

From the VRA Council



Announcement of new VRA Executive Officer

We are pleased to announce that the new VRA Executive Officer will be Brett Thurtell. Brett comes from a distinguished shooting family and is currently a member of the Wodonga RC. With Brett's appointment there will soon be changes to both the VRA Office and Shop Hours. I would also like to thank those who did apply or sought further information about the position.

On behalf of the Council and the VRA Membership I would like to thank Cheryle and Rod Dolman, VRA Executive Officer and Business Managers, for their work over the past three years. They have built the Shop up to a viable operation and regained the support of our members as well as keeping on top of all of our administration requirements.

In December last year, Rod and Cheryle agreed to stay until the end of April to enable the VRA to fill the positions of Executive Officer and Shop Manager and see us through the Queens period. They also wish to assist in the training and hand over to the new Executive Officer and we thank them for this.

Shop Manager Position on hold

The present office and shop arrangement will continue until it is reviewed by Council at the meeting in May. As such the Expression of Interest advertisement is withdrawn at this time.

VRA and NRAA Fees 2015-16

The NRAA increased their fees for Membership by \$2.50 (5%) and for the Magazine by \$3.00 (now \$40.00). The VRA is also increasing our fees by \$3.50 (3.4%). Full details will be included in your Club's membership return forms, but the resulting fees with magazine for 2015 – 2016 will be:

Cat	Membership type	NRAA	ATR	VRA	Total
101	Full Member	52.50	40.00	105.50	198.00
103	Junior member	27.50	21.00	63.50	112.00
107	Associate/Club only	52.50	40.00	93.50	186.00
109	Social member		40.00	38.00	78.00

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Volunteers for Range Maintenance

Councillors Trevor Rhodes and Morrie Jackman are coordinating the installation of the new artificial grass on the 300, 500 and 800 yard mounds. Trevor has placed the sand on the mound after the initial grading and grass placement several weeks ago. The Marong RC has completed the brushing in of the sand on the 500 yard mound, and thank you to our newest club. There will be a working bee on Wednesday 8th April to finishing the spreading and brooming in of the sand, if it is not completed prior to this.

QUEENS UPDATE

Saturday Night Dinner

This year there will be a fully catered evening meal on Saturday night. Four different meats, 7 salads and a choice of 4 sweets. Bookings are essential and pre booking is preferred, so please let the VRA Office know if you intend being there for this meal. The price will be \$25.00 per head and payable prior to the event. There will be NO WALK UP TICKETS. More information will follow.

Volunteering and Assistance during the Queens

A number of Councillors have accepted roles of coordinating certain activities during the Queens. So if you see jobs that need doing and you are in a position to assist, please talk with us.

Markers for the Queen and Syme

The VRA office has a list of experienced markers who are usually available for the Syme and Queens. If any members or family members, who are competent and experience markers, would like to mark for either or both the Syme and Queens please contact the office and request your name is added to the marker list. Typically markers are required from 8:00 AM to the end of shooting as these are paid positions. You also need to have sun glasses, hat, water bottle, hearing protection and snacks. You can bring your own lunch or order and purchase from the canteen during your lunch break.

RSL Sponsorship

The VRA is very grateful for the RSL Sponsorship of the Queens series in the centenary year of the Gallipoli. We will be dedicating the first day of the Syme to the RSL sponsorship and also including commemorative badges to aggregate winners. Naturally organisations and business that sponsor the VRA are also looking for support from those attending the Queens, so please consider this when staying in Bendigo and when eating out.

VRA Phone system upgrade

The new system is now fully operational. You will soon have the choice of transfer to the Shop or to Admin and can leave a message for either.

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It's your VRA

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VRA Shop hours and opening times

As a small organisation, we are not able to have the VRA Shop open just in the hope that someone will visit. We need to be more strategic with our opening hours and how we manage the time resources of our staff. Items that are to be posted must be processed by Wednesday to increase the likelihood of delivery by Friday, so phone on Tuesday or leave a message. If you are planning to visit the shop, please ring to confirm that the Shop will be open.

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