



NRAA NEWS BRIEF

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Welcome to the NRAA's 4th Newsletter for 2023!

We hope it contains information of interest, and please take the time to review and forward onto your fellow club members.

1. Board Director Changes

NRAA's 2022 AGM was held in January 2023 and a Special General Meeting to approve the 2022 Financial year accounts was held in March 2023. The Board has operated effectively since with the election of one Director (Stephen Negus) and the appointment of three Directors (Andrew McKillop, Adrian Siebel and Albert van Wyk) from the State and Territory Members representatives on an interim basis. In July, Andrew McKillop resigned for governance reasons and in August, the Board appointed an independent Director, Matthew Rowe to fill the casual vacancy until the next AGM in November 2023. I am grateful for the support and expertise that these Directors have brought to the NRAA Board. They have taken on additional responsibilities and workload in addition to their responsibilities to their State Associations and demanding professional lives. As volunteers, Directors have limited time to commit to the activities of the NRAA, which is why it is important that the States and Territories continue to nominate and elect people with the requisite skills and experience to take the agreed strategy and business plan forward.

2. Nominations for Board Director Positions

The NRAA is calling for nominations from qualified and skilled persons to fill the positions of Directors on the Board of the NRAA commencing from the AGM being held on 5 November 2023. If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying, then [click here](#) to find out more information. Nominations close at 5pm AEST on 19th October.

3. Festival of Shooting and the National Championships

As the peak body for long range target shooting in Australia, the Board recently reviewed the positioning of the National King's Prize. It determined a need to provide a competition which is different from the State and Territory King's Prizes and sets a programme at the range distances for competitions at the highest level internationally.

For Australia to continue to be successful on the international stage (an action item in our Strategic Plan), we must embrace more competition at 1000 yards. Having four 1000-yard ranges in the King's Prize permits many athletes to compete at this distance in a compressed time frame, which is an opportunity not able to be achieved in any other event. Success in the National King's Prize will be recognition of an athlete's ability to master the vagaries of the elements and produce winners in each discipline who are truly "Long Range Champions".



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Last year we presented Queen's badges to honour the memory of Her Majesty. This year will see the very first awarding of NRAA King's Prize badges to the worthy winners. Please note that the President's Match remains as an all-range event and the Grand Championship will conclude with the Kaltenberg Cup and Mace Medal competition.

We would like to thank our sponsors OSA, the Q-Store and Gordon and Ruth Duncan, with particular acknowledgement of Vortex Optics as our major sponsor this year. Vortex is supporting the NRAA with some fabulous vouchers for scope products across all disciplines.

Please take the time to check out the display of their products. [Click here](#)

Entry numbers are already greater than in 2022, with late entries closing Monday 9th October, 2023 at 5pm. [Click here](#) to enter.

All information on the Festival of Shooting for 2023, will be available online. [Click here](#) and further click on 2023 FOS, for current information with the complete program information being available from Wednesday 11th October 2023.

4. National PSR Championships Re-scheduled to December

After receiving feedback from the NRAA PSR membership, that an event held on Monday and Tuesday of the FOS program would not maximise the number of entries, the National PSR Championships has been rescheduled to the first weekend in December in Canberra. Details are being worked through and will be advised shortly.

5. Quarterly Members Forum

A Quarterly Members Forum was held in late August and the Board updated the S&Ts with a status report with key items to note including:

- a. Finances are in a healthy position, but there needs to be investment in:
 - i. Website redevelopment/Membership database
 - ii. OPMP restructure/replacement
 - iii. Coaching/seminars development
 - iv. Competition management support
- b. A number of policies are in the process of being updated and these will be progressively rolled out to the end of the year.
- c. The National Teams Manual has been updated for National TR and FC matches.
- d. The Rules sub-committee continues to work through updating the SSRs, though this is not expected to be published until mid-2024.
- e. The Governance sub-committee is working through a redraft of the Constitution.

6. National Veterans Teams Matches 2024

These matches for TR and F-Standard will now be held in conjunction with the NRAA National Championships in October 2024.



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7. State and Territory Championships

Congratulations to the QRA on conducting a successful and very well attended championships series in August.

The moving of the South Australian championships to September was well received, with good entry numbers and some “hot” competition. Congratulations to the winners in all disciplines.

I recently enjoyed competing in my first WARA championships on the Pinjar range and was very impressed with the range layout, facilities, accuracy and reliability of the target systems. Congratulations to Wayne Oldfield and his executive team on a very well run event. With five ranges a day you will certainly get your money’s worth from your visit!

ACT hosts their annual championships in November and entries are now open – click on the link: [2023 ACT RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS Tickets, McIntosh Rifle Range, Majura | TryBooking Australia](#)

The next News Brief is planned for December and the NRAA looks forward to introducing you to its new Board members.

In the meantime, there is plenty of shooting to be had in the warmer spring season.

Good shooting to you all.

Stephen Negus

NRAA Chair