



NRAA NEWS BRIEF

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Your Board has been very active since the AGM with four meetings held to maintain focus on driving a strong program of improvement initiatives.

Priorities to date have been focussed on:

Insurance – The Membership policy ([click here](#)) update now clarifies coverage for new shooters trying the sport as authorised visitors and allows flexibility in the time frame for joining. The insurance coverage has been revised to cater for updated club, range and discipline needs as well as third parties with an interest in various ranges.

Finances – Your NRAA has a strong balance sheet, but the structure of our accounts needs an overhaul and update. The Board has engaged an accountant to assist in working through this process as well as undertaking our bookkeeping needs. As the States and Territories transition to purchasing directly from the suppliers, the focus of future budgets will be on core functions of the NRAA. With this in mind, we are pleased to advise that NRAA membership fees will be unchanged for 2023-24.

Components – The large backlog of orders for .30 cal Sierra #2156 HPBT PALMA projectiles have been sent out now to States and Territories that ordered them. Members are encouraged to continue using these world-class projectiles while we wait for the backorder of Bergers to become available. Board members are also in discussions with other suppliers in regard to supply of other components.

Calendar – Most States and Territories have confirmed the dates of their annual championships, [click here](#) to see a full list of 2023 dates. The NRAA King's Prize and Kaltenberg Cup final will conclude on Sunday 22nd October. The NRAA Festival of Shooting program for the preceding week of shooting is being developed and will be announced shortly.

Board Composition – The Board is developing a skills matrix for the Directors to ensure that we obtain people from within the sport, and possibly independently, who will make key contributions in areas of expertise to develop and lead the strategy for the NRAA into the future. It is proposed that this will be in place for the AGM later in 2023, with calls for nominations for Board positions issued prior.

Members Forum Actions – A large program of actions had been initiated by previous Boards, but progress had been stifled by Covid and Director turnover. The Member States and Territories determined that the following items are activities which need to be progressed over the next few months:



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The **Board sub-committees** are to be:

- i) **Rules, Safety and Technical** – (Director Andrew McKillop to lead) - including SSR update targeted for July including ICFRA alignment on projectiles; Sporter/Hunter rule revision; RO re-accreditation complete by end June; investigating phasing out of TR 'C' grade to align TR more with other disciplines.
- ii) **Competitions** – (Director Adrian Siebel to lead) - including future calendar update; FOS programme; U25 mixed MCSI teams' competition; national F Class teams format; rankings and national team selection.
- iii) **Governance** – (Director Stephen Negus to lead) - including constitution update; trading name review; policy updates.

Project/working groups are also to be established for the following:

- **Sporter/Hunter rules** to input to Rules subcommittee
- **Communications** (social media, website, ATR, news)
- **Hall of Fame**
- **Components** – (Directors Albert van Wyk and Andrew McKillop to lead) - national pricing, transition to states ordering from suppliers.
- **On-line membership** system for annual affiliations
- **Finance, Risk and Audit** – The Board has initiated this working group and all Directors will contribute.

Expressions of Interest for Sub-committee positions are being drafted and will be called soon, on a progressive basis, with the States and Territories primarily responsible to identify and nominate suitable candidates. Members with the requisite skills and experience are also encouraged to apply.

There are several State Championships concluding with their King's Prizes scheduled during Autumn. Tasmania hosted a very enjoyable and challenging event on the Campbell Town range during March. It is particularly pleasing that the VRA championships will proceed as scheduled during April, with the PSR championships as part of that for the first time. North Queensland is looking forward to welcoming many interstate visitors when they host their championships during May. We hope you will take the time to enjoy the company of your fellow members in your club, at local prize meetings and at the upcoming State championships.

A special mention goes to our Australian F-Open and FTR Teams who will be competing in South Africa at the World Championships in March. Good shooting to you all!

Stephen Negus
NRAA Chair