



## **NEWS FROM THE BOARD No.5**

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We are pleased to report:-

- SARA staff vacancy. Following on from Jasamine leaving us, we have been lucky to have obtained the services of Paul Janzso to assist in the SARA store for a short period.

We are still looking for a suitable person to work in the office and store on a longer term basis, so please pass on to any likely candidate the following [Vacancy Notice](#)

- Recent appointments. The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of:-  
David McDonald as Competition Manger  
Richard McInnes as Chief Range Officer  
Both will take up their new roles at the completion the this year's Queens when Jim Bowles will retire.
- Relevance of the DRA and Country Teams competitions. Many of you will agree that the DRA and Country teams matches are not what they used to be. Members are invited to submit their suggestions as to how we might organise teams shooting in the future. All suggestions will be gathered together and distributed to all members before the Members Forum to be held on the 19th of June.
- Framed Certificates. The Board is seeking feedback on the presenting of framed certificates to winners of events like the recent Champion of Champion matches. What do you think, is it a suitable recognition?
- Team policy manual. The Board is pleased to announce the completion of the "[SARA Teams Policies and Procedures manual](#)" as well as an update to the "[SARA Competition manual](#)". They are both available on the web site by following the links.
- Roles within SARA. We are currently working our way through documenting the duties and responsibilities for the various roles within the Association. The current documents can be found at [here](#).
- OPM software. The Board has decided that in future it will be a condition of approval for all Prize Meetings that the NRAA OPMP be used. Alison Hansen and Don Flynn have undertaken extensive training in the software and are available to help all clubs and DRAs.

- AGM - East versus West Teams. Due to the packed calendar and the need to give the Auditors time to do their job, the Board has set the 9th of October as the date for the AGM and the East versus West Competition.
- Safety in the Butts. The Board has acted on advice and ruled that all staff in the Butts area during shooting will wear safety glasses (or plastic lensed sun glasses).
- Volunteers luncheon. A lunch was held for all the people (and their partners) who assisted in the construction of the accommodation block.

Unfortunately not everyone could attend but we again wish to thank everybody who helped. They are:-

Mal Challen	Mitch Bialkowski	Richard McInnes	Jim Bowles
Philip Bradshaw	Garth ApThomas	Chris Green	Frank Pinyon
Wally Muhleder	Frank Marshall	Kevin Stubber	Gordon Harrison
Rob Mitchell	Geoff Henderson	Reg Cunningham	Dave Clarke
Chris Williams	Paul Savage	Frank O Pinyon	John Samuels
Robert Battye.			



- SARA Office / Store security. Recently there was an attempt to break into the storage containers at the SARA office. We are pleased to report that the locks held up! As a consequence though, we have increases security even further with the addition of even better locks, security lighting and video cameras.
- Lower Light range maintenance. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank a number of members who have been putting in a lot of effort a Lower Light. These include:-
  - Mal Bethune for his many hours on the tractor slashing and spraying
  - Steve Powell grading and earthworks in the butts.

Helen Bradshaw for curtains in the accommodation block  
Mall Challen and Chris Green for building and electrical

- Lower Light new works.

The Board has agreed in principle to extend the tractor shed at the range. This will enable the storage of more equipment under cover and remove the need for the slasher to be taken off the tractor every night.

Accommodation block lighting. Those who stayed at the range over the DRA / Country teams weekend will have noticed changes to the outside lighting on the accommodation block. Four different types of lights were trialled and the most popular (the smaller "oyster" fitting) will now replace the fluoro types. Thanks to Chris Green for all of his efforts.

Finishing off renovations to the "Board Room" building. Thanks again go to Mal Challen and his faithful offsider Mitch Bialkowski, for their work installing a new door and lining the store room. There seemingly endless efforts are greatly appreciated.

- Opting out of receiving these emails. We are very conscious that people do not want their inbox flooded with unwanted emails. If you wish to opt out of receiving emails from us just let the SARA office (admin@riflesa.asn.au) know.

In opting out there is a danger of course that you may miss out on important information in the future as we all become more and more dependent on electronic communications, but we will still send everything to club correspondents as we always have.