



# Bull Barrel



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## *From the Committee:*

The next committee meetings will be on Monday:

**18<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
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.

### **New! 2023-2024 Committee**

**President:** Shane Bowden **Snr VP:** Matt Rao,  
**Jnr VP:** Gilbert Steenhuis, **Treasurer:** Phyllis Kannis  
**Secretary:** Phil Guest **Committee:** Craig Parker,  
Glen Hanlon, Colin Catto, Giulia Kurtovic, Gerald Wee,  
Elliott Wise, Shaun Robinson, and Paul Hunniford.

## *For Your Information:*

### **2023 AGM**



The 2023 AGM was held on 28<sup>th</sup> August and sixteen members turned up to elect a new committee. Interest in working for the Club was high again this year and all positions were filled before the meeting. Thanks to John McDonald, Paul Durkin, Frank Mitchell and Dane Cook for their time and service and welcome to the returning Shaun Robinson and newcomers Giulia Kurtovic, Gerald Wee and Elliott Wise.

### **The President's Report – J. McDonald**

Some highlights for the year:

- Just over 900 (940) members, numbers growing steadily for some years now.
- Financially strong (see Treasurer's report).
- AIF and Mitchell range improvements, including equipment purchases, are significant.
- All disciplines on both ranges now have a steady following.
- The Mitchell range is now being regularly hired by police and security firms, which in my view assists in our long-term viability, both financially and politically.
- The major reporting item for the year is that we now have a 20-year lease, on reasonable terms, for an expanded footprint on the Mitchell range together with a linked 20-year licence for the adjoining Wellington Park area (this is basically the A range). This represents significant security of tenure, the first in our 50 years on-site.

- Accordingly, the stage is set for both development of more pistol ranges and for the incorporation of a 100-metre range for the eventual relocation of the AIF rifle range. The committee has decided on an overall design (to layout level) for this development, with approval in principle from the range inspector. Council has been invited to comment, with staff also indicating support. This design allows for work to proceed without interruption to shooting disciplines.
- I suspect that we will end up financing most of the work, including a new clubhouse, ourselves. The committee will however be actively pursuing grants to assist in this process.
- Given current Council finances, I believe that we will be occupying the AIF range for some time to come, facilitating a staged development at Mitchell.
- As the focus for the Club will now be on building new facilities, I believe it is appropriate for me to step aside for someone with more practical skills. The time has come for doers, not lawyers. I have enjoyed my time on the committee and will still be available for any legal issues including the necessary development application for the new works.
- My thanks to the Executive, the Committee and members for their support over the past few years. Even where differences of opinion have occurred, people have ultimately put the Club first and we have moved forward.
- I ask that the new President be likewise fully supported, particularly by being limited to undertaking the presidential role, not that in addition to several others. The role takes significant time, and not just a pretty face...
- Outgoing committee members, in order of length of service, are Paul Durkin, Frank Mitchell and Dane Cook; all have made major contributions with the elders having done so over many years.
- Many thanks also to the small group of members, principally Committee members, who regularly turn up to rostered and impromptu working bees.
- Finally, as always, thanks to the regular discipline organisers, C range supervisors, admin (sign-in), chefs and range officers, without whom we wouldn't have a functioning Club.

### **\$ Profit and Loss at a Glance \$**

A surplus of \$20,429 is up from last financial year's \$7,180, mainly due to increases in venue hire (\$10,740) and pass and shoot card sales (\$7,547 up 62%). Expenses were up 16% with increases in insurance, leases and range development projects all contributing.

## The Treasurer's Report – P. Kannis

A dot point summary:

- A pleasing uptake of pass and shoot cards.
- An increase in the use of ranges by external agencies has boosted income.
- Range improvements have included improved lighting at the AIF Range and a wheelchair toilet at the Mitchell Range.
- A second AED and four new rifles partially funded by a successful grant application.
- Better management of investments to maximise interest returns.
- A considerable saving to the club by not appointing an external auditor.
- A bright future for the club largely due to the support and contribution of volunteers.

## AIF Range News

Maintenance of the main lights is ongoing and dependent on a qualified electrician with the time to do the job. Hopefully teething issues with the red beacon have been resolved. The next Range Approval should permit the use of such beacons as flag replacements. A recent application for a minor grant was successful resulting in the purchase of four new rifles, scopes and bags.

## MR Range News



The club has chosen a preferred option for the design of the Mitchell Range Master Plan which would include a 100m range, clubrooms, new handgun ranges and a relocated carpark. The proposed plan (left) has tentative approval from GCC.

The club has also decided to apply for a major grant to help fund the first stage of the development.



Thanks to Sebastian for providing real-time scoring technology for Steel Challenge and Single Action events.

## Working Bee

**Next working bee** is on 29<sup>th</sup> October at both ranges. Please try to attend as there is always heaps to do.



*A hive of activity at the last working bee.*

## IPSC Invitational

An IPSC Invitational event is rostered for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

***The Mitchell Range will be closed to all other events on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.***

## Single Action State Titles

A reminder that T03 will be hosting the 2023 Single Action State Titles on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. See Ray for more details.

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## Presentation Day

The Christmas Lunch / Presentation Day is scheduled for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Great day – be there!



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## Give Yourself a Pass

Buy a shoot card or a range pass for 2023!

2023 Glenorchy Range Fees		
	Adult	Pension
Full	\$12	\$10
15 Card	\$144	\$122
p/s	\$9.60	\$8.16
25 Card	\$210	\$179
p/s	\$8.40	\$7.14
Annual Pass	\$360	\$306
p/s @ 50 pa	\$7.20	\$6.12

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