



# Bull Barrel



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## From the Committee:

The next committee meetings will be on Monday:  
**18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> August,**  
7:00pm at the AIF Clubrooms. Any matters that need to be brought to the Committee's attention can be presented to meetings via the Secretary.

### 2017-2018 Committee

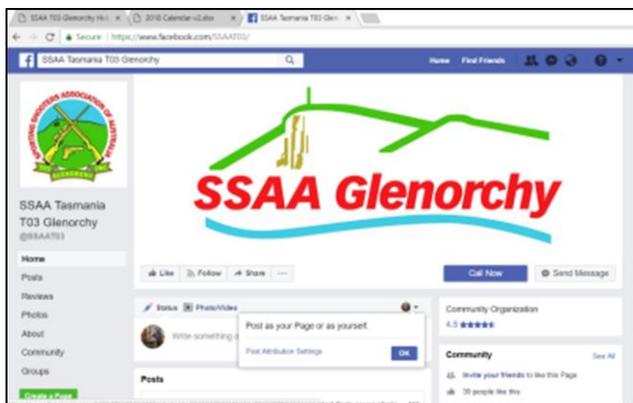
**President:** Shane Bowden **Snr VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis,  
**Jnr VP:** Paul Durkin, **Treasurer:** Shaun Sciberras  
**Secretary:** Phil Guest, **Committee:** Craig Parker,  
Matthew D'Orazio, Frank Mitchell, Glen Hanlon, Michael Newman and John McDonald.

## For Your Information:

Welcome to John McDonald who has been appointed to the committee to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mervin Reed. Thanks to Mervin for his two stints as a committeeman.



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On social media at last

Thanks to Glen and Micky for creating a Facebook presence for the club. There is a public section and a closed group for club members. Have a chat to either of the gents named above for more detail and remember that no post should bring the club or SSAA into disrepute and definitely no advertising firearms or ammunition.

### AGM 2018

The AGM is scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 in the clubrooms. There will be vacancies on the Committee so if any member is thinking of giving some service to the club, please complete a Nomination Form or have a chat to a current committeeman.

Any items of Special Business must be lodged with the Secretary by 16<sup>th</sup> July.

## Mitchell Range News

A request has been made to the council for approval for a lunchroom shipping container and power for the site.  
Early days but fingers crossed

### Range A

The 50m target frame bases on Range A have been completed. This now allows for up to 12 shooters to participate in target shooting at 50m. This includes SSAA Target Pistol and Service Pistol.



First shots at 50m

Target Pistol is rostered for the second Saturday at 9.30 and any 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday.

### Range B

The air storage tank for the compressor on Range B has been replaced with a larger unit allowing the petrol powered compressor to be turned off after the tank is charged thus reducing the background noise at the range.

To take advantage of the greater air capacity, the turning targets on Range B should be put to better use. It is envisaged that this could be achieved by running the existing "Action Match" on the turning targets on Range B instead of the static target frames on Range A. This would also allow for the "Classic Match" shot on Range A to be run without the time pressure of trying to fit in a number of Action matches on that range. As both matches could be run concurrently it would mean participants would not be waiting as long to participate in either match.

Please talk with either Shane or Phil to discuss this proposal as we need your feedback.

### Range C

New portable benches have been manufactured for Range C allowing up to 8 shooters to participate at the same time. It is envisaged that Range C will become the full time "Practice" range freeing up Range B for 25m competition shooting.

## AIF Range News



*A new challenge for Thursday night shooters*

On Thursday (24 May 2018), at the AIF Range the traditional Scoped 3 Positional shoot was replaced with International Rimfire Benchrest which consists of 25 scoring shots (plus sighters) in 30 minutes, from 50 metres, off a benchrest. Any permanent changes to the roster will be posted on a revised roster available at the ranges and website. In the meantime, get along to any new disciplines being offered.

The Wednesday evening INDIA (Introduction, Novice, Direction, Instruction, Advancement) shoot is still going strong and is a good avenue for shooters thinking of trying a new discipline to have a go before jumping into the competition environment. It is also a good learning ground for Junior shooters so if you want to introduce a junior to sports shooting, this is the ideal event.

## Working Bees

A reminder that dates for working bees at the Mitchell Range have been moved from the fifth Saturday to coincide with AIF working bees on the fifth Sunday. This allows Target Pistol to be shot on the fifth Saturday and efforts to be concentrated on whichever range needs the most attention.

There was a working bee on the 29<sup>th</sup> April which attracted only a handful of volunteers who did an excellent job repairing the MR track gate, cleaning out containers and setting up a firebox.

The recent "rain event" and flooding that occurred in the Hobart region also caused some minor damage at the AIF Range including the washing away of some of the paths to the Rifle Metallic Silhouette target bays.

As there is a Working Bee scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> July it would be good to get as many people along to reinstate these paths and do some drain and roof gutter cleaning.

**Next working bee is on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July.**

## Courses

Fliers will soon be available seeking interest for Range Officer and Holster Proficiency courses. Check range noticeboards.

## A Blast from the Past

It has been a long journey but photos from the 1970's show there has been significant development of the Mitchell Range. Vehicular access was over the dam wall.



*Taken from the dam wall*



*Turning targets. No prizes for recognising the handsome gent!*

## Presentation Day – 16<sup>th</sup> December

The club traditionally hosts a presentation day and Christmas lunch in December. Numbers have been waning in recent years and unfortunately very few hand gunners turn up to receive their awards. Have a chat to committeemen to make suggestions about how the format might be improved or a more suitable date be found for future end of year celebrations.

## More Bang for Your Buck

Consider buying shoot cards or a range pass for 2018!  
(Values in \$. \*p/s = cost per shoot)

	Adult		Pensioner		Junior	
	*p/s		*p/s		*p/s	
<b>Full</b>	10.00	10.00	8.50	8.50	5.00	5.00
<b>Card</b>						
<b>6</b>	54	9.00	46	7.67	27	4.50
<b>10</b>	85	8.50	72	7.23	45	4.50
<b>14</b>	115	8.21	98	7.00	63	4.50
<b>25</b>	200	8.00	170	6.80	110	4.40
<b>Pass</b>	(Assumes 50 shoots per year and T03 membership)					
<b>6 M</b>	200	8.00	170	6.80	110	4.40
<b>12 M</b>	350	7.00	300	6.00	200	4.00

## Your Bull Barrel

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