

Celebrating International Women's Day

Saturday March 6: We celebrated Women in Sport with a wonderful field of amazing women. Gary Walmsley & Ruth Cordingley attended the ABC radio station for an interview to promote both our Sport & this event.

Back at the hall it all began with our very spirited Celebrity matches. Our invited guest players Ruth Cordingley, Marianne Dengate, Kathy Willis (who were generously accommodated by the RSL), Rebekah Stanley & Eliza Forster plus our Townsville strength of Andrea McDonnell, Larissa Brown & Anne Selwood teamed with these Celebrity Business Women from the Townsville area.

Libby Zollner - branch manager
Willows QCCU,
Lizzie Ahern - branch manager
Tville Hospital QCCU
Rebecca Haynes - branch manager
Aitkenvale QCCU
Jayne Arlette - chairperson
Townsville Fire
Ann James - Sales manager
Townsville Podiatry
Brianna Freeman - Manager
Athletes Foot
Tilly Payne - Commodore
Townville Sailing Club
Andy Toulson - Producer ABC
Grandstand



Fantastic work by the Townsville club

Carola Bradshaw - Owner
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Danielle Evangelisti - ADF

Our Mascot TIGGER even supported the event by playing for a missing celebrity. The match was closely won by Marianne & Lizzie.

Marianne, Cathy & Ruth gave the Townsville girls & ladies a chance to train & be coached by them that afternoon- a valuable experience.

The day was completed with a Presidents 'meet n greet' hosted by Terry & Elle Morato at the

RSL, giving the whole club an opportunity to meet our Guests in a more social environment. Giving all an opportunity to get to know each other better, how their clubs work, training availability etc.

Sunday 7th: Saw a huge field of 40 women participating including 3 ladies from Mackay Janice, Donna & Rhonda, (wonderful to see you there.) There were some very closely fought matches in all Divisions including Open & Junior Grade plus our Social Seniors.



Tigger & Eliza Forster



The Mackay ladies enjoying the event

An enthusiastic group of spectators came and cheered all players on. A few of our Junior ladies even came & this is what is best about this sport that all ages can come together, compete & learn across the generations.

Some pivotal moments in these games was a boil over in the Social Seniors when Leigh Millar defeated last year's winner Dee Moyse in a thrilling semi final.

Also in the A Grade event up and coming youngster Rebekah Stanley had a significant win defeating North qld legend & newly selected Paralympian Andrea McDonnell.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors: TTQ with a grant enabled some high quality players to compete with our players, enriching the experience for both players & spectators. RSL with accommodation for 3 ladies. Jane Arlett of Townsville Podiatry with a cash donation and BluBerri Design for the beautiful posters.

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Table Tennis Queensland would like to commend the Townsville club on their fantastic efforts in coordinating the International Women's Day event! For more information on how your club can be involved in future, contact the TTQ office.



Townsville President Terry Morato with Sachiko

The winners for the whole tournament were
 OPEN Grade: Rebekah Stanley defeated Andrea Mc Donnell
 Juniors: Rebekah Stanley def. Rebekka Fliegner
 Social Seniors: Sachiko Okumura defeated Leigh Millar