



NEWS FROM THE BOARD No.10

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This is a very NEWSY edition - there is lots to report!

Insurance

The members rifle and equipment insurance announce several weeks ago is now in place. As of the 31st of January every financial shooting member has a \$12,000 cover. Remember for an extra \$10 (payable by the member) this cover can be extended to \$25,000. Copies of the policy etc are available at www.riflesa.asn.au/documents.htm

To get the extra cover members must contact the broker directly.

Details or inquires can be made to our Insurance Broker, Marsh Advantage Insurance via:

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- **SARA Ties.** The board is currently having a new SARA tie designed. I think most will agree that the old one was very 1960's.
- **E-Store.** We have now selected a company to create our new E-Store web site. This is a very exciting new venture and should help take, the already successful store, to new heights. It is hoped that the E-Store will be operational by about mid-May.

While we are thinking of stores - some people have suggested that we are not carrying some of the things they want. If you have an idea about what the SARA Store should stock, let us know! It is not always possible to carry everything, but we are more than happy to consider your ideas.

- **Lower Light Maintenance committee.** We are grateful that a number of members have put their names forward for this committee but it is not too late if you really want to be involved. The role of this group is not necessarily to do the required works, but to plan and schedule what is required, and then help organise contractors or working bees or whatever is required.



- Open Club trophies at the "Country Teams". We are thankful to Leo Stoddard and Clinton Pearce as well as Paul Bartel for their generosity in sponsoring two new trophies for the "Open Club" events shot in conjunction with the Country Teams.
- Range Fees for the use of the Lower Light Range. The Board has re-affirmed that there is a \$3.50 range fee payable for members to use the range outside of normal club days. There is a \$20 fee for non members who come out and use the range as "casual" shooters.

A "sign-in" book is in the flag container and it is expected that all users of the range will sign in on non club days. Failure to follow this procedure could mean the loss of the right to use the range outside of club events.

- Vlahos Trophy. We are pleased to acknowledge that Leesa Vlahos the member for Taylor and a government minister who has been a regular visitor at our Queens presentations over the last few years, has kindly donated a sum of money for a trophy at the Queens.

Leesa requested that her trophy go to the "State's top female" shooter.

- Caravan Park upgrade. Work has steadily been progressing on the caravan park upgrade. Some concerns have arisen over the viability of the power connection to sites, so this has been deferred for now, but the water distribution is going ahead immediately. All of the hardware for the water project has been purchased and there will probably be a call for a working bee in the not too distant future.
- SARA AGM. Some members have told us that they did not like having the AGM during the lunch break of the East vs West teams as it disrupted their concentration before the last range. The Board has decided to hold the AGM at 9:00am on the morning of the East vs West day to get it over with before the shooting starts.

It imperative that as many members as possible attend AGMs for two reason, firstly there is a legal requirement for a quorum (minimum of 25 members), and secondly so that members can see that their association is being correctly managed.



- DRA and Country Teams entry fees. The Board has reviewed the cost of holding these events and has set the entries fees at:-

DRA Team (TR and F-Class)	\$120
Country Teams	\$40

This means that SARA is subsidising each DRA team by approx \$29 and each Country team by \$10

- Queens Accommodation. Due to last minute cancellations, some rooms are now available in the accommodation block. Be quick if you want a bed!
- 2017-18 Affiliation fees. The Board has decided to keep affiliation fees unchanged from last year. It should be noted that the NRAA has also kept its fee the same.

Full Member	\$150
New	\$100
Pensioner	\$140
New	\$90
Junior (U18)	\$32
New	\$18
Associate	\$5
Life Member	\$55 (this is the NRAA fee for those who wish to shoot)
Provisional	\$25

- New Firearms Regulations. The draft of the proposed new regulations has been released. As far as our members are concerned, potentially the biggest issue will be the storage of firearms. The proposed regs say that a safe under the main roof must have 2mm thick walls and a 3mm door, while those in outbuildings (sheds etc) must have 3mm walls and doors. If you have more than 20 gun then there are extra requirements again.

We will keep you informed if and when these rules come into force. If anyone would like a copy of the draft regulations (electronic only - there are 96 pages), contact the Executive Officer.