

MFTTA Inc 2025 Annual General Meeting

President's Report.

Board of Directors:

Thank you to the outgoing Board. This consisted of Max Coulthard (President), Cameron Lyall (Vice President), Lydia Sullivan (Treasurer), Sarah Hale (Secretary part) Mat Del Vecchio, Lucy McDermott, Greg Price, Tony Welbourne, Anna Wright.

In particular I wish to thank those not seeking re-election. All have contributed greatly and will be missed. I note that there have been no new nominations for the Board.

Committee Members, Volunteers and Staff

Thank you also to all those on our committees and volunteers who do much of our day to day workload. Without your help we could never run our organisation. We saw the coming and going of a few staff with us saying farewell to Emily, Sarsha, Lily, and Mikaela whilst Angela has joined Carl supervising night competitions with Megan now our Administration Officer looking after general administration, bookkeeping, media and undertaking the assistant secretary role.

Membership

We currently have 351 members (352 in 2024). The return of confidence amongst our morning social groups after Covid has been encouraging.

Regional Hub and stadium expansion:

The Board of Directors has continued to work toward a stadium expansion and has an in-principal agreement from Mornington Peninsula Shire via the Civic Reserve Master Plan to 2035. We still await firm commitment from Council to bring forward any works in the short-term and lobbying will be needed to prioritise table tennis over such new sports as Pickleball.

Frankston Stadium Venue

We run sessions on Monday night and Thursday afternoon weekly with 8 tables available. We will be looking how we can increase our reach further into the Frankston City area during 2026.

Mornington Stadium Venue

The Board undertook the following during 2025:

- replaced four tables so all 15 tables currently in use are now the same brand and high quality. Some old tables will be available for purchase by members.
- Upgrade of lighting to enable all courts to register brightness (Lux levels) at nearly 1000 lux and some well above.

Awards and 60th Year Anniversary Celebrations

Last year Les Dawson received the Table Tennis Australia top award for his contribution to table tennis and both Lance Grey and Terry Kingston became Life members. The 60th Anniversary Celebrations were a great success enjoyed by over 80 members and partners. Life member Ross Cleaves hosted the event.

Competition and Tournaments

Anna Wright headed up the Competition Committee in 2025. She is handing this role over to Sarah Grant for 2026. A diverse range of competition options has been made available throughout the year and we will continue to review formats and timing to achieve best outcomes in 2026.

Juniors

Friday night junior numbers are low and of great concern. This will be an important area of focus for the new Board. It is good to see local schools hiring out space but development of a junior squad is required for our long term sustainability.

Social Players

We average between 25-45 playing each morning depending on time of the year. Numbers are now similar to pre-covid but more needs to be done to redevelop the social side of morning activities. Past celebrations like our Christmas breakup, significant birthdays and Seniors Week are important to ensure we remain engaged with our local community.

All-Abilities

Numbers have been consistent throughout the year. We had over 1450 visits from all-abilities users last year and this has grown again in 2025. Jim Ratnan now runs the Wednesday sessions with Megan Bell managing the Friday group. Thanks also to Lucy and other volunteers providing backup support.

Training and Development

A number of members attended TTA coaching courses. Our next First Aid Training Course is due early November with 18 participants enrolled. Lucy McDermott, who as our First Aid Person ensures all accidents and incidents are recorded appropriately by all staff and volunteers. On-line group training and team meetings are now available at the stadium after the purchase of appropriate equipment.

We continue with our commitment to host regular coach the coaches' sessions. Bruce Carter, Heming Hu and Brian Berry have run sessions for us this last 12 months. Greg Price who Heads the Coaching and Participation Committee has been working to update our Coaching Policies and Procedures.

Group Training, Ping Pong Play and School Holiday Programs.

Ping Pong Play replaced Spinneroos in 2025 expanding potential candidates from just primary level but to include secondary level students. Numbers are currently small but awareness is increasing throughout schools in our region.

We continue to run school programs and school holiday programs at the stadium each week. E.G. 30 students from Peninsula Grammar used out stadium Yesterday for their sports program and will be back in Nov.

Open and Closed Tournaments and other events

We run FITT and Pauline Hayes female specific tournaments each year as they are important events to encourage female participation in our competitions. The Anniversary Handicap and Closed Club Championships event were also successful events.

The three open tournaments (Junior, Seniors and Vets) also attracted nearly 110 participants a day (up from 80 in 2024). Although it is nice to see so many participants from other clubs, more of our local players would benefit from entry. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked on the 3 days to make these events very successful. Anna Wright continues to be the driving force in our tournament program and has agreed to continue in this role in 2026.

Four MFTTA teams went to the Country Championships held in Traralgon. This is up from one team the year before and hopefully we will have more teams in 2026.

Centre facilities

Cameron Lyall has taken over from Les to provide low-cost table tennis rackets and other equipment from the stadium shop. The cleaning role whilst initially being undertaken by Cameron, has now been contracted out to a professional cleaning service provider. New Gerflor flooring will be laid in old stadium area in 2026.

Max Coulthard

President and Board Chair 30th October 2025.