



Waikato Table Tennis Association

NEWSLETTER

July 2025

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2025 WAIKATO OPEN

In case it somehow slipped under your radar (or you've been living under a very large rock), the Waikato Open is happening on Saturday the 9th of August. Entries close this Sunday, the 3rd of August.

The Women's Open Final kicks off at 4:30pm on the day, with the Men's Open Final following immediately after. Please set your alarm, clear your schedule, and be in the Table One stands by 4:30pm (free entry).

The Open Final is the main event, and it deserves a crowd to match -- we really do hope you can make it!

SUCCESSFUL WORKING BEE

We had a very successful Working Bee on Sunday the 13th of July. A big thank you to all of the volunteers. We managed to fill up three large size Flexibins.





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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT OUR REGULAR WEEKLY CLUBS

We saw good attendance at our regular weekly clubs during July. For example, twenty-six people attended the Wednesday Night Club on the 30th with not a table to spare.

NEW MEMBERS

We have seen a lot of new members join in July (Hur Shiaw Wong, Luke Couper, Ying Deng, Chooi Chung, Nikita Vinokurov, Simon Roberts, Angelo Reardon, Marlon Reardon, Richard Wang, Andrew Wang, Santino van Vugt and Wayne Shepherd).

Please remember that all our memberships expire on December 31st. To help you get the most value, we encourage everyone to join in January - so that you can enjoy a full year of benefits and essentially receive a discount.

LOIS DUNN

Lois Dunn passed away after a short illness on 27th June at age 83 years. Lois was a member of Waikato Table Tennis Association for over 10 years. She was a very regular player at the Veterans/Social club sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Lois was a formidable opponent even in her 80s. Being a left hander with a wicked serve which was often a challenge to return. She was an inspiration to those of us in our 60s and 70s to see her playing as well and as regularly as she did in her 80s.

Lois led a very full life. She often talked fondly of growing up on a farm in Tasmania, the only girl in a family of boys. After training and working for some time as a nurse in mainland Australia, Lois moved to Africa where she worked as an anaesthetist nurse for about 20 years. During this time she developed a program which is still used today, to train



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local students in anaesthetic techniques. When one of her star pupils expressed interest in becoming a doctor but couldn't afford the training fees, Lois committed to helping him pay his way through medical school.

Lois moved to Hamilton when she married Murray 17 years ago. He was a doctor who she had worked with in Africa. It was always reassuring to know Lois was there on the rare occasions when we had a medical event or accident in the stadium. She would take over calmly, check the patient and advise what the best treatment was.

Lois is very much missed amongst our players for her sportsmanship, regular presence and friendliness.





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