



MEMORIES of the golden days of table tennis will come flooding back when the Mackay association holds its 80th anniversary celebrations in August.

A former leading player of the 80s, Mackay businessman John Cooney, has confirmed he will be guest speaker at the anniversary dinner dance at Harrup Park Country Club on August 12.

John was Mackay Closed champion for eight years, won numerous Mackay Open and regional titles and represented Queensland at junior and senior national titles. He was one of the first coaches to be employed by the club, ahead of full-time coaches Mr Chen, Steven Gao and Brian Berry. His uncle, John 'Cocky' Lewis, was also an outstanding player and holds the record of a consecutive 12 Mackay Closed titles.

A meet and greet will be held at the Bridge Rd playing centre on the morning of Saturday, August 12, followed by the dinner dance at night at Harrup Park Country Club.

The Mackay Table Tennis Facebook page has a full list of office bearers and club champions from its inception in 1937, and if you know of any of these people it would be appreciated if you would let them know about the reunion.

The association is keen to contact former players and supporters of the club to mark the special anniversary, and is looking for memorabilia and any old photos people may have.

Please contact Rhonda Payne on 0348 177 294 or email paynecr1@bigpond.com or go to the Mackay Table Tennis Facebook or web pages for more information.