



**AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**Annual Report**

**July 1985 — Dec 1986.**



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## THE AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

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December 18, 1986.

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### Directors (as at December 1986).

President:	Mr. L. H. Wharmby
Vice President:	
Director (Technical):	Mr. H. K. Bowler
Director (Finance):	Mr. P. E. Males
Director (Coaching and Development):	Mr. N. L. Harwood
Director (International):	
Secretary to Board:	Mr. N. J. Bell

### Members of Council (as at December 1986).

Victoria:	Mr. A. Tabone
South Australia:	Mr. G. Goss
New South Wales:	Miss N. Callinan
Queensland:	Mr. P. J. Bond
Tasmania:	Mr. B. Dale
Western Australia:	Miss B. Punch

### Life Members.

H. K. Bowler  
A.W. Cleaves  
L. H. Haycraft  
L. Y. Hitchen  
J. F. Jackson  
R. H. Jones  
P. Pinkewich  
C. Shaw  
L. H. Wharmby  
S. Javor  
J. Nies\*  
R. A. Vardon\*

\*Deceased

## PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

It has not been the practice in the past for the President to contribute to the Annual Report, and I have been in two minds as to whether I should commence such a practice which would no doubt continue on to all the Presidents of the future. The other consideration has been that I should not repeat what may be in the various Director's reports, for it is important that they report in some detail on their own portfolios. And having due regard to that I can only comment in very general terms.

As this is only the first complete year under the new system of a Board of Management and a full time National Executive Director, one could expect that there would have been a number of problems throughout the year, and you would not be wrong. However, on the whole I would rate it as a reasonably satisfactory year, but with plenty of room for improvement. There are a number of areas which need some attention and the Board, besides having ideas of its own, will welcome suggestions to improve those matters which you, the Council, feel need some improvement, and I must stress here that the Board would be looking for constructive ideas and suggestions and not destructive criticism which we all know does nobody any good.

I look forward to a very productive General Personal Meeting which will lead us into a much improved year in 1987. Whatever else I have to say will be possibly better said at the meeting itself where everyone present will have the opportunity to take part in the discussions.

I thank you all for the support you have given the Board generally and myself in particular. I am very well aware of your support and goodwill and I can assure you it is much appreciated.

L. H. WHARMBY

President

Under Guidelines of Areas of Responsibility handled by the Vice President, Technical, were:-

- 1) Chairman, ATTA Selectors
- 2) Chairman, ATTA Umpires Committee and
- 3) Championships

I would like to briefly comment on these three areas as follows:-

1. CHAMPIONSHIPS - This is a new area of control by the Board and it is ironical that in the first year a problem such as the National Senior Championships should occur. This is still being investigated and a full report will be made to the ATTA Council.

The Board was anxious to see an early commencement of the Under 21 and Under 19 National Events. However, action by one/two States could see the holding of these Championships postponed until 1988. Personally, I trust that they can be commenced in 1987 as we all seem to agree that these events will greatly assist stopping the flow of 'Drop Outs' as soon as Players leave the Junior Ranks. This will assist all State Associations develop more Senior Players as well as assisting Junior standards in all age groups.

There is also a growing call for an Australian Wide Teams Event with entries coming from Regional or Affiliated Associations. Some suggest that such type of event replace the present Australian Championship Format. Others see it as an extra Event.

The Proposal has considerable merit and will be discussed at the January, 1987 Board Meeting and by Council early in 1987.

2. SELECTORS - As Chairman of ATTA Selectors, I can report that the period under review has been a most hectic one. Seven Meetings have been necessary to:-

- a. Select Australian Junior Team Asian Championships, 1986 - Japan
- b. Select Australian Senior Team Asian Championships, 1986 - China
- c. Select Australian Senior Team Oceania Championships 1986 - Ballarat
- d. Select Australian Senior Team 1987 World Championships - India
- e. Rank Australian Men and Women Players, 1986

3. UMPIRING - The ATTA Umpires Committee - its Executive are hard working groups who have a very responsible attitude to the duties they undertake, and their efforts are probably not fully appreciated by Players and other Officials.

The Annual Meeting of the ATTA Umpires Committee was held in Adelaide and many important matters discussed. The Executive Committee elected at this Meeting comprises:- N.J. Bell (Secretary), C. Gadd and S. Scott.

I took the opportunity of presenting a 'White Paper' on Refereeing and it is envisaged that during the coming year Examinations and Procedures for establishing two qualifications for Referees will be available.

#### 1. STATE 2 NATIONAL

The ATTA Umpires Executive have indicated their support that the Red/Black Colour Rule for Bat Coverings be extended to apply to all Grades and Ages of the various Tournament and Championship Events throughout Australia.

KEITH BOWLER  
VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNICAL

This was the first year of operation of the Board of Management and consequently the first year of office for the Director, Coaching and Development.

As the name implies, the office has two main areas of responsibility - Coaching and Development. The area of development is the one that offers the biggest challenge to this office, the Board and indeed to all table tennis administrations.

A draft youth policy has been circulated on this subject and decisions have been made to implement some of the proposals - the introduction of Under 19 and 21 National Championships being examples. The policy was developed starting with a "Think Tank" held in Melbourne in 1984 followed by a National Working Party on youth aspects. I wish to record my appreciation of the efforts of our National Coaching Director, Mr Ron Moule, who kept the Working Party going when little result was forthcoming and prepared the final draft.

I am aware that all States are very conscious of the fact that our numbers are in decline and are developing strategies to reverse this trend. Victoria are perhaps leading the way in this regard with the appointment of a full-time Promotions Officer, Alois Rosario, who is working within the school system and with the financial assistance of the Commonwealth Bank in promoting and developing our sport very effectively in Victoria.

An Aussie Sport table tennis kit has been produced by our National Director of Coaching and is being introduced into all States' Education Departments.

The Coaching Accreditation Scheme has not been neglected but it is an area that will require continual effort in 1987 to lift the number and standard of our coaches. A new level - Level 0 - has been introduced this year and the possibility of Master Coach level has been mooted. There was no National Coaching Committee meeting held this year but it is planned that in Sydney during May 1987 an Olympic Solidarity Training Course will be conducted for the Oceania Zone and a meeting of the Coaching Committee will be held in conjunction with that event.

For the past several years we have been trying to gain entry to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and it became obvious about two years ago that we would not achieve this aim on a full time basis in the near future. Approaches were then made to the Victorian Government for the establishment for a joint Australian/Victorian Institute to be established in Victoria. The ATTA and the VITA developed a proposal for such a venture and submitted it to the AIS. The current situation is that the AIS is seriously considering funding this as a pilot project.

This year saw the appointment of our first National Coach, Tommy Danielsson, but unfortunately after a short period he resigned for personal reasons. At the time of preparation of this report he had not been replaced but this will be addressed shortly. It is imperative that we make a good choice particularly if the Institute of Sport proposal gets the green light.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

REPORT FOR 1986

Two top Chinese coaches - Messrs Chou Lansun and Xie Xaike are emigrating to Australia. Mr Chou has arrived in Sydney and Xie Xaike is expected in Victoria soon. Mr Chou is a top coach and has been head coach of the Chinese National Womens Team for some years including at teh last World Championship in Gothenberg. Xie Xaike needs no introduction as a player in the Chinese team and ranked consistently high in world rankings - he has been coaching in France.

I look forward to the challenges of 1987. With the attitude of States - particularly Victoria as cited above - towards junior development, the arrival of more coaches from overseas, the possible development of the Institute of Sport proposed as well as the maintenance and strengthening of our existing coaching are development policies and sport will gain in strength.

Finally I wish to express my appreciation for the assistance and co-operation of my fellow Board members and the National Executive Director, Mr John Ostermeyer. The addition of a professional Sports Administrator to the ATTA has meant a more cohesive approach and has really assisted in the funding area.

N.L. Harwood  
Director  
COACHING DEVELOPMENT

Since the introduction of the Board of Management, with the Executive Director carrying out many of the tasks envisaged for the Director of International Affairs, there have been changes to the duties of the office covering international affairs.

The Board has briefly considered this situation and proposals will be made to the Council during 1987 to rectify the problem, although the nomination of the Director as Oceanian Zone Vice-President to the I.T.T.F. will give the Director the opportunity for more input into the position and discussion on international affairs.

Mr. Coster, who failed to inform the Board of discussions/decisions by the I.T.T.F. Council, resigned his position as the Zones representative on the I.T.T.F. Council and for the remainder of his term the I.T.T.F. accepted the Board's Vice-President, Mr. Bowler.

Australian teams participated in the Asian Junior, Asian Open and Oceania Championships, and Tommy Danielsson represented the Oceania Zone in the 7th World Cup. All of our players acquitted themselves well in these tournaments and players new to international events gained valuable experience, with excellent results being obtained by many of the players.

Full results of these championships/tournaments appear elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Various other matters were decided during the year or were still in the negotiation stage at the time of writing this report and included the agreement to hold the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Australia, an Olympic Solidarity Course to be held in Sydney in May, 1987, training camps for National Teams, the increased funding for players in the National Squads and the hosting of the 1987 Asian Cup in Australia.

Unfortunately, the 1987 Commonwealth Championships are not expected to be held following the withdrawal of the offer by the Pakistan Association to host this event, with few other associations, other than Australia, showing any interest in hosting or playing in this tournament.

Noel J. Bell  
DIRECTOR



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February 17, 1986.

## Report from:

Honorary General Secretary 1st July, 1985 - 30th September, 1985.  
Honorary International Secretary )  
Acting Honorary General Secretary) 1st October, 1985 - 31st December, 1985

The six month period under review, 1st July - 31st December, 1985, brought changes to the Association that can only benefit table tennis if used efficiently and with the maximum co-operation of everyone involved, including state associations, which will give our sport the professional image it requires.

The National Executive Director, Mr. J. Ostermeyer, commenced his full-time duties with the Association on July 1st and with the National Coaching Director, has made advances in many areas during his short time with us.

At the 1985 G.P.M. in Hobart, during the Australian Championships in September, Council endorsed the introduction of a Board of Management from January 1, 1986 and this has already proved an excellent decision, as seen from a very productive meeting of the Board, held in January. The Board Members elected were:

L. H. Wharmby	President
H. K. Bowler	Vice-President - Technical
P. E. Males	Director of Finance
N. L. Harwood	Director of Coaching and Development
N. J. Bell	Director of International Affairs

Approved dates for the National Championships for 1986 are:

Junior	August 31 - September 5, Adelaide.
Open	September 7 - September 12 Adelaide.
Closed	April 25 - April 27, Melbourne.
Veterans	October 12 - October 18, Sydney.

Entry fees to remain as for 1985.

The Nittaku 3 Star White Ball was adopted for these championships.

Provisional approval was given for use of the following list of balls in Australia during 1985:

Nittaku 3 Star White and 3 Star Yellow.  
Double Fish 3 Star White.  
T.S.P. Astoll 3 Star White and 3 Star Yellow.

The Yasaka 3 Star White and 3 Star Yellow Balls have not been approved by the I.T.T.F., therefore this Association is not prepared to approve these balls.

It was noted that the introduction of the Board of Management has resulted in a number of the Committees appointed annually, not being required in future and some may have their duties altered.

February 17, 1986.

## Report from Secretaries.

Alterations to the Constitution were approved to allow for the introduction of the Board of Management and these alterations would come into force from the 1st January, 1986.

Clause 6.2.1. of the Constitution was deleted and by a new clause ensuring that the General Personal Meetings would not be held at the time of the Australian Championships. Dates would be decided by the Board.

The financial year of the Association was altered from July 1 - June 30, to January 1 - December 31.

It was agreed that only ten players could be ranked in each category and that there should be no equal rankings.

It was agreed that now the association was incorporated, an Honorary Solicitor be appointed. Mr. K. P. Hand, LLB of the firm Lee and Partners, Adelaide, accepted this position.

The Board of Management would investigate the appointment of Vice Patrons and make recommendations.

The new rule on the restriction of colours of rubber used on bats - black and red - agreed to at the I.T.T.F. 1985 Congress will apply to the Australian Closed, Junior and Open Championships from July 1, 1986 and to all other Open events in Championships/Tournaments other than Veterans, Special or Graded Events, as from January 1, 1987.

Mrs. Suzy Javor was awarded Life Membership of the Association for her contribution to table tennis as a player and for the ladylike manner in which she conducted herself on and off the table during her illustrious career. Suzy is the first woman to receive this honour.

The first international event of the period was hosted by the Victorian Association in August when teams from China, England, Japan, South Korea, Sweden and Australia competed in the A.N.Z. Bank International Classic. Australia was represented by T. Danielsson (Vic.) and G. Haberl (N.S.W.)

The finishing order of the teams in this event were:

1. Sweden
2. China
3. South Korea
4. England
5. Japan
6. Australia

The individual singles event for the Victoria Cup followed and was won by Erik Lindh (Sweden).

Teams were selected for the 3rd Oceania Championships to be held in New Zealand and the Asian Junior Championships, to be held in Japan. Arrangements were made for the selected players to attend training camps and compete in major tournaments as part of their preparation for the two Championships. All travel schedules and tour costs were finalized but



February 17, 1986.  
Report from Secretaries.

prior to the preparation of this report, advice was received that the Oceania Championships had been postponed/cancelled by the host, the New Zealand Table Tennis Association.

The Secretary/Treasurer of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association, Mr. Bowler, has advised that the Pakistan Association have not confirmed their intention to host the 9th Commonwealth Championships and it is now anticipated that the Championships will not be held in Pakistan.

No other country has offered to host these Championships at present but it is hoped that they will be held prior to the 39th World Championships.

Australians currently holding office with International Associations are:

E. Coster	Management Committee	C.T.T.A.
	Council Member.	I.T.T.F.
H. K. Bowler	Executive Director	O.T.T.F.
	Secretary/Treasurer	C.T.T.A.
	Secretary-Press Committee	I.T.T.F.
L. A. Haycraft	Classification Committee	C.T.T.A.
N. J. Bell	Olympic Commission	I.T.T.F.

Mr. Bowler presented preliminary plans for the Bi-Centennial 1988 Australian Championships to the first Board of Management meeting. The plan included invitations to overseas countries to participate in a teams event. He will prepare a final draft for presentation to the 1986 G.P.M. or the next Board Meeting.

N. J. Bell.

## AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

### DIRECTOR (FINANCE)

I present the financial report and balance sheet for the year 1986, which is our first full year of operation with our new financial year format.

With the advent of the National Executive Director we have seen many changes in our sport and especially in our finances. Turnover through our books has increased dramatically, with total turnover exceeding half a million dollars. Unfortunately with the big turnover we incurred a loss of \$9337.91.

As well as increasing our income, the NED is also our biggest expense, which of course was expected. To have an efficient office and staff we must expect to spend some money.

To offset the NED's administration and expenses plus other running costs, we expected to generate income via the registration fee, however this did not eventuate as anticipated, therefore serious thought must be given to the future of the fee.

As always the newsletter incurred a loss, however it is pleasing to note that it was kept below budget.

Government assistance for staff salaries, coaching, international events & meetings and the new S.T.E.P. grants was gratefully received during the year. Total received was \$104500.00 which is an increase on the previous year. Again this is due to the NED's efforts in his liason with the government.

Other grants were received from the Australian Institute of Sport, Olympic Federation and specific grants from the ITTF and International Management. These grants exceeded \$24000.00 and were allocated to further the advancement of table tennis in Australia. We also express our thanks to these organisations for their support.

Unfortunately our sundry debtors list contains some well overdue accounts. Follow up will be pursued by myself and the NED and we hope to recover the amounts before long.

A total of \$1744.00 was written off during the year. The main amount being the \$1600.00 sponsorship which was supposed to come from Butterfly. It appeared that some of the contract conditions may have been overlooked, and unfortunately we could not resolve our differences with them, resulting in their refusal to pay. Subsequently the contract was not renewed.

Our only creditor is to the Wagga Daily Advertiser for printing of the newsletter. Due to cash flow problems over the last few months we have been unable to pay the account for printing of the last three issues of the newsletter. At one stage we owed over \$5500.00. Luckily outstanding monies arrived from various sources which allowed us to pay for at least two issues. The last will be paid when funds permit.

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

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BALANCE SHEET

for Financial Year ending 31/12/86

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It has been a difficult year for the ATTA, and indications are that the future will not be any better. I consider that over emphasis has been placed on the registration fee which has led to rejection of it by the players and officials. It is not a means of revenue gathering to line the pockets of the ATTA as some people seem to think. In every national sport, players and officials must pay some sort of fee and I believe ours is the lowest there is. As I mentioned before, serious thought will have to be given to the future of the fee.

PHILIP MALES  
Director (Finance)

6 MONTHS		
31/12/85		1986
-----	CAPITAL	----
	=====	
21967.56	Accumulated Funds 31/12/85	14494.60
-7472.96	Surplus/Loss to Date	-9337.91
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14494.60		5156.69
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Represented by:

CURRENT ASSETS

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	Cash at Bank		
2569.04	General Account	2580.19	
1319.89	Grant Account	39132.27	
		-----	
			41712.46
1142.50	Sundry Debtors	2328.00	
32.17	Trading Stock	691.68	
913.00	Fixed Assets at Cost	913.00	
		-----	
			3932.68

INVESTMENTS

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10000.00	AEFC Ltd (Grant A/c)	0.00	
10000.00	AEFC Ltd (General A/c)	0.00	
0.00	Trust Account	537.82	
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			537.82
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25976.60			46182.96

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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11319.89	Unexpended Grants	39132.27	
162.11	Sundry Creditors	1894.00	
		-----	
			41026.27
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14494.60			5156.69
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AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

STATEMENT OF INCOME  
for year ending 31 December 1986

6 MONTHS 1985	DETAILS	1986	BUDGET
	AFFILIATION	3020.00	3020.00
	ADMINISTRATION GENERAL	162.35	
1246.75	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	2047.48	1400.00
1250.00	BALL ADOPTION	500.00	450.00
878.75	BALL ROYALTIES	1000.00	1000.00
1092.00	COACHING RESOURCES	187.20	
547.00	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING	9.00	
1744.97	INTEREST RECEIVED	2744.38	3000.00
3746.45	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS		
	Asian Junior Championships	25317.80	
	Oceania Senior Championship	20551.17	
	Asian Senior Championships	14831.60	
	NATIONAL COACH	3430.00	
445.00	NEWSLETTER	4888.00	4500.00
13504.00	REGISTRATIONS 1985	480.00	
	REGISTRATIONS 1986	20556.00	27000.00
	TRADING STOCK		
25.00	Badges & Ties	249.49	600.00
300.00	Coaching Manuals	120.00	
	ITTF Handbooks	66.03	
172.02	ITTF Rule Booklets	75.36	
	TRAINING CAMPS	9148.10	
	UMPIRES		
110.50	Badges	112.00	
91.00	Pockets	84.00	
522.54	NATIONAL CLUB SERIES		
2050.00	ROTHMANS COACHING CLINIC	558.40	
	SPONSORSHIPS - (Butterfly)	1600.00	
	NON GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
	Olympic FPC	9000.00	
	Aust Institute Sport	11819.60	
	International Management	1823.00	
	ITTF	1568.07	
196.95	SUNDRIES	2737.54	
	WRITE OFFS	0.00	
27922.93	Total Income	138686.57	

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE  
for year ending 31 December 1986

6 MONTHS 1985	DETAILS	1986	
150.00	AFFILIATION	564.59	600.00
2437.00	ADMINISTRATION GENERAL	1301.55	1500.00
1218.51	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	1444.50	1300.00
625.00	BALL ADOPTION	0.00	225.00
	BOARD MEETINGS	5633.16	6000.00
630.00	COACHING RESOURCES	30.00	
4776.00	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING	5332.60	4000.00
83.08	CHARGES	195.53	200.00
4107.61	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS		
	Asian Junior Championships	25317.80	
	Oceania Senior Championship	20551.17	
	Asian Senior Championships	14831.60	
12535.82	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		
	Salary (ATTA Component)	1510.00	
	Administration	14001.69	9000.00
	Expenses	10546.39	9000.00
	NATIONAL COACH	3430.00	
6000.12	NEWSLETTER	8805.24	8000.00
	SELECTORS FARES	1102.60	700.00
	TRADING STOCK		
	Badges	590.00	
432.00	TRAINING CAMPS	1520.00	
	UMPIRES		
	Badges	185.76	
106.20	Pockets	0.00	
	Seminar	0.00	1500.00
400.00	Subsidy	100.00	500.00
1342.10	ROTHMANS COACHING CLINIC	1640.00	
	AUDITORS FEES	495.00	
	NON GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
	Olympic FPC	9000.00	
	Aust Institute Sport	11819.60	
	International Management	1823.00	
	ITTF	1568.07	
	1987 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	105.60	
	OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY	467.78	
92.45	SUNDRIES	2367.25	
460.00	WRITE OFFS	1744.00	
35395.89	Total Expenditure	148024.48	

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GOVERNMENT GRANTS  
for year ending 31 December 1986

6 MONTHS 1985	UNEXPENDED GRANTS	1986
1315.85	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	15190.00
1740.00	NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR	9748.61
2424.04	COACHING PROJECTS	8114.66
0.00	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	5079.00
0.00	INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	1000.00
	S.T.E.P. GRANTS	0.00
140.00	NON ELITE COACHING	0.00
5700.00	TALANT IDENTIFICATION	0.00
11319.89	Total Unexpended	39132.27

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INCORPORATED

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 6 MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1985

For the 6 months interim period between 1/7/85 and 31/12/85 saw quite a bit of activity within the association, however as was expected a loss of \$7472.96 occurred which was partly due to some income being received prior to 1/7/85, in the previous financial year.

The decline in funds was mainly due because of the necessary expenses incurred by the Executive Director in establishing himself in the job, with travel interstate to met state officials and become familar with the Table Tennis scene being paramount. Some of these expenses should reduce during the the next twelve months. The big burden in any well run association is the administration costs, and these can be substantial. Unfortunately they are essential, especially on a national basis due to the high cost of communication, and the need for the board to met on a regular basis.

Government Grants assist us to employ the Executive Director and Coaching Director. They also assist with National Teams going overseas, international events within Australia and various Coaching & Development Projects, with the emphasis on development. Without these grants we would have severe difficulty in managing Table Tennis nationally. I acknowledge our appreciation to the government in providing this these funds. We hope to increase this assistance in the future by employing a full time Coaching Director which will then pave the way for further grants to employ administration personnel.

With the advent of the Board of Management and the appointment of the Executive Director, I feel that we have taken a forward step into the development of Table Tennis in Australia and request that states do their utmost to promote the game within their territory with the view to increasing player registrations, which will give us more funds to use for the future development of our sport.

I wish to acknowledge the role of John Ostermeyer who has already given valuable support & assistance to the association in the short time he has been with us. I look forward to a long association with him.

Finally I wish to thank all state associations for their assistance over the 6 months. Only one state failed to get all outstanding accounts and registrations to me by 31/12/85. (they have now done so), but generally I have had very good co-operation. I look forward to a prosperous 1986.

PHILIP MALES  
Hon Treasurer

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET

for the 6 months ending 31 December 1985

1984/85		1985
	<u>CAPITAL</u>	
38200.14	Accumulated Funds 30/6/84	21967.56
-16232.88	Surplus/Loss to Date	-7472.96
21967.56		14494.60
	Represented by:	
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
	Cash at Bank	
19780.77	General Account	2569.04
870.98	Grant Account	1319.89
		3888.93
3112.60	Sundry Debtors	1142.50
0.00	Trading Stock	32.17
0.00	Fixed Assets at Cost	913.00
	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	2087.67
16000.00	AEFC Limited (Grant A/c)	10000.00
0.00	AEFC Limited (General A/c)	10000.00
		20000.00
		25976.60
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	
16870.98	Unexpended Grants	11319.89
925.81	Sundry Creditors	162.11
		11482.00
21967.56		14494.60

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INCOME

for 6 months ending 31 December 1985

1984/85	DETAILS	1985
620.00	AFFILIATION	
1303.25	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	1246.75
400.00	BALL ADOPTION	1250.00
375.00	BALL ROYALTIES	878.75
244.25	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETINGS	547.00
1963.52	INTEREST RECEIVED	1744.97
2895.00	NEWSLETTER	445.00
730.00	NCAS REGISTER	800.00
17933.00	REGISTRATIONS	13504.00
	TRADING STOCK	
324.00	COACHING MANUALS	300.00
21.00	ITTF RULE BOOKLETS	172.02
68.00	UMPIRES BADGES	110.50
56.00	UMPIRES POCKETS	91.00
9500.00	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
34497.00	1985 WORLDS/COMMONWEALTH	18.00
	NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR TOUR	3728.45
	COACHING RESOURCES	292.00
	ROTHMANS COACHING CLINICS	2050.00
	NATIONAL LEAGUE	522.54
	ATTA BADGES	25.00
848.90	SUNDRIES	196.95
5200.00	GENERAL LEVY 1983/84	N/A
6189.00	JAPANESE TOUR	N/A
4919.00	TRAINING CAMPS	N/A
10394.80	NATIONAL DIRECTOR COACHING	GRANT A/C
10000.00	NED ESTABLISHMENT	N/A
3120.00	TRAVEL LEVY	N/A
800.00	WRITE OFFS & DEPRECIATION	0.00
112401.72	TOTAL INCOME	27922.93

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

EXPENDITURE

for 6 months ending 31 December 1985

1984/85	DETAILS	EXPENDITURE
526.46	AFFILIATIONS	150.00
4854.20	ADMINISTRATION	2437.00
1314.88	AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS	1218.51
0.00	BALL ADOPTION	625.00
4044.22	GENERAL PERSONAL MEETING	4776.00
234.84	GOVERNMENT CHARGES	83.08
3967.76	TRAINING CAMPS	432.00
7828.01	NED ESTABLISHMENT	1552.50
	NED EXPENSES	10983.32
7096.99	NEWSLETTER	6000.12
566.00	NCAS REGISTER	630.00
300.00	UMPIRES SUBSIDY	400.00
180.00	UMPIRES POCKETS	106.20
16898.20	INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
37337.47	1985 WORLDS/COMMONWEALTH	226.00
	NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR TOUR	3881.61
	ROTHMANS COACHING CLINICS	1342.10
690.10	SUNDRIES	92.45
757.65	WRITE OFF & DEPRECIATION	460.00
35950.00	GOVERNMENT GRANTS	GRANT A/C
6087.82	JAPANESE TOUR	N/A
128634.60	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	35395.89

AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

as at 31 December 1985

GRANT DETAILS	INCOME
NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR	10000.00
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	15000.00
COACHING PROJECTS	0.00
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	0.00
INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	0.00
	25000.00
GRANT DETAILS	EXPENDITURE
NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR	10055.13
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	13260.00
COACHING PROJECTS	
COACHES FORUM	2076.80
COACHING RESOURCES	499.16
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	0.00
INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	0.00
TALENT IDENTIFICATION	4300.00
NON ELITE COACHING	360.00
	30551.09

1984/85	UNEXPENDED GRANTS	1985
1370.98	NATIONAL COACHING DIRECTOR	1315.85
0.00	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1740.00
5000.00	COACHING PROJECTS	2424.04
0.00	INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	0.00
0.00	INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS	0.00
10000.00	TALENT IDENTIFICATION	5700.00
500.00	NON ELITE COACHING	140.00
16870.98		11319.89



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#### REPORT BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

##### Review:

This annual report is in fact an 18month report covering the period July 1, 1985 to December 31, 1986, as the A.T.T.A. decided to change its normal reporting and financial period from the financial year to the calendar year period.

The "year" was full of highlights, enthusiasm, problems, new challenges, new solutions and new initiatives. If anyone ever wonders what the A.T.T.A. does, then the following should more than adequately answer their queries.

##### New Management Structure:

At the General Personal Meeting in March, 1986, the A.T.T.A. adopted a new Management structure, more in tune with the needs of a growing, dynamic, business like sporting association. The old system of state delegates, meetings by correspondence although extremely good in the past was no longer capable of meeting the challenges of today and tomorrow, which required quick, decisive, informed decision making.

The new system saw the appointment of five Directors, each responsible for a specific portfolio and having the authority to act/decide within that portfolio.

The system rather than being based on the traditional hierarchical/pyramid system is now based on the concentric model.

Without doubt, further adjustments, fine tuning of the system, will be required, with the re-allocation of responsibilities within portfolios, but basically the system is sound and will serve the A.T.T.A. well to cope with the challenges of the 80's and 90's.

##### National Team Programme:

The A.T.T.A. during 1986 embarked on a new, exciting plan to rejuvenate its National Team Programme, so as to give Australia's elite players, a new sense of direction, a purpose and a series of incentives and rewards. The new programme included:

- \* A new policy on player subsidies, so that subsidies are directly linked to performance, effort, commitment.
- \* Long term planning of international competition, including training camps and priorities in international competitions.
- \* More regular exposure to International competition.
- \* Greater reliance on intensive training camps.
- \* Extensive emphasis on a systematic, planned and scientific approach to training.
- \* Emphasis on sports sciences, including physiology, psychology, fitness testing.

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#### National Centre of Excellence:

The A.T.T.A. in conjunction with the V.T.T.A. prepared a master plan for the establishment of a full time National Centre of Excellence, which would be staffed full time by a National Coach who would be responsible for the planning and implementation of programmes for Australia's elite players, both senior and junior.

The concept has won the wholehearted support of the Victorian Department of Sport and Recreation and has a real chance of being adopted by the Federal Government as a pilot project in 1987.

#### Asian Junior Championships.

Australia sent a junior team to Japan in March 1986 to compete in the Asian Junior Championships. The Team included some of Australia's top junior players and was well led by Mr. Noel Shorter. The Team had a total of 25 days in Japan which included a 15 day training camp and 7-days at the Asian Juniors in Nagoya and three days at leisure in Tokyo at the end of the tour. The results were satisfactory and above all, our top junior received some insight into what makes a top International player.

#### Oceania Championships.

The 1986 Oceania Championships were due to be held in New Zealand in April, 1986. In February, the A.T.T.A. learned that the event had been postponed to a date to be "fixed". Given the importance of these Championships, it was agreed that Australia, at very late notice, be given the authority to host this event. After a very extensive, but quick search, the venue chosen was Ballarat and the dates were June 24-27.

Sponsorship was obtained from Qantas, Nittaku, Yasaka and Budget. The event was staged in the magnificent, modern and warm Ballarat Table Tennis Centre. Overall the event was completely self supporting and was held at no cost to the A.T.T.A.

The A.T.T.A. entered two teams, a senior team and an Under 21 team, with outstanding results. The Australian teams won both the Men's and Women's Teams Events, whilst Tommy Danielsson won the Men's Singles and Kerri Tepper won the Women's Singles. All in all Australia won 5 of the 7 titles.

Special thanks must go to Qantas, Nittaku, Yasaka, Ruth Singer (Referee), Angelo Tabone (Tournament Control) and above all, the Ballarat Table Tennis Association.

#### Asian Championships.

In October 1986, Australia participated in the Asian Championships in China. Again, these Championships were initially to be held in the Philippines, but the dates/venue were changed.

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In accordance with the A.T.T.A. Board of Management policy, the National Selectors selected a team with an emphasis on long term viability. The team played well and Australia gained its best ever result for 6 years.

The Team was very capably led by Rod Lindroth as Manager and Paul Pinkewich and Jae Hwa Lee as Captains.

#### World Cup:

In July, 1986, Tommy Danielsson represented the Oceania Zone in the World Cup which was played in Port-O-Spain, Trinidad. Despite a nagging injury, Tommy Danielsson finished 11th, a best ever for an Oceania representative.

#### Youth Policy:

In 1985, the A.T.T.A. established a National Youth Policy working group to examine the whole issue of junior development and to make recommendations to the A.T.T.A. Unfortunately, it appeared that the committee was totally overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the task and a great deal of the work ended up with Ron Moule the National Coaching Director.

In May, 1986, a broad draft policy paper was circulated for comment. This document is now A.T.T.A. policy. The highlights of the policy cover areas such as the nature of junior competitions, school development, school competition, age groupings, national implications.

#### Coaching Accreditation:

During the year, the National Coaching Director prepared an "O" level coaching course, to cater for the needs of the most basic coaches, i.e. the beginner coach. This course has now been fully endorsed and approved by the National Coaching Accreditation Council and will prove to be a useful adjunct to the Aussie Sport Package.

#### Aussie Sport:

Table Tennis is one of the sports offered under the Aussie Sport umbrella, which is an innovative forward thinking Government initiative aimed to expose more children to sport in an enjoyable way.

#### Sponsorship:

There is a disturbing belief that "somewhere out there" there are literally hundreds of sponsors waiting eagerly to be invited to pump thousands of dollars into Table Tennis. The reality is of course far different. In order to attract sponsors, one must have a package to attract them; one must have the machinery (staff!!) to service them and one must have the ability/experience to retain them. Unfortunately, Table Tennis must do a considerable amount of work to prepare the package

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and put in place the machinery before sponsors fall over themselves to give us \$\$\$\$. Fortunately for some events we have been able to obtain sponsors. However, it should be recognized that in general sponsors are interested in "image building" activities; they are in the main not interested in covering our overhead costs, as sponsors believe that if Table Tennis players/followers themselves won't fund their own overheads, then why should they?

#### Uniforms:

During 1986, the A.T.T.A. decided to terminate its agreement with Butterfly, who had been the official suppliers of uniforms to the A.T.T.A. for a number of years. Without doubt, the actual uniforms were of excellent quality, however, the conditions sought as part of a new contract were completely unacceptable and an insult to the A.T.T.A. Accordingly, the long standing arrangement with Butterfly was reluctantly terminated by the A.T.T.A.

Fortunately PUMA, the world renowned supplier of superb quality sports gear offered to assist the A.T.T.A., an offer that was gratefully accepted.

#### Magazine:

During 1986, for the first time for a long time, the A.T.T.A. magazine came out on time (4 times as planned) and within budget. Advertising revenue was slightly up and production costs were kept down.

Unfortunately the editor, Mr. Doug Stewart resigned his position after the last edition and to date no replacement has come forward. Naturally, Doug Stewart's departure will leave a major gap, as he has done an excellent and professional job for a great many years. We also regret to advise of Doug Stewart's death on November 28.

#### Finance:

The financial situation of the A.T.T.A. is difficult to say the least and there will be no immediate improvement. Fortunately, we have been well supported by the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian Olympic Federation. In the past 18 months our financial support from those sources have increased from \$35,000 p.a. to \$93,000, i.e. a 165% increase!!

No doubt, the Director, Finance will cover this area more.

#### Problems:

It must be recognized that Table Tennis is going through a difficult period. The Euphoria of the 70's, when Ping Pong Diplomacy was a National catchcry is gone, the days of the 50's and 60's when Table Tennis could attract large crowds are gone. Table Tennis as a sport now has to compete with other sports for the same players, the same crowds, the same \$\$\$. The following are but some of the problems facing the sport, problems that can and must be overcome.

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- \* Objectivity - Before any problem can be overcome, it has to be recognized that there is a problem in the first place! Too many Honorary Sporting Officials view their sport as the "ONLY SPORT IN THE WORLD, THE BIGGEST, BRIGHTEST AND BEST". Maybe to them it is, but unfortunately the general public, the media, sponsors, government often see things differently. Hence, there is a tremendous need to maintain objectivity, to see things for what they really are, once this is done, it becomes a lot easier to analyse shortcomings, problems and then to objectively plan remedial action.
- \* Image - In many circles, Table Tennis is not seen as a bona fide sport, but more as a recreation. It has been estimated that nearly 500,000 people play Table Tennis in Australia, yet only 10,000 are registered (only 2%). The majority of the 500,000 view Table Tennis as a pleasant social, recreational game. The A.T.T.A. must recognize this problem and devote the necessary resources to remedy the situation. As part of the solution, Table Tennis must heighten the profile of its elite players/coaches; we need international successes. The Olympics will help, but there must be a unified approach.
- \* Junior Development - In general, Table Tennis' penetration into the schools' area is very poor. Without an effective schools' policy, the long term prospects for Table Tennis are bleak. The A.T.T.A. must come to grips with the whole area of junior development, junior competition, the nature of competition, junior coaching.
- \* Coaching - Although, the A.T.T.A. is one of the few sports to have all four levels of its coaching course accredited, there is still a great lack of qualified coaches at any level. Greater emphasis has to be placed on attracting, training, up grading coaches at all levels.
- \* Long Term Planning - It would appear that one of the problems being experienced by the A.T.T.A. concerns long term planning. How often haven't we seen a decision made only to be changed a few weeks/months later because all of a sudden, some of the long term effects become obvious.
- \* Professional Management - There is a definite shortage of professional administrators and many systems do not encourage the modern day administrator. In order to cope with the 80's and 90's we must adopt the Management practices of the 80's and 90's. Officials must be given responsibilities and the authority to make decisions. The days of kitchen table administrators debating/approving every decision are gone, yet there appears to be a reluctance to face up to the new demands and the dynamic needs of NOW and TOMORROW!
- \* Magazine - The A.T.T.A. has for a great number of years produced a good quality magazine, which is published four times per year. Over the years, changes have been made ranging from tabloid

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size to colour covers, etc., and in general, the magazine has been in a "loss" situation. Up to the end of 1985, losses per year ranged up to \$9,000. During 1986, steps were taken to ensure that losses were reduced and that publication dates were adhered to. Unfortunately, late in 1986, after 14 years, Doug Stewart, the Magazine's editor, resigned and although the position was advertised, no applications were received. The magazine is probably one of the most important functions undertaken by the A.T.T.A. yet the magazine's worth is underrated by most and no one wishes to pay for it! Shortly several important decisions will need to be made to ensure the long term future of the magazine.

#### The Future:

In general, the future of Table Tennis must be viewed with optimism. A great deal of groundwork has been done over the past 18 months, which in the long term must stand the A.T.T.A. in good stead. Developments in Aussie Sport, Coaching accreditation, National Team programme, National Centre of Excellence, all will provide a basis for future development. In particular, the following areas should be addressed in 1987.

- A more detailed, comprehensive long term strategic plan has to be formulated.
- Greater emphasis should be placed on well researched long term policies rather than short term remedies for glaring problems.
- Greater emphasis and involvement in Aussie Sport and School Development.
- Greater emphasis on the development of coaches at all levels.
- More international exposure for our elite players.
- The establishment of an independent National Office.

#### Thank You:

A great deal has been achieved over the past 18 months, however none of it would have happened without the support of a great number of people, from A.T.T.A. Directors to State Delegates, to Government Officials, to typists, to people who play.

John C. Ostermeyer,  
National Executive Director.

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#### Special Thanks.

The following should be recognized for their support and encouragement of Table Tennis in 1986.

- \* Australian Sports Commission - For their active support, encouragement and sponsorship.
- \* Australian Institute of Sport - For their assistance in preparing our elite.
- \* Australian Olympic Federation - For their support for our Olympic hopefuls.
- \* A.N.Z. Bank - For the A.N.Z. Junior Camp and the provision of Scholarships to Jan Teppner and Eddie Kasser.
- \* Qantas - For their support of our International Programme.
- \* Glenwood Travel - For their advice and support on International Travel.
- \* Commonwealth Bank - The A.T.T.A's Official Bankers.
- \* Acton - For their continued support throughout Australia.
- \* Bond Street Sports - For advertising support.
- \* Travelodge - For advertising and accommodation support.
- \* T. T & T. Enterprises (Eric Coster) - For advertising support.
- \* Sports Contact (Tommy Danielsson) - For advertising support.
- \* Butterfly (Ken Sleep) - For advertising support.
- \* Puma - Official outfitters of the National Team.
- \* Nittaku - Sponsorship of Oceania Championships and National Teams.
- \* Combined Sports Traders - (Noel Shorter and Paul Pinkewich) - for advertising support.

#### Honours:

During the year, the following received special recognition for their services to Table Tennis.

Mr. Laurie WHARMBY - Australia Medal.  
Mrs. Suzy JAVOR - Inductee in Australian Hall of Fame.

#### Winners:

##### Australian "Open" (Senior).

<u>Men Singles:</u>		<u>Women Singles:</u>	
1985	Tommy DANIELSSON (Vic.)	1985	Kerri TEPPER (Vic.)
1986	Tommy DANIELSSON (Vic.)	1986	Kerri TEPPER (Vic.)
<u>Men Doubles:</u>		<u>Women Doubles:</u>	
1985	R. Carlyle (Vic.)/G. Haberl (N.S.W.)	1985	Jan and Kerri Teppner (Vic.)
1986	T. Danielsson/A. Rosario (Vic.)	1986	K. Teppner (Vic.)/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
<u>Mixed Doubles:</u>			
1985	P. Jackson (N.Z.)/W. Hughes (Vic.)		
1986	G. Haberl (N.S.W.)/N. Bisiach (Vic.)		
<u>Men's Teams:</u>		<u>Women's Teams:</u>	
1985	Victoria	1985	Victoria
1986	New South Wales	1986	Victoria

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#### Australian Closed:

<u>Men's Singles:</u>		<u>Women Singles:</u>	
1985	T. Danielsson (Vic.)	1985	K. Teppner (Vic.)
1986	G. Haberl (N.S.W.)	1986	K. Teppner (Vic.)

<u>Men's Doubles:</u>		<u>Women's Doubles:</u>	
1986	T. Danielsson/A. Rosario (Vic.)	1986	K. Teppner/J. Teppner (Vic.)

<u>Mixed Doubles:</u>	
1986	P. Forsberg/S. Mitchell (S.A.)

#### Australian Under 21 Championships (Open).

<u>Men's Singles:</u>		<u>Women's Singles:</u>	
1985	P. Jackson (N.Z.)	1985	W. Hughes (Vic.)
1986	N. O'Connor (Qld.)	1986	A. Campbell (N.S.W.)

#### Australian Under 17 Championships:

<u>Boys' Singles:</u>		<u>Girls' Singles:</u>	
1985	I. Irving (Qld.)	1985	J. Teppner (Vic.)
1986	D. Lee (S.A.)	1986	K. Ledenac (S.A.)
<u>Boys' Doubles:</u>		<u>Girls' Doubles:</u>	
1985		1985	S. Mitchell (S.A.)/J. Teppner (Vic.)
1986	R. Moore/D. Naber (Vic.)	1986	S. Coad/M. Goldie (N.Z.)

<u>Mixed Doubles:</u>	
1985	D. Lee/S. Mitchell (S.A.)
1986	D. Lee (S.A.)/N. Freeland (Vic.)

#### Australian Under 15 Championships:

<u>Boys' Singles:</u>		<u>Girls' Singles:</u>	
1985	D. Brady (Qld.)	1985	T. Grant (Qld.)
1986	M. Searle (Qld.)	1986	M. Marot (Vic.)
<u>Boys' Doubles:</u>		<u>Girls' Doubles:</u>	
1985	M. Maternia/R. Teppner (Vic.)	1985	W. Kemp/M. Marot (Vic.)
1986	B. Pearson/D. Sears (N.Z.)	1986	L. Shvartsberg/A. Altuneg (N.S.W.)

<u>Mixed Doubles:</u>	
1985	R. Teppner/N. Freeland (Vic.)
1986	M. Palmay/L. Shvartsberg (N.S.W.)

#### Australian Veterans' Championships:

<u>Men's Singles 70+</u>		<u>50+</u>		<u>40+</u>	
1985	B. Campbell (Vic.)	1985	F. Handcock (Qld.)	1985	W. Bates (Vic.)
1986	V. Kwok (N.Z.)	1986	N. Vella (Vic.)	1986	W. Bates (Vic.)
					I. Klaf (Vic.)
					I. Klaf (Vic.)



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Ladies' Singles 70+	60+	50+	40+
1985 -	I. Cleland (N.Z.)	P. Rosario (Vic.)	J. Tregea (Qld.)
1986 P. Beard (S.A.)	N. Readhead (Qld.)	B. Bird (S.A.)	J. Tregea (Qld.)
Men's Doubles 70+	60+	50+	40+
1985 -	-	W. Bates ) (Vic.)	K. Cole ) (N.S.W.)
-	-	J. Healy )	J. Leggatt )
1986 -	-	J. Lindsay ) N.S.W.	K. Cole ) (N.S.W.)
-	-	T. Boyd )	J. Leggatt )
Ladies' Doubles 70+	60+	50+	40+
1985 -	-	P. Rosario ) Vic.	A. Strack ) Qld.
-	-	V. Walsh )	J. Whisson )
1986 -	-	P. Rosario ) Vic.	J. Tregea ) Qld.
-	-	Y. Brann )	U. Fitzgerald )
Mixed Doubles 70+	60+	50+	40+
1985 -	-	W. Bates ) Vic.	I. Klaf ) Vic.
-	-	P. Rosario )	P. Rosario )
1986 -	-	W. Bates ) Vic.	I. Klaf ) Vic.
-	-	P. Rosario )	P. Rosario )
Teams (Men) 70+	60+	50+	40+
1985 -	S.A.	Victoria	Victoria
1986 -	S.A.	Victoria	Victoria
Teams (Women) 70+	60+	50+	40+
1985 -	N.S.W./N.Z.	Victoria	Queensland
1986 -	Victoria	Victoria	Queensland

Michael SZABADOS Award for the Junior Player of the Year:

1985 Jan Tepper (Victoria)  
1985 Darren Lee (South Australia)

Victor BARNA Award for the Player of the Year:

1985 Tommy Danielsson (Victoria)  
1986 Kerri Tepper (Victoria)

Oceania Championships (Ballarat, June 24-27, 1986).

Men's Team (Open):	Men's Team U/21:	Women's Team (Open):	Women's Team U/21:
T. Danielsson (Vic.)	M. Hurst (A.C.T.)	K. Tepper (Vic.)	W. Hughes (Vic.)
G. Haberl (N.S.W.)	E. Kasser (Vic.)	N. Bisiach (Vic.)	L. Durbidge (Vic.)
R. Carlyle (Vic.)	P. Tonkin (Vic.)	L. Tichy (S.A.)	A. Campbell (N.S.W.)
D. Lee (S.A.)	R. Tepper (Vic.)		
Captain: T. Danielsson (Vic.)	R. Tucket (Vic.)	Jae Hwa Lee (N.S.W.)	K. Javor (Vic.)
Manager: J. C. Ostermeyer/N. Harwood.			

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Asian Junior Championships (Nagoya, Japan, April 1-7, 1986).

Boys' Team:	Girls' Team:
Darren Lee (S.A.)	Jan Tepper (Vic.)
Ross Tepper (Vic.)	Jenny Langridge (Vic.)
David Naber (Vic.)	Sue Mitchell (S.A.)
Dennis Makaling (Vic.)	
Captain: Noel Shorter (N.S.W.)	Igor Klaf (Vic.)
Manager: Noel Shorter	

Asian Senior Championships (Shenzhen, China, October 6-15, 1986)

Men's Team:	Women's Team:
Tommy Danielsson (Vic.)	Kerri Tepper (Vic.)
Gary Haberl (N.S.W.)	Nadia Bisiach (Vic.)
Alois Rosario (Vic.)	Wendy Hughes (Vic.)
Ross Tepper (Vic.)	
Captain: Paul Pinkewich (N.S.W.)	Jae Hwa Lee (N.S.W.)
Manager: Rod Lindroth (Vic.)	
Media: Doug Stewart (N.S.W.)	

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January 30, 1987.

## COACHING REPORT TO THE 1987 G.P.M.

This report is of a general nature, touching on a number of coaching projects for which more detailed information is on record. 1986 has been an important year for the number of initiatives that have moved from the shadow of ideas into the substance of reality. As these programmes move to maturity, a number of aspects of Table Tennis will be following a more objective sense of direction than before. This past 18 months has also witnessed significant benefits occurring in the Coaching Sub System from the work of the National Executive Director. In our efforts to elevate Table Tennis to a higher Intra and International level, both in the long and short term, the following has been achieved or provided valuable learning experience.

### 1. National Player Preparation.

An over-abundance of overseas coaching expertise and improved funding from the various government instrumentalities has enabled our players to be better prepared prior to International Events. The opportunities offered to younger players in 1986 for training and playing will offer a substantial challenge to the future "professionalism of preparation" needed by successful International Representatives.

### 2. N.C.A.S.

The number of Level 1 Coaches inducted into the system through Coaching Courses is disappointing but is to be expected until the game's profile changes and States are able to provide for at least part-paid Coaching Directors. Level II and III numbers are frozen pending A.C.C. review of our courses and a newly approved Level 'O' course has been designed to bolster the quantity and quality of coaching at the grass roots level.

### 3. N.C.F.

The Forum has not met in 1986 and will be incorporated in the Oceania Olympic Solidarity Symposium in May, 1987.

### 4. Key Events.

(a) The invitation, secured by the N.E.D., to compete in the A.N.Z. Sports Camps was most welcome as our younger players were involved in all three aspects of player preparation, Technical, Psychological and

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Physiological. The nature and standard of the objective assessments they underwent will help the individual involved, contribute to our scanty data base and place pressure on coaches to become more familiar with the new range of services they must offer their players.

(b) The 1st National Elite Coaching Seminar conducted at the A.I.S. in December made two places available to Table Tennis. The benefits from this weekend will be seen in preparation for the 1987 Asian Junior Team and the circulation of new principles for coaching programs.

(c) Negotiations for recognition within the A.I.S. are now in their fourth year and stronger support for a regionalized Centre of Excellence is apparent. If success comes in 1987, then our fledgeling efforts to employ a professional National Coach will be another step closer to a successful conclusion.

### 5. The Base of the Pyramid.

Has received much attention in 1986 with the formulation of a Youth and Junior Policy Statement. The recommendations will take some years to achieve full acceptance but a good start has been made in selection, training and competition opportunities. Schools' development, one of our major sins of omission, now has a Primary Schools' Classic Sport Kit (including video) and a series of programmes for Secondary Schools' use. The Level 'O' Course was created to cope with expected teacher and parent interest at this level.

### 6. Sports Science.

Dr. G. Allen concluded his study on Fitness Levels among Elite Players and presented a report which did not flatter our coaching expertise in this area. His report and follow up procedures have been circulated and will influence the structure of our higher level coaching Courses. Dr. N. Blundell has completed his work into differences between various levels of Table Tennis ability and his conclusions are expected in February 1987. The straightened financial circumstances for research do not make it likely that our Bio Mechanical Project will be funded this year.

### 7. Funding.

As in previous years, Rothmans and Ansett have assisted us in several areas but our main source of money continues to be State and Federal Grants, now supplemented by I.O.F. contributions. The new format for A.N.Z. sport Camps suggests a repeat of this bonus is unlikely and for the foreseeable future, we will remain dependent on traditional grants plus player expenditure.

### 8. State Coaching Directors.

There has been considerable turnover in these positions and a number of problems have arisen from this situation. Most of these difficulties are inherent in an amateur sport system and the game has to be appreciative of all services rendered. Four new S.C.D.'s will be working in 1987 and it is to be hoped that new ideas and energies can be harnessed to build on the contributions of their



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predecessors.

9. National Junior Camp.

After an absence in 1985/86, an N.J.C. will be held in January 1987. The original intention to hold three separate camps within the same venue has been reduced to two and the effectiveness of this idea will be evaluated. I have some reservations about the cost-value of these camps and would like to see their role examined in the light of National Coach position.

10. Olympic Solidarity.

A 5 day seminar will be held in N.S.W. in May, 1987. A structure has been formulated using Overseas and Australian Coaches to cover a range of topics and at different levels. The various sports science facilities available at Narrabeen will also be utilized.

11. Summary.

The above projects consume a great deal of planning and paperwork from inception to conclusion and increasing amounts of time are being devoted to this aspect of the work. Much time is also consumed in keeping up to date with events in the coaching world and servicing the lines of communication with those organizations from which Table Tennis draws benefits. Visits have been made to various States for camps and seminars and with the availability at Level 'O' and Aussie Sport in 1987, I see a greater time commitment needed in this area.

In concluding, I would like to register my thanks to the National Executive Director, Director of Coaching and Development, State Coaching Directors and numerous individual coaches who have assisted me throughout the year.

R. Moule, B.A. Dip T. Dip P.G.,  
National Coaching Director.

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NATIONAL COACHING REPORT

August, 1985 - February, 1986.

The 1986 National Coaching Forum has been delayed until December of this year, to enable a Reassessment of Coaches to take place and to bring the meeting back into step with the timing of the G.P.M. This is therefore an Interim Report.

1. State Matters:

State Reports have not been called for on this occasion and the only change in personnel is the replacement of Mr. W. Gray by Mr. J. H. Lee. All States have now completed their N.C.A.S. Registrations and all Accredited Coaches are now on the A.C.C. Register.

2. N.C.D. Projects:

(a) Salaried National Coach/Olympic - National Squad.

Updated reports were circulated in November and presented to the initial Directors' Meeting and the project is close to implementation. Financial support from the A.I.S. - R.N.S.F. - A.O.F. has enabled us to proceed. With the traditional support of the Sports Commission a "Revolution" has occurred in the conditions under which we can train and support our International players. In real terms, it is a small breakthrough and we must use it to ensure the major task, i.e. Full Status at the A.I.S. is achieved within 2-3 years. Much has been said of the need to do well in Seoul and the major disappointment for me of this exercise, are the precious months we are losing in not appointing the National Coach.

(b) Grants:

In addition to the A.I.S., Rothmans has also contributed \$1,830.00 to the above project and can be approached for more. There is no doubt that the new National Plan has impressed State and Federal Sports Agencies as Grants to elite players from both sources are higher in 1986. The \$6,500.00 received from S.T.E.P. is a significant mark of recognition for Table Tennis.

(c) Research Projects:

The 1985 Projects based in Queensland and Victoria are drawing to a close in terms of data collection and the analysis of results will be the next step. A Bio Mechanical Analysis of six Elite Players was submitted as a 1986 project and was accepted by the Applied Sports Research Program and put out to tender.

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(d) National Coaching Clinics:

Conducted by Mr. T. Danielsson and Mr. C. S. Shien were concluded in all States and future ventures of this kind will be undertaken by the National Coach.

(e) The Youth Policy - Working Party:

The reverting of this project to the N.C.D. has interrupted priorities and revealed some disappointing insights into our machinery for information gathering, policy formation and depth of interest at various levels. The decision of the Board to promulgate a Youth Policy from above is probably the right one in view of the overall belated quantity and quality of material received. I will thank, on behalf of the A.T.T.A., those very few people, who in my view, attempted to go about their role in the right way.

(f) Aussie Sport:

The project has run into some difficulties as Commonwealth and State Agencies sort out some nuts and bolts issues which have delayed appointments of State Co-ordinators. I am still preparing material for our participation in the project and lobbying the National School Sports Councils to improve the quality and quantity of our reception into this area.

3. Goals - February 1986 to December 1986.

- (1) Implementation of the National Coach/Olympic National Squad and expansion of funding for the project.
- (2) Completion of Aussie Sport Material.
- (3) Production of Youth Policy Document.
- (4) Revision and Rewriting of Level I, II and III Coaching Course requirements.
- (5) Reassessment of all Coaching Levels.
- (6) Implementation of (2) and (4) in each State.

R. Moule, B.A. Dip. T. Dip. P.E.  
National Coaching Director.

Several changes to the administration of the V.T.T.A took place in 1986.

The Executive Council which comprises the six Office Bearers (President, 3 Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer) held more meetings and dealt with more day to day affairs and urgent matters.

The Executive Committee (Council plus nine Committee Members) met on slightly fewer occasions as per the new format.

Our Development Officer, Mr. Rod Lindroth was promoted to Executive Director of our Association.

The State Government upgraded the position of part time Sport Promotion Officer to full time. As Mr. Tommy Danielsson was unable to accept this position due to his other business and A.T.T.A commitments the position was taken up by Mr. Alois Rosario.

The State Government also created a position of Cadet Administrator for a twelve month period. This position has been filled by Miss Sharon Graham.

Unfortunately our long serving Treasurer Mr. Eric Leder who was a Life Member of our Association passed away during the year.

This position was filled by Mr. John Beer who has been a former Treasurer of the A.T.T.A.

Several positions were contested at our Annual General Meeting which meant that we were fortunate enough to have a full Committee all year.

Our Honorary Legal Officer Mr. Joseph Kay was appointed as a Judge to the Family Court of Australia. His replacement is Mr. Paul Brenner, a former Australian Singles Champion.

We were honored by Mrs. Suzy Javor, a Life Member of the A.T.T.A being inducted into the Australian Galleries of Sport recently.

On the playing side the 3rd Oceania Championships were conducted in Ballarat. At the conclusion of the Championships, Australia played Test matches versus the New Zealand Team at Geelong and Ballarat.

We conducted the 3rd Australian Closed Championships at the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria. This year the Championships were played separately from the Open Championships and included inaugural Doubles Events.

Our players conducted themselves with distinction. Tommy Danielsson represented the Oceania Zone at the World Cup. He is also ranked No 95 in the World.

We were well represented at the Asian, Oceania and Asian Junior Championships in Australian Teams.

We are also well represented in the Olympic Squad, and had above average success in the various Australian Championships.

Mrs. Prisca Rosario won a Bronze Medallion in the World Veterans Championships in the Over 50 Womens Doubles in Italy.



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ANZ International Classic - Victoria Cup - August 1985.

This would have been reported in previous ATTA Annual Report.

VTTA Conducted Pennant - Spring Competition

The continued decline in team entries is still a major concern to the Executive Committee and steps are being taken to halt this trend in 1986.

Affiliated Associations are finding it difficult to secure the services of members to operate at an optimum level. It is of concern that the major governing bodies i.e. ATTA-VTTA expect so much from what are recreational players and officials when they are operating with professional staff for their day to day activities.

Victoria is pleased to report that in 1986 Mr T Danielsson will take up duties as a part-time Sports Promotion Officer - partially funded by the Department of Sport and Recreation. The position will back up the Development Officer, Mr Lindroth's efforts through the school system already established. The Association may also gain the services of a "cadet" for twelve months through the State Government's Training of Youth scheme.

Mr Igor Klaf's part-time contract has been reviewed for 1986 and his work level will no doubt be extended through the S P O appointment.

The administration is looking at improving facilities for the users of the Table Tennis Centre. Updating to a micro computer system with word processing facilities to cope with the higher flow of paperwork being generated by extra professional staff. Extra office space will be created at the Table Tennis Centre of Victoria with an extra meeting room.

The Annual General Meeting in March should see a full committee again in 1986, a pleasing aspect rather than continual vacancies.

One of the most pleasing features of 1985 was the Vicsport Annual Awards. A new category was "Vicsport Teams Award". From a field of thirteen nominations the 1984 Victorian Women's Table Tennis Team was announced as winners at the Annual Dinner. The players were; N P C, K Danielsson, N Bisiach, S Munday, M H No, B Benli, J Langridge.

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P. Mascal  
Hon. Secretary.

REPORT ON 1986 ACTIVITIES

The highlight of the year's activities has been the staging of the Australian Junior and the Australian Open Championships in Adelaide starting on 30 August and proceeding through to 12 September. Strenuous efforts were made to obtain television coverage but this did not eventuate other than brief excerpts on evening news programs. From the administrative point of view the fortnight of Championships was very demanding placing a great strain on the organisers particularly with a late hour change of venue for the Open Championships.

Kay Necklen has completed her first year as Development Officer for the Association and has worked hard to gain increased media coverage and has been deeply involved in promoting and assisting with the conduct of primary and secondary schools competitions. This area is showing a promising increase in participation rates and the challenge for the future will be of retaining those participants past secondary school and into their adult years.

Proceeds from two cash lotteries have been distributed to affiliates through the year providing a welcome funding boost for the Association and the affiliates.

A worrying aspect has been a further decline in player registrations with some of the decline occurring in junior ranks. A decline in the number of persons willing to take up committee work has also occurred leading to a situation where at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in November only 7 persons had nominated to sit on the Association Council with a further 2 persons expressing an interest in lodging supplementary nominations.

The introduction of "Aussie Sport" in primary schools should provide a welcome stimulus at a time when falling player registrations and a possible attendant reduction in funding from the South Australian Department of Recreation and Sport are resulting in furrowed brows among our administrators.

G.M. Goss  
A.T.T.A. Delegate

REPORT FROM NEW SOUTH WALES FOR AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

1986 has been a year in which the State Association has aimed at consolidating its management and policies to formulate long-term plans for the development of Table Tennis in the State.

One of the things we have undertaken is to become an Incorporated body through the Corporate Affairs Commission. It's a thing that had to happen in today's environment, to ensure protection for the members, as well as the Association's representatives on Council. Like most legal matters, we have found it to be a lengthy business.

A tournament that is well-run has also been an aim of this Council - to ensure that a high standard of Table Tennis played under the best possible conditions is offered in line with a well organised, well managed event that will satisfy the players. This was certainly the case with the State Open in Wollongong and the Australian Veterans Championships in Sydney.

This year has seen the computerisation of some of our records and a further system is under investigation for use in the management of tournaments. Of course, the average pennant player will not see what is happening in the short-term but hopefully, when we can get these systems operational, the benefits will be obvious..

The problems of communication remain as the No.1 enemy. Costly, time consuming and, in some cases, not reaching the correct market. We will be more than happy when some of the problems are licked.

Relationships with the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation continue at a high level. However, the Department has recently issued a stern warning to all State Sporting bodies - 'improve your membership, improve your playing status', or the organisation faces a bleak future.

It is with regret that it must be reported that the general attitude of Table Tennis players, of varying levels, is to regard affiliation as akin to visiting the dentist. We know by surveys carried out that Table Tennis is one of the cheapest sports to become registered with at all levels but players still regard affiliation as too high.

Whilst the sport is stagnant in some areas, it is heartening to report that discussions are underway regarding the formation of new Associations at various areas in the State.

Finance wise, the turnover was down on last year but activities requiring the attention of the Executive still continued at a high level.

1988 Australian National Championships. These championships have already gained Bi-Centenary endorsement and planning is well advanced. With the approval and co-operation of the ATTA, it is hoped to stage a special 6-team international series at the same time.

On the playing side, the State had a good year, with all State Teams performing well. La Cam added strength to the Mens Senior team enabling the Team to win the Teams event at the Australian Championships, during which Gary Haberl and Paul Pinkewich performed to their usual high standard and Mark Hurst rejected an invitation to join the President's team for the Championships, preferring to play for his State, a wise decision as results proved.

In the Womens event, we fielded the same team as last year but this time finished a creditable second to Victoria. Andrea Campbell had an outstanding National, losing only to Kerri Tepper in the teams and to the same player in the final of the Womens Singles.



In the National Junior events, the State won its first-ever Under 15 Girls Championships, with Lisa Shvartsberg, Rebecca Bellamy and Aldwyn Altuneg (still eligible for Under 12 events) having an outstanding Championship.

The State conducted the 3rd Australian Veterans Championships at the State Sports Centre, Homebush, in October. A record entry of 120 players attended, with New Zealand, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales represented and it was good to see the titles well shared, with Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, New Zealand and NSW amongst the winners of either teams or individual events.

A highlight was the Over 70 singles for men and women. We received special messages from the sponsors, the Commonwealth Bank, officials of both the Department of Sport and the management of the State Sports Centre, on how delighted they were to see these events staged.

The 1986 State Open Championships were played out of Sydney for the first time ever, the venue being the Beaton Park Leisure Centre, Wollongong. Despite a petrol strike, the entry was again excellent with players including the Tepper family (less Jan), Alois Rosario and Alex Jakubczak and others from Victoria. John Cooney from Queensland also played. All helped to make an excellent championship.

The 1986 Closed Championships were played at the F.G. Whitlam Centre, Liverpool, a spacious modern indoor sporting area of the highest World standards. We are fortunate to have venues like this becoming available and this Centre will be our major venue for the next few years.

Under 12/U14 Boys & Girls Series against Victoria. We took part in the fifth annual contest at the Wagga Wagga Police Youth Club, this year won by Victoria. This event provides young players with their first taste of interstate Table Tennis and is fulfilling the intention for which it was started.

As usual, the State suffers from a shortage of Officials of all types. The "I only want to play, let someone else do the work" syndrome continues and this does not help honorary officials who give freely of their time to run the sport.

Norma Callinan  
State Secretary

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## New South Wales Table Tennis Association

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Patron .....

### NSWTTA REPORT FOR THE ATTA ANNUAL REPORT 1/7/86- 31/12/ 85.

During the six months of the period under review the main activities of this association were :

- 1) Playing of a three team international series at the State Sports Centre, Homebush before a crowd of some 1300 people. The teams from China, Korea who played in Melbourne in the ANZ Bank Classic played with 'local' internationals Paul Pinkewich & Gary Haberl. As reported the night was an outstanding success with the standard of play, without doubt, the highest in Australia for the year of 1985.
- 2) The playing of the annual Victoria- NSW Under 14, Under 12 Boys & Girls series in Wagga Wagga during October. These matches are a great way of introducing young players to a higher stage of our sport.

- 3) The commencement of a Schools Development programme. As a result of steps taken in the last school term of 1985, there are many indications of a far larger involvement of table tennis in schools in 1986.

It is fully anticipated that the number of schools playing table tennis will pass the 100 number early in 1986, and we are looking at supplementing existing schools teams and individual tournaments conducted by the Combined High Schools Table Tennis organisation.

Our state programme will be greatly assisted when the ATTA school programme comes into existence early in 1986.

- 4) On a different note, we must report that our President of the last few years, Eric Coster did not stand for re election at our 1985 GPM held in November. Eric has had a major promotion in his business and we would like to place on record our appreciation for his outstanding contribution to NSW Table Tennis during his term of office with us.

It is also noted that Roy Jacques of Goulburn, a long serving NSW Committee member will move to Mildura early in 1986. We wish both officials the best for their future careers.



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## Queensland Table Tennis Association

The Veterans' Championship in Brisbane from 6th to 11th October was an outstanding success. The initial flow of entries became a flood towards and after the official closing date and this did impose some unnecessary strain on the Tournament Committee. Notwithstanding a virtual complete re-write of events, the tournament went nearly as scheduled.

Some comparison with the Australian Junior and Open events are necessary here to show the enormity of the Veterans' Championships.

	Junior	Open	Veterans
Teams entered	27	12	22
Divisions	4	2	5
Teams Matches	78	36	100
No. of individual events	10	7	13
Individual Entries	349	196	243
Individual Matches	339	189	634

The figures for the Junior and Open are as programmed and may be more than the actual number of matches played e.g. there were fifteen players without partners entered in various junior doubles events and there was also some re-arrangements in the Open events, also the number of walkovers/forfeits is not known.

The large number of individual matches in the Veterans was caused by holding the early rounds of some events as round robins. This, we believe, was in the spirit of Veteran's competition to give as many games as possible to the players. It also meant that some players who entered more events than their own age group played an inordinately large number of matches. A Tournament Committee proposal to play the round robins as single game 31 up was overturned at the initial managers meeting.

The teams events were;

MENS	LADIES
Over 40	Over 40
Over 50	Over 50
Over 60	

The Singles events were

MENS	LADIES
Over 40	Over 40
Over 50	Over 50
Over 60	Over 60
Over 70	

The Doubles events were

MENS	LADIES	MIXED
Over 40	Over 40	Over 40
Over 50	Over 50	Over 50

Teams events were played during the day sessions and individual events at night and sometimes early morning sessions. The teams events during the day virtually ran themselves. They did not require the additional manpower organisation, umpiring etc. of the individual events. With one exception (see later

report) there were ample umpires and officials available to run the night sessions with assistance from the players on the loser umpire system

There was some discussion among the players as to the worth of round-robins as against the conventional elimination system. Feeling seemed to be that the choice should be with the host association. In the World Veterans in Finland in 1984 round-robins were played in singles and doubles. Hard and fast guide-lines from the ATTA should be avoided if possible. There was also, as mentioned earlier, a suggestion that the round-robins be played one game 31 up which was overturned as not being in the Table Tennis Laws but I am sure with hindsight the managers would have regretted not accepting it. While not wishing to detract from the seriousness of the competition, 31 up was a practical solution to a demanding time and table space problem, although a modified Expedite Rule would need to be enforced.

Expedite was enforced many times during the Tournament and its application on one occasion led to the one dissenting moment in the hundreds of matches played.

At the final Managers meeting all managers were asked to forward their comments to the host association. These could be either constructive or critical but to date of writing no comments have been received. This report was delayed pending the receipt of some sort of comment.

B M McSHANE

PRESIDENT QTIA





## *Tasmanian Table Tennis Association Inc.*

(AFFILIATED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.)

### REPORT ON ACTIVITIES - 1986

In contrast to the previous years activities, 1986 was a reasonably "quiet" year for Tasmania. The State was represented by teams at the Junior, Senior and Veterans National Championships.

Undoubtedly the highlight for Tasmanian table tennis was the awarding of the Medal of the Order of Australia to Mr. Lawrence Herbert Wharmby in the 1986 Australia Day Honours for his contribution to table tennis and community activities.

I have briefly outlined Laurie's history and I consider that it speaks volume for Laurie's total dedication to Australian Table Tennis.

#### ATTA - Tasmanian Delegate 1946-1984

President 1955-1957; 1971-1972; 1983-1986

Vice-President 1979-1980

National Selector 1948-1956; 1964-1969

Umpires Committee 1959-1967

Life Member 1962

#### TTTA - Secretary 1946-57; 1959-1971

President 1958; 1972-1986

Life Member 1960

#### STTA - Secretary 1946-1957; 1959-1963; 1967-1970

President 1958

Vice President 1974-80

Treasurer 1964-66; 1981

Committee Member 1971-73; 1982-86

Life Member 1960

In addition to holding the above positions, Laurie represented Tasmania as a player at eight Australian Championships and was Manager of the State's teams for a further six years. He was also Manager of the Australian Team that competed in the SEPATT Championships held in Melbourne in 1968 and was appointed Liaison Officer for the "political" Chinese tour of Australia in the early 1970's.

In addition to these time consuming duties in the table tennis area, Laurie has also been very involved with the St. James Church of England Church where he has been a lay reader for forty years and a choir member for almost fifty years.

Tasmanian table tennis, as does Australian table tennis owes Laurie a great deal.

The umpires Committee has again been active with two Tasmanians qualifying as National Umpires during March 1986.

Coaching is one area that is still causing some concern and one which will need to be continually monitored to ensure that the standard of the players is given the opportunity to increase. Regular visits to the State by internationally acclaimed coaches is seen as a positive step in the right direction.

B.T. Dale  
State Delegate.

# TASMANIAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (INC) REPORT

Since the submission of the last report to the General Personal Meeting held in Hobart in September 1985 the Australian Junior, Senior and Closed Championships were conducted at the Table Tennis Centre at the Kingborough Sports Complex. These events were organised by the Southern Tasmanian Table Tennis Association on our behalf and whilst there were significant problems the S.T.T.A. did an excellent job and deserved the compliments they received.

Problems encountered were :-

- (a) Accommodation - with the Closed being held on the weekend between the Junior and Senior with players from both competing it was very difficult to arrange suitable accommodation.
- (b) Hospitality - because of the playing programme it was not possible to meet or see off some teams. It was not even possible, because of the non availability of personnel, to organise an after finals function for the Juniors and we are very grateful to the visiting Managers who did this for us.
- (e) Workload - the effort required to meet the load generated by 3 consequential events was enormous both before and during the period of the Championships. Two weeks of sustained full time commitment is too much to ask of Tasmania's (and I suspect any other State's) voluntary officials.

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the following officers were elected :-

PRESIDENT	:	L.H. Wharmby	O.A.M.
VICE PRESIDENT:		I.F. Stennard	
TREASURER	:	D.L. Wilson	
SECRETARY	:	B.T. Dale	

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At the Annual General Meeting three long service officials - Ian Stennard, Neil Kerrison and Neil Harwood were awarded Life Membership.

A copy of the 1985 Annual Report is attached.

N.L. HARWOOD

## W.A.T.T.A. Activities July 1985-December 1985

### 1. 1985 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results of the 1985 ANZ State Open Championships were published in the W.A. 1985 Annual Report.

### 2. 1985-86 OFFICE BEARERS

The Annual General Meeting of the W.A.T.T.A. was held in October and the following Office Bearers were elected -

President	-	Mr. Peter Douglas
Senior Vice President	-	Mr. Peter Muller
Junior Vice President	-	Mr. Kevan Foster
Honorary Secretary	-	Miss Barbara Punch
Honorary Treasurer	-	Mr. Irwin Parker

### 3. SPONSORSHIP

The A.N.Z. Bank have agreed to sponsor the 1986 W.A. State Open Championships. This follows on from their sponsorship of the 1985 State Championships.

### 4. 1985 SPRING PENNANTS

The 1985 Spring Pennant Competition which ran from September to November was contested by 24 teams over 4 grades. This is an increase in the number of teams from the previous year and there are indications that there will be a further increase in 1986.

### 5. PROPOSED PROJECTS - 1986

The W.A.T.T.A. is investigating the possibility of inviting a Chinese team to Perth to compete in an invitation tournament to be held in conjunction with the America's Cup activities. Negotiations are currently underway to obtain sponsorship for this venture.

The Following Annual Reports have been recieved by the A.T.T.A.,but because of their size are not reproduced in this, the ATTA Annual Report.

\*Queensland Table Tennis Association, 1986.'

\*W.A.Table Tennis Association, 1986.

\*S.A. Table Tennis Association, 1986.

\*Australian Table Tennis Association  
Umpires Committee, 1985-1986.

