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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 September 2026.

Around the Club

Table Tennis Australia released the ranking list at the end of August, and huge congratulations to Taleisha Gaeta, who has been ranked #3 in Australia in the Under 21 Women's National Rankings

Wednesday Night Fixtures - Season 3 closed with Venkat Vangaveti in 1st place, Taleisha Gaeta in 2nd and John Zhang in 3rd.

Season 4 commenced on September 16th and will run for 10 weeks.

Friday Social Seniors -

The competition part of the Friday Seniors wrapped up for the 3rd season, with GaryM well out in front, with Dennis in 2nd and Wayne close behind in 3rd.

The 4th and final season of the Social Seniors year is already underway, and will be a shorter season, finishing on 18th December. I do not expect that the Hall will open on 25th December.

Seniors Month –

October is Seniors Month, and we have a couple of "Come and Try" Days where participation is free on the 12th and 19th of October, followed by a Buffet luncheon on the 23rd October from 12 noon. The luncheon is $20 including a free wine or softdrink ($45 value).

Toowoomba Open

Paul and Therese Chappell, and Angie Pace travelled to Toowoomba for its annual Open event.

Angie won the Silver Medal in the O40 and the O50 Women's Singles.

Therese won the Gold Medal in the O60 and O65 Women's Singles, Silver in the Women's Open Doubles with Rosalie Brooks, and Bronze in the Open Women's Singles.

Paul was also a Bronze Medalist in the O60 Men's Singles.

Well done

Cairns Open

"*A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Cairns Open such a wonderful weekend!*

Our volunteers gave up their time to set up, organise, umpire, pack up and keep everything running throughout the tournament. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you to our umpires, tournament referees and tournament directors for all the work behind the scenes and throughout the weekend.

And to all the players who travelled to Cairns and competed, thank you for being part of our tournament. Your sportsmanship, enthusiasm and support helped create such a fantastic atmosphere at the club.

From everyone at Table Tennis Cairns, thank you".

Apart from good numbers from Townsville and Mackay, we also had 6 from the S/E corner make the trip north.

All in all, a great weekend.

Results are at the end of the newsletter

The Battle – The Stan Walmsley Cup

Firsthand reports advise me that Venkat Vangaveti defeated Taleisha Gaeta in a close match that could have gone either way. 11-9 in the 5th game.

More information if and when received.

National Junior Championships

Aarohi Achar was our only representative player at the Juniors and accredited herself well in the teams matches up against strong opposition, and in the Singles event, came up against the top seed and eventual winner of the event in her group, so well done regardless to finish 2nd in her group.

Coach Alan also helped Queensland to a Silver medal in the U13 Boys teams event.

Rating Central Events

There has been plenty of discussion this year about having more rating central events, seeing as players usually have only a small number of opportunities to improve or correct their rating.

It has been the case that players would prefer to not participate in other events due to wanting to protect their rating rather than face the prospect of losing a match and rating points.

Plenty of Southern clubs post their fixtures to rating central on a weekly basis, the only requirement being the players must be Club Comp members.

The Sunday "Tournament' is looking at trying to incorporate this as a regular option in the near future.

Perhaps this is something that could also be considered for regular fixtures if enough people think it worthwhile.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

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

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

Business Battle – 30th October

Townsville Closed and Aged – 14th / 15th November

Queensland Open 28th / 29th November

AGM and Presentation of Trophies – 6th December – (TBC)

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 the following dates locked in for Fundraising at Fairfield Waters.

22nd November (Sun)

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

The Tigers Tail

2026 CAIRNS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESULTS

Event	Winner	Runner-Up	Third / Semi-Finalists
Open Events			
Men's Open Singles	Alan Walsh	Safwat Boktour	Rodney Perry / Mischa von Mellenthin
Women's Open Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Therese Chappell	Paola Lovera / Andrea Nicholson
Men's Open Doubles	Safwat Boktour & Rodney Perry	Mischa von Mellenthin & Shivansh Pandey	Brett Sprunt & Tarun Laghate / Michael Ruhl & Trent Day
Women's Open Doubles	Taleisha Gaeta & Paola Lovera	Therese Chappell & Rosalie Brooks	Donna Abbott & Edna Parkes / Andrea Nicholson & Sharon Holden
Mixed Open Doubles	Taleisha Gaeta & Safwat Boktour	Therese Chappell & Mischa von Mellenthin	Andrea Nicholson & Brendan Cahill / Rosalie Brooks & Rodney Perry
Rating Singles Events			
Under 1500 Singles	Rodney Perry	Kallum Trass	Tarun Laghate / Mischa von Mellenthin
Under 1300 Singles	Brett Sprunt	Greg Yu	Daryl Sterling / Juan Pablo Velez
Under 1100 Singles	John Zhang	Robert Richards	Jimmy Li / Ray Young
Under 900 Singles	John Zhang	Kiran Blackburn	Paul Chappell / Andrea Nicholson
Rating Doubles Events			
Under 1500 Doubles	Tarun Laghate & Mischa von Mellenthin	Rodney Perry & Shivansh Pandey	Brendan Cahill & Brett Sprunt / Greg Yu & Bernie Burgstaller
Under 1300 Doubles	Michael Ruhl & Trent Day	Therese Chappell & Rosalie Brooks	Paul Uttley & Bernie Burgstaller / Brett Sprunt & Chris Georgalli
Under 1100 Doubles	Robbie Richards & Ian McKay	Shane Chellis & Chris Georgalli	Advik Tiwari & Kiran Blackburn / Donna Abbott & Tony Bowman
Under 900 Doubles	Kiran Blackburn & Andrea Nicholson	Marian Murray & Mark Peach	Angie Pace & Paul Chappell / Michael Fathers & Ross Hufton
Veteran Events			
Over 30 Men's Singles	Safwat Boktour	Michael Ruhl	Kallum Trass / Doyle Liang
Over 30 Women's Singles	Paola Lovera	Eliza Forster	Sharon Holden / Andrea Nicholson
Over 40 Men's Singles	Safwat Boktour	Michael Ruhl	Tarun Laghate / Doyle Liang
Over 40 Women's Singles	Rosalie Brooks	Sharon Holden	Andrea Nicholson
Over 50 Men's Singles	Safwat Boktour	Rodney Perry	Doyle Liang / Kallum Trass
Over 50 Women's Singles	Rosalie Brooks	Donna Abbott	Angie Pace
Over 60 Men's Singles	Rodney Perry	Greg Yu	Ray Young / Berni Burgstaller
Over 60 Women's Singles	Therese Chappell	Donna Abbott	Marian Murray
Over 65 Men's Singles	Paul Uttley	Mike Summers	Greg Yu / Ray Young
Over 65 Women's Singles	Therese Chappell	Edna Parkes	Marian Murray
Over 70 Men's Singles	Mike Summers	Paul Uttley	Ian McKay
Over 70 Women's Singles	Edna Parkes		
Over 75 Men's Singles	Brian Lahiff		
Youth / Junior Events			
Under 21 Men's Singles	Mischa von Mellenthin	Trent Day	Levi Morris
Under 21 Women's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta		

Under 19 Boy's Singles	Trent Day		
Under 19 Girl's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta		
Under 17 Boy's Singles	Trent Day	Kiran Blackburn	Advik Tiwari
Under 15 Boy's Singles	Kiran Blackburn	Advik Tiwari	Levi Morris / Johnathan Thompson
Under 13 Boy's Singles	Kiran Blackburn	Lucas Zhao	Levi Morris / Advik Tiwari
Under 11 Boy's Singles	Lucas Zhao	Advik Tiwari	Ryder Doust
Under 11 Girl's Singles	Claire Zhao		
Para			
Para Singles	Daryl Sterling	Andrew Hall	Jonas Luetke