

Table tennis time travel

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Captivating capsule: Letters and poems written to families, medals and guestbooks were just some items that went into a time capsule at the Empire Table Tennis Club last week. Life member Ron Menchi, pictured, donated many of the mementos.

Club members made the time capsule as a finale to their 75th jubilee last year.

Contents included souvenirs from other jubilee celebrations and top tournaments.

Many of the club's elderly members wrote letters to their families to be read in 25 years.

Junior members were encouraged to write letters to themselves which they could open more than two decades later for a trip down memory lane, organiser Melanie Armstrong said.

One of the medals in the cap-



sule was won by Maureen Crawford at the paraplegic championship in November last year, an amazing achievement by someone who'd started playing table tennis only two months before the competition.

"People here made me feel

welcome and that's why chose to play table tennis. We need more paraplegic people to come forward and play. It's been great," says Ms Crawford.

The time capsule was sealed last Friday, and will be opened in 2035.