



Newsletter

Who we are

- We are a Social Group that meets to play social table tennis in a relaxed and friendly environment.
- Our members hail from a variety of cultures, backgrounds, abilities and ages.
- We are all inclusive, welcome new members, help beginners get started & learn the game.
- We provide a safe and caring environment with First Aid Trained Personnel at hand.
- We hold several social events throughout each year, either free or of minimal cost to our members.

2018 Committee

President: Peter Haltis

Secretary: Kevin Solly

Treasurer: Peter Gill

BTTC Rep: Dean Wood

Members: Suzie Crome

Lyndal Ellis

Alan Francis

Nick Katsikidis

Steve Lepadatu

Helen Oliver

Austin Nevis

When we play:

Tuesdays: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Friday: 11.00 am - 5.00 pm

Fees:

BTTC Members: \$2 per day

Non Members: \$4 per day

NB: Regardless of membership status, all players have equal access to free tea, coffee, biscuits, donated cakes and social events.

BTTC Telephone: 8296 0882

THANK GOD FOR VOLUNTEERS

Pause for a minute and imagine our world without volunteers; volunteers who fill voids in health, conservation, education, culture, sport, police, fire fighters, fund raising, community support and the list goes on. Where would the world be?

Imagine our own social group. If it wasn't for the voluntary efforts of our members we wouldn't be where we are today. Luckily we have committed individuals who open and close the clubroom, empty the rubbish bin every week, collect and wash mugs and plates left around, clean electrical appliances, mop the floor, disinfect everything in the kitchen, clean the toilets, help in setting up for major events, maintain the garden, pick other people's rubbish that has been left on tables/floor, wash the tea towels etc and all this is done with a smile.

In addition to this we are constantly being spoilt by some very generous members who bring in sweets, savouries or fruit for all to enjoy.

Our social table tennis group is going from strength to strength. Our growing numbers tell the story. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to all of you who make this place very happy and inviting.

JOE MEURIS – A VERY HAPPY ROTARIAN

Last Friday, while visiting Bunnings at Marion, I saw one of our newest members, Joe Meuris, collecting funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Talking to him I discovered he and his wife Rita are active Rotarian members who spend the bulk of their time overseas, helping locals to improve their lives. Projects so far include:

- Building a cyclone proof village in Fiji, since 2005, that has stood the test of time. 1200 hundred poor people have found refuge in it. Rita has established two kindergartens in there, catering for the needs of 32 students in each.
- Refurbished a large kitchen in the Education Department Conference Centre – Papua New Guinea.
- Toilet/shower facilities as well as new ceiling and lights in girls' dormitory and refurbishing of 6 class rooms in Leste – Timor.
- Worked in an island hospital in Vanuatu.

In 2015 both Rita and Joe received an OAM for their endeavours to make the world a happier place.

We congratulate you both and are proud to have you in our Table Tennis group.

PORT ELLIOT VISIT

By now all of our members should know that our visit down south will be two weeks later due to repainting of the premises. The new date is **Wednesday the 30th** of May. If your name is not on the list by Tuesday the 22nd of May you will miss out.

FIRST AID UPDATE – PUT YOUR HAND UP!

Please see Helen regarding the upcoming session on **Basic First Aid**. You do not need to do any prior work, there are no exams and there is no cost to the participants. This is a non certificate course. It will enable you though to respond appropriately in any emergency. The knowledge you will gain will become handy and it may help you to avert any potential tragedy, including in your own home.

Member Contributions - Creative Ideas

We welcome contributions and suggestions for this Newsletter and interesting Tit-Bits



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