



## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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### OUR PURPOSE

- i) To encourage, promote, and administer the German Table Tennis Club.
- ii) To arrange and conduct table tennis training, practice and competitions.
- iii) To foster the development of the German community in South Australia.

### YOUR 2023 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**President:** Sef van den Nieuwelaar

**Vice President:** Michael Hemmes

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Tony Stacey

**Members:** Lyndal Ellis

Martin Hahnheuser

## YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

### TABLE TENNIS SOUTH AUSTRALIA (TTSA) Winter Pennant Teams

The Club entered a Division 1 Team comprising Paul Grant, Adrian Bygrave, Dale McDonald and Claire Pickering. The team had a good season, however narrowly missed out on playing finals. The Club also entered a Division 4 team comprising Jason Law and first-time players Damien Schmidt, Noah McKiggan and Brendon Heinis. This was the first team experience for these players. Three wins were achieved throughout the season.

### Annual Club Championship - 2025 Club Champion, Adrian Bygrave



*Adrian Bygrave defeated Paul Grant in the Final.*



*Clare Pickering and Dale McDonald battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Position..*

### Mid-Year Dinner

Members gathered at 7pm to enjoy an evening at the Glenelg Football Club on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025.



## Annual Christmas Function

The much enjoyed 2025 German Table Tennis Club Christmas function was held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the Maylands Hotel.



## Inter Club Visits

There were no visits during the year. The German and Woodville clubs have agreed for the future to jointly take on larger clubs such as Brighton and Adelaide, based on mutually agreed availability of participating clubs.

## Monday night practice sessions

The availability of six tables was well utilised to play singles and doubles practice matches. Reciprocal rights apply to members of the German and Woodville Table Tennis Club members to practice on both Monday and Wednesday nights.



## Continuing Club Supporter

Owner of @TSM Consulting, Peter Nicolaci has continued supporting grant seeking activities.

Established in 1988, @TSM Consulting works with both private organisations and local communities to assist in the realisation of their visionary projects.

Through consultation with government bodies, peak bodies, private enterprise and local communities, @TSM Consulting assists with project development and identification and achievement of potential funding streams, including grants and other fundraising activities.

The range of services includes grants, project management and marketing.



*Peter Nicolaci.*

## Club Home

All table tennis for the year continued to be played at Woodville premises. A new 5 year sublicence ending on 30 June 2030 was signed by both clubs and the City of Charles Sturt.

Tony Stacey represented the Club on the Woodville Club Board to ensure ongoing maintenance of communication and cooperation.

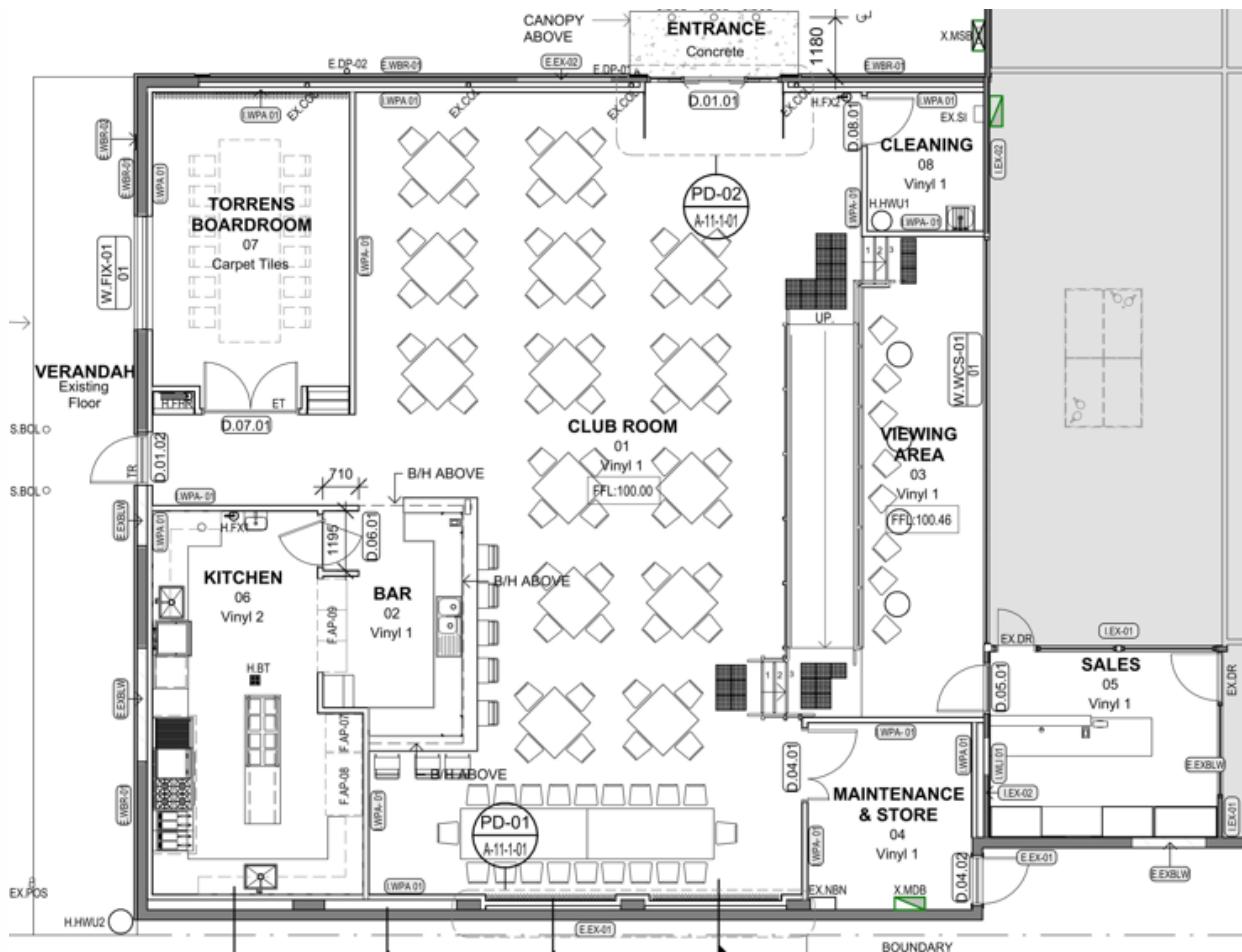
German Table Tennis Club members continued to enjoy social activities after practice. Each Monday night, Sef or Michael organized the ordering and delivery of a range of meals from Bistro Seven 22.

## Clubroom Redevelopment

Work continued implementing the Master Plan which documents the vision of the two Table Tennis Club aims to create an improved facility. It will continue to support German culture, cater for table tennis players and spectator needs. There are numerous health benefits and in particular table tennis is a sport that has no age limit. The German Table Tennis Club contribution has been the funding submissions through @TSM Consulting – Peter Nicolaci and Tony Stacey.

### **The Project Modernise Clubrooms Development approval achieved in November 2024**

This project involves provision of a bistro facility with kitchen facilities, bar and dining meeting rooms. It is to be built by repurposing the northern annex of the existing building. Focus throughout the year has been on the development approval process. Cube Architects have been managing this process by continually improving the design, working with structural, mechanical and electrical engineers.



Updated Planned Development that is approved for Woodville

### Future Project – Master Plan Off Street Car Parking Expansion (Long Term Aspiration)

The final stage of the Master Plan is a long-term opportunity to increase motor vehicle parking off street.

### Club History

Our table tennis group had been part of the South Australian German Association (SAADV) since 1958 until closure of its Adelaide CBD based clubroom. The Club structure changed from a Group to an Association on 15 August 2018. Its loyal members have varied annually from a previously capped number of 20 to this year's 24. They have varying skill levels with some past players ranked in Australia's top 100.

Club member practice for many years was in the Friedrich Jahn Gymnasium on four tables, generally followed by a few drinks in the downstairs bar. Practice is now at Woodville on six permanently erected tables. Our Club is affiliated with Table Tennis SA and several of our members compete in the winter pennant competitions, both for our Club and other table tennis clubs.

Our Club has focused on commitment to achieving implementation of the Woodville Facility Master Plan to redevelop clubroom facilities. This year initial roofing work commenced as part of the main redevelopment project, the social aspect of the clubrooms. All table tennis enthusiasts, whether beginner or advanced, are invited to come and have trial games at the Club.

## President's Report

It's a real pleasure to present this year's President's Report.

The year 2025 was a steady, consolidating one for our club. Our core group of 10–15 keen players continue to make Monday nights a highlight of the week. The trend toward starting early has certainly caught on—some players are hitting the tables as early as 5 p.m., playing with real intensity until half past seven before unwinding with a drink at our own Stammtisch and enjoying a hearty meal courtesy of our loyal supporters at Seven 22.

A clear highlight of our season has been the growing enthusiasm for doubles matches, which have become a real feature of our weekly sessions (even with yellow balls and playing to 21 instead of 11)

This year, two teams proudly represented our club in the TTSA Winter Competition. Our new Division 4 team faced formidable opponents in what proved to be a very strong division. Despite recording just 3 team wins, they showed great determination, spirit, and camaraderie throughout the season.

In contrast, our Division 1 team shone brightly and were right in the mix until the very end. A couple of narrow losses meant they missed a finals berth by the slimmest of margins—just one game—but with a touch more luck, they could easily have gone all the way.

Although we were unable to host any interclub events this year, we are already planning to reinstate them in 2026 – possibly in collaboration with Woodville. We did, however, hold our annual internal Club Championships, where Adrian Bygraves successfully defended the title against Paul Grant, and Dale McDonald claimed third place over Claire Pickering in a competitive playoff.

In December, members and partners gathered for our festive Christmas dinner rounding out the year in fine style. Personally, I was unable to attend, but by all accounts, it was a great night.

On the management front, Tony Stacey, working closely with the Woodville Board, has made good progress on our clubroom redevelopment. We now have fully developed architectural and design plans, along with a confirmed commitment from local government for a substantial grant. In 2026, we will build on this momentum, seeking further funding and aiming to turn plans into tangible improvements—a major milestone in the club's history.

Finally, heartfelt thanks go to all our members for their continued support and to the hardworking committee of Tony, Michael, Lyndall and Martin for their dedication in keeping our proud club thriving and successful.

Here's to an exciting 2026!



## Secretary & Treasurer's Report

This report covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025.

The Club finances are a healthy \$17,745 cash in the bank as at 31 December 2025. Conservative use of Club money is still being maintained as the Club has committed \$5,000 to support the Woodville District Table Tennis Club for redevelopment of the Woodville premises and we will consider other future infrastructure needs to finalise the redevelopment. We have worked with the Woodville Club and Cube Architects to complete all required documentation to gain full development approval which was gained in November 2024. We commenced initial building work in late 2025 with new guttering. Funding support of \$400,000 has been gained from the City of Charles Sturt for the 2025/26 year and a grant application for \$300,000 from the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing is still awaiting an outcome.

Club membership fees were increased nominally to \$60.50 per member. An additional fee of \$29.50 per member was imposed by TTSA to ensure that all recreational table tennis players had an accident insurance cover. A user pay fee of \$6 per session applied to night practice.

The Club membership reduced this year from 29 to 24 members and has continued to maintain a friendly atmosphere with all members contribution in their own way to support ongoing Club operations.

Having completed all aspects of planning of the redevelopment in 2024, our continuing focus is on gaining the required funding and implementation of the Clubroom redevelopment, a project to provide a modern, clean social area for all members.

Tony Stacey and Malcolm Boyley (Woodville) have been representing the two clubs, working with representatives of Charles Sturt Council. The Woodville District Table Tennis Club Board continues to be very supportive of the German Table Tennis Club and Charles Sturt Council supporting both clubs.

Special thanks to Sef for his leadership and weekly meal collection, Michael for his meal collections and always providing cold beverages to complement the meals, Lyndal for organising the social outings, Martin for reviewing my redevelopment reports and Paul Grant for managing all matters associated with our Club participation in the TTSA Winter Pennant.



*Original Club Flag*

## 2025 Members

### Life Members

Bigalske, August

Lamb, Robert (Deceased)

### Members

Bemmerl, Werner	Bygrave, Adrian	Caruoto, Sergio
Ellis, Lyndal	Hahnheuser, Martin	Heinis, Brendon
Hemmes, Michael	Henn, Ulrich	Kennington, Duncan
Law, Jacob	McDonald, Dale	McKiggan, Noah
Nieuwelaar, van den Sef	Nikelis, Martin	Pickering, Claire
Pottel, Rainer	Schmidt, Damien	Solly, Kevin
Stacey, Tony	Taylor, Grayham	Vogels, Hans
Walc, Andrzej (Andrew)		



*Stammtisch Table Sign*

## Financial Statement

### 31/12/2025 German Table Tennis Club Incorporated

	2025 \$	2024 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Income</b>				
Grants	0	0	0	0
Membership Fees incl TTA Insurance	2,264	2,477	3,065	1,980
Dinner & Drinks	4,231	5,127	6,427	5,739
Player registration contribution	600	0	200	0
Uniform Sales	60	180	270	150
Players Practice	2,298	3,144	3,773	2,640
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,453</b>	<b>10,928</b>	<b>13,735</b>	<b>10,509</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Christmas Function	186	300	291	360
Constitution update	0	0	0	76
Dinner & Drinks	3,608	4,450	5,781	4,242
Equipment (TT Barriers, Nets & Balls)	26	153	0	16
Equipment (Square POS/Fees & Cabinet)	153	186	333	246
Player Registration	919	871	1,185	575
Statutory NFP Return to ATO	330	0	0	0
Table Tennis SA Affiliation Fee	320	305	305	300
Table Tennis Club Visit Expenses	0	0	0	383
Table Tennis Winter Fees	800	0	800	0
Trophy Engraving	17	17	17	11
Uniform Purchases	0	771	0	338
Website & Internet	271	565	0	0
Woodville Venue Hire	1,532	2,096	2,515	1,760
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8,162</b>	<b>9,714</b>	<b>11,227</b>	<b>8,307</b>
<b>Annual Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>2,202</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK</b>				
Bank Statement 1 January 2025		Operating 3,418	Invested Funds 12,355	TOTAL
Income 1/1/2025 - 31/12/2025		9,453		
Transfer to Investment		-4,500	4,500	
Interest			681	
		8,371	17,536	
Expenditure 1/01/2025 - 31/12/2025		8,162	0	
<b>Bank Statement 31 December 2025</b>		<b>209</b>	<b>17,536</b>	<b>17,745</b>

## GERMAN TABLE TENNIS CLUB SAVINGS TO SUPPORT CLUBROOM REDEVELOPMENT

The Club has continued to increase its financial base to be a contributor to the implementation of the Clubroom Master Plan (Planned for 2026). This action together with provision of grant funding services that our Club provides to Woodville District Table Tennis Club results in continual facility improvement and work towards a redevelopment to benefit both clubs.

