

From the VRA Council



Christmas wishes

In our final member update for 2015 and on behalf of Council, our Executive Officer and Shop Manager, I would like to wish everyone all the best for the festive season and a safe and prosperous 2016. We look forward to seeing many of you at our events next year.

Shop and office hours were advised several weeks ago.

The office will close Wednesday 23 December and reopen Monday 11 January 2016.

VRA Councillor Vacancies Filled

In accordance with Rule 30.6 Council has now filled most council vacancies. The balance of Morrie Jackman's initial term will be filled by Frank Connor for the remaining 10 months, as Morrie was elected to the position of Deputy Chairman at the last election.

The remaining two councillor positions, which were not filled at the last election, will be filled by Len Hayes and Robin Hall for the next two years. Len returns to Council after a break of several years and it will be Robin's first term on Council, although he has been a regular worker at the range for several years.

I thank Frank, Len and Robin for agreeing to these management roles.

Expression of Interest for the position of VRA Honorary Treasurer

Council are seeking expressions of interest from members willing to take the role of VRA Honorary Treasurer as a VRA Councillor.

Ken Reither will step aside from his Acting Treasurer role at the end of January 2016 and I thank Ken for continuing in this role. Our "Rule" lists the Treasurer's responsibilities as:

46.4 The Treasurer of the Association:-

- 46.4.1 shall ensure that all monies due to the Association are collected and received and all payments authorised by the Association are correctly made; and
- 46.4.2 shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.

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Council, in reviewing our accounting systems have appointed a Bookkeeper to reduce the workload on both the office staff and the Treasurer. The Treasurer's main role will be to liaise with office staff, bookkeeper and the accountants preparing our financial affairs for the auditor.

As a member of the VRA Council, the Honorary Treasurer will also be involved with the strategic direction of full-bore shooting in Victoria and advise Council of financial matters, including project developments, funding of activities, recommending membership fees, setting of fees for VRA events and other general advice.

Although the Honorary Treasurer is a member of the Audit Review Committee and the Queens Subcommittee, the responsibilities do not include event management of the Queens or other VRA Matches. As a VRA Councillor the appointee may assume other responsibilities, if desired. If no suitable expressions of interest are received, Council will consider the appointment of a person or Company to this role.

Expression of interest should be submitted to VRA Chairman Garry Kay on or before Friday 15 January 2016. Please include a brief resume outlining experience and skill that you believe will enable you to undertake the duties on behalf of our members.

Further information may be obtained from our current Acting Treasurer, Ken Reither.

Please email your nomination to the VRA Chairman chairman@vra.asn.au on or before 15 January 2016

A further call for members to join a "Rules" review subcommittee

Following my request at the AGM for members to join a subcommittee to review our Rules including those relating to Life Membership, Council received two nominations. We are still looking for more people to join these two members in the planned review. I have been told that one or two other members are willing to review any proposed changes but did not wish to be part of the subcommittee.

Any members willing to assist in a review and potential redrafting of the rules and any members willing to review any proposed changes should confirm their willingness to be part of this review. Please email VRA Chairman chairman@vra.asn.au on or before 15 January 2016.

Garry Kay
VRA Chairman
For and on behalf of the VRA Council