



Waikato Table Tennis Association

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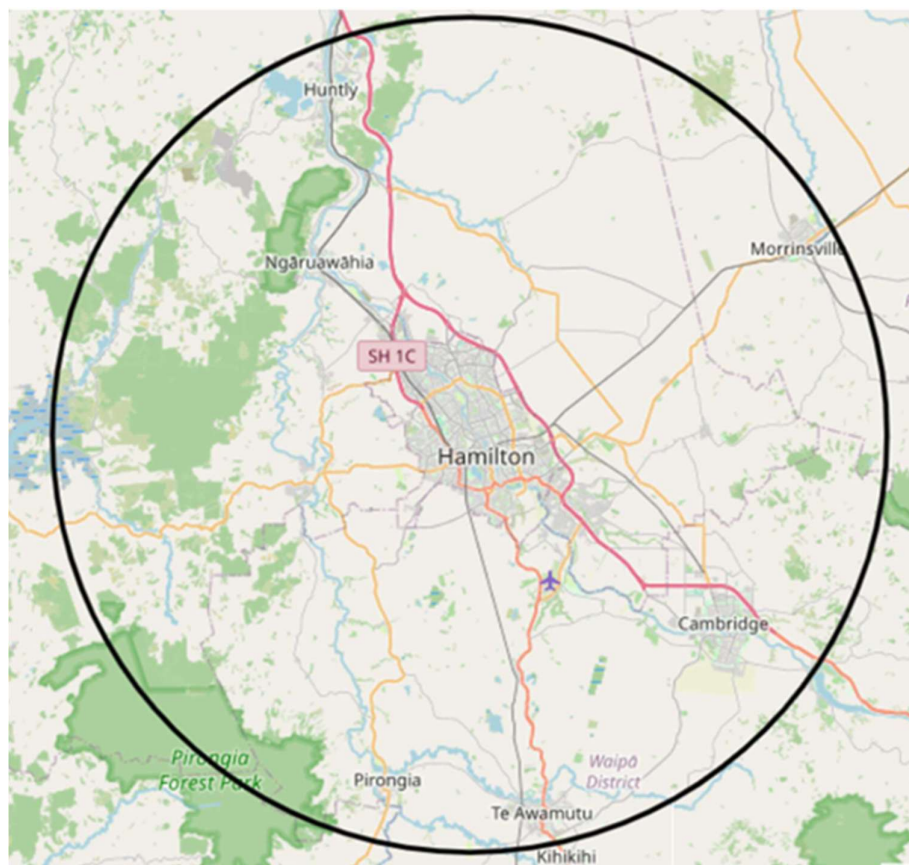
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REGIONAL BOUNDARY FOR WAIKATO ASSOCIATION

Under our obligations arising from the adoption of our new Constitution in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, WkTTA was required to confirm its regional boundary and formally advise TTNZ of that boundary.

At the Committee meeting held on 16th of August 2026, the WkTTA Committee reached agreement on the Association's regional boundary and subsequently confirmed the following to TTNZ:

The WkTTA Regional Boundary extends 28 kilometres in every direction from the Waikato Table Tennis Stadium at Edgumbe Street in Hamilton, creating a circular boundary with the Stadium at its centre.



THURSDAY COMPETITION NIGHT

Thursday Competition Night has become a fantastic opportunity for players to test themselves against others in an intense but fun and friendly competitive environment. Week after week, players are challenged to raise their game, and there is no doubt that the regular attenders have improved as a result. Whilst everyone has improved through regular participation, some particularly notable progress has been made by Sam, Carter, Manawa, Krystelle, Kion and Finlay.



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Our newest member, Mika Ishikawa, arrived from Japan only a few weeks ago and came along to play last Thursday. Logan managed to beat her, but Xander discovered that our newest member is perhaps a little too good for him. But of course, he's not making any excuses for his loss 😊

Please say hi to Mika if you see her down at the Stadium. She is fluent in Japanese, Mandarin and English, so between her three languages (and Xander's explanation of his loss), communication should not be a problem.

FRANK RISK EVENT (from Kerry Allen)

The 11th annual Frank Risk charity table tennis event was held on August 8th at the Tristram Marine showroom in Te Rapa. Frank Risk clients pay a fee to enter teams and proceeds from the team entries were donated to Hospice this year. Frank Risk organises the event and puts on food and drinks for participants. Waikato table tennis receives a generous donation from Frank Risk for providing 4 tables, 4 umpire chairs and 4 umpires.

Thanks to Mark Page and Barbara Hodge for organising and transporting the equipment to and from the venue. Also thanks to Austin, Ivy, Kerry and Trevor for being the umpires for the event.

Photos below showing Austin and Trevor umpiring.



NEW MEMBERS

We had 12 new members join WkTTA in August, and we're delighted to have them on board. If you see any of them down at the Stadium, please say hello and give a warm WkTTA welcome to Anar Mamedov, Tai Maipi, Daniyal Arif, Phillip Rolleston, Nick Winter, Caleb Winter, Riley Winter, Andrew Singers, Mika Ishikawa, Kevin Honiss, Elijah Yeow and Luke Smith.



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QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT FOR BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD COACHING SQUADS

This is the Qualification Tournament being held on Sunday 13 September to secure a place in a Bronze, Silver or Gold Coaching Squad. The full complement of 24 entries has now been received for this event.

All three squads will train on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Talk to Dave Lin for further details.

WAIKATO OPEN

We held a very successful Waikato Open over the weekend of 8th & 9th of August, with 141 players entering the event and a total of 592 matches played across the weekend.

A big shout-out to Mark Caunter and Jessica MacAskill for doing a fantastic job running the event.

At the risk of overlooking any other notable wins (see Disclaimer below), Krystelle Hui had a fantastic win over Peyton Paige Chun in the U19 Girls event. Krystelle won one of the games by 18 points to 16.

For full results, please visit: [Table Tennis New Zealand - 2026 Waikato Open - Winners](#)

WAIKATO MEMBERS IN ACTION

Jimmy, Lukas and Dave running one of the Sunday tournaments.





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WAIKATO vs VISITORS

Dave Lin is running another "Waikato vs Visitors" event on Sunday 20th of September. Please talk to Dave for further details.

Disclaimer: Despite our best efforts, this newsletter does not capture every smash, trophy, volunteer effort, photo opportunity, or tale of sporting brilliance from the past month. Any omissions are entirely unintentional and should not be taken as evidence that your achievement wasn't magnificent. If we have inadvertently missed a noteworthy achievement or memorable moment, please accept our apologies and let us know so we can celebrate it in a future edition.



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