



Bull Barrel



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From the Committee:

The next committee meetings will be on Monday:
15th September 20th October and 17th 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! 2025-2026 Committee

President: Shane Bowden **Snr VP:** Paul Hunniford,
VP: Gilbert Steenhuis, **Treasurer:** Phyllis Kannis
Secretary: Phil Guest **Committee:** Craig Parker,
Jessica Weber, Dominika Bender, Giulia Mackey, Chris Mackey, Amanda Cashion, Luciano Pasa, Tom Banks.

For Your Information:

2025 AGM



The 2025 AGM was held on 25th August and twenty members turned up to elect a new committee. Thanks to outgoing President Colin Catto and Vice President Ben Nicholls for their time and service. Welcome to newcomers Amanda Cashion and Luciano Pasa and the return of Shane Bowden as President and Tom Banks to provide knowledge and experience.

Extracts from the President's Report – Colin Catto

As we end another year, I am pleased to report to you that SSA Glenorchy Inc continues to grow for the benefit of us all. The Committee thanks all those that make this possible. We have regular participation at both of our facilities, and we thank everyone who makes that possible.

We continue to maintain a strong financial position which will enable us to move forward with some significant projects. There have been huge strides towards completing the Development Application (DA) for the Mitchell Range site and that is being driven by Shane Bowden and for that, we give him our thanks.

Tasmania Police regularly utilise our facilities to complete their training, and that is an extremely beneficial arrangement. TasTAFE are also regulars at the Mitchell Range.

As you may already know, there is a new roof on the Clubrooms along with a new, more efficient wood

heater as well as a heat pump. This was achieved through negotiations with the Glenorchy City Council (GCC) along with a lease giving us a bit more security as we move forward.

We are still awaiting any feedback in relation to the Wellington Park Management Plan Review which may see a change of boundaries, hopefully to our benefit.

State Championships are another regular occurrence at our facilities and, as always, they are enjoyed by participants from all round the State. Well done to all involved in the IPSC Invitational, the Single Action State Championship and the Tasmanian Steel Challenge State Championship.

To so many of our members who go that extra bit to make sure that the facilities are available and members can enjoy their sport on a regular basis, thank you. I thank those members who open and shut the facilities, act as Discipline Captains and Range Officers and all the other things they do so that we can operate effectively. To those who sponsor and support our members, the Committee of this club extend our thanks and gratitude. We hope we are supporting you as much as you support us.

I am stepping down from the Committee after this year and I wish to thank all those who have supported me during my time on the Committee. I wish those who are leading this Club into the future the very best of luck in their endeavours.

Working Bee



Next working bee is on **30th November** at both ranges. Please try to attend as there is always heaps to do for the benefit of all members.

Holster Proficiency and IPSC Induction



Holster Proficiency - The next pre-test is on 4th October. The actual test will be held on 18th October. Please see Craig or use the form on display at the Mitchell Range to register your interest.

IPSC Induction – 20th September. See Craig.

\$ Profit and Loss at a Glance \$

A surplus of \$39,974 is down on last year's \$43,571, mainly due to a *Sport and Recreation Equipment Grant* of \$7,279 being included in last year's income and partially explained by a reduction in range fee income. The Club continues to build assets for *the Mitchell Range Master Plan*.

The Treasurer's Report – P. Kannis

A dot point summary:

- The 2024-2025 Financial Statements have been prepared by the Treasurer and approved by the Committee.
- Members are still making use of Range Passes and Range Shoot Cards between both ranges.
- Tasmanian Police, TasTAFE and security companies continue to use the Mitchell Range for training purposes which contribute to income.
- Training ammunition income and expenditure reports will always vary from year to year as the consumables, purchased in bulk in one reporting financial year, might be distributed in the next.
- The *Mitchell Range Master Plan Appeal (MRMP Appeal)* account is slowly growing. We continue to raise funds so we can upgrade the Mitchell Range to benefit our members and to make it a more accessible range with modern facilities.
- We have submitted a \$186,412 grant application to the *Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grant Program for MRMP Stage 1*. With a successful grant application and inclusive of the DA and MRMP Stage 1 completion costs, it is projected that the club will still have a balance of over \$110,000 at the end of 2026. This is a significant step towards having the club's operations on one site. The club has also committed to allocating \$10,000 to MC Planners for the Development Application works and \$35,000 to JMG Engineers and Planners for their work.
- Please be aware of the *Recycle Rewards Scheme* and either use the app to donate or just bring recyclables to the range.
- The Glenorchy City Council has replaced the roof on the Clubrooms at the AIF Range. They also replaced the split system/heat pump. Both are at no cost to the club and were paid for by the Glenorchy City Council. The Club has installed a new wood fire heater to replace the old one which was no longer fit for purpose.
- On behalf of the committee and myself, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to all members that have generously given donations/materials and their own personal time to help improve the Mitchell and AIF Ranges.
- We would also like to thank members and committee members who help at the working bees and to all that also volunteer throughout the year to support the club. Enjoy a shoot at either the AIF or Mitchell Range or both, have a good chat with other members, make new friends and enjoy the hot BBQ food, cold drinks and snacks.

- In the end, everything and all forms of contributions by all help the club. Without everyone's continued help and support the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia Glenorchy Inc. wouldn't be where it is today and going to where we all want it to be 😊

AIF Range News



New LED lamps in the main range towers -at last!

The AIF range has had a significant makeover with extensive electrical work including new interior light fittings, replacement of exterior lamps and other minor upgrades. Under the new roof, paid for by GCC, a heat pump, also paid for by GCC and new wood heater have been installed. A new short-term lease has also been secured.

MR Range News

Members of a subcommittee, guided by Shane, continue to make progress to lodge a DA for the entire *Mitchell Range Master Plan* development which includes a 100m range, new clubrooms, replacement car park and connection to power, water and toilet facilities. With this in mind, the Committee allocated considerable funds to engage professionals to get the job done. Significant progress has been made and it is hoped that the DA will be lodged before the end of the year.

Single Action State Titles

A reminder that T03 will be hosting the 2025 Single Action State Titles on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November. See Ray or Seb for more details.

The Mitchell Range will be closed to all other events on Saturday 22nd November.

Presentation Day

Sunday 7th December

Due to falling numbers, the Committee has decided to investigate a modified format for the day. Certificates will still be presented and food provided. Any suggestions would be gratefully accepted.

Give Yourself a Pass

Buy a shoot card or a range pass. Email or see Phil, Phyllis or Shane. Shoot Card 25 and Annual Pass have been popular ways to discount range fees.

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