 Male Youth: 1st Levi Geering
Men's Doubles: 1st Levi Geering with a Mornington partner.

National Championships
Max Geering was awarded a Silver medal as part of the Victorian Under 21 Men's team at the National Championships held in Goulburn, July 6-11.

Some AWTTA results at Victorian Closed Veteran Championship
Geoff Prior was runner-up in the Over 65 Mixed Doubles with Genevieve Rigot.
Sam Palmer had a win in the Over 30 Mens Doubles and a win in the Under 1700 points Singles.

TTA'S National Veterans Championships, Lauren Jackson Sports Centre, October
Seven AWTTA members were in the Victorian team or the President's team. They are: Michelle Bowd, Sandra Eldridge, Ash Harding, Julie McKenzie-McHarg, Geert Mensinga, Sam Palmer and Geoff Prior. Sam was a medallist.

There were also 36 AWTTA members who volunteered several hours of help for bump-in, score running and bump-out.

Coaching
There were very few sessions in 2026 as Sam Palmer was very busy. Sam is hoping to take up coaching AWTTA members again in 2027, perhaps only quarterly.

Club Legends
A new award was established in 2026, recognising club members not eligible for Life Membership, but have made significant contributions to the club in many aspects of club activities. In 2026, the inaugural recipients are Judy Crichton, Steve Dainton, Stuart Davidson, Harley McAllister, Samuel Miller and John Zinkovsky.

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 2026: 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, Kelly & Astill Regional Lawyers, Stewart Gould Real Estate and Hume Retirement Resort. A new sponsor has been added: ENZED Total Hose and Fitting Service.

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 for Architect drawings, so that we would be "shovel-ready" was unsuccessful.

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. While it would be good to receive grants, we may have to go it alone with some projects. The painting or cladding and improvements to the club room are under consideration with a number of quotes to consider.

We have managed to maintain our membership around 280. Please actively encourage others to join. It would be very pleasing to have more juniors playing.

Terry Caldwell
AWTTA President 2025-2026