



NEWS FROM THE BOARD No.19

13th April 2018

- **Our new Executive Officer.**

Mark Tyler, shown here with our current EO Paul Gale, has now started with us.



Mark will work with Paul until mid-May familiarising himself with the role. Paul will go on leave from the 18th May until his formal retirement at the end of June.

Mark has come from a supervisory position in the building industry. He is a very experienced in our sport being one of the leading F-Class shooters in SA as well as having a long history in pistol and smallbore shooting, archery and hunting. Mark is a member of the Phoenix Target Rifle Club.

Next time you have an opportunity, on the range or at the SARA Office, be sure to introduce yourself.



- **Members Forum.**

The 2018 Members Forum has been set for morning of Sunday the 8th of July at the Lower Light range. As in previous years, free accommodation will be available on the range for the Saturday night and a free “sausage sizzle” will be put on for Sunday lunch. Attendees will be able to be on the road home by early afternoon.

The Forum is a great opportunity for the Board to hear what YOU think. Please come along and help set the direction for YOUR association for the coming year.

- **2018 State Championship (the Queen’s)**

The Queen’s are nearly here. **HAVE YOU ENTERED?**

The Board is very conscious of costs and has this year done away with the Sweepstake prizes. This has allowed at \$10 drop in the Hunt entry cost and a \$15 drop for the Queen’s.

Also. For our younger shooters remember that entry to the Hunt and Queens is completely **free for those U18**

This year we are again honoured by having the Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le coming to the Queen’s presentations.

- **STARCLUB Club Development Program.**

The attention of Clubs is again directed to the STARCLUB program run by the Office for Recreation and Sport.

The introduction of the STARCLUB Recognition Program in 2015, allows clubs to go the extra yard and become better recognised by the government and other organisations that value the role well-run clubs can play in our community.

Clubs should also keep in mind that some of the government funding programs give preference to clubs involved in STARCLUB. (Please note that registration in STARCLUB does not automatically qualify your club for grants)

More information can be found at:-

www.starclub.sa.gov.au



- **Projects happening at Lower Light**

Two projects are being actively worked on for the Lower Light range:-

- The laying of gravel around the accommodation block to help level up the surface and to keep mud down in wet weather. It is hoped that this may be completed for the Queens.
- The repair of the bullet scoops in the Butt Stop.

Stay tuned, there will undoubtedly be calls coming for assistance.

- **A message from the outgoing Executive Officer**

This will probably be the last Newsletter that I will be involved in preparing. I would like to thank all of the members of SARA for the friendship and support shown to me over the last 25 years. It has been a wonderful journey - there has been wonderful times, great frustrations occasionally (particularly when negotiating the new range) and a lot of hard work.

I feel proud to have helped bring SARA to where it is now, and I feel it is in a good position to tackle the future. I know that everyone will support Mark, as they have me, and wish him all the best in his new role.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this year's Queens, one of my last "Official" appearances.

Paul Gale
on behalf of the Board