Waikato Table Tennis Association
NEWSLETTER
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AGM 2026 - The New Line-Up

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 10 November, and we are pleased to welcome the 2027 WkTTA Committee.

The new Committee comprises:

- Austin Sedgwick - President
- Neil Hoolihan - Secretary
- Jonathan Graddon - Treasurer
- Chooi Chung
- Dave Lin
- Jimmy Caunter
- Jono Ryan
- Lukas Skipper
- Tom Liu
- Trevor McGaughran

A special thank you to Barbara, Heather, Mark, Rachel and Sandra for their contributions and service to Waikato Table Tennis during their time on the Committee. Their efforts and commitment are very much appreciated.
We look forward to a productive year ahead for WkTTA and wish the incoming Committee every success for 2027.

Our Membership Structure for 2027 Gets an Upgrade

We have reviewed and simplified our membership options. Some membership types have been discontinued, others have been revised, and a couple of new options have been introduced. All memberships run for **one year** from the date of purchase or renewal. All payments must be made through the Hello Club membership system. Credit and part-payments are not permitted.

A summary of the offerings for 2027 is provided in the table below:

Membership Type	2027 Fee	Age	Event entry fee	Key tag	Private bookings	Booking fee (half hour)
Junior	$60	U19	$7.50	No	No	n/a
Adult	$120	19+	$7.50	No	No	n/a
Junior Super	$340	U19	none	No	No	n/a
Adult Super	$680	19+	none	No	No	n/a
Premium	$300	any	$7.50	Yes	Yes	$2.50
Platinum	$850	any	none	Yes	Yes	none
Life	n/a	n/a	none	Yes	Yes	none

A Key Tag provides access to the Stadium and allows members to book tables when they are not being used for club activities. For membership types that include a Key Tag and private booking privileges, only the Premium/Platinum

member's key tag is required to activate the table lights. The Premium/Platinum member may play with anyone, including other members, non-members and guests, all of whom are permitted to use the table. Coaches may also hold this membership type and charge their students for coaching.

Due to the Stadium's relative remoteness, and for security and Health & Safety reasons, applications for Premium and Platinum memberships are subject to approval by the Association and cannot be purchased directly on Hello Club. Interested applicants should email the Secretary at waikatotabletennis@gmail.com to enquire. However, **existing** Premium and Platinum members may renew their memberships automatically.

Please note the important change to membership expiry dates. All memberships purchased during 2026 will continue to expire on 31 December 2026, regardless of the purchase date. **However, from 2027 onwards, memberships will run for 12 months from the date of purchase. For example, a membership purchased in October 2027 will expire in October 2028.**

Tuesday Rookie Night - Coming Soon

We are looking at introducing a fun, regular weekly session for novices and beginners, likely to run from **6:00pm to 7:30pm every Tuesday throughout the year**.

The session will be open to all age groups, from kids to seniors. The only qualification is that you aren't particularly good at table tennis (yet)!

The aim is to provide a relaxed, friendly and non-threatening environment where complete beginners can give table tennis a go, learn the basics and, most importantly, have some fun. Bats and balls will be provided, so there's no need to bring anything.

Non-members and guests will be very welcome. We are also looking into sponsorship to help keep the cost of attending as low as possible, particularly for non-members and guests.

Please keep an eye on the Hello Club Calendar for the launch date. In the meantime, spread the word among family and friends. It's a great opportunity to introduce someone new to the sport without them feeling they need to know what they're doing before they walk through the door.

Waikato Closed

Please mark **Sunday 6 December** in your calendar for this year's Waikato Closed.

We are keeping the tournament short and sweet, with the Prize Giving to follow immediately after the final matches.

This is our last major event of the year, so please come along and support the Association. It would be great to see as many members as possible taking part. And, of course, let's not make it too easy for Logan to get his name on the honours board again.

Our Lease With HCC and Gifting Of The Disused Toilets

The Council has confirmed that the lease on our land will be renewed for a further 15 years, which is great news for the Association.

Adding to this good news, Council has also agreed to transfer ownership of the disused Council-owned public toilets adjoining our building to WkTTA as a gift. Council is currently preparing the Deed of Transfer to formalise the arrangement.

This is a very positive outcome for the Association and provides some welcome certainty for the future of our Stadium.

Christmas Close Down

Our last session before the Christmas break will be on **Tuesday 22 December 2026**. Sessions will resume on **Friday 22 January 2027**.

NZ Hopes Week and Challenge

We are hosting the NZ Hopes Week and Challenge again next year from **Saturday 16 January to Wednesday 20 January**. The NZ Hopes Week and Challenge is Table Tennis New Zealand's premier five-day development camp and competition for promising Under-12 and Under-13 players. Featuring four days of high-level coaching followed by a one-day tournament, it serves as the first step in the international pathway by giving top Under-12 athletes the chance to qualify for the ITTF-Oceania Hopes Week & Challenge.

Northern Qualifier 2 Combined With 2027 Waikato Autumn Open

The good news just keeps pouring in 😊. TTNZ has approved us to host the TTNZ Northern Qualifier 2 alongside the 2027 Waikato Autumn Open, which is sure to bring a good turnout for our tournament.

The TTNZ Northern Qualifier 2 (held alongside the Waikato Autumn Open in Hamilton on **20 - 21 February 2027**) is a Table Tennis New Zealand high-performance pathway tournament where top Open, Under-19, and Under-15 players compete for direct qualification spots into the final selection stage for the New Zealand Oceania Championships teams.

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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