



Table Tennis Western Australia (Inc)

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# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Office Admin

TTWA - 12 Gerard Street, East Victoria Park

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## Board of Management

President – Adrian Reeves	Country Board Member – Sue Campbell
Vice President – Sean Shwe	Under 30 Board Member - Vacant
Ordinary Member – Neil Boulos	Volunteer CEO – Sarah Li
Ordinary Member – Steve Neale	

## TTWA Life Members

Len Hitchen	Frank Kenny	Peter Muller
David Lee	Chris Marsh	John Parish
Gordon Lee	Brian Lauri	Irwin Parker

## TTWA Life Members (Deceased)

Doreen Bridson	B Punch	J Shepherd	Phil G Ranger (Snr)
Eric Elliott	F Armstrong	C Watkins	David Cooper
Rod Franklin	A Ellis	L Shilbury	

## Coaching Committee & Staff

Ajay Suwal	Connor Johnstone	Ken Aitkenhead

## Junior Coordinator

Carolyn Herring

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board recognises that the sport of table tennis within Western Australia depends upon the passionate teams of volunteers who organise the clubs, weekly social and pennant competitions and various events. It is with great respect and appreciation that Table Tennis WA extends thanks to all volunteers, coaches, players and parents who have contributed towards the success of our sport in 2021. We also would like to thank all our clubs and individual members for their continued support throughout the year.

Table Tennis Western Australia also wishes to acknowledge the following organisations for their ongoing support of table tennis in Western Australia:



**Department of  
Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries**

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Foreword

2021 was a very challenging year for the association as we had to rebuild almost from scratch after the devastating year of 2020, with both the impacts of COVID and multiple legal actions that left the association on the brink of insolvency. I would like to take this opportunity to firstly recognise the dedication and contributions of each of the Board Members and our acting CEO who took on the extensive work required to recover our operations, all volunteering their time and effort and without the benefit of a paid CEO handling the ever-increasing day-to-day administration tasks. Thank you, team, for all your hard work in establishing the healthy position the Association is now in.

I would like to say a **big thank you** to our member base who heard our call at the beginning of the year to become members as soon as possible, to inject some much-needed income. A big thank you also goes out to several members who generously donated monies to assist in the recovery of the Association.

## Report

After the incoming Board of Management completed the initial handover from the Receiver Managers, the first major action was to ensure the centre could open and generate income. The centre was left in a poor condition from all the activity in 2020 and the flooring needed attention, especially on court one. It was recommended by specialists that it was not cost effective to repair the rubber flooring, and that removal was the best option.



Board members Adrian Reeves and Steve Neale spent many hours (and sweat) over a 2-week period removing the old rubber and repairing the flooring on court one back to a usable state. We were able to repair the remaining rubber flooring across the other courts.

*Chris & Sue assisting Adrian and Steve with the Court 1 floor repairs... it was a lot of work!*

Once the flooring was repaired and the centre was again in an operational state, we planned an open day in late January 2021, only to be hit with a COVID lockdown on the same day!

The association successfully ran the following activities:

- **Summer, Winter and Spring Pennants**
- **West Coast Open & WA Open tournaments**

A significant amount of work in the background by Board Members allowed TTWA to recover financially and ensure the Association was operational and generating income.

Due to the lack of funds, we could not afford to employ a paid CEO to process day to day operations. Thankfully Sarah Li accepted the role as acting CEO and helped considerably over the last ten months. We have been able to engage the services of an independent Accountant/Bookkeeper to work our accounts moving forward, to streamline and improve our financial governance.

A great deal of preparation work went into the National Senior/Juniors/AWD and Veterans events during 2021, but due to COVID these events were cancelled.

There have been several other achievements in 2021 which are documented in more detail in this report. Overall, based on the resources we had available and the lack of funds, it's a notable success story in recovering the association back to its current level. All Board Members should be proud of how much we have accomplished in the last ten months.

### **Vic Park Centre**

Members will hopefully appreciate the addition of:

- An entrance door and car park security flood lights.
- Security cameras inside and outside the centre, which are now fully operational.

A **big thank you** goes out to Ken Aitkenhead, our caretaker centre manager, who spends many hours per week ensuring the smooth running of pennant competitions and operating the shop, as well as other weekly activities. Thanks also goes out to Carolyn Herring who has diligently generated the weekly junior Bronze, Silver, AWD and state coaching reports to ensure our bookkeeping records are correctly maintained.

Testament to the good relationship we've re-established with the DSR, they have earmarked our centre for a **solar/battery package** now we have new roof that will accommodate this type of installation.

### **Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Department of Sport (Sport and Recreation Division)**

The Board of Management have worked hard in rebuilding our relationship with the Dept. of Sport and Recreation (DSR), which culminated in the DSR issuing both our 2019/2020 & 2020/2021 grants. These have been instrumental in our recovery in 2021. A special thanks goes out to our DSR Rep Amber De Jong, and more recently Brooke Koenig, who fully understood the pain we've gone through as a state sporting body.

TTWA will continue to work closely with DSR as we move into 2022. We need to build on the excellent work the previous Board have taken in creating policies and governance procedures which are required by DSR. Membership numbers are a key factor in obtaining

increased government funding, which will ultimately benefit all clubs and strengthen our standing within the sporting community, so we need to focus on these areas to help advance our sport in WA.

### **New State Centre**

We have been continuing the work of the previous board and considering long-term options for a new State Centre. The South Perth Recreational and Aquatic Facility (known as RAF) is shaping up to be potentially a great opportunity for TTWA. RAF will be built near Curtin University and is an ideal central location. It's still early days but we have formally entered an 'Expression of Interest' with the City of South Perth. This multimillion-dollar project is highly likely to go ahead, and we will keep all members updated with news as it progresses.

### **Table Tennis Australia (TTA)**

TTWA have been working closely with TTA and appreciate their support through these tough times. As President I've attended the state and territories meeting which have been of particular importance due to the discussions on National events, and COVID. I'd like to thank Table Tennis Australia, and in particular, Scott Houston: TTA CEO and Graham Symons: TTA President, for their continued support. TTWA looks forward to continued collaboration with TTA and hosting future national events in WA.

### **Moving forward**

Now that the Association is back on its feet and operational, the next stage is to focus on the following:

- Employing a part time administrator (CEO) to deal with the ever-increasing tasks and weekly operational duties.
- Enhance our collaboration and support of the metro and country clubs. This will be a priority as we move into 2022.
- Create sub-committees to spread the workload on volunteers and increase volunteer participation.
- Complete the required constitution work.
- Make membership more attractive and increase membership levels.
- Encourage clubs to run at least one open tournament in 2022.

### **Conclusion**

On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to thank all the clubs and members of Table Tennis Western Australia for their support. It has been a rollercoaster of a year and a lot of hard work by my Board Member colleagues who took on the difficult task of rebuilding our Association. We have plenty to look forward to moving into 2022 and beyond.

**Adrian Reeves - TTWA President**

## Major Project- Ablutions Upgrade

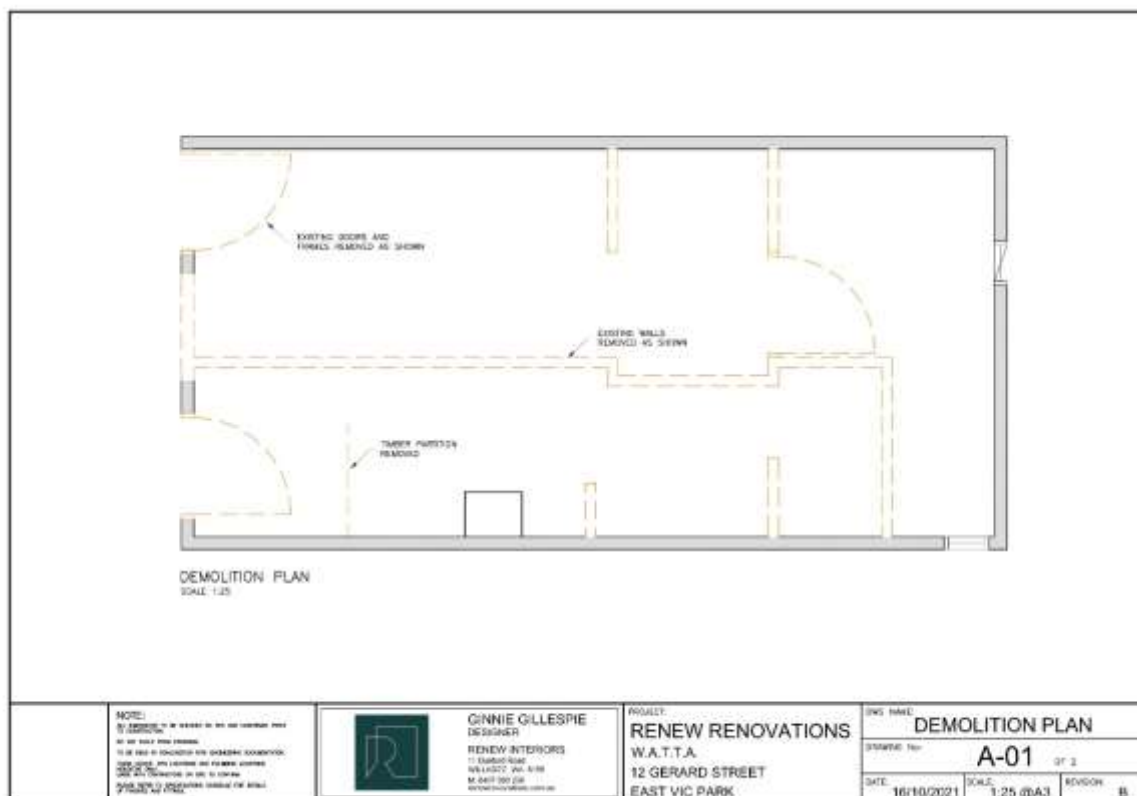
The Board is happy to report that TTWA recently received final approval from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, (DLGSC, formerly DSR) to proceed with the ablutions upgrade for the Centre at 12 Gerard St, East Victoria Park using grant funding.

There was a significant delay with this project due to:

- A departmental restructure with a new management team enlisted at DLGSC
- Cancellation of the grant because of the drawn-out 2019 TTWA Board dispute

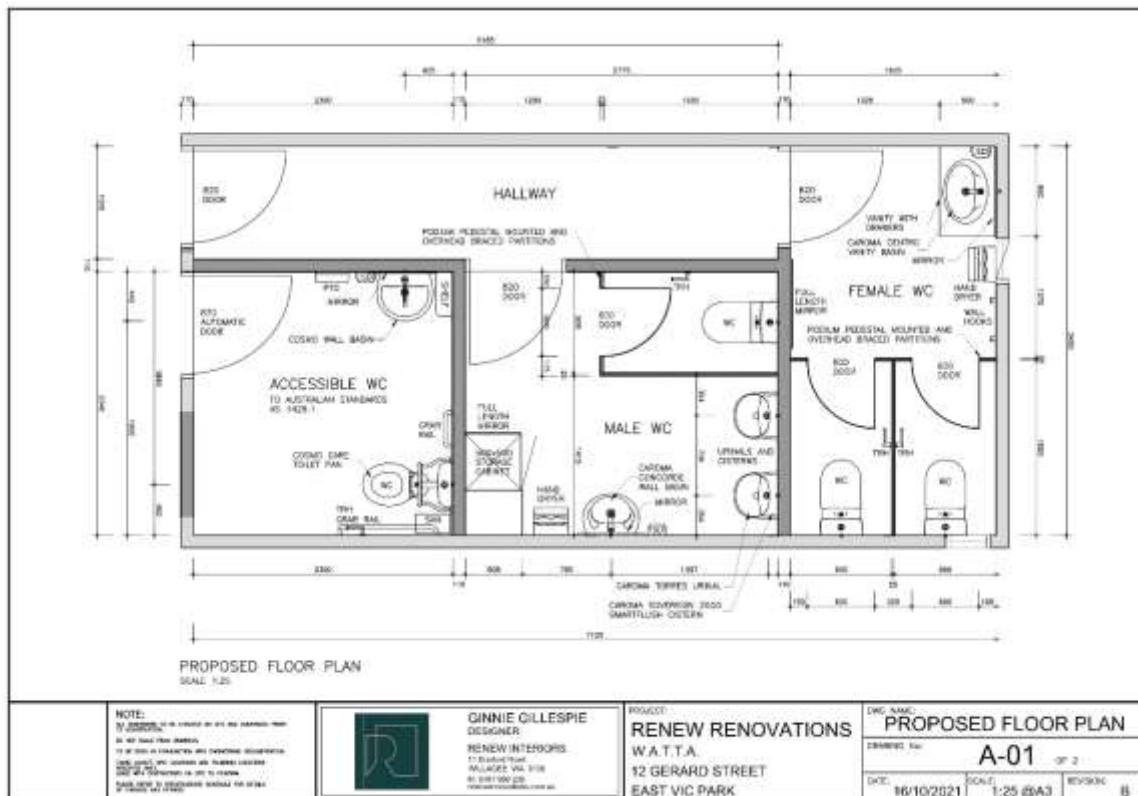
The Board was required to reapply to use the funds for this project through a 'Variation Request' and was ultimately successful.

The Board has enlisted a Project Manager for the upgrade considering difficulties in finding tradespeople in the building industry. The Project Manager's role is to expedite the process and deliver the completed upgrade by late January/early February 2022, on time and on budget (utilising the \$60,000 grant funds).



Existing floor plan (demolition diagram, above); new floor plan design (below).





**Neil Boulos - TTWA Board Member**

## New Website

Board Members have been working towards a new website that will greatly improve the membership application process for all members and clubs, utilising the RevSport software. The website will be up and running in time for membership renewals in 2022 and will provide a much more streamlined membership process. Individual clubs who wish to have their own site within the TTWA framework will be able to do so and will also be able to use the membership system for their own clubs. Information will be provided to members and clubs prior to the end of 2021.

**Sue Campbell - Country Board Member**

## Country Board Member's Report

It was great to see two country tournaments held during the year – the Geographe Bay Table Tennis Championship and the Turquoise Coast Table Tennis Championship.

Both clubs appreciated the support from those players that were able to participate and look forward to hosting annual tournaments again in future years, and hopefully attracting more players to the regions.

Other country clubs continue to be well attended, with Geographe Bay's Junior program raising the profile of their club, leading to increased membership.

**Sue Campbell - Country Board Member**

## Umpire's Report

In October TTWA held an umpire's course. Ten people attended, with nine successfully completing the course - two re-accrediting umpires and seven new umpires. All are currently completing their required practical components.

Congratulations and welcome to the new umpires.

TTWA plans to hold another umpire's course as well as a referee's course in 2022.

Currently WA has three accredited International Umpires, ten State Umpires and one State Referee.

**John McMullan - Referee**

# Junior Coordinators Report

State team- highlights for 2021

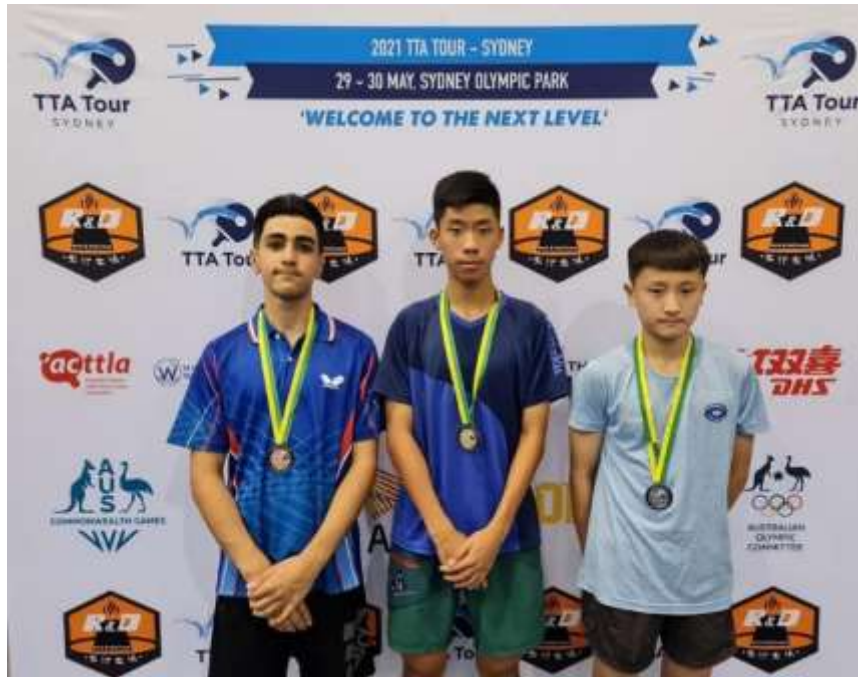


**Jethro Chen** finishes runner up in boys division. **Vyshnavi Tatikonda** finishes 10th in girls division. Both awarded TTA National Squad Development Training Spots.

In January WA Hopes training camp and tournament held at The Lab with our top 2 juniors representing WA at the National Hopes Week & Challenge in Melbourne. A record 58 entries from 7 States/Territories:

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15 juniors selected in WA State Junior team to participate in 2021 National Junior TT Championships. 7 juniors fly to Brisbane for Talent ID Camp with Australian coaches and Aussie Olympic team; however, after 3 days camp and Championship are cancelled due to covid break out in QLD, VIC and NSW.



Rayan Vardinejad won a Bronze medal in the TTA Sydney Tour Event this year.

Sidney Shwe also finishing commendably in the U/15 division against National Squad members.







Jasmine and Chelsea Wu competed in Queensland Open in July and won gold or silver medal in every event they participated in.



*Photo courtesy of Irwan Budiarto, Glorious Photography*

## New Pathways program

2021 sees introduction of new Pathways program into junior state team with Bronze, Silver and Gold course to be passed before state development squad invitation under the guidance of State Head Coach Ajay Suwal and his coaching team. The aim is to improve the skill set of juniors and provide a framework before state selection. 35 juniors are so far in this program.



## Fundraising (Junior Nationals)



Excellent effort by juniors and parents in raising over \$4000 in additional funding for the nationals.

**Carolyn Herring - Junior Coordinator**