



# Bull Barrel



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## From the Committee:

The next committee meetings will be on Monday:  
**16<sup>th</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> May,**  
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.

### 2019-2020 Committee

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

## For Your Information:

### Welcome to 2020

2020 looks like being another important year for the club and our shooting sport in general. We now have over 870 members and the club is in a healthy financial position. Thanks to all those who designed and brought to fruition the *Shelter and Power* and *AIF 50m Firing Line* projects. All voluntary work is essential and appreciated.

### A Very Merry Christmas Indeed

The 2019 Christmas lunch and trophy presentation day were once again enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed. Numbers were down on last year so try to get to this year's celebration. Any suggestions as to how the day might be improved will be most welcomed. The raffle was also very well patronised – thanks to Phyllis who continued the high standards set by the Bennetts. Thank You



*A fine feast for all.*



*Rain eventually forced presentations indoors, but scores indicated excellent competition and high levels of marksmanship throughout the year*

### TPMBMP

As reported in a previous edition, the GCC has hired consultants to draft a *Tolosa Park Mountain Bike Master Plan (TPMBMP)* with the aim of upgrading the tracks, providing better access and greater connectivity between the *Mountain Bike Park* and *Tolosa Park*. It is very unlikely that the draft plan will recommend the continuation of a shooting range or nursery at the core of a proposed cycling hub. With this likely outcome in mind, representatives of the club have been working closely with GCC project managers to develop a *Mitchell Range Master Plan (MRMP)* which would incorporate all the disciplines and facilities currently available at the AIF Range, paid for by grants secured from applications written by the GCC project managers.

If the draft plan, which could be released as early as the next month or two, recommends the relocation of the AIF Range, it is envisaged that the committee will call a Special General Meeting to allow members to shape the submission that the club will make during the six week consultation period. This course of action will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The prospect of losing the AIF Range could cause a great deal of anguish and even anger to many who have voluntarily given their time and skills to create and maintain the range over a long period of time so please feel free to discuss the matter with John, Phil, Craig or Shane who have been working closely with GCC to receive regular updates and starting design work on a *Mitchell Range Master Plan*.

### Working Bees

Working bees for 2020 are scheduled for **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 31<sup>st</sup> May 30<sup>th</sup> August 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Please try to get to at least one at either range.

## Mitchell Range News

IPSC Invitational – On 29<sup>th</sup> Feb and 1<sup>st</sup> Mar an IPSC invitational was held at the Mitchell Range with local participants and a large contingent from Launceston. Thanks to Craig for his massive effort to design, construct and set up twelve challenging stages. Thanks also to Gayle and Steph for scoring and catering and to Shane for his BBQ skills and assistance.



*A pleasing turn-out and some excellent competition.*

Power at last! The club, with assistance from SSAA Tas Inc in the form of a grant, has purchased a generator for use at the range. Previously, members had generously lent personal units. It is still planned to connect power as soon as GCC can rectify problems with Property IDs in the area.

## AIF Range News



*Shane, Mike and Gil put some finishing touches to the new facilities.*

The AIF firing line now has fixed benches, posts and an extended roof thanks to Shane and his dedicated crew: – Graeme, Gilbert, Paul, Colin, Damian and Chris Morman who is not a club member but helps at most working bees and projects.

## Secure Our Sport

Recently, a victim of a burglary that resulted in the loss of eleven firearms was fined \$800 plus costs for not having his firearms stored properly. Check the Firearms Service website to make sure you are storing and transporting firearms and ammunition legally.



[www.facebook.com/SSAAT03/](http://www.facebook.com/SSAAT03/)

Facebook proved to be a very efficient way of contacting members during the recent bushfire range closures so see Jarrod, Glen or Micky to find out more.

## Service Awards



*Gil presents Lindsay with his well-earned award.*

2019 Service Award recipients were Shane, Paul H, Shaun R and Lindsay. Congratulations and thanks for your massive contributions to the club.

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As a response to positive feedback from a recent survey, a Square eftpos card reader is being trialed at the Mitchell Range on Saturdays. This system utilises a tap or insert type reader and a swipe reader that feed sale information to a downloaded phone app. Currently only Phil and Jarrod have the authority to use the device. Purchase of most goods and services are available with a 2% surcharge. No cash-out facility is available. Cash is still the preferred payment method, but please make use of this service if needed.

## Bushfire Range Closures

A reminder that ranges are only closed due to bushfires if Wellington Park is closed so always check their website as well as the club's website and Facebook. Ring the Secretary as a last resort.

## Give Yourself a Gift

It is possible to achieve up to a 30% reduction of the standard \$10 range fee by purchasing a shoot card or range pass. A full adult 12-month pass costs \$350 which works out to \$7 per shoot for 50 shoots per year or \$6 for a pensioner.

## Your Bull Barrel

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