



# NRAA NEWS BRIEF

## 2023 No5



Welcome to the last NRAA News Brief for 2023.

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

### 1. New Board

Congratulations to Matt Rowe and John Stevens on their election to the Board for a three-year term at the AGM in November. At the first Board Meeting following the AGM, Steve Negus was confirmed as Chair and Competition committee lead. Matt Rowe was appointed to lead the Governance committee in updating the Constitution. John Stevens was appointed as Treasurer and Director responsible for the Rules, Safety and Technical committee.

The Board is seeking two additional Directors to be appointed initially until the next election at the AGM in November 2024. Ideally the Board is seeking candidates who have significant corporate and/or senior sporting organisation experience, and not necessarily in shooting sports.



Two major projects were endorsed at the Members Forum in November. The first that is planned to commence next year includes tendering to engage a suitable IT systems contractor to update the NRAA website, OPMP system and start implementing a national membership system to streamline efforts for all State and Territory associations. The other project is to start defining a coaching program to both train coaches (not 'wind judges') and to assist the development of shooters as part of a pathway to continued improvement, particularly in consideration of achieving continued success at international level. In addition, it is expected that coaching expertise will be engaged to support this initiative.

If you have the background and interest in contributing to your NRAA on the Board, on a suggested 2 hour minimum input per week, then please reach out to the NRAA Directors or contact [eo@nraa.com.au](mailto:eo@nraa.com.au) to submit your resumé and have a follow up discussion.

### 2. New Policies

Integrity in sport means that athletes, supporters and fans can participate and celebrate sport, confident in the knowledge that they are part of a safe, ethical and inclusive environment. NRAA takes integrity seriously and from 1st December has adopted the integrity framework of Sport Integrity Australia as the integrity framework within which our sport will operate. Further information can be found on our website here [Sport Integrity AUS - NRAA - National Rifle Association of Australia](#)



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### 3. NRAA National Championships

The National Championships were successfully conducted in October with increased entries in both the President's Match and The King's Prize. The long-range program was well-received, but very challenging, particularly combined with the heat on the last two days. Thank you to those who responded to the survey carried out following the championships. There was a strong preference for a move back to a June date, which the NRAA will review following conclusion of the 2026 Australia Match for international TR teams. Further steps will be taken to improve the comfort of competitors (shade, water, food) on the range next year.

Please note that the date for next year has been brought forward to conclude with The King's Prize final day and Kaltenberg Cup & Mace Medal matches on Sunday 20th October 2024. The Championships will be held at the Belmont Rifle Range in Brisbane, QLD.

### 4. National Veterans Teams Matches

These matches will be held on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October prior to the President's Match which will commence on Wednesday 16th October, 2024. The match rules have been revised to now also include for a State and Territory to field an FO and FTR team in addition to TR and F-Standard teams. Refer to section 21 of the National Teams Matches for updated details [NRAA-Competitions-Manual-DEC-2023-1.pdf](#)

### 5. 2023 ACT and 2024 NSW Championships

Congratulations to ACT on conducting another successful championship in November where the Kongsberg targets performed flawlessly. ACT has already started to prepare for a large influx of F-Class shooters for the National FC Teams Matches to be held in Canberra next year.

The NSW Championships will be held in Sydney on the Australia Day long weekend. This is the most picturesque range in Australia and is well worth a visit! [NSW 148th Annual Open Championships: J G McIntosh | Kings 2024 - New South Wales Rifle Association Inc - revolutioniseSPORT](#)



**ANZAC Rifle Range, Malabar NSW**

*Image courtesy of Marrickville Rifle Club*



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### 6. Handloading Components

The supply of components continues to be sporadic and in much less quantities than all of us would like. States and Territories voted earlier this year to be responsible for acquiring and supplying their own components and NRAA is aware that alternative overseas sources are being explored. NRAA has recently supported the States by clearing out old stocks of different Sierra projectiles.

### 7. Firearms Legislation

NRAA liaised with WARA prior to submitting a response to WA Government on the consultation process for the proposed changes to the Western Australia Firearms Act. As this is written, National Cabinet announced that a National Firearms Register would be implemented within four years. NRAA will watch both these situations closely as they unfold and continue to push for fair, reasonable, and practical reforms where needed.

### 9. NRAA FO and F/TR Teams to New Zealand

Good luck to all who are travelling to attend the NRA of NZ annual Championships in January. Our best wishes for success go to Matt Foster (FO Team Captain) and Ian Marks (F/TR Team Captain) as they endeavour to bring home the gold medals in the Trans-Tasman matches.

### 8. New Newsletter Format for 2024

NRAA will introduce a new Newsletter format for 2024. If you would like to receive the newsletter directly, please email your name, email address and member State and Territory organisation to [subscribe@nraa.com.au](mailto:subscribe@nraa.com.au)

Finally, the NRAA wishes all our individual members and their families best wishes for a safe and happy festive season. See you on a range in 2024!

**Stephen Negus**

**NRAA Chair**