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## **TIGERS TALES**

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### **Newsletter**

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The following is a summary of the events that took place at TTTA and elsewhere in the Table Tennis World during December 2025.

#### ***Around the Club***

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The AGM, followed by the Award Presentation and Luncheon was well supported by Members and Life Members at the Centenary Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The AGM saw the election of:

President: Brendan Gaeta

V/President: Peter Waddell

Secretary: Kyle Ricks

Treasurer: Brendan Cahill

Committee: Mischa von Mellenthin, Mike Summers and Ray Young

Previous committee members Chris Georgalli, Martin Chilton, and Morrie Bligh did not stand again at this time and were thanked for their service to the club. Morrie subsequently offered to be on committee a few days later and the Committee accepted his offer.

Details of the Award Presentations are included at the end of the Newsletter.

Congratulations to Brendan Gaeta on gaining accreditation as a National Level Referee.

#### ***The New Year***

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Table Tennis Australia have finally released their new Membership Model, due to take effect from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

All Club Sessions should be back to normal from 5<sup>th</sup> January.

#### ***Social Seniors***

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The Friday competition was again incredibly close, with Gary Mantell up over Dennis Fox by a point, and Andy Williams only a couple of points further adrift.

Monday mornings will continue from 5<sup>th</sup> Jan with play from 9am and coaching from 11am

#### ***Upcoming Tournaments and Events***

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All the **QLD** Events will be held at the South Pine Sports Complex

TTA Tour WA – 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

TTA National Hopes WA – 19<sup>th</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan

TTA National Invitational – 24<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Melbourne

**\*\*\***Taleisha has been invited to compete at this event which will be live streamed on the TTA YouTube channel**\*\*\***

**QLD** Hopes Training Camp – 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

International Women's Day – 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Mar -  
Townsville

East Coast Veterans Teams – 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Mar –  
Gold Coast

**QLD** Senior Closed – 2<sup>nd</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April

**QLD** Junior Closed – 5<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> April

Townsville Open – 2<sup>nd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> May (inc Nth Qld  
Junior, Senior and Para)

Mackay Open – 8<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> May (inc Nth Qld  
Vets)

World Masters – 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> June – South Korea

For all event dates, check TTQ website at  
[Events - Table Tennis Queensland](#) or our own  
Calendar at [Calendar and Events - Townsville Table  
Tennis](#)

### *Sausage Sizzles*

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We hope to arrange dates in 2026 for  
Fundraising at Bunnings Fairfield Waters.

### *Trivia*

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Since October 2021, the ITTF rules that one  
side of your racket must be Black in colour,  
and the other side must be a bright, clearly  
distinguishable colour (not black or matching  
the ball colour)

The allowed colours for the non-black side  
are:

 Blue

 Green

 Pink

 Purple

You can still stick with the classic  
black-and-red setup if you prefer - but now  
you've got more options if you want to  
customise your look.

That's all for this edition, and until next month.

I hope you have had a Merry Christmas, and  
are looking forward to a Happy New Year

### ***The Tigers Tail***

### 2023 TOWNSVILLE AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
<b>Under 11 Girls Singles</b>	Aarohi Achar	Aarvi Raj	Ajna Prasad
<b>Under 11 Boys Singles</b>	Andrew Young	Han Richy	Levi Morris
<b>Under 13 Girls Singles</b>	Aarohi Achar	Aarvi Raj	Ajna Prasad
<b>Under 13 Boys Singles</b>	Kiran Blackburn	Alistair McLennan	Robert Shannon
<b>Under 15 Girls Singles</b>	Manasee Sivayoganathan	Aarohi Achar	Aarvi Raj
<b>Under 15 Boys Singles</b>	Kiran Blackburn	Kael Marrinan	Ben Blackburn
<b>Under 17 Mixed Singles</b>	Taleisha Gaeta	Manasee Sivayoganathan	Ben Blackburn
<b>Under 19/21 Mixed Singles</b>	Taleisha Gaeta	Mischa von Mellenthin	Manasee Sivayoganathan
<b>Over 19 Mixed Singles</b>	Brendan Gaeta	Pippa-Louise Trass	Chris Georgalli
<b>Over 30 Men's Singles</b>	Peter Besnard	Tim Young	Brendan Cahill
<b>Over 40 Men's Singles</b>	Tarun Laghate	Brendan Gaeta	Brett Sprunt
<b>Over 50 Men's Singles</b>	Safwat Boktour	Paul Fyhn	Ray Young
<b>Over 60 Men's Singles</b>	John Sherriff	Mike Summers	Marty Chilton
<b>Over 70 Men's Singles</b>	John Sherriff	Harry Bligh	Morrie Bligh
<b>Women's Veteran Singles</b>	Therese Chappell	Pippa-Louise Trass	Marianne Orman
<b>Under 50 Mixed Doubles</b>	Brendan Cahill and Paul Fyhn	Taleisha Gaeta and Brendan Gaeta	Safwat Boktour and Pippa-Louise Trass
<b>Over 50 Mixed Doubles</b>	John Sherriff and Mike Summers	Harry Bligh and Morrie Bligh	Dennis Fox and Shane Chellis

### 2025 TOWNSVILLE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
<b>Women's Open Singles</b>	Taleisha Gaeta	Crismi Paola Lovera	Pippa-Louise Trass
<b>Men's Open Singles</b>	Alan Walsh	Safwat Boktour	Justin Cheung
<b>Mixed Open Doubles</b>	Alan Walsh and Crismi Paola Lovera	Olav Dahl and Taleisha Gaeta	Brendan Cahill and Aarohi Achar
<b>Women's Open Doubles</b>	Taleisha Gaeta and Crismi Paola Lovera	Therese Chappell and Marianne Orman	Aarohi Achar and Manasee Sivayoganathan
<b>Men's Open Doubles</b>	Safwat Boktour and Brendan Gaeta	Olav Dahl and Peter Besnard	Alan Walsh and Mischa von Mellenthin
<b>Division 2 Singles</b>	Brett Sprunt	Morrie Bligh	Brendan Gaeta
<b>Division 2 Doubles</b>	Brendan Gaeta and Mike Summers	Marty Chilton and Gary Mantell	Dennis Fox and Shane Chellis
<b>Division 3 Singles</b>	Minjun (Jimmy) Li	Rex Lemoncito	Wayne Wormald

2025 TOWNSVILLE CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	THIRD PLACE
<b>Social Senior Women's Singles</b>	Rina Gaeva	Mary Laird	Shona Bauer
<b>Social Senior Men's Singles</b>	Kevin Chun Tie	John Stewart	Mark Peach
<b>Social Senior Doubles</b>	Terry O'Donnell and Glenn Andersen	Jimmy Yeung and Kevin Chun Tie	John Stewart and Shona Bauer