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2021 is the 90th anniversary of the Townsville Table Tennis Association. This is a massive milestone for our club. Our club has 90 years of rich history, with countless volunteers and workers who have continually volunteered their time and effort to making our club the best it can be. Our club was the first club in Australia to own the premises in which we operate. Whilst I have not been around since the beginning of course, I am well aware of the sacrifices and the blood, sweat and tears that so many people have poured into this club to make it what it is today. I am immensely proud to be the President of this club and hope that during my time I have (and will continue to) assist in growing our club further and ensuring that our club is a leader in all aspects of its operations.

Every year we try hard to build on our existing foundations and become 'bigger and better'. This creates an enormous amount of work for our Committee , volunteers and coaching staff, but it results in significant benefits to our members. As a club we are active in our local community, host various tournaments throughout the year, work closely with schools and other bodies, promote junior development through the TTA Spinneroos and other programs, conduct a large amount of junior, senior and women's training sessions each week, and try to ensure that we remain as active as we possible can. No doubt this is part of the reason why we are the 2020 Table Tennis Australia Association of the Year!

It was initially our intention to host a week-long table tennis festival to celebrate this significant milestone. This did not come into fruition for various reasons, primarily due to COVID-19. Rather, we expanded upon the concept of our annual ping pong battle initially scheduled to occur on the long weekend of 2-4 October 2021. It was very unfortunate to hear that the National Veterans was postponed by TTA, although it was understandable in the circumstances.

With this in mind, we have decided to re-launch the 90 year anniversary celebrations for our club, but on a more condensed schedule. This will ensure that players still have the opportunity to compete in a competitive, but fun tournament. The table tennis festival will run from Wednesday, 13 October 2021 to Sunday, 17 October 2021 (during the week that the National Veterans were intended to run).

This festival will incorporate our annual Ping Pong Battle, plus many other events. Players can participate in as little or as much as they would like.

We hope that as many people as possible can support this table tennis festival and can celebrate our 90 year anniversary with us.

Brendan Gaeta

President, Townsville Table Tennis Association.

Table tennis is a passion, a hobby, a profession and for many of us, an obsession.



Pre-Tournament

For any wishing to attend earlier, there will be an open training session held on Tuesday, 12 October 2021

Day 1: Wed, 13 Oct

Day: Veterans Teams Challenge **Night**: Battle for Cash Event

Join us for dinner on Tuesday night for a catch-up and some fun Day 2: Thu, 14 Oct

Day: Veterans Teams Challenge **Night**: Handicap Event

The Schedule

Days 3: Fri, 15 Oct

Day: Veterans Teams Challenge

Night: Doubles Event

Day 5 : Sun, 16 Oct

Battle of the North Competition (southern players welcome) Day 4 : Sat, 16 Oct

Annual Ping Pong Battle



Would you like to come to Townsville early for some training?

Our head coach, George Logothetis will be running open training sessions on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at the following times:-

- 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Cost per training session - \$10.00

This is not contained in the entry form for the festival and no booking is required to attend, but please feel free to contact George Logothetis to discuss the training sessions if you would like. George's mobile: 0414 135 091

Would you like to join us for dinner and perhaps an alcoholic beverage?

On Tuesday night we will be going for dinner at a local venue to be determined. Everyone is welcome to join us. Details will be provided in due course.

This will be a pay-as-you-go arrangement.





The Veteran's Team Challenge is open for all veteran players.

The team's event will be 2-person teams consisting of 4 singles and 1 doubles match. You may nominate a third player in a team if you wish to share the matches.

The team's event will run from 9:00 am each day and will run for three days, being from the Wednesday to the Friday (13-15 October 2021)

Teams will be played across several divisions determined by the organising committee. There will be men's and women's teams. Depending on the number of entries, the organising committee may decide to combine men and women players or run a separate women's teams division.

The organising committee is happy to assist in joining players together to make teams.

This will be a ratings central event for competitive divisions only (not social divisions).





The Battle for Cash Event is open to all players. It will commence on late Wednesday afternoon at a time to be determined (likely to be around 5pm).

This is a singles event that will consist of round-robin groups and then knock-out finals. There will be consolation finals held.

There will be both a male and female event. Depending on the number of entries, the organising committee may decide to combine men and women players.

100% of all entry fees received will be attributed to prize money for this event, with a guaranteed minimum of \$300 in total prize money! This includes the consolation finals and main knock-out finals.

This will be a ratings central event.







The Doubles Event is open to all players. It will commence on late Friday afternoon at a time to be determined (likely to be around 5pm).

This is a doubles event that will consist of round-robin groups and then knock-out finals. There will be consolation finals held.

There will be both a male and female event. Depending on the number of entries, the organising committee may decide to combine men and women players.

Depending on the number of entries, there may also be separate divisions established, with players allocated into divisions by the organising committee.

The organising committee is happy to assist in joining players together to make doubles pairings.

This will <u>not</u> be a ratings central event.





This is the 13th year in which the Annual Ping Pong Battle is being held. The Ping Pong Battle was initially introduced as a warm-up tournament for veteran players in the lead-up to to the National Veterans Championships. Since its inception, it has now become one of the main events on our annual calendar. Each year players compete to win the Stan Walmsley Memorial Trophy.

The Ping Pong Battle is open to all players. It will commence on Saturday morning at 9am.

This is a mixed event and there will be both the main competition and a social event. Players may enter either the social or main division as they wish. The winner of the main division will have their name etched on the Stan Walmsley Memorial Trophy.

There will be round robin groups and knock-out finals. There will be consolation finals held.

To ensure maximum matches, the round-robin groups will consist of large groups of not less than 6 players per group. The knock-out finals will commence on Saturday afternoon.

The social event will <u>not</u> be a ratings central event. The main event will be a ratings central event.

Previous winners:-

- Bruno Levis (8 times)
- Barry Griffiths
- Chanung Jung
- Craig Campbell
- Paul Pinkewich





The Battle of the North is open to all players. Whilst a winner will be crowned from the North Queensland clubs, players from outside of North Queensland are welcome to enter.

This will be a teams rapid fire teams event being held over the course of Sunday.

The team's event will be 2-person teams consisting of 4 singles and 1 doubles match.

Teams will be played across several divisions determined by the organising committee. There will be men's and women's teams. Depending on the number of entries, the organising committee may decide to combine men and women players or run a separate women's teams division.

The organising committee is happy to assist in joining players together to make teams.

There will be points allocated for overall positions in each division, with the club with the most points at the end of the day crowned the winner.

This will be a ratings central event.



FESTIVAL ENTRY FEES

VETERANS TEAM CHALLENGE (WED-FRI)

\$15 Per Player

BATTLE FOR CASH (WED)

\$10 Per Player

HANDICAP EVENT (THU)

\$8 Per Player

DOUBLES EVENT (FRI)

\$8 Per Player

PING PONG BATTLE (SAT)

\$10 Per Player

BATTLE OF THE NORTH (SUN)

Free entry

HOW TO ENTER

Email Brendan Gaeta on brendan.gaeta@cosu.com.au with the attached Entry Form.

If preferred, simply send us the information in an email.

Any questions? Contact Brendan on mobile 0448 86 447 or George Logothetis on mobile 0414 135 091



TTTA 90th Anniversary Table Tennis Festival

ENTRY FORM

ENTRIES CLOSE ON 6 OCTOBER 2021

PΙ	LAYER INFORMATION	NC
	Player Name:	
	Player DOB:	
	Email:	
	Association:	
	Member Number:	
	Ratings Central ID:	

ΕV	ENT ENTRY
Tic	which events you would like to enter
	Veteran's Team Challenge (Wed to Fri):
	Tick to enter: Partner: or partner required
	Battle For Cash Event(Wed night):
	Tick to enter:
	Handicap Event (Thu night):
	Tick to enter:
	Doubles Event (Fri night):
	Tick to enter: Partner: or partner required
	Ping Pong Battle (Sat):
	Tick to enter:
	Battle of the North (Sun):
	Tick to enter: Partner: or partner required

GUIDE TO TOWNSVILLE

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ATTRACTIONS IN TOWNSVILLE

Townsville is a major gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, the Wet Tropics and the Queensland outback. It's a vibrant and bustling city sitting under the watchful gaze of Castle Hill. Enjoy al fresco dining, Federation-style architecture and boutique shopping, as well as the cooling ocean breeze and coastal vibe. It's also Australia's largest garrison town with Australian Defence Force bases and fascinating military history to explore.

Take your tastebuds on a tour of the tropics. JAM on Palmer Street is known for its fantastic breakfasts but visit any time of day for regional cuisine. Wander the dining precinct of City Lane and try Donna Bionda or Shaw & Co for a fun foodie experience.

How to get there

Townsville is located about 350 kilometres south of Cairns and 1,350 kilometres north of Brisbane. Townsville Airport has links to major eastern seaboard cities.

Where to stay

With its balmy tropical climate, abundant sunshine and ample sightlines lines over the Coral Sea, Townsville is a city where only accommodation with waterview balconies, rooftop restaurants, poolside bars and expansive verandahs will do: luckily that's what it serves up in spades. From sunny beachfront motels to tropical resorts with strong holiday vibes, and from historic Queenslanders to island retreats, there's an oasis for you here.



Jezzine Barracks

A significant site for both the Australian military and local Aboriginal People, the Jezzine Barracks include coastal boardwalks, artwork, traditional plantings and parklands. The 15-hectare heritage precinct commemorates the military and Aboriginal heritage of the Kissing Point headland through 32 specially commissioned public artworks, extensive interpretive signage and the restoration of significant elements of the Kissing Point Fort complex.

The space includes a coastal walkway connecting Rowes Bay and The Strand, observation decks up at Kissing Point Fort, traditional plantings along the ethno-botanical walk, the Crossed Boomerang Amphitheatre, Norman and Brigadier North parklands and the Kennedy Regiment Plaza.





Magnetic Island

Palm-fringed beaches, endless sunshine, koalas, hiking trails, topless barbie cars, snorkelling adventures, and the list goes on! Just a short 20 minute ferry ride from Townsville, Magnetic Island boasts the natural beauty and serenity of an island paradise within a thriving community with more than 2,500 people calling the Magnetic Island home. From backpacker hostels to holiday homes, luxury resorts to quaint BnB's, the island offers a huge range of accommodation options, with something to suit everyone's travel style.







Castle Hill



Just metres short of a mountain, Castle Hill is the giant pink granite monolith that stands proud in the centre of Townsville - a perfect place for visitors to orientate themselves.

As well as offering vehicle access, Castle Hill provides a number of popular walking tracks. The 360-degree views of Townsville at the top are well worth the journey. Be sure to have a camera on hand, particularly for sunrise or sunset as these are photo opportunities which shouldn't be missed.



The Strand



The Strand is a seaside foreshore located in Townsville, Australia. It is located in the suburb of North Ward. The Strand has a view of the Port of Townsville and Magnetic Island, as well as to Cape Cleveland. Features in the area include a jetty, a recreational park, restaurants, cafes and pools.

Riverway

Swim in the lagoons, walk the shaded boardwalk and pathways along the river, visit Pinnacles Gallery, have a meal at the restaurant, cook a meal on the gas barbecues provided, or catch a show at the Riverway Arts Centre. Riverway is a place for everyone to relax, enjoy, and learn.



Reef HQ



Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium is the world's largest living coral reef aquarium and the Australian Government's national education centre for the Great Barrier Reef. Reef HQ Aquarium provides the most outstanding Great Barrier Reef Aquarium experience through education, inspiration and entertainment. Discover the beauty and wonder of the 2.5million litre Coral Reef Exhibit will open your eyes to an amazing world filled with thousands of charismatic marine creatures. Immerse yourself in the underwater viewing tunnel offering magical views of a living coral reef and the predators that prowl the watery depths. Explore the remarkable 750,000 litre Predator Exhibit. Located on Flinders Street East, Reef HQ Aquarium is an easy walk from Townsville's CBD, The Strand, Magnetic Island ferry terminal and the Townsville cruise terminal.

Learn about the traditional owners

The Bindal and Wulgurukaba Aboriginal people are traditional owners and custodians of the Townsville region. Learn about the stories and see original artworks from the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people at the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre.

Great Barrier Reef

The central section of the Great Barrier Reef offers some of the best diving sites on the east coast, from shallow lagoons, pinnacles rising from 30m to 5m from the surface, walls, swim throughs and wrecks.

Located a little further off the coast, the central section has less impact from human activity. Day trips often visit Lodestone Reef, home to a variety of habitats from shallow areas with white sandy sea floor and large coral bommies (outcrops) to steep slopes with deep crevasses hosting a great diversity of fish life, including small damsels and butterfly fish to larger animals like the giant trevally and occasional reef shark.











Billabong Sanctuary

Billabong Sanctuary is Australia's best interactive wildlife experience. There are interactive talks and feeding shows throughout the day. The native animals are displayed in their natural habitats of wetlands, eucalypt forest and rainforest. Highlights of the Sanctuary are holding a koala, hugging a wombat, hand feeding a cassowary, holding a small crocodile and wrapping a python around your neck. You will also be able to sit next to a dingo for a photo opportunity and watch feeding of giant estuarine or saltwater crocodiles. There are picnic areas with free gas barbecues or enjoy a meal at the Blinky Bill Cafe. You can also cool off in our tropically landscaped pool







Museum of Tropical Queensland

The Museum of Tropical Queensland is the only branch of the Queensland Museum Network north of Brisbane. The Museum focuses on researching and interpreting the cultural and natural heritage of tropical Queensland.

The star attraction is the HMS Pandora gallery. One of the most popular areas for kids is the Enchanted Rainforest, which focuses on one of North Queensland's most iconic ecosystems, transporting visitors into the light and shade of Tropical Queensland's rainforest environment. Built around an awe-inspiring recreation of a quandong tree and featuring a slide and rope bridge, children can learn about rainforest plants and animals in a safe and fun environment.













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