



# The Coburg Spin

THE LATEST NEWS FROM COBURG TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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## Pennant results and leading players

As the Australian Open showed, finals are unpredictable, often with surprise performances from the underdogs and some tightly fought matches. This season's finals continued to deliver with excellent performances from the strong teams and some unexpected wins from those who love the added pressure of finals.

### Tuesday Pennant Winners

Section 1: Craig Carter and Ray Myrteza

Section 2: John Griffiths and Andres Vergara

Section 3: Matt Holmes and Glenn Stuart

Section 4: Richard Ooi and Paul Watson

Section 5: Phil Marchant and Kay Carter

Section 6: Oscar Teakle and Sam Willee

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# Pennant results and leading players

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## Wednesday pennant winners

Edmond Cheung, Josh Cheung & Onsy Ibrahim

## Friday competition winners

Section 1: Marina Lum and Gerry Ma

Section 2: Harry Luo and Mark Roberts

Congratulations to all those who made the finals and good luck again next season!

## Wall safety barriers delayed but still coming

Playing this game may send you to a room with padded walls, and we have you covered! Just not yet. The manufacturer has had his factory lease revoked and we have had to source new padding and look at additional options for installation. We need to discuss with council and come to agreement with a process forward. It is likely to be finalised in the second quarter of 2022.



# Robot damage and usage guidelines

The table tennis robot in room 10 was recently damaged when one of the feeder arms breaking. This was caused by the use of incorrect balls in the hopper. Only RADAK 40+ balls marked with the word ROBOT can be used in the Newgy 2055+.

Please do not remove or add any balls from the robot hopper. Please also pick up balls from the floor and return to the hopper at the end of your session.

For lessons how to use the robot, free for use by any member, please see [shorturl.at/yLM09](http://shorturl.at/yLM09)



## Summer pennant selections and fixtures

The pennant selection panel has worked their way through the list of applications and has seeded players for the upcoming pennant season. This is a significant job and special thanks goes to the pennant selection panel members Zach, Gordon and Khizar. The Tuesday fixture can be [downloaded here and from the website](#). Wednesday and Friday fixtures to be available soon so keep an eye on the website for them. If you miss out on a place, don't worry, there will be many opportunities to fill in. Tuesday pennant starts this week 8 February.



# Wednesday competition format change

The format for Wednesday competition has been amended to give everyone a good match. We are moving to a 'best of eight' format with the addition of a singles match. This means that **everyone** will now get to play 2 singles matches. There will therefore be six singles matches, in addition to two doubles matches (doubles will now be 'best of three', rather than 'best of five').

Each player in a team of three will be graded by the pennant sub-committee as player no 1, player no 2 and player no 3 prior to the start of the season. Each player must fill their designated positions on the scoresheet each round. These positions will remain unchanged until midway through the season. The pennant sub-committee may then amend gradings, if warranted, on the basis of players' results to that point.

As there are 8 matches, draws will now be possible. In case of a draw, each team will get 1 additional point. Note that winning teams will still get 3 points.

Please contact Brian on 0492 904 954 if you have any questions.



*Pictured: Six-time Paralympian, club member and Wednesday player Danni Di Toro*

# Meetup casual play Wednesdays

We have started a meetup group for casual table tennis players who may be fairly new to the game or are not of a high standard ... yet! A host will introduce you to other players, answer any questions and get you all started.

If you would like to meetup with a group of casual players who want to have a hit with similar standard players, come along to our Wednesday Meetup! It starts at 6.30pm and goes until 8.00pm. It costs just \$5 for visitors and nothing for playing rights members (includes off-peak, peak and keenagers).



Have a hit, have a match, it's up to you. RSVP your attendance at <https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/melbourne-table-tennis-meetup-group/events/>

## Other news from the committee

At the most recent committee meeting of Monday 31 January, the committee members present unanimously agreed to rename some major events at held at Coburg TTC.

Coburg TTC prides itself on being an inclusive club with no political, religious or specific social agenda. We also recognise the hurt and sorrow that the recognition of Australia Day on January 26 causes to First Nations communities. We therefore have agreed to rename the Australia Day tournament, ANZAC Day tournament and Christmas competition and will archive the associated trophies and medals.

At Coburg TTC, we want to attract members to our club and be inclusive of all. In line with the club's code of conduct, everyone should be treated with dignity and respect to ensure that the club remains free from discrimination, sexual harassment or victimisation. This positive step forward is in line with the club's values and communicates that if you agree to abide by the club's constitution, rules and code of conduct, all table tennis players are welcome.

