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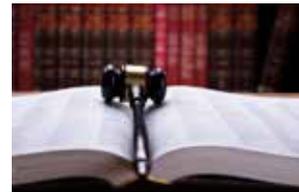
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**On behalf of the SSAA NSW board and staff, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



LANCE MILLER  
PRESIDENT, SSAA NSW

# President's Message



## THE NEW SSAA NSW SHOOTER

Welcome to our first digital SSAA NSW Shooter magazine. Our prior research indicated that our members previously liked to receive information via hard copy magazine. After this year's challenges from COVID-19, however, we have seen a massive swing to the more immediate, more responsive, and more cost effective electronic communications models.

Digital communications keep people connected in an otherwise disconnected and physically distanced COVID-safe society.

In addition, SSAA NSW is undergoing an austerity program, with the intended outcome of reducing expenditure wherever possible and using those savings to maximise member services. The printing and posting of the printed NSW Shooter Magazine were a high cost model and the magazine was restricted in pages and in content because of postage weight issues.

This digital NSW Shooter is much more engaging and allows almost unlimited information to be shared with you.

We have more flexibility and more room as a result of the new format allowing us to expand from the previous model of mainly reports and updates from the Board and Management along with updates from registry and Insurance to a more inclusive magazine.

We would like to encourage you to submit news and information to make the NSW Shooter more engaging.

Additional content can include:

- matches and match results;
- invitational shoots;
- historical photos and a brief story;
- hardworking member/volunteer profiles;
- difficulties you have encountered and solutions to overcome those problems;
- try-shooting and membership initiatives; and
- range enhancements or additions.

Our communications manager, Emma Tavani, has done an amazing job of restructuring our written communications with our Branches and members across NSW.

You will have already noticed the increased communication of important information about COVID-19 updates and support, as well as communications around member information and range safety updates.

Our website is also receiving an upgrade from Emma, to modernise the look and ease of use, while importantly, making the website more interactive for your research and engagement.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

It is safe to say that COVID-19 has impacted every person in NSW, and our membership is no exception. Your SSAA NSW Board and Management have had to make and manage some difficult decisions around the impact of COVID-19.

As a community we are now used to COVID-19 and its impact on our lifestyle, but back in March this was still very much an unknown. I am very proud of the NSW Board and Management for the accuracy of those early decisions and the ongoing work that has seen us able to reopen as much as we could, as early as possible.

Our COVID-19 safety plan was essential to allow the reopening of our ranges and the quality of that plan, along with the constant updates as circumstances change, are a credit to our CEO Jai and our staff.

We had to postpone the NSW Shot Expo that was programmed for June this year. The decision had to be made early because of contracts and costs that would become due and would be forfeited if we could not run the Shot Expo.

Originally, we postponed the event for June/July next year and we thank the various exhibitors and vendors for their support and understanding.



The decision has now been made to cancel Shot Expo for next year. It is unlikely that an event like Shot Expo would be successful mid next year. The Exhibitors would rightfully be nervous, and the rules around crowd densities like we achieve at Shot Expo would still be difficult to manage in the unlikely event that the Expo was even allowed to go ahead by NSW Health next year. The costs of waiting to see are very high, with hundreds of thousands of dollars being at risk, and we simply cannot risk members money on an unlikely outcome.

When it is safe to do so we will seek the support of the exhibitors and the organiser to book a safe date for the next SSAA NSW Shot Expo.

Another major impact of COVID-19 has been the cancellation of State and National titles since COVID-19 started. With some state borders still closed and border crossing remaining contentious we will not see National titles soon.

However, where possible, and with short lead times, we are hopeful that some state discipline co-ordinators will be able to run a state title. Each proposal must be approved by the Board and there are many obstacles, foremost being NSW travel needs to stay open and current COVID-19 plans must allow appropriate gathering sizes.

Not all disciplines will be able to work within these conditions so competitors should expect different conditions – for example BBQ's and food handling requires an additional COVID-19 plan, as does camping at the range.

## LEGISLATION

The NSW Firearms Registry recently initiated a review of the 2017 regulations. This review appears to have been a response to representations made by SSAA NSW, and other Peak associations, around impractical parts of the regulations.

This was a very positive exercise with some common sense proposed outcomes for legal firearms owners in NSW. The following is a very simple precis of the reg review. Further information and our submission are available on our website.

- **Extending the timeline for license renewal applications:** Good outcome.
- **Information around sighting in on private property:** Reasonable outcome, but we have sought some additional clarity.
- **Improvements in safe storage conditions for remote locations:** Improved outcome.
- **Arms Fair permits:** Reasonable, but we have sought some additional clarity around managing 20,000 visitors to an Arms Fair (SHOT Expo).
- **RSL display permits:** Good outcome.
- **Requirements for security guards:** Extension of training period for reaccreditation.
- **Approval of clubs & associations with peak bodies:** Update to accredited bodies list.
- **Management of NSW firearms licenses when a government employee is expected to work away and temporarily ceases to be a resident of NSW:** Good first step, but we have asked for it to include legitimate cases for non-government employees as well.
- **AVO of other jurisdictions:** Error corrected.





- **Banning of Bump stocks:** We believe Bump stocks should only be banned for prohibited weapons as they do not change the rate of fire of Category A or B firearms but can assist in recoil management.
- **Preparation for a permanent national amnesty:** Good outcome but may need more work if the proposed model is restrictive.

#### **FIREARMS AND WEAPONS LEGISLATION (CRIMINAL USE) BILL 2020.**

While the regulations review was a positive exercise with our regulators, I cannot say the same about the proposed Firearms and Weapons Legislation (Criminal Use) Bill 2020.

From the beginning, SSAA NSW has communicated with Members and sought feedback. We have been overwhelmed by the numerous responses outlining concerns regarding the direct impact of the Bill (if passed) on shooting activities and chosen disciplines. We know this issue is important to our members and to all law-abiding firearms owners across NSW, which is why we have made it the featured article of this edition of the NSW Shooter magazine.

Please see the feature article on [page 18](#) for a more in-depth exploration of the unintended consequences of the Bill and my report on our advocacy progress.

#### **BRANCH VISITS**

As COVID-19 restrictions started to relax, Jai and I visited 13 Branches, some of whom needed the support of our association for various issues – usually range related. It was a real pleasure to participate in these visits and it was impressive to see how most Branches have managed drought, fire, flood and COVID-19.

Batemans Bay have done an amazing job recovering from the fires that devastated their range and their community late last year. There was a need to change their access to the Pacific Highway. After stopping half way down a hill to turn right, into the hard-to-see range access, with a blind corner only 100 metres behind me, I understood the expectations of the local council. In truth, the access was dangerous for our members.

Batemans Bay did a huge amount of fundraising and were successful in securing grants to assist in their rebuild, but the road access was still out of their reach. This would mean all the good work on a wonderful range would be wasted, if the council refused to allow access. The SSAA NSW Board had already agreed to a request from Batemans Bay for support and it was a pleasure to announce funding of up to \$110K for the quoted roadworks.

Albury is a new SSAA NSW Branch and has developed from 65 members to 450 members in only 18 months – such is the energy of the Branch and the power of our brand. Branch President, Tony, has committed to 1500 members soon – good luck, Tony!

Wagga Wagga are also developing their range for more infrastructure. They successfully managed the fallout template that could have closed them a few years ago. After completing those works, they are now adding shotgun and pistol ranges to their site. Great work from a great Branch.

All other Branches we visited are in good space, with only two Branches needing ongoing support from the Board, Jai and our team to resolve their challenges.



## **BRANCH COMMUNICATION**

Branch visits are the best way to understand any issues and to engage face to face to ensure open communication, but Branch visits are not always simple to manage with time and availability, especially during a pandemic.

For this reason, we have commenced the Branch Zoom Meetings. The model is quite simple – up to five Branches at a time with up to five committee members for each Branch which allows strong communication both ways.

With more members per Branch participating and asking questions there will be a better cut through to the Branch members of news and feedback about their questions.

We have almost completed the first round of these meetings, with only a small number of Branches left to be engaged. I can happily report that the results are very impressive and the feedback very positive. Obviously, this model will continue with the next round already being planned.

Each senior member from an individual Branch is given time to outline their Branch plans and needs. This provides incredibly valuable feedback and sets the stage for grant funding and support, wherever it is needed.

Because this form of communication is so direct, personal and quick to establish, we were able to virtually visit five Branches a night for three nights a week at virtually no cost. It is incredibly efficient and provides real solutions for Branches much faster.

Throughout COVID-19 we have also been communicating via email much more often. The COVID-19 safety plan produced by our staff is an essential guide for ranges to operate within COVID-19 restrictions.

This plan is very comprehensive and required a lot of research and work to complete. Our COVID-19 plans have been referred to by other organisations as the best example of safe practice and many are duplicating our plans.

I do thank the staff on every range's behalf for this work, as it saves your Branch time and cost and allows our sport to continue safely.

All email communications are distributed to Branches and some are shared with members so that those of you interested in the health of our sport, our ranges and our facilities are provided with updates. If you have feedback, please email the office for action.

## **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE.**

There is some confusion around mandatory attendances this year. We recently sent out a memo to our members clarifying mandatory attendance, but it is worth repeating again.

After advocacy from SSAA NSW and other peak shooting bodies, Registry took the initiative to support shooters through COVID-19, by allowing us two years to complete one year's worth of attendances. This was contingent upon COVID-19 conditions reducing dramatically but, at this time, I doubt that condition will ever be enacted.

The timing for the beginning of this two years was 15th April 2019. This was a terrific outcome for legal NSW shooters, however, this start time was complicated for SSAA NSW members due to our reporting period ending in March.

We further negotiated with registry to support our members through the difficulties of the COVID-19 onset, as well as the bushfires and floods that had affected our members throughout the previous SSAA reporting period. We achieved a successful outcome for the 2019/20 reporting period.

While we continually advocate against mandatory attendances, as per a previous AGM resolution, it is still a legal requirement of shooters in NSW and we remain, first and foremost, law-abiding firearms owners.

Soon, mandatory reporting will be policed more rigorously and you need to be aware of your attendances being monitored. Not having sufficient hunts or range visits annually could invalidate your licence.

We encourage all members to continue completing their attendances and avoid leaving their requirements until the end of the extended reporting period.

Last minute attendances in the January to March period will be significantly more challenging due to restricted numbers and physical distancing, as well as the possibility that the ongoing COVID-19 situation could restrict access to ranges or even close ranges in the event of an escalation.

## **NATIONAL UPDATE – AGM.**

The National AGM was held recently after being postponed from May this year due to COVID-19. Restrictions on state travel blocked the potential for a National AGM via the conventional (and preferred) face-to-face model for SSAA Inc.

The SSAA Inc. is incorporated in South Australia and SA Fair

Trading only allow a six-month postponement of AGMs. SA Fair Trading have instead encouraged the use of electronic AGMs to ensure requirements are met.

NSW Fair Trading allowed AGMs to be postponed up until our next AGM which is the path NSW has followed, as we would prefer face-to-face where possible. Watching COVID-19 reports in the Northern Hemisphere is daunting, as many Nations go back into high level quarantine.

We are prepared for difficulties for next year but hope to see your Branch delegates at a face-to-face AGM for NSW next year.

At the National AGM an electronic voting platform was used, along with video communication. The learnings and the success of this model may be needed at State or Branch level if restrictions on large, face-to-face meetings continue.

During the AGM, I was honoured to be elected unopposed as National President. I look forward to working together with our states and our 200,000 members nation-wide. As we head in 2021, we will be undertaking some very important work on behalf of all law-abiding firearms owners.

#### **THANK YOU**

To finish I would like to thank all our members who have remained patient with us through the COVID-19 closures and the constantly changing regulations around the re-opening of ranges and competitions.

I would especially like to thank the volunteers on the committees, range management, discipline management, and the range officers. They have managed the changing rules while giving up their time to ensure that we are legal and compliant while, most importantly, opening our ranges for our members where possible and safe to do so.

Thank you all and I hope that you enjoy our new, bigger and better digital magazine.

On behalf of the SSAA NSW board and staff, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lance.



**Lance Miller outside the  
Legislative Assembly,  
opposing the Firearms  
and Weapons Legislation  
(Criminal Use) Bill 2020  
(report on page 16).**



**Building on the fantastic work from our Branches and Clubs, modernising our systems to better service existing and new members, significantly increasing our advocacy program and of course, increasing communication has seen an increase in our membership.**



JAI ROWELL  
CEO, SSAA NSW

# Jai's Journal



## G'day Members,

Welcome to our new look NSW Shooter magazine in an electronic format. As Lance indicated, we are modernising our Association. The digital magazine and new look website is part of that change. The new format is designed to ensure better engagement with members and provide an opportunity for members and branches/clubs to contribute content.

Content will build over time and its success lies with all of us engaging and sending information of note about your shooting community. I strongly encourage you to participate and promote your local branch/club events, share a hunting story, or highlight a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to promote the shooting sports.

### COVID-19

COVID-19 continues to dominate government policy and our everyday lives. Although NSW restrictions have eased significantly, we must remain vigilant as we see new cases surge overseas. It goes without question that COVID-19 has impacted our sport and hunting opportunities. A massive thank you to all our volunteers, branches and clubs who have worked so hard following advice and getting our sport to as close to normal as it can be, at this time.

SSAA NSW has always maintained that in the context of COVID-19, our sport is one of the safest, being a non-contact sport. Physical distancing is also supported by the space already required at a range and in hunting groups (with reduced numbers). As a law-abiding Association we have followed the government guidelines and we thank everyone for playing their part. We ask that everyone continue to follow your local range's COVID-19 plan and

note that restrictions can change at short notice by the government.

### STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Whilst COVID-19 has had significant impact on our Association (and many others), I am glad to say that the SSAA NSW board and management have adapted to lessen that impact and to ensure we remain in a good position for the future. With less revenue coming in this year, we have continued to change practices to ensure that every cent saved can go back into member services.

Our office has received more phone calls during COVID-19 than at any time in the past. In fact, the increase of calls has been substantial. Although our budget has not allowed us to recruit additional staff, I am pleased to say that our team have stepped up to the plate to service the increased workload.

We love to be in contact with our members and our members continue to reach out, whether for a specific inquiry or to provide SSAA NSW with helpful information.

We have previously received feedback with regards to our phone system and the inefficient lines and options that often caused confusion and delay for our members. After assessing these processes, SSAA NSW has now modernised the technology used for our phone system, whilst maintaining the same phone number.

We have real time data now allowing adequate resources to be allocated. Our new system provides monthly reports on:

- how many calls came through;
- the average time of each call;



- which staff member is taking the calls;
- how many calls went to voicemail; and
- how many of those calls were returned.

It will take time to analyse a sufficient amount of data from the information above, but early reports are showing many more members are now able to get in contact with us with increased ease. This is a great management tool and most importantly is focused on improving services for members.

### **58,000 MEMBERS STRONG AND GROWING**

It is well known that our membership, although the largest of any peak association, had largely remained constant at approximately 56,000 members for some time.

One of the first tasks our President and Board made clear to myself was that this had to change. 2020 was to be our year of growth. With the onset of COVID-19, however, it was anticipated that growth could not increase within pandemic conditions and may, instead, drop.

With that challenge, SSAA NSW continued to investigate ways to increase growth in the restricted circumstances. Building on the fantastic work from our Branches and Clubs, modernising our systems to better service existing and new members, significantly increasing our advocacy program and of course, increasing communication has seen an increase in our membership. We have now added an additional 2,000 members to the SSAA NSW family.

This is a great achievement in a short period of time and we continue to look to improve on this further. There is strength in numbers, as they say, which is helping with our advocacy campaigns with government.

I would ask everyone reading this to try and encourage one new member to join by Australia Day 2021, whether it be a family member, a friend, a co-worker or neighbour.

If you are reading this and are a licensed shooter, but not a member, I would ask you to consider joining SSAA NSW. Becoming a member supports the sport we love and allows us to continue protecting law-abiding firearms owners. This is the time we need your support.

### **ADVOCACY**

Lance has outlined, in his report and extended review ([see page 18](#)), the important ongoing work in relation to advocacy, including our recent appearance before the NSW Upper House Inquiry.

Although there have been some good wins, of course, our attention turns to the unintended consequences that negatively impact law-abiding firearms owners as a result of the Firearms (Criminal Use) Bill before the NSW parliament.

Rest assured we are working overtime in our advocacy and

we thank everyone who has put in a submission, contacted us and joined the campaign. Please watch this space for our next request for help, where we can all play a part.

If the Bill is passed, without addressing the significant unintended consequences, it will represent the largest negative impact to law-abiding firearms owners in more than a generation.

SSAA NSW always supports tougher penalties on criminals, but we cannot sit idly by while law-abiding citizens are impacted instead.

We have reached out across the political divide and it is encouraging to see individual members of parliament wanting to learn more. The journey is far from over but, rest assured, we will continue to advocate for you.

As Lance highlights, this is our biggest political engagement for SSAA NSW and we all must stand together. As a former parliamentarian myself, I understand that unintended consequences do occur from time to time. It is easier to fix an issue before it becomes legislation than it is to amend it after a law is passed. Now is the time to act.

SSAA NSW has significantly increased its advocacy from years gone by and I can assure you that our collective membership of 58,000 members across the Association does not go unnoticed by the decision makers. As I mentioned earlier, this is the time to increase our membership right across NSW, to bring further weight to our advocacy.

### **FINANCES**

In his President's report, Lance highlights the need for austerity without impact to member services and that was the first task that was assigned to me as the new CEO in 2019. It was a fact that the previous year saw SSAA NSW post an approximate \$300,000 loss whilst receiving significantly more income.

Whilst there were good reasons for that to benefit members, it was not a trajectory that could continue in the medium term. When I commenced as CEO, 2019 was on track to post a similar result. I am pleased to report that with careful stewardship by the Board and management, the result for 2019 has markedly improved to an almost break-even point.

COVID-19 has hit SSAA NSW finances greatly, with revenue down due to the necessary cancellation of SHOT Expo. However, with the changes and budgeting measures implemented in 2019 continuing through this year, we are on track to ensure that we weather the storm well.

With every dollar saved, we can invest in range development, member services and the ever important increase in advocacy. There is always room for improvement in this space, but SSAA NSW is consistently focused on efficient management of member funds.



**Jai Rowell on the road,  
visiting Branches and ranges.**



## RANGE DEVELOPMENT

Despite COVID-19, we have been able to invest in range development and we look forward to doing more in 2021. It is great to work with dedicated Branches and clubs, in the interests of the sport.

Much work has been done in this space all over NSW. I am pleased to announce that the funding for the Dubbo range is coming through now and we look forward to seeing a completed range by the end of next year.

SSAA NSW is in the business of completing projects and we have added resources to this very important key task. I look forward to updating you in the new year on range development.

## THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

As I complete my second year at SSAA NSW, I would like to thank our fantastic members and volunteers who work so hard and make the job that much more enjoyable. As the CEO of one of the largest sporting organisations in Australia, it has been an amazing experience so far, despite the hurdles of COVID-19.

I hope you can see the positive changes that are being implemented to ensure that the new SSAA NSW is modern, member focused, forward facing and, most of all, enjoyable for all.

A big thank you must go to our President, Lance Miller, and the entire Board who work extremely hard all year round. Their passion for the sport is inspiring and despite being volunteers, they work harder than any Board of which I have been a part. Lance has travelled all over the state, lead hundreds of meetings and been a fierce advocate for us. Our Board's strong management and dedication has put us in a great position moving forward.

Also, a big thank you to our staff who are a part of the positive change. They have worked extremely hard this year, ensuring we continue to provide top-tier services to our members through the unpredictable challenges of COVID-19. Even when the office had to close, the team quickly adapted to ensure systems were maintained, the increased workload was covered and it was "business as usual" for our members.

Lastly, on behalf of the SSAA NSW team, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous new year. 2021 will be a big year for us all.

As always, see you at the range or out in the field!

Jai.



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is modern, member  
focused, forward  
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# Brucellosis

Safe hunting practices this season

SOURCE: NSW GOVERNMENT  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FACT SHEET



## WHAT IS BRUCELLOSIS?

Brucellosis is an infection caused by the bacterium *Brucella* that is spread to humans from infected animals. Although animals are infected worldwide, brucellosis is well controlled in most developed countries including Australia. Rarely, brucellosis infection occurs in humans.

Different types of *Brucella* bacteria infect different animals. There are five types of *Brucella* bacteria that are known to cause brucellosis in humans. The following three are of particular importance to Australian residents and travellers:

- *Brucella suis* usually infects pigs. *Brucella suis* was last diagnosed in NSW domestic pigs in 1968. *Brucella suis* infection is widespread in Queensland's feral pig population and it has also been detected in the feral pig population in northern New South Wales (NSW). *Brucella suis* has also been detected in dogs that have been pig-hunting or that have been fed raw feral pig meat.
- *Brucella melitensis* usually infects goats, sheep and camels. It is not found in Australia but occurs in many areas overseas, particularly in the Mediterranean, Middle East, Central Asia and Central America.
- *Brucella abortus* usually infects cattle. Bovine brucellosis (brucellosis in cattle) has been eradicated from all states of Australia, including NSW, since 1989.

Although *Brucella ovis* is present in sheep flocks across NSW, it is not known to cause human disease.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

- Brucellosis typically begins with a flu-like illness. This may include fever, headache, weakness, drenching sweats, chills, weight loss, joint and muscle pain, and generalised aches. Inflammation of the liver and spleen, and gastrointestinal or respiratory symptoms may also occur. In males, the testicles may become inflamed. Rarely, the valves inside the heart may become infected and this can be fatal.
- The symptoms usually start 5-60 days after a person has been infected.
- Infection typically lasts for days or months but can occasionally last for a year or more and may recur.
- Disease may be mild and some people get no symptoms of infection
- Pregnant women and their babies are at risk of developing severe disease. If left untreated, infection may cause birth defects, spontaneous abortion or fetal death.

## HOW IS IT SPREAD?

- In Australia, people may become infected through:
  1. Direct contact with tissues or body fluids of an infected animal (such as feral pigs or dogs) – the risk is greatest when a person has skin cuts or grazes that come into contact with the tissues and body fluids like blood, urine, vaginal discharges, birth products and aborted fetuses
  2. Eating undercooked meat from an infected animal
- Additionally travellers to countries where brucellosis is more common may become infected through consuming unpasteurised dairy products (such as raw milk and unpasteurised cheeses from sheep, goats, cows or camels) or undercooked meat from an infected animal
- Uncommonly, the bacteria can be inhaled and cause disease, such as in laboratory workers who work with *Brucella* cultures
- The infection is very rarely passed from one human to another.

## WHO IS AT RISK?

- People who handle or otherwise come into contact with animals, their tissues or body fluids that are infected with *Brucella* bacteria. In Australia, feral pig hunters are at greatest risk of infection. Infected dogs may also be a potential source of infection for people.



**Brucellosis is an infection that can be transmitted to humans from some animals such as cows, sheep, goats and pigs.**



**Cases in NSW usually result from contact with feral pigs or from consuming unpasteurised dairy products while overseas.**

- People travelling to areas where brucellosis is common and who consume raw/unpasteurised dairy products or come into contact with infected animals. These areas include Africa and Europe (especially around the Mediterranean - Portugal, Spain, Southern France, Italy, Greece and Turkey), the Middle East, Central and South America and Asia.
- Rarely people may become infected after eating imported foods (e.g. unpasteurised cheese) made from raw animal products in countries where brucellosis occurs in animals.
- People who work in microbiology laboratories handling *Brucella* cultures may be at risk
- Pregnant women and their babies are at risk of developing severe disease.

#### HOW IS IT PREVENTED?

- Feral pig hunters and others who are in contact with feral pigs should follow the precautions outlined in the [Brucellosis & Feral Pig Hunting Factsheet](#) to protect themselves protect themselves, their family and dogs against brucellosis and other common diseases transmitted from animals
- Thoroughly cook meat from feral pigs (and other game) before eating – freezing, smoking, drying and pickling do not kill the bacteria that cause brucellosis
- Those vulnerable to severe disease (such as pregnant women) should avoid all contact with feral pigs, hunting activities and pig hunting dogs
- If your dog has been diagnosed with brucellosis, follow the recommendations outlined in the [Brucellosis in Dogs Information Sheet](#) from the NSW Department of Primary Industries to prevent spreading the infection to humans and other domestic animals

Travellers to countries where brucellosis is more common should:

- Avoid eating or drinking raw/unpasteurised dairy products (such as raw milk and unpasteurised cheeses from sheep, goats, cows or camels) – raw milk can be boiled before consumption if pasteurisation is not available
- Avoid eating or drinking undercooked meat
- Avoid direct (bare skin) contact with animal tissues, blood and other body fluids.

#### HOW IS IT DIAGNOSED?

If brucellosis is suspected, a doctor will usually collect two blood samples, two or more weeks apart to check antibodies against the bacteria. This test cannot reliably differentiate between the different *Brucella* species.

The doctor may also take samples of fluid or tissue from affected body parts to culture (grow) the bacteria.

#### HOW IS IT TREATED?

Effective treatment usually involves a combination of antibiotics for at least six weeks.

Occasionally, antibiotics may need to continue for months. Despite treatment, brucellosis can recur. If symptoms persist, consult your medical practitioner.

#### WHAT IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE?

Brucellosis infection in humans is a notifiable medical condition in NSW. Local public health units will contact those infected to try and identify the likely source of infection. If brucellosis is acquired in NSW or if a domestic animal is infected, the NSW Department of Primary Industries may be consulted to help control the spread of infection in animal populations.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about brucellosis in humans:

- See the NSW Health [Brucellosis & Feral Pig Hunting Factsheet](#)
- Call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

For further information about brucellosis in animals, see the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) websites on: [Being a responsible pig dogger: Hunt safe, hunt legal](#) ; [Brucellosis in dogs](#) ; [Brucellosis in pigs](#).



FEATURE

# Firearms and Weapons Legislation

**(Criminal Use) Bill 2020**

LANCE MILLER: PRESIDENT'S PROGRESS REPORT

The NSW Government is intending to amend the Firearms Act 1996 with the introduction of The Firearms and Weapons Legislation (Criminal Use) Bill 2020 early next year.

The Bill has the potential to impact law-abiding firearms owners in such a way that their legal activities become criminalised.



The NSW Government is intending to amend the Firearms Act 1996 with the introduction of The Firearms and Weapons Legislation (Criminal Use) Bill 2020 later this year. The stated purpose of the amendment is to strengthen the provisions relating to illegal manufacture of firearms or prohibited weapons and to clarify police powers when conducting firearms prohibition order searches.

Through consultation with our members and closer review of the Bill, however, it has become clear that there are significant, unintended consequences for our members and other law-abiding firearms owners. These consequences could effectively criminalise their current law-abiding activities.

1. The first and most significant failure of this proposed Bill is the attempts to do away with the civil liberties of all NSW citizens. In this proposed Bill the powers of the Police to interrogate, enter property and seize anything they desire, without legitimate presumption of guilt is unacceptable in any modern state. As the proposed Bill is currently written, if you, as a legal firearms owner, read a reloading guide on your computer, or view a parts diagram, that could be considered a criminal act and your computer could be impounded. I have read the submission of the Law Society of NSW, who are also opposed to this Bill on civil liberty grounds. This is clearly a much bigger attack on a legitimate way of life for NSW citizens, rather than just a firearms owner issue.
2. The inclusion of "precursors" in the Bill labels currently legal NSW firearms owners as automatic criminals. Banning precursors and the tools required to disassemble and reassemble a firearm for cleaning and maintenance is not in the best interests of safety and simply does not make sense.
3. The proposed Bill does not promote public safety, in fact, it is unsafe in its current format. The focus of the proposed Bill on zero modifications by a legal firearms owner, as currently written, means the fitting of a rifle with a scope sight by that previously legal and experienced firearms owner will be illegal. Yet, it is the scope that makes that rifle more accurate and therefore safer. This applies to most firearms modifications - making them better suited for purpose makes them safer.

Recently, SSAA NSW lodged a detailed submission to the NSW Government Legislative Council Upper House Inquiry, regarding the proposed Bill. The proposed Bill and our submission to the Inquiry is on our website. This proposed legislation as it is currently written is unacceptable and must have unintended consequences removed.

SSAA NSW, as the largest membership organisation supporting legal firearms owners in NSW, is leading this advocacy and has already completed several phases of a plan to amend this proposed legislation.



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**Our strong advocacy is generating positive results for members and all legal firearms owners.**

1. Shooters Fishers & Farmers party leader, the Hon. Robert Borsak is chairing an upper house inquiry for this proposed legislation. Well done to the SFF for this initiative.
2. SSAA NSW has previously written to all our members asking for your feedback on the impact of this proposed legislation. We received an outstanding response, and this is technically completed, but if you want to contribute further, please email the office.
3. SSAA NSW previously completed our submission to the review committee.
4. Develop close relationships with NSW shooting bodies, as well as other groups that are affected by the reduction of civil liberties to increase advocacy. We have met with MPs and with like-minded groups over the past two months to consolidate this plan.
5. We have written to every NSW politician about the inadequacies of the proposed legislation. Our research indicates that many Politicians do not clearly recognise the dangers to civil liberties contained within this proposed legislation that are masked behind a firearms bill.

Jai and I, as CEO and President, were asked to present to the NSW Upper House Inquiry into the proposed Bill, which we did on 10 December. The presentation was well received and we were met with interest and robust questions. We are confident that it was a successful exercise and that our strong advocacy will generate positive results for members and all legal firearms owners.

Since our presentation to the NSW Upper House Inquiry and only days before Christmas, we continue to meet with Members of Parliament. They have now referenced our appearance at the Inquiry and have indicated that the SSAA NSW position is understood.

We may call upon our members for further support in the new year. Your assistance will form part of our strong advocacy and is very important. I know our membership and SSAA NSW will pass this test in the face of this poor legislation. We are at our most effective when we work united.

Our 58,000 members, as well as the members of other shooting bodies and the affected citizens of NSW, provide the power to support these efforts and eradicate the unintended consequences Bill.

**We will keep you updated on the progress of our advocacy.**



## **SSAA NSW is committed to providing our members and branches with information on COVID-19 that recognises the unique concerns and context associated with the shooting sports.**

Following the COVID-19 NSW lockdown period earlier this year, SSAA NSW branches and affiliate clubs have gradually reopened and incorporated new pandemic procedures and guidelines for the safety of all members, volunteers and staff. The safety of members, volunteers and staff is our number 1 priority.

The ongoing efforts of the SSAA NSW community to support the shooting sports during these unprecedented times has been inspiring to all and our membership continues to grow.

SSAA NSW has developed a tailored COVID-19 Safety Plan, which may be used by ranges. This COVID-19 Safety Plan is compulsory for all SSAA NSW owned ranges and is recommended for all other ranges operated by SSAA NSW Branches and Affiliates.

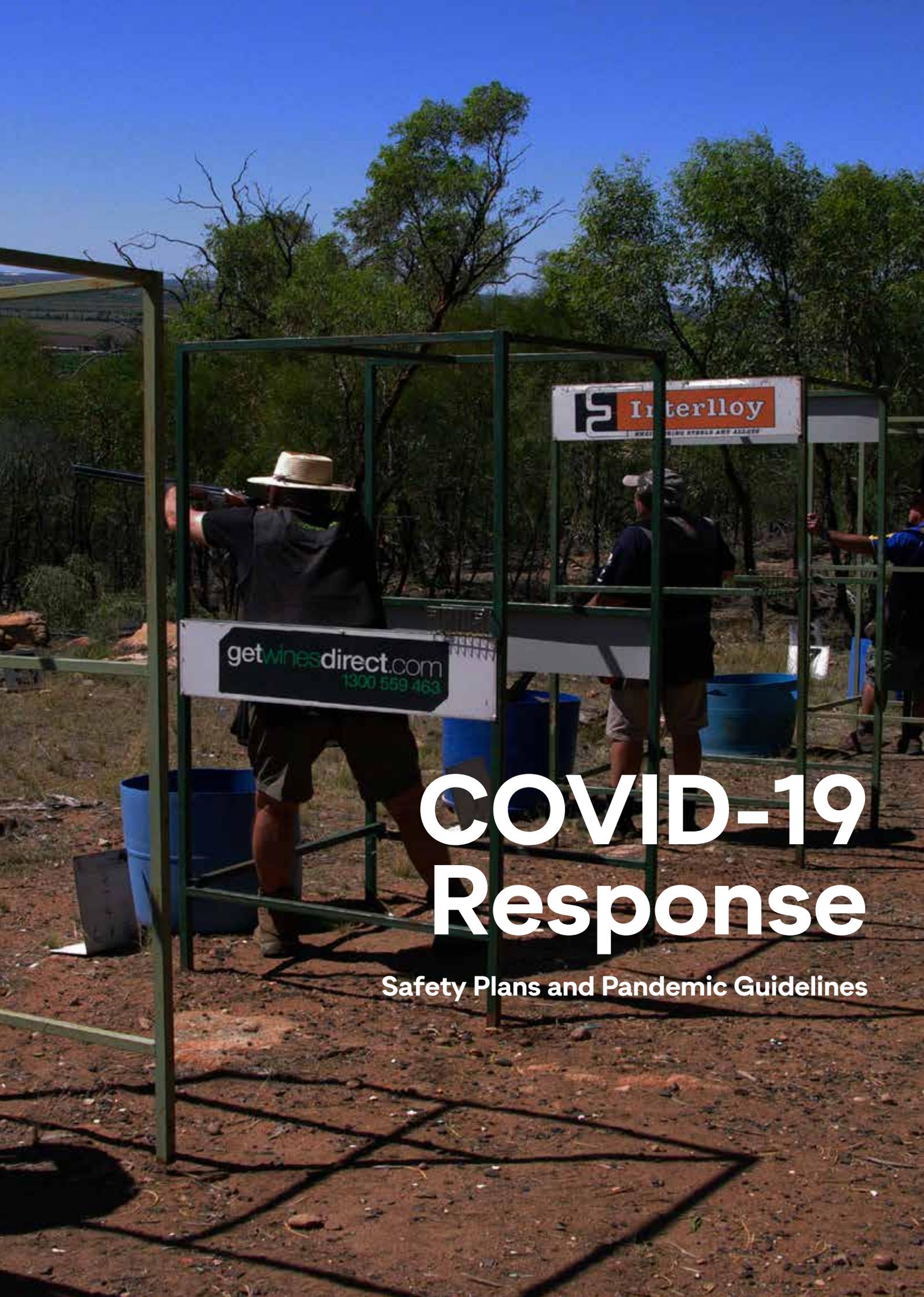
SSAA NSW follows all Government advice and pandemic guidelines. Always check and follow the latest advice and restrictions from Government and the Department of Health.

We encourage all persons to act with caution so that we may continue to move forward and enjoy our sport safely.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage our members to revisit their local range and re-establish their sports shooting practice. Many competitions have resumed and ranges have implemented individually tailored COVID-19 safety plans so that all may safely attend and participate in their sport.

**Getting involved again at your local range is an important contribution to our great sport and our hard-working community.**





# COVID-19 Response

Safety Plans and Pandemic Guidelines



## BREAKING NEWS

# Lance Miller becomes SSAA National President

**Congratulations to our very own SSAA NSW President Lance Miller, who was elected unopposed as President of SSAA National.**



With years of professional experience and, as a hunter, Lance knows first-hand the needs of the shooting community. "I'm a hunter and recognise the valuable contribution our sport's disciplines make to this organisation, especially providing volunteers to manage ranges and essential training for new shooters. I believe strongly in inclusive communication and I will work with our members and other shooting and associated sports groups with the intent of supporting our sport."

Lance takes on this important role at a critical time for the National Association. Lance's leadership at a state level has seen strong membership growth, range development projects being completed and of course a determined and increased focus on advocacy at all levels of Government for Law Abiding Firearm Owners. At a National level, Lance has already hit the ground working, developing strategic goals that will benefit members and enhance the Association.

Lance is also looking forward to working with all the SSAA states and territories to advocate for sporting shooters, increase public relations and promote training and safety.

We look forward to supporting Lance in his positions as SSAA NSW and SSAA National President and hope you will join with us in wishing him well!

SMART REST DOOR PRO II

# Vehicle Shooting Rests



The slip over door sill, magnetic fixtures and dense foam design make this a must have in the hunting tool kit.

**GUY PITCHFORD, SSAA NSW HUNTING & PROGRAM MANAGER**

Shooting off the back of a ute on private property is something many hunters grew up doing. Sometimes, however, circumstances reflect the need to shoot from the cabin.

While it's much warmer and comfortable in the cabin on those blisteringly cold evenings, the reduced angle and confinement of the seated position to engage our target animals presents its own set of challenges for both driver, spotter and shooter.

Throughout the years we have seen a variety of different off-the-shelf and custom, homemade contraptions built to help shooters steady their rifles while shooting from the cabin. Each option has its own range of advantages and disadvantages.

**POOL NOODLES**

One of the simplest (and by far the cheapest) options is the humble pool noodle.

At around \$3 for a 1.5m length, this will fit two windows. Simply cut it down to size to fit the width of the window and cut down one side to slip over and protect the glass. It does require the window to be raised to a minimum height to fit properly.

Pool noodles are easy to setup/install and are incredibly inexpensive. Rubbing and friction from the rifle stock, however, can wear them out quickly and the pool noodle foam deteriorates when stored in hot environments for long periods. The added height of the window can be uncomfortable for long periods of handheld or externally mounted spotlighting operations.

**OFF-THE-SHELF**

Other off-the-shelf window and door mounted rest designs allow for the barrel and stock to extend further out of the window, as compared to the pool noodle. These may allow for a more comfortable and stable body positioning. Some designs allow

for the firearm to be held and fixed in position out of the window whilst driving, a potential added benefit for the professional or contract shooter who operates independently.

Consideration should be given to the expected terrain and environment you'll be shooting in if selecting one of these options. Some protrude further than the door, beyond the mirrors. This can pose an issue in thick scrub. Those in which the firearm can be fixed, whilst driving, could damage the firearm.

**SMART REST DOOR PRO II**

They have been around for quite some time, but it wasn't until very recently that I had the opportunity to try out the Smart Rest Door Pro II from Eagleye Hunting Gear. The slip-over door sill, magnetic fixtures and dense foam design make this a must have in the hunting tool kit.

The slip-over design allowed for quick adjustment to a comfortable position whilst the magnetic base plate enabled swift pivoting action to acquire the targets easily. The depth of the foam Mini MaXbox provided extra stability for a steady holdover. Combined, this made for an exceptional shooting platform.

**Do you have a preferred setup for your vehicle? We'd love to see it. Send photos through to [nswshooter@nsw.ssaa.org.au](mailto:nswshooter@nsw.ssaa.org.au) along with your permission to publish your images.**

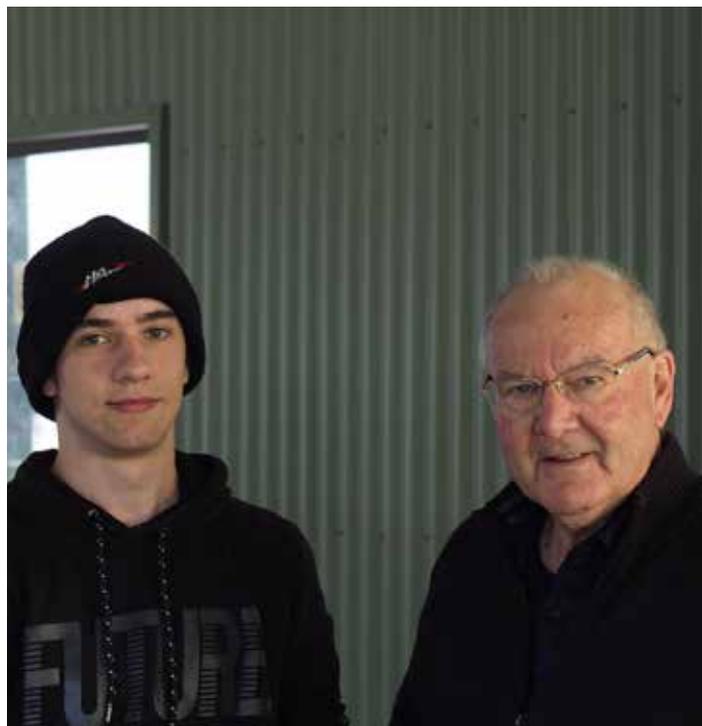
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# Annual Bananacoast Championships

ROD MADELEY



## SSAA Benchrest results from Dairyville Range 15-16 August 2020



This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we decided to hold the annual Bananacoast Championships for members only.

To allow for physical distancing, we could only open 10 benches at any one time, with only 20 people allowed in the reloading area (to include more competitors would have proven difficult to manage).

### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A GREAT EVENT:

- Targets - Bill Buchanan and Lance Miller;
- Scoring - Rob Hamilton, Mikayla Hannaford and Jeremy Hannaford;
- Preparation - Gary Hunt, Ian Thompson Steve Morton and Rob Hamilton; and
- Breakfast and Lunch - Lance Miller.

### Hunting rifle:

Jamie Morrison .9838, sg .606 at 100yds.  
Steve Dines 1.0682, sg .789 at 100yds.  
Steve Dines .9067, sg 1.490 at 200yds.  
Jamie Morrison 1.0608, sg 1.765 at 200yds,

#### GRAND AGG:

Steve Dines .9875.  
Jamie Morrison 1.0223.

### LB Custom rifle

#### 100YDS TOP 3:

Gary Hunt, .2212, sg .135.  
Wayne Munro .2722, sg .167.  
Steve Morton .2842, sg .190.

#### 200YDS TOP 3:

Ray Beavis .3282, sg .246.  
Michael Thompson .3828, sg .553.  
Alistair McMillan .4026, sg .570.

#### GRAND AGG:

Ray Beavis .3273.  
Gary Hunt .3289.  
Michael Thompson .3392.

### HB custom rifle:

#### 100YDS TOP 3:

Steve Morton .1846, sg .111.  
Ray Beavis .2084, sg .125.  
Gary Hunt .2880, sg .176.

#### 200YDS TOP 3:

Ray Beavis .2691, sg .274.  
Gary Hunt .3376, sg .564.  
Steve Morton .3564, sg .473.

#### GRAND AGG:

Ray Beavis .2388.  
Steve Morton .2705.  
Gary Hunt .3128.

### 2-Gun:

Ray Beavis .2831.  
Gary Hunt .3209.  
Michael Thompson .3574.  
Alex McMillan (Jnr) .4145.  
Alistair McMillan .4155.  
Ian Thompson .4396.  
Rob Evans .4734.  
Barry Warwick .7625.  
Wayne Munro .9003.  
Steve Morton dnf 200yds LB.

Thank you to Rod Madeley for this summary of the Banana Coast Championships.

If your Branch has hosted an event or competitive shoot, be sure to send the details through to [nswshooter@nsw.ssaa.org.au](mailto:nswshooter@nsw.ssaa.org.au) to be featured in the next edition of the Shooter!



NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

# Game and Pest Advisory Board



**In NSW, the Game and Pest Management Advisory Board (the Board) represents the interests of licensed hunters to the government.**

The Board is an advisory body appointed under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002 that provides independent advice to the Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW and the Department of Primary Industries on important matters relating to hunting and game and pest animal management in NSW.

The inaugural Board was active between 2014 and 2019, with several research and stakeholder forum reports available to read on the DPI website.

A new Board has been appointed by the Minister through to 2025, with a mix of incumbent and new members. Board members possess a broad range of expertise from wildlife, pest and sustainable land management, through to project management and policy formation.

One of the latest additions to the new board members is Jai Rowell, CEO of SSAA NSW. Jai also serves on the National Board of the SSAA and has a keen interest in conservation and wildlife projects. He holds extensive expertise in policy formulation across all levels of Government, having served as a Member of Parliament in NSW.

#### **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDE:**

Prof. Robert Mulley - Chair  
Dr Justin Clarke  
David Coss  
Robert Costello  
Dan Field  
Christine Hall  
Andrew Walsh

**The last of the new board members is Jai Rowell, CEO of SSAA NSW.**





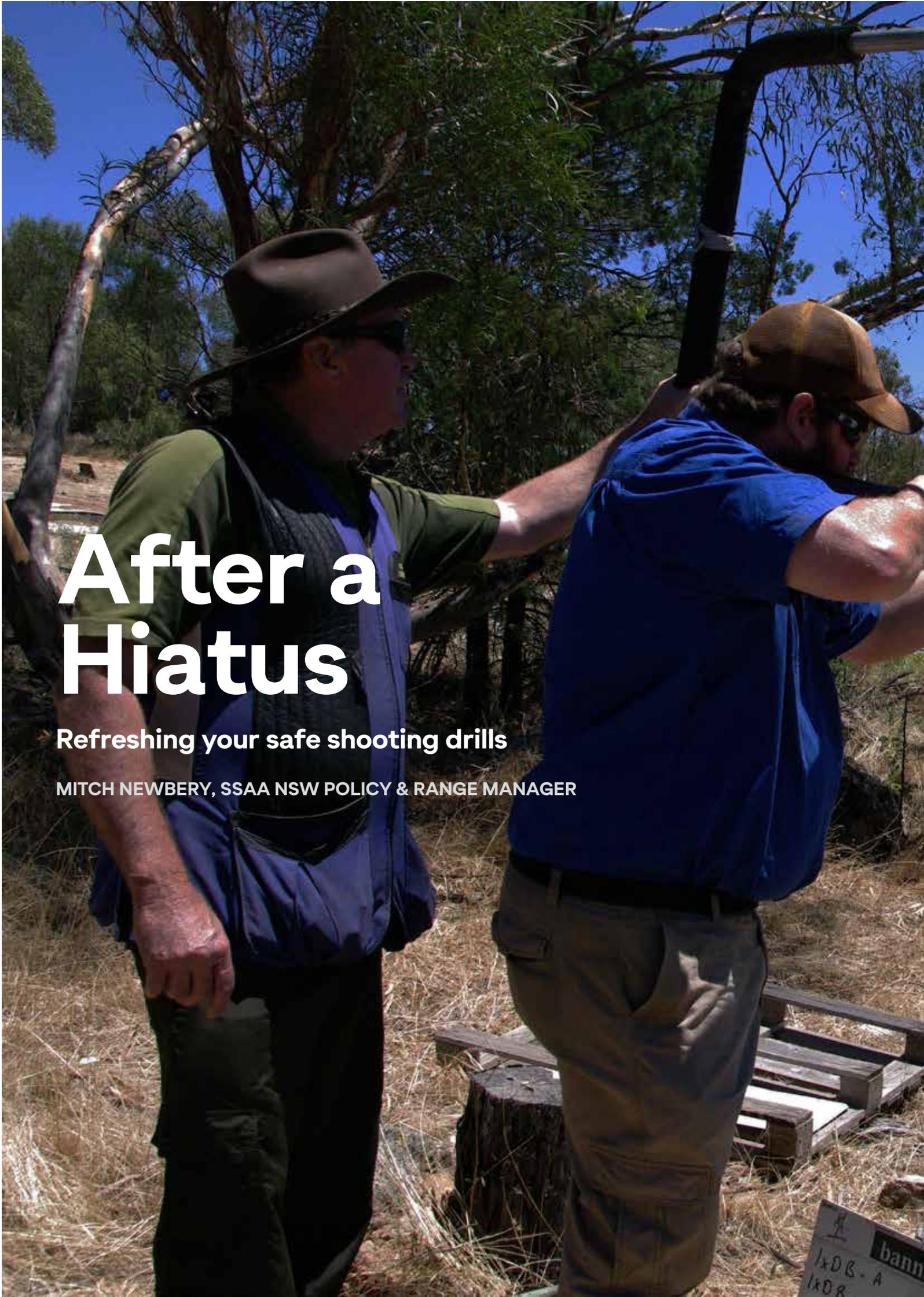
The Board is required to meet on at least two occasions each year, with the first meeting having recently taken place.

### **Keep an eye out for updates on Board meetings and invitations to future licence holder forums hosted by the Board.**

For more information on the Game and Pest Management Advisory Board, including board member bios and their organisational charter, visit [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/game-and-pest-board](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/game-and-pest-board).

If you have any questions about hunting in NSW, contact the Game Licensing Unit by calling 02 6363 7650 during business hours (Monday – Friday 8.30 am – 4.30 pm), using the contact us form on our website [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting) or send us a message via the DPI Hunting Facebook page.



A photograph of two men in a wooded area. The man on the left is wearing a brown hat, sunglasses, a green shirt, and a blue vest. The man on the right is wearing a blue shirt, a tan cap, and sunglasses. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame. The background consists of trees and a clear blue sky. The ground is covered in dry grass and some wooden pallets.

# After a Hiatus

Refreshing your safe shooting drills

MITCH NEWBERY, SSAA NSW POLICY & RANGE MANAGER

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2020 has seen the widespread closure of many of our ranges with some affected by last summer's bush fires and all ranges affected by COVID-19. Many members have been unable to participate in the sport due to lock down and restricted access to venues.

Even though many ranges have now reopened, fear of the virus and the desire for personal health and safety has kept many shooters away. This has certainly affected the ability for shooters to mix with their peers socially and keep up regular practice with their sport.

If you're a shooter rejoining the sport after any hiatus, you will need to refresh your safe handling habits, shooting skills and technique. This ensures that when you do get back on the range or out in the field, you take nothing for granted when it comes to your safety and the safety of others.

Here is a refresh on our top 6 drills for safety:

1. Clear all firearms as empty and safe, both when placed into and removed from safe storage as well as prior to and after use.
2. Always remain conscious of your firearms muzzle direction, keeping it pointed in a safe direction.
3. Do not chamber a round of ammunition until you are ready to shoot.
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard and away from the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
5. If using an approved range, listen to and follow the directives of a Range Officer and always follow established safety protocols at that range.
6. If hunting, always clearly identify your target and what is behind it before taking a shot.

**As always, speak to your local Range Officer or club official for advice and guidance on any aspect of firearms safe handling. We're all in this together!**



RICK O'SHAY

# Gilgandra Combined Services Shoot

**On Saturday, 5 September 2020, a SSAA Combined Services Re-enactment Match was held with five local members competing.**

This was a trial run for a larger inter-regional match in future, when restrictions have eased. I'm sure some of our members went into this match with lots of confidence and high hopes for a reasonable score. Well! A steep learning curve was certainly achieved!

Those who normally shoot bench-rest with nice clear scope sights and specialist calibre rifles were in for a bit of a shock, firing prone, sitting position or off the shoulder, unsupported at times.

The rifles were standard as issued Lee Enfield .303 service rifles, standard battle sights and webbing army sling. No telescopic sights or adjustable rear sights, just as our servicemen used in World War 1 and 2, Korea and the Malayan emergency.

Charlie Howard top scored for the day with 102 points, Jim Barling 63, Mitch Wilson 56 and our "Smiling Jack" Camilin 32.

Many thanks must go to Marita Basham for all her help on the day, with setting up, scoring and just helping wherever she saw a need. Thank you also to Neil Meers for driving to Mudgee to pick up the required special targets.

Thank you very much to those who competed and helped with your ideas, input and comments. At the end of the day everyone was still smiling and agreeing we must do this again.



## Why did SSAA Gilgandra branch hold this match?

75 years ago, on 14 August, the Japanese surrendered and the following day, 15 August, was Victory Pacific Day and World War II was declared to be finally over.

We ran this match to commemorate and honour all those service men and women who defended this nation and served the British Commonwealth on land, sea and air in all wars.





Q&A WITH STEPHEN MAINSTONE

# Ask Stephen



**Q: The Firearms Registry refused my application for a licence. I wrote to them asking for an Internal Review. It has now been 4 months and I haven't received any reply. Is there anything further I can do?**

A: The Firearms Registry will state that you must submit any Internal Review submissions to them within 28 days of receiving their decision to refuse your application, yet they can take many months to finalise that review. If you call or write to the Registry to see how much longer it will take, the general reply is that it is in their bundle to review and will be done as soon as possible.

However, if you have not been notified of the outcome of your review within 21 days, the Internal Review is taken to be finalised under Section 53(9)(b) of the *Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997*. If the decision is one where you have a right to seek a review by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, you may then proceed to make that application if you wish. The Firearms Registry will continue to process your Internal Review request, even though it is taken to be finalised, until you make an application to the Tribunal.

The choice you then have is whether you wish to remain patient and simply await the Firearms Registry to finalise the Internal Review, or make an application to the Tribunal once 21 days have elapsed. The current filing fee in the Tribunal is \$106. In my experience, the Firearms Registry will still continue to process your Internal Review request even if you do file an application in the Tribunal.

The one difficulty with filing an application in the Tribunal before the result of the Internal Review is known, is that you may go to the expense of filing an application, along with any legal expenses if you choose to have a Solicitor do it for you, only to find your Internal Review is successful and the Tribunal proceedings no longer need to proceed. Any filing and/or legal costs expended are not able to be recovered from the Commissioner of Police.

The positive side of filing in the Tribunal is, from my experience it appears to speed up the Internal Review process. So, if you have filed an application in the Tribunal and your Internal Review is unsuccessful, your proceedings in the Tribunal are already underway and there is no further delay.

**THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE IS GENERAL IN NATURE AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED LEGAL ADVICE.**

Should you require legal advice relevant to a particular matter concerning you, it is always advisable to contact a lawyer. Mainstone Lawyers are able to provide legal advice regarding all firearms and other Police related matters.

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ALI MULLA, SSAAIB

# SSAA Insurance

**Most of our clubs see insurance as an important tool for protection but too often it is treated as a commodity with not enough thought going into what or how much insurance is needed. The result of this can be under-insurance.**



Tragically, under-insurance, a gap in cover and even total exclusions of cover may only become apparent after a claim incident, or when catastrophe strikes.

SSAAIB and I see my role as more as an Insurance Advisor to SSAA, SSAA members and our clubs.

So, as a SSAA Insurance Advisor I am prepared to:

- Take the time to understand your club's activities, its exposures, and its insurance needs. With this, I can then suggest an insurance plan that meets your requirements and budget. Remember, the better I understand all your activities, the layout of the club etc. the better the advice and service I can provide you.
- Provide advice and guidance with respect to the insurance products, the cover they provide as well as their limits, gaps and exclusions.
- Assist with providing and coordinating risk management advice. This could be as simple as general fire protection and hazard advice or a more complicated risk survey report.
- Be available to answer your questions. I am here to provide service and advice all year round. Not just when the club's insurances are due to be renewed.
- Represent your club at claim time to ensure the policy responds for the best it can and that the insurers involved meet their obligations in full. When required, I will work with SSAAIB's claims department and assist with the management of the claim from start to finish.

I understand that price is important and by no means should any club (or business) pay more for their insurance than necessary. But you should also carefully consider the value you place on properly protecting the club's assets.

Being driven by price alone can result in the wrong type of cover and have the same ramifications as not taking out any insurance at all!

To find out more about the services that SSAAIB and myself can provide to you please give me a call, I am always up for a chat.





# Digital Platform

An update from NSW Police on the roll-out of the online Firearms Dealers' portal.

**SUPERINTENDENT ANTHONY BELL  
COMMANDER  
NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY**



In July 2020, an Illawarra-based firearms dealer was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for his involvement in the illegal supply of almost 300 handguns to the black market over a six-year period.

This individual is one of several firearms dealers to have come under intensive scrutiny over the past two years, following the establishment of two strike forces – Strike Forces Myosoti and Discombe – which focus on compliance and enforcement at the Firearms Registry.

Despite strict gun control in NSW, there is more work to be done to reduce opportunities for firearm trafficking to occur, especially when firearm movements happen across states and territories because of systems and legislation.

The Firearms Registry and other commands within the NSW Police Force are working to close the system loophole through an online portal for dealers to record transactions and have these transactions validated against holdings.

Assistant Commissioner Scott Cook is the Commander of the Police Prosecutions and Licensing Enforcement Command, under which the Firearms Registry now sits. He said the digital platform will see firearm movements being acquitted by receiving dealers and monitored by the Firearms Registry.

“The real time functionality and built-in checks and balances will significantly minimise opportunities for inadvertent errors and, at the criminal end of the spectrum, intentional diversion,” Assistant Commissioner Cook confirmed.

“The NSW Police Force Firearms Dealers portal, which launched in August, is all about eradicating firearm-related crime and ensuring responsible firearm ownership. But more than that, the build and deployment are making things simpler and more transparent for dealers to transact.

“Since launching, the NSW Police Force has been travelling throughout NSW to showcase the system and providing training for dealers and their employees. I am pleased to say that the take up has been exceptional and now over 200 dealers are onboarded. This system helps dealers, customers and us by decreasing our use of outdated paper-based systems,” Assistant Commissioner Cook said.

**Contact Firearms Registry  
Customer Service Line on  
1300 362 562**

(9:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday)

**Despite strict gun control in NSW, there is more work to be done to reduce opportunities for firearm trafficking to occur.**



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