

# On Target

December 2022

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- Maintenance
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- Vale John Tingle

If today is the worst day of your life, then you know tomorrow will be better

**Confucius says**

*Steal a man's wallet and he'll be poor for a week  
Teach him how to shoot and load his own ammo and he'll be poor for a lifetime*

**Sign in a Library**

Alternative facts can be found in our fiction section

**Range Officers (RO) needed to assist in the running of our shoot days. The more qualified RO's we have the fewer times ROs need to attend, simple.**

Have you some time to spare? Take up the RO's course and assist at our regular shoots, the more the merrier and the lighter the load. Volunteer now, contact the club and nominate, put your name down to become an RO.

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## Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

**A Reminder To All PFA Members And Visitors On Shoot Days.**

*Please leave your firearms safely secured in your vehicle until you have completed the booking-in process and are preparing for your detail.*

*Thank you for complying and assisting in the safe smooth flow of our shooting day.*

### QUEENSLAND REPORT DIRECTLY LINKS ILLEGAL FIREARMS WITH ORGANISED CRIME (Oh Really!!!)

23rd November 2015.

*In Research Archive*

A 578-page report into organised criminal activity in



Queensland clearly shows crime syndicates and outlaw motorcycle groups linked with illicit drugs and illegal firearms. The Queensland Organised Crime Commission of Inquiry, conducted by Commissioner Michael Byrne QC, showed that the production of illicit drugs by outlaw motorcycle groups goes hand-in-hand with firearms trafficking.

The report, which was handed down in November, detailed how outlaw motorcycle gang members



are the primary producers of amphetamine-type stimulants in Australia, which extended to other illicit drugs and the trafficking of illegal firearms. Case studies listed throughout the report linked drug dealing with the possession of illegal firearms in almost every example.

The President of a prominent QLD shooting association said the findings in the report confirmed long-held fears that illegal criminal groups are heavily involved in the illicit firearms market. Shooting organisations said "Organised criminal groups should be the main focus of authorities when combating the illegal firearms market, this report clearly shows that illegal firearms are directly linked to organised criminal groups and outlaw motorcycle gangs.

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Law-abiding firearm owners shouldn't be the target of overzealous regulation and legislation time and time again, especially when reports such as this demonstrate the intricate link between illegal firearms, the illicit manufacturing of drugs, and outlaw motorcycle gangs.

Licensed firearm owners are not the problem, and we welcome the report in highlighting this important fact."

The report comes after the 2014-15 Greens-led Senate Inquiry into gun-related violence also found no evidence that firearms stolen from licensed owners are the predominant source of supply for criminals or the black market, a claim commonly repeated by Greens politicians and anti-gun groups.

**(They needed a special report to determine this?????)**



**Regular maintenance** as I'm sure you will all know, is an ongoing requirement of all clubs and ranges. One of the important tasks is our targets which require regular maintenance, and while we did manage to re-furbish the 100m targets recently it was a bit tight to complete them prior to and in time for that monthly shoot.

So please don't be shy, put your hand up to help with the targets, it's not a hard or difficult job and the more people that volunteer to help, get the jobs done quicker, ensuring the range is always at its best. This also helps you, as it counts towards your maintenance levy reduction, and you can also get an idea of how things actually work!

## Editor's Update from the 2022 PFA AGM @ 10am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2022

The weather was fine, no, it was great, what a beautiful sunny day with NO rain expected and the promise of it continuing for the entire weekend.

A quorum was achieved without difficulty; however, it did seem that the numbers were down on last year, possibly due to the weather being so nice.

We got under way and on-time, at 10.02am, it was a good crowd, mostly familiar faces with a mix of new ones, which was good to see.

The meeting started with apologies tabled by the committee and proxies declared (but not required).

Voting on the acceptance of the minutes of the previous AGM meeting held on the 20th November 2021, proposed, seconded and voted by a majority.

Moving then on to the individual executive committee reports, which had been widely distributed prior to the meeting to all members, Chairman's report, Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and the Auditor's report, were all "presented" and passed in to record for 2022. All proposed, seconded and voted by a majority.

The appointment of the Auditor for next year was proposed and voted on, passing by a majority.

A brief discussion was had in General Business regarding Membership fees and Levies and as no increases/alterations had been proposed, it was agreed that they would remain unchanged for the upcoming year.

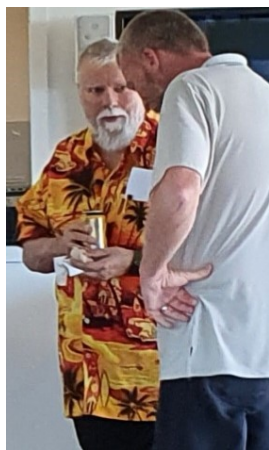
The meeting moved on to the election of office bearers and so, as is protocol, all existing committee stood down and Mr Robert Brown accepted the role of returning officer and proceeded to read out the "new" committee nominations and as they were all unopposed, they were duly elected to their respective nominated committee positions.

Thank you, Robert, job well done (although it was hard to take him serious in "that" shirt ED).

### Our new committee for 2022/2023

Chairman	Tony Garland
Vice-Chairman	Ray Thompson
Treasurer	Neil Langridge
Secretary	Tere Alexeeff
Committee.	Graeme Turner Olivia Bariatti Michael Inch Mark Laurence and Michael Syme.

Congratulations to the incoming committee, welcome, and many thanks to all who attended and participated, a great day for the club. The meeting was closed at 10.13am WOW that was a quickie, it didn't seem at all rushed, just smooth, that's got to be an all-time record, surely. Members were invited to stay on for drinks and nibbles and an opportunity to have a chat and relax together which most of us did, very pleasant, an opportunity to catch up with other members, what a great bunch of people our club has for members. **Cont.**



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Apart from discussing medical conditions, operations that some of us have had and some that are up-coming, the range and range shoots was the main topic of conversation, understandably. We were talking about



Work-Bees and general range maintenance and the need to get more members involved in volunteering some of their time to help out.

It would be good, no, encouraging to see some "club spirit", with members pitching in and volunteering, even if it's just once a year for a day or even a couple of hours, and with, in excess of 320 members, just half of them volunteering would have a HUGE impact on our general maintenance, come on, put your hand up, even if it's just "Once A Year", be part of the solution. (If 50% of members (160), did 4hrs once a year it would be 80 days of range maintenance).

I did stay for a while for a coffee and nibbles, had a good time talking with quite a few other members, very nice, very sociable. And it was good to see so many staying back for the opportunity to spend time with fellow members.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and successful New Year, all the best to you and yours from me and mine.

**Derek BT ED.**

## MOSSBERG PATRIOT,

oh my, what a beauty.



I want one, but how can I convince my better half that I actually neeeded one? I saw it first on the inside front page of one of my shooting magazines, I had trouble turning the page over, I just kept looking at it. Certainly, a damn nice, looking rifle, I read that they're very accurate and packed with features such as drop box magazine, recessed crown, fluted barrel, spiral fluted bolt (oh I love the look of these), streamlined bolt handle, weaver scope bases, user-adjustable trigger system, all you need to succeed in the field or on the range (so they say). A Monte Carlo elevated comb in combination with the optics top rail to make sighting easy, keeping you reliably on target. The new stock "utilises a special coating process for a full-rifle micro-textured surface that provides a comfortable, firm hold in the field or at the range", I'm so impressed. Suppressor ready, (not sure we are allowed yet) optics ready, built on the proven Patriot chassis, offering accuracy, dependability, and a smooth trigger. Oh, what's not to like? I want one, BUT I already have a .243cal so maybe I need a .270cal, I'll just have to think about it while I work out how I can justify it, you never know. **ED DBT.**



## A Vote of Thanks.

With the use of anything/everything comes the inevitable need for repairs/maintenance such is the same at our PFA range, and this is what ensures us of the superb facilities that we are able to enjoy now and well into the foreseeable future, BUT this is not possible without the hard work, help and assistance freely given by, unfortunately too few members, but as you will see from each visit, SOMEONE is doing something and more than their fair share.  
Derek BT. ED.



## A Thank You from PFA Inc.

The recent major refurbishment of 100m targets was only possible due to the help of some very willing volunteers.

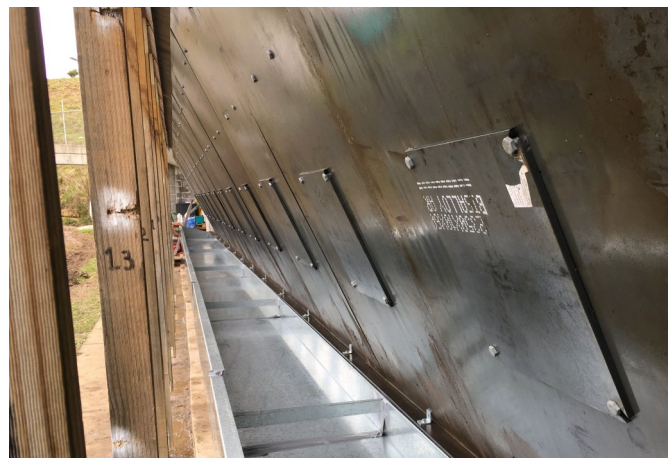
Following the September shoot, the refurbishment of the 100m targets was carried out. This was a major undertaking as the steel plates for the bullet trap and the sand tray had to be replaced due to wear. With each plate (and there were 22 to be removed and 20 new ones to be installed) weighing in at over 170 Kg each, some pretty specialised equipment was required, as well as some very lateral thinking to ensure all was done properly and with no damage to anything or anyone.



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All members owe a huge debt of gratitude to the following club members. Without their co-operation, we would not have been able to shoot at the end of October. Hopefully no-one has been missed out and left off this list, but if you have, our heartfelt apologies:-

*Forrest Park, Glenn Dickson, Nick Stone  
Sumet Stone, Mason Binge, David Binge  
Bevan Coulson, Robert Bernard, Geoff Browne  
Hardy Crombach, Peter O'Connor  
Garry Kirwan, Ian Peet, Glen Preston  
Neil Langridge, Tony Garland, Tere Alexeeff  
John Drake, John Lindley, Ray Thompson  
Robert Brown, Simon Lindley, David Waite  
Liv Barriati, Remi Lowe, Graeme Turner  
Mark Laurence, Stiaan Le Roux*  
**THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**



(above, The finished article, looks brand new, well done everyone. Ed DBT)



**Interesting couple of photos at the range during work.**

**These two were keeping an eye on proceedings during the project and as usual, weren't disturbed by the activity at all.**



## VALE. JOHN TINGLE

August 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

John Saxon Tingle, the founder of the Shooters Party, well known Journalist and Broadcaster and father of high-profile ABC

journalist Laura Tingle, has died. John's daughter, Laura Tingle announced the 90-year-old's death on Saturday, sharing her "profound gratitude and luck in having him in my life." "He died a part of a small community who truly cared for him and we are very grateful that he felt so happy and loved at the end of his long life."

John was born in the eastern-Sydney suburb of Edgecliff in November 1931,

His career started in journalism, where he worked as a broadcaster and news editor for 2QN Deniliquin from 1949 until 1951, later joining the ABC, where he stayed until 1968, returning in 1977 to present Friday Night Forum. Throughout the 1970s he worked in radio for a number of networks including 2SM and 2GB in Sydney. From 1992 to 1995 he was director of current affairs at radio 2CH.

Mr Tingle founded the Shooters Party in 1992. He was also its vice-chairman until 1995, now the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers party. He was elected to the New South Wales upper house three years later and served as the party's lone parliamentary representative for 11 years. John Tingle launched the single-issue party after a lunch with the former police minister Ted Pickering at which they discussed proposed regulation of gun ownership. "I said: 'Look, Ted, if you bring in these Laws shooters will go political'," "by the end of the week we had 1,000 members. I didn't really want to start a political party. It was a joke to put the wind up Ted, but it took off, and I got stuck with it."

In 2019, Mr Tingle, a resident of Wauchope in the NSW Mid North Coast, called himself an "accidental politician" in an interview with the Illawarra Mercury. "I was 63 looking to retire to Port Macquarie, I had a block of land and without telling me they put me at the top of the ballot and I got elected," he said. "It was a party that was never intended to be with someone elected who didn't know he was standing for parliament." He retired in 2005. Outside of work, John Tingle enjoyed a love of photography, classical and jazz music and shooting. Mr Tingle was father to Peter, Sally and Laura. His longstanding friend and former parliamentarian Tony Windsor paid tribute to Tingle describing him as a "good man" who helped many people throughout his career.



## Remington Safety Warning and Recall Notice

Remington have issued a product safety warning

and recall notice on Remington Model 700™ and Model Seven™ rifles manufactured between 1 May 2006 and 9 April 2014 and have a X-Mark Pro® (XMP) trigger.

Information relating to the safety warning and recall notice is available on the following websites:

# Remington website: <https://mprecall.remington.com/>

# Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC) website: <https://www.productsafety.gov.au/recall/remington-usa-model-700-and-model-seven-rifles>

The NSW Police Force Firearms Registry will be contacting NSW licence or permit holders who are in possession of an affected rifle.

However, if you own a Remington Model 700 or Model Seven rifle with an X-Mark Pro trigger, the Remington website has the facility to enter your serial number to determine if your rifle needs to be inspected as part of the recall.

If you are in possession of an affected rifle, please be advised that Remington have issued the following warning:

### **WARNING:**

### ***STOP USING YOUR RIFLE.***

***Any unintended discharge has the potential for causing injury or death. Immediately stop using your rifle until Remington can inspect it to determine if the XMP trigger has excess bonding agent used in the assembly process, which could cause an unintentional discharge and, if so, replace the trigger mechanism. If you own a rifle subject to this recall, Remington will provide shipping, inspection, replacement of the trigger mechanism if necessary, and return at no cost to you. DO NOT attempt to diagnose or repair your rifle yourself***

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*I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon, I'll let you know.*



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### ***Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2022/23.***

*Last Sunday of each Month.*

***18th Dec 2022***

***29th Jan, 26th Feb, 26th March, 30th April, 28th May, 25th June, 30th July, 27th Aug, 24th Sept, 29th Oct, 26th Nov, 31st Dec, TBC.***

*Check [www.pfainc.org.au](http://www.pfainc.org.au) for any updates or changes.*

*Shooting is scheduled to start at 10.00 am and finish on the day at 5.00pm.*

**To ensure "on-time" detail start times please arrive 15min to 20min prior to your scheduled start time.**

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