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## **BULLSHOTS**

**Please keep watching our Web site and our Facebook page as all announcements will be posted.**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALLBORE SHOOTING**

**The weather is swarming up so it's timed to go WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALLBORE SHOOTING.**

Smallbore every second Wednesday night, consult the Club's calendar. This will give members the opportunity to complete their statutory shooting requirements, test ammunition, set up scopes etc. Please note, 22 rimfire cal Standard Velocity ammunition only. The Smallbore Range will be open from 5.30pm.

Come along, have fun all undercover. Daniel would love to see you there. 😊

### **RANGE WORKS and ACTIVITIES:**

Extensive work done on the Causeway at the 400m point,

Work in progress on the Mobile Phone Repeater and Security Camera System.

Johan Hommerstein and Michael Burton appointed as Range Officers.

Dan Shaw, of SHAWMAC INDUSTRIES, is a licenced firearms dealer and we have appointed him as Club Armorer.

**OBITUARY** – Ron Ford. Sadly, we lost Ron in late September. Ron was a Life member and a strong supporter of our Club. Ron participated in Black Powder, Smallbore, Pistol and Field Class. It was Ron and his partner Judy who established and ran the Saturday morning teas, for many years, up until Judie's passing.

We extend our sincere condolences to Ron's family.

### **TRY ANOTHER ACTIVITY**

Your Club has a lot to offer. Take a look around. Pick something different, speak to the Code Captain or other shooters and give it a go. **ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.**

**If you want to try Pistol Shooting then contact Garry Nosworthy, our Pistol Captain and Club Secretary, on mobile 0428 863 428. I am more than happy to take questions on Long Arms – Cliff Austen 0407 249 817. As is Geoff Smith 0418 631 598.**

**SAFETY.** *Safety is everyone's responsibility. THE GUN IS ALWAYS LOADED.*

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please read the following report from our Vice President/Secretary, Garry Nosworthy. It is extremely important that you fully understand.

Cliff Austen OAM  
President

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## From the NRC Secretary

### Memberships.

As the new membership year rapidly approaches the club's administration will be putting into practice some valuable lessons from last year's membership renewal process.

We did **not** use expensive Australia Post to remind members of the requirement to renew their membership, we used email, our website and Facebook but there were problems with our email server being blacklisted by Hotmail & Gmail in addition to our members failing to check their Spam folders so not all members got a reminder.

After resolving our email issues, in 2025 we will send out the first of 3 membership renewal reminders, the first being at the end of February, the second will be at the end of March and the third in the second week of April. If you wish to continue your membership of Nowra Rifle Club, you **MUST** renew your membership no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April or you will be subject to an administration charge of \$75 for late lodgement. If you are late and you have not contacted us beforehand, the Secretary will send by email an invoice for the late lodgement fee which must be paid separately before the club will renew your membership. If the late lodgement fee is not paid within 14 days the club will return your membership fee and you will be deemed a non-member. To re-apply for membership you will have to pay the application fee of \$100 and fill out a membership application form again. You will not be entitled to any membership benefits once you are deemed a non-member and you will have to pay range fees.

Membership renewals & late lodgement fees can be made by EFT to the clubs nominated bank account or by depositing cash or money order into the club's bank account by visiting the Horizon Bank opposite the Nowra Post Office in Junction St, Nowra.

You must **NOT** deposit cash, cheques or money orders to the NRC clubhouse mail box or to our PO box at Bomaderry.

### Membership Cards.

It was hoped to introduce e-Membership cards in the 2025 membership renewal process however for various reasons, not the least of which was running out of time to organise them, the e-cards will not be introduced in the 2025 membership year. The standard plastic cards will be issued but unlike 2024 only one card will be issued for both rifle club and pistol club members.

The issue of membership cards will be the only time the club uses Australia Post mail as it is very expensive to send out more than 500 mail items.

Members should make certain that you have advised the club of your current contact details such as physical address, email address and mobile phone number. It is a requirement of Firearms Registry that your club has your up-to-date contact information. If you are not sure, send an email to [sec@nowrarifleclub.com.au](mailto:sec@nowrarifleclub.com.au) with your current details.

## **Shooting Record Cards**

Later in the new year (end August 2025) your completed shooting record cards must be lodged with the club. You can lodge your cards as soon as you have completed your shoot requirements but they must be lodged no later than 30th August 2025. If you lodge your card after that date, you will be subject to a late lodgement fee of \$75. The club, will issue an invoice for late lodgement fees to your registered email address which must be paid within 14 days or the club will not process your shooting record card.

Remember to fill out your shooting record cards every time you shoot until the card is full. Please bear in mind that if you do not keep your shooting record card up to date, range officers are entitled to charge you a fee for their time & effort in going through the range sign in books to find dates where you attended and shot.

## **Works on the range**

During the last 3 months considerable capital works have been conducted on the NRC range.

500M Causeway. The causeway was being eroded by constant floods affecting the range over the past year. We have widened the causeway & reinforced the skirts to stop the degradation. So far, these works have cost the club \$9500. There is a bit more work to do which will cost another \$2K approx.

Maintenance of the range The range road requires constant upkeep as a direct result of the traffic volume that uses it. We install speed humps to slow traffic and to divert runoff from rain events which have been common in recent months. In the last 3 months we have dumped 150 ton of road-base on the road & surrounds at a cost of \$3000.

100M Carpark This past week, 60 ton of road-base has been spread on the 100M range carpark at a cost of \$1300. The carpark gets heavy use and the developing potholes were starting to put some major Shoalhaven roads to shame.

Top dressing of shooting mounds In the last month the LRR shooting mounds have been top dressed. This is required to promote new growth of grass and to replace the holes left by Kangaroos. We purchased 8 ton of dressing at a cost of \$800

Mobile Phone Repeater A mobile phone repeater has been installed to provide Telstra mobile coverage to the 100M & shotgun range. This will enhance safety and allow the use of EFTPOS terminals for payment of range fees and clay target sales. The repeater will be operational from the end of the first week in December. If trials are successful, Optus mobile will be included.

## **STOP PRESS**

The club's AGM was held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and the following members were inducted as committee & code captains.

Cliff Austen-President, Garry Nosworthy-Vice President/Secretary, Geoff Smith-Treasurer, Rob Coombs-Small Bore code captain, Geoff Smith-SBBR code captain, Paul Breeze-CF code captain, Cliff Lee-BP code captain, Eddie Oakes-LRBP code captain, Les Rosznyi-LRR code captain, Ross DePaoli-

SR code captain, Charlie Warren-Single Action code captain, Troy Smith-CF Pistol code captain, Stan Bagnall-Air Rifle code captain, Alex Edwards-Rifle MS code captain, Julius Kudor-PIMS code captain, Garry Nosworthy-50M Pistol code captain, Julius Kudor-Rapid-fire Pistol code captain, Charlie Morabito-BP shotgun code captain, Charlie Morabito-Air Pistol code captain, Ian Parker-Nitro Shotgun code captain, Ron Davis-Standard Pistol code captain, Jackson Baker-Hunting Club code captain, Robert Gielb-BP Pistol code captain.