

# **WTTA Club History**

## **The Early Years**

Werribee Table Tennis Association was formed in May 1976, to be based at the old Palais Theatre in Werribee, sharing the location with the Werribee Badminton Association. A short, 10 week Winter Pennant was formed to commence activities, with a subsequent Spring Pennant organised to run from September through to Christmas 1976. The Association enjoyed a rapid growth in numbers, consisting of around 130 members at the time of its Spring Pennant.

WTTA moved to the Centenary Hall with the Werribee Badminton Association late 1976, where the Club Championships were successfully organised and an inaugural Annual General Meeting passed the initial Constitution and Match Regulations. A successful year was finished with a Club Barbeque at the You Yangs on December 5, 1976.

WTTA moved to its current location, the Werribee Rec Centre, in October 1977, operating on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights on a basketball court housing a 9 table facility.

The Association moved within the Rec Centre to its current location in May 1982, after Werribee Council proposed an extension to the centre housing a Table Tennis space to be shared with child minding facilities in 1979. Ultimately, after some negotiations with Council, Werribee Table Tennis Association secured the space as a permanent table tennis facility to house five tables.

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century and beyond**

Kyle Davis was one of Werribee's stand out juniors amongst many others. In 2008 Kyle represented Australia at the Beijing Olympics.

Recent years saw few changes except for new committee members volunteering their time to keep the club ticking over. Recent years has seen discussions with council regarding redevelopment of the rec. Early 2014 will see the start of a new centre with 12 basketball courts one with dedicated lighting for the use of table tennis which will be enclosed on its own to cut out noise etc of the surrounding courts. 9 tables will be set up with a larger playing area per table and more viewing areas. Membership has increased in the last 5 years from 70 to approx. 130 which is an acceptable number for our current venue, however a drive to recruit new members for the new venue is in full swing.

WTTA relocated to our temporary home on court 12 Eagle Stadium in June 2015. Nine new Xiom T5 tables are now being used across all grades and coaching on Saturday mornings.

Construction will be carried out in two stages with completion due in 2016.