



Chairperson's Report

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The 2025/26 year was a busy and constructive one for the South Australian Rifle Association. It was a year in which we continued to build on the work of previous Boards while progressing the practical improvements needed to support our members, clubs, competitions and the long-term future of our sport.

It was encouraging to see SARA's membership grow to 515 members across 23 affiliated clubs. This growth reflects the ongoing commitment of our club communities, volunteers and members, as well as the continued appeal of target rifle shooting across a broad range of ages and disciplines.

Our competition calendar again provided many highlights. The 131st King's Prize at Lower Light attracted strong participation from South Australia and interstate competitors, while the return of East v West delivered close competition, excellent camaraderie and valuable development opportunities for our officials. South Australian shooters excelled at both State and National events, including Duncan Muller's Australian King's Prize Aggregate victory at Belmont and Bill Naismith's success at the NSW Match Rifle Championship.

Behind the scenes, the Board worked to strengthen governance, membership administration, communication, Board continuity and asset management. During the year, we completed and implemented a contemporary Membership Policy, developed updated governance documentation, continued the transition to the NRAA revSPORT Member Portal, and advanced planning for future strategic priorities. Much of this progress has been supported by our newly appointed Administrator, Porscha Sinoch. We have welcomed her fresh ideas and energy, and I am confident she will continue to be a valuable asset to the Association as we move forward.

The SARA Store remains the financial backbone of the Association. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported the store throughout the year, as every purchase contributes directly to supporting our sport. I would particularly like to acknowledge our store staff, James and Warren, whose dedication and professionalism ensure the store continues to operate efficiently while providing excellent service to members. Their commitment to supporting clubs and shooters across the state is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Adrian Conlon and Matt Lagana for their significant voluntary contributions to the store. Adrian has dedicated countless hours both in-store and remotely, providing operational support and acting as an important financial link between the Board and the store. Matt's retail advice and guidance have also been invaluable. Together, their efforts have



helped ensure the Association continues to make sound decisions on behalf of members and maintain the long-term financial strength of the store.

The Lower Light Rifle Range remains central to SARA's future. During the year, work continued across connectivity, security, site access, maintenance, target infrastructure and long-term planning for roads, drainage and backstop improvements. These projects require careful staging and investment, but they are essential to maintaining a sustainable, well-managed and welcoming facility for current and future members.

We have also been heavily engaged in negotiations with the Department for Environment and Water regarding licensing arrangements for overshoot rights into the adjoining bird sanctuary, as well as with SAPOL regarding the range template for the proposed 1,600-metre long-range gong facility. These projects represent exciting opportunities for the future of shooting in South Australia, and we look forward to progressing them when final approvals are received.

I would like to thank every member, volunteer, club official, Board member, staff member, coach, range officer, scorer, event organiser and supporter who contributed their time and energy to SARA throughout the year. The Association depends on this shared effort, and it is greatly appreciated.

I also acknowledge the contribution of outgoing Chair David McDonald and outgoing Director Alison Hansen, and thank them both for their dedicated service to SARA.

Looking ahead, the Board will continue to focus on strong governance, supporting clubs and members, developing representative pathways, delivering quality competitions and progressively improving the Lower Light facility. I am confident that, by continuing to work together, SARA can grow participation, strengthen our organisation and preserve the traditions that make our sport so valuable.

We also have a strong national competition calendar approaching and look forward to welcoming many new and returning competitors to South Australia. It will be an excellent opportunity to showcase our state, our facilities and the strength of our rifle shooting community.

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