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Newsletter

The following is a summary of the events that took place at TTTA and elsewhere in the Table Tennis World during July 2026.

Around the Club

Townsville's Taleisha Gaeta and Mischa von Mellenthin competed in the National Youth Championships held at Goulburn NSW from 6th / 11th July.

Mischa's U21 QLD team struggled against strong opposition to finish 5th, and Taleisha's U19 QLD team including Tiffany Lam and Lin Zhu managed to claim a Silver Medal. Taleisha also picked up Bronze in the U21 Women's doubles with Tiffany Lam.

Townsville's Therese Chappell, Pippa-louise Trass, Marianne Orman, Venkat Vangaveti, Safwat Boktour, Chris Georgalli, Max Wellington, Terry Morato, John Sherriff, Mike Summers, Rod Archer and Wayne Wormald travelled to take part in the Qld Veterans held at South Pine Sports Complex at Moreton Bay from 14th/18th July.

After the Finals were completed on the Saturday, Players and Officials were invited to attend a medal presentation, where drinks and light refreshments were available.

During this, it was also announced that Townsville's Harry Bligh, Max Wellington, Elle Morato, Mike Summers, Norm Taylor and Neil Davies were recognised for Volunteering Awards.

All results from the Qld Vets are listed on the last pages.

Thanks to those that volunteered a couple of hours to help with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 26th July. It was a successful day for the club.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

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

The Business Battle – 7th August

TTA **QLD** Tour – 22nd / 23rd August

Qld Veterans Open Teams – 4th / 6th Sept – Bundaberg

Cairns Open – 19th / 20th September

National Hopes Tour – Moreton Bay – 21st / 25th September

The Battle – The Stan Walmsley Cup - Townsville - 26th September

Australian Junior Championships – 27th Sept / 3rd Oct – Moreton Bay

Australian Veterans – 17th / 24th October –
Albury NSW

Townsville Closed and Aged – 14th / 15th
November

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

We have been given opportunities for
fundraising at Bunnings Fairfield Waters as
follows.

22nd November (Sun)

Trivia

Why Do Table Tennis Players Seem to Age
Differently?

Take a look around your local club.

You'll see players in their 60s, 70s, 80s... and
even 90s.

Still moving.

Still laughing.

Still learning.

Still competing.

That's unusual.

Most people expect ageing to mean doing
less.

Table tennis quietly teaches the opposite.

Every time you play, you're asking your body
and your brain to work together.

React quickly.

Solve problems.

Stay balanced.

Move with purpose.

You're not just exercising.

You're practising skills that matter every
single day.

And perhaps that's the biggest difference.

Many people stop challenging themselves as
they get older.

Table tennis players keep learning.

A new serve.

A new tactic.

A better return.

One small improvement after another.

That's a mindset.

The score matters.

But so does the process.

Table tennis players understand something
that lasts far beyond the final point:

Age isn't just about the number of birthdays
you've had.

It's also about how curious you stay.

How active you stay.

How connected you stay.

That's why so many players don't just keep
playing.

They keep growing.

And that's something to be proud of.

Table tennis isn't just a sport you play when
you're young.

It's a sport you can enjoy for life.

If you're a table tennis player, you know
exactly what I'm talking about.

Who's the most inspiring veteran player
you've ever met, and what have they taught
you?

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

The Tigers Tail

Teams:

O40 Men – Silver Medal – Venkat Vangaveti, Safwat Boktour, and Chris Georgalli

O65 Women – Bronze Medal – Therese Chappell and Marianne Orman

O65 Men – Bronze Medal – Max Wellington and Terry Morato

O70 Men – Gold Medal – John Sherriff and Mike Summers

Singles:

30WS – Silver Medal – Pippa-louise Trass

30MS – Q/Finalist – Venkat Vangaveti

40MS – Gold Medal – Venkat Vangaveti

40WS – Bronze Medal – Pippa-louise Trass

40MS – Q/Finalist – Safwat Boktour

60WS – Bronze Medal – Therese Chappell

65WS – Gold Medal – Therese Chappell

65MS – Silver Medal – Max Wellington

70MS – Q/Finalist – John Sherriff

70MS – Q/Finalist – Mike Summers

75MS – Gold Medal – John Sherriff

Mixed Doubles:

30XD – Silver Medal – Pippa-louise Trass and Safwat Boktour

40XD – Bronze Medal – Pippa-louise Trass and Safwat Boktour

50XD – Q/Finalist – Therese Chappell and Rod Archer

60XD – Gold Medal – Clare Owen and Max Wellington

60XD – Q/Finalist – Marianne Orman and Rod Archer

65XD – Bronze Medal – Linda Towler and John Sherriff

65XD – Q/Finalist – Marianne Orman and Mike Summers

65XD – Q/Finalist – Karen Bernard-Mills and Terry Morato

70XD – Gold Medal – Linda Towler and John Sherriff

70XD – Bronze Medal – Judy Chin and Mike Summers

Men's Doubles:

30MD – Gold Medal – Venkat Vangaveti and Safwat Boktour

30MD – Bronze Medal – Chris Georgalli and Richard Weaver

40MD – Gold Medal – Venkat Vangaveti and Safwat Boktour

60MD – Gold Medal – Max Wellington and Paul Green

70MD – Gold Medal – John Sherriff and Martin Solomons

70 MD – Bronze Medal – Mike Summers and Allan Ngaparu

75MD – Gold Medal – John Sherriff and Martin Solomons

Women's Doubles:

30WD – Bronze Medal – Pippa-louise Trass and Sharon Holden

60WD – Bronze Medal – Therese Chappell and Helen Zhang

60WD – Q/Finalist – Marianne Orman and Donna Abbott

65WD – Silver Medal – Therese Chappell and Gayle D'Arcy

65WD – Bronze Medal – Marianne Orman and Noreen Fredericksen