

# From the VRA Council



## To All Members,

Firstly an apology for the delay in sending out an update after our last Council meeting, but there have been some issues involving considerable time and others of fairly high importance.

### **F Class Queens Badges**

Following the direction from the NRAA late last year, the VRA agreed to fall into line with all other state associations and remove reference to Queens from the F Class sections of the Queens series and adopt the term F Class State Championships.

I would like to congratulate the NRAA Board for listening to their members and reversing their previous decision at the Board meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February. A decision that will be supported by many F Class shooters.

Therefore our State Championships this year will include F Class Queens Badges. Although the Championship Badges have been ordered, we are working with the supplier to have Queens Badges for all F Class sections and these will be available for presentation in April.

### **Dates for your calendar**

You already have the 2015 Queens Series dates of 15 to 19 April 2015, but can now add the following dates that were decided at the recent Council workshop.

2016 - Syme 13 & 14 April and Queens 15, 16 & 17 April 2016

2017 - Syme 29 & 30 March and Queens 31 March to 2 April 2017

### **DRA Teams Matches and VRA AGM**

The dates for the DRA Teams Matches and Champion of Champions Matches for 2015 have been set as Saturday and Sunday 17 & 18 October 2015

The date for the VRA Annual General Meeting will be Saturday 17 October immediately after the DRA TR Teams Matches presentation at about 4:30 PM.

### **Shop and Admin Review**

Council received an update on several issues around the supply and cost increases of a number of products. There are both supply and delivery issues around powder and the restrictions on the amount we can legally store. It seems some other distributors are or were advertising products at prices below what our suppliers are currently charging the VRA. This may reflect older stock, with some prices increasing significantly with the falling Australian Dollar. Support and use of the VRA Shop does help with an income to the VRA which is used to offset our administration cost and provide funds for other VRA activities. The Council Workshop following our Council meeting also considered the role of Executive Officer and Shop Manager and decided that these are two separate roles, which we are currently looking to fill.

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## **Code of Conduct**

Over recent months Council has considered the adoption of a Code of Conduct for use by clubs and members on our ranges. In a separate update I will provide a copy of the adopted document that is similar to existing documents in use on several ranges in Victoria. It is a much shorter document than the NRAA Code of Conduct and Ethics. I suggest 'adoption' by your club and then place a copy on the notice board in your club house.

## **Queens Series 15 to 19 April 2015**

Planning is well underway for the Syme and Queens. We will also have the National Vets team practicing on the day before. Morrie Jackman, Len Hayes and Michael Purden will be doing the maintenance on the targets next week. The artificial grass for the remaining three mounds was delivered last month. We will need a working bee to install it and will let everyone know once a date is agreed on.

During the Queens it is planned to have a three course meal on the Saturday night. When we have more information we will put out a more formal advert to gain an indication of numbers.

Importantly, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has agreed not to do fuel reduction burning in the Wellsford Forest adjacent to the range during the Queens.