



National Rifle Association of Australia Limited

MEMBER UPDATE #39

Chairman/Competitions – John Fitzgerald

NRAA welcomes the announcement by the Federal Government of the appointment of General Peter Cosgrove as the Governor General of Australia designate to succeed Quentin Bryce on the conclusion of her term of office. NRAA made no secret of our disappointment in the predecessor to General Cosgrove's position with her decision not to continue the tradition of granting Vice-Regal Patronage to NRAA. We are confident that General Cosgrove will reconsider the tradition on taking office in this regard and look forward to announcing a favourable response in the not too distant future.

Sad news in the passing of Joy Golinski in January of this year. Joy worked for the New South Wales Rifle Association in excess of twenty years and together with Stan her husband was well known and loved throughout the shooting fraternity world wide. It is anticipated a full obituary will appear in the next issue of ATR.

Final stages are drawing to completion with the National Grading System and hopefully will be published on the NRAA website by the time this issue of ATR hits the streets. For updates on this and other NRAA issues go to our website at www.nraa.com.au for all current news.

At the members workshop held at Belmont last December it was agreed that F Class discipline F/TR be included into Standard Shooting Rules (SSR's) for Australian Rifle Club's. This is presently being addressed by the NRAA Board of Directors Rules Committee under the stewardship of Director Bob Pedersen and should be completed in the not too distant future.

The NRAA Annual Championships (Queens Prize) is fast approaching in June of this year to be conducted at the Belmont Shooting Complex in Brisbane. Keep the date free for a week of great shooting on one of the best ranges in the world. Details and entry forms shortly available on the NRAA website.

Finance – Gordon Duncan

Whilst every effort is being made to ensure that the NRAA operates at a surplus the greatest area of concern financially is the Magazine "Australian Target Rifle". There is no dispute that the subscribers to the ATR are well pleased with it. Unfortunately from a purely mercenary aspect it is posing quite a difficulty.

Costs continue to rise but the number of subscribers drifts lower each year.

A loss of \$15000 per annum was deemed acceptable but in 2013 this has expanded to \$40000. Discussions are planned with the Editor with perhaps a change of format to an electronic version as well as other considerations. Unless an acceptable solution can be found an examination of the future of the Magazine will be imperative.

The cessation of the ATR is the last option for discussion. Please ask shooters to take up a subscription as an increase in circulation will be the major factor in its survival in the current format.



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Membership – James Corbett

Expression of interest for NRAA Fundraising Committee

The NRAA Members have approved the formation of a fundraising committee to raise money for Australian teams. The method of fundraising will be via a commercial online website and will offer goods and services for sale/auction.

Qualifications and experience in the following areas are being sought for positions on the committee.

- 1) Web Marketing/Sales: html design and layout, receiving and cropping jpeg files, typing adverts (1-2 positions)
- 2) Business Finance Admin: setting up payment procedures and protocols, preparing end of month financial statements to the NRAA Treasurer (1 position)
- 3) Product Marketing/Services Recruitment: Sales, networking with potential suppliers, overall knowledge of business and industry (2-3 positions)

Please note:

- 1) All positions are Honorary and the preferred method of communication is via email.
- 2) Committee members are unable to bid/buy any of the goods/services on offer.
- 3) Chairman of the Committee is the NRAA Director for Membership/Marketing

Please forward your expression of interest direct to the NRAA Executive Officer at [<nraa@bigpond.com>](mailto:nraa@bigpond.com)

Ammunition – George Edser

During 2013 Winchester became the distributor of ADI Powders manufactured by Thales Australia Ltd. As could be expected some teething problems were experienced with supply and distribution to the States and Territories. It was necessary for Winchester to meet and comply with the different transportation requirements for each State and Territory.

A storage facility on the Belmont complex obtained statutory approval also during 2013 and provided a further storage point and now assists in the stockpiling of the various products for distribution to members. States and Territories have been requested to implement a similar ordering proceeds as is used for loaded ammunition.

We have recently been informed by Winchester that 2206H is now back in stock and should be readily available in sufficient and ample quantities.

As usual, we welcome any feedback in relation to the supply of powder, ammunition or projectiles.

Many Thanks
Catherine Berry