

# On Target

March 2025

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If Adam and Eve were Cajuns they would have eaten the snake instead of the apple and saved us all a lot of trouble.



**Range Officers (RO) are needed to assist in the running of our shoot days. The more qualified RO's we have the less frequent each RO needs to attend, simple.**

Have you time to spare to help in the running of the club/range? Take up the RO's course and assist at our regular shoots, the more RO's the lighter the load. Each RO earns a discount on their membership fees, RO duty counts as an attendance, and you get to shoot for free. Volunteer now, contact the club and nominate, put your name down to become an **RO**.

**Disclaimer:** Please note that the items and views expressed are not necessarily those of PFA Inc.

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

### A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS.

The following rules must be followed when you attend the range:-

\* No firearms are to be left unattended in the Registration area. If you need to walk away from your firearms ensure you ask someone to mind your firearms for you.

\* All firearms must be cased or bagged

\* There is to be no handling of uncased or unbagged firearms in the Registration Area or the car park.

\* There is no handling of loose ammunition in the Registration Area.

These rules are in place for your safety and the safety of everyone attending the range. Thank you for complying and assisting in the safe smooth flow of our shooting day.

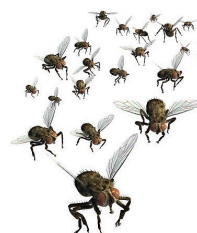
**The Committee of Management**

### **WORKING BEE or HELPING OUT**

The PFA range has been up and running now for quite some time and all seems to be OK. A great result from everyone who committed so much of their time, effort and energy over the years, something we can now all benefit from. With this wonderful asset comes some added responsibilities for us all, and we must now accept that this wonderful range and clubhouse requires regular, ongoing maintenance and occasionally some work on improvements over time. Work and maintenance will need to be done to take care of and maintain the range to its high standard and to also minimise the cost of outsourcing work that can be done voluntarily by willing club members. A work bee attendance, a trade repair or gardening, whatever you are able to contribute will earn you a complimentary shoot for each time you work at the club. Ensure a well kept and well maintained range and lessen the impact on our bank balance. **What can you do for your club?** Put your hand up now or anytime you find you have some free time, call the club **0431581259** and nominate your speciality, garden care, mowing, painting, carpentry or general maintenance work, all will be welcomed. Look forward to seeing you at future work-bees. **Derek BT. ED.**



**A Jackaroo** from beyond the **Black Stump** attends a social function where Anthony Albanese is trying to gather more support for his new Health Plan. Once he discovers the Jackaroo is from outback Blackall and a National Party supporter, he starts to belittle him by talking in a slow, lazy drawl and single syllable words. As he was doing that, he kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around his head. The Jackaroo says, "Ar ya havin' some problem with them circle flies?" Anthony stopped talking and said, "Well, yes, if that's what they're called, but I've never heard of circle flies." "Well Sir," the Jackaroo replies, "circle flies hang around sheep 'n cattle properties, they're called circle flies because they're almost always found circling around the back end of a horse." "Oh," Anthony replies as he goes back to rambling. But, a moment later he stops and bluntly asks, "Are you calling me a horse's arse?" "No Sir" the Jackaroo replies, "I have too much respect for the citizens of this country to call their Prime Minister a horse's arse." "That's a good thing," Anthony responds and begins rambling on once more. After a long pause, the Jackaroo, in his best outback, country drawl says, **"Hard to fool them flies, though."**



**Reading**, some people might say, is time which could be better spent shooting, in part I agree, BUT when you read stuff that makes your shooting better and makes it more enjoyable, not a waste after all. A shooting magazine I was reading recently had an article on some low-cost ideas that the author had discovered and was using to reduce cost and enhance his shooting/reloading pleasure. A couple of his suggestions I've listed here, the first one relates to bore cleaning.

*Fired firearms have dirty bores from the residue of primer and powder combustion, together with copper fouling. When cleaning bores, the first two patches down the barrel can be wet with **carburettor or throttle cleaner** from your local automotive store. One can will last the average reloader several years. It will not attack copper or the ingrained combustion residue, but it will remove all loose residue within the bore. It evaporates and leaves the bore clean for the normal bore cleaning liquid to attack the accumulated powder fouling and copper residue left behind. Normal cleaning fluids will do a similar job but why use expensive fluids when a cheaper alternative that works is available?* (sounds like a good idea to me ED)



*Let's now look at **ultrasonic case cleaners** plus the **solutions used** with them. They will clean the case both inside and out. The commercial models available can be over-capacity to needs and costly but consider a **jewellery cleaner**. You can get one for under \$50. (A Google search found Ultrasonic cleaners in the \$30 to \$99 range. ED) Mine has a capacity of about 30 cases of .270 Winchester size. With two eight-minute cycles about right to get the job done. You can, of course, buy commercial cleaning fluids but it's much cheaper to make your own, and it works great.*



*Add a level teaspoon of citric acid and level teaspoon of cream of tartar in a 1-litre container, add a non-specific dash of household liquid detergent, fill with water and shake. ready to use. The contents will last about 3-4 rounds of cleaning. Cases are then rinsed in clean water and placed on any form of drying rack. As an aid, to eliminate watermarks on your cases just add lemon juice to the final rinsing water. The ultrasonic cleaner is also useful to clean dirty reloading dies.*

*Disassemble the sizing die and place it in the cleaner to get the accumulated oil and dirt off, you then spray it with carburettor or throttle body cleaner to remove the water, relubricate it lightly with a spray oil and allow it to drain dry. This leaves a thin protective film on the die body. **END**.*

Now I must admit to not trying any of the above, mentioned ideas myself, and cannot vouch for or guarantee that they'll work as stated. But I believe that they've got to be worth a try from a cost point of view and the satisfaction of the DIYer in us all.

**Derek BT ED.**

## EDITOR'S COMMENT (whinge)

Yes, alright, I know, not exactly Shooting related, but still very concerning as it should be to every Australian. This is not just another complaint from the "having a whinge" bloke inside me, this is something I'm passionate about, Australia, and I think it needs to be called out. We, as do many Aussies, buy Australian produce, believing we are supporting our farmers, producers and Australian businesses, therefore supporting Australia. BUT the BRAND, as it once was is no longer. A point in case is one of our favourites, JUICES which we drink quite a bit of and predominantly the Golden Circle brand. Golden Circle you might think, a good Aussie brand, has to be a full-on Aussie surely. The contents declaration on most of their containers now states, 74% Australian content, what this ratio is I have been unable to determine, part of the 74% would be water, I'm sure, so the remaining 26% is what? and comes from where? BUT wait the worst is yet to come, the latest orange juice from Golden Circle gave a contents declaration of 4% Australian content, WHAT???? That's 96% imported "whatever it is". I submitted a contact-form to Golden Circle regarding this issue and was assured of a five day turnaround reply, now, 20 weeks later, apart from acknowledging the receipt of my initial query, nothing, total silence from their end. Something wrong here when we can't get Aussie product using Aussie fruit and the contents of what we buy is undeclared. Why can we not use our own farmers, their product, their fruit and our own factories, OH!!! Is that because we don't have any anymore, unfair practices and very cheap imports have wiped them out. Sorry to burden you with this issue, BUT I needed to share it with other Aussies, who I'm sure will be equally outraged. 4% is unbelievable.



**Derek BT ED.**

**REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**, no! not financial (feel free if you have some spare \$,s. ED) but editorial, some interesting bits of your own, something to interest and entertain fellow members/readers of this newsletter. We do our best to include a variety of content for your reading pleasure and would like to add to that by "hearing" what you have to say about your activities, your stories, anything shooting or club related, maybe a recent "away" shoot or hunt with a friend or two. What about how your son/daughter (or spouse) is progressing after their introduction to shooting and how they are enjoying their time at the club. If its interesting to you, there are many members who would also be interested and enjoy reading what you have to say. Contributions can be submitted to the Secretary, via the PFA website or to derekbt48@gmail.com

**Derek BT ED.**

## **THE NEW DA APPROVAL.**

### **Peninsular Firearm Academy Inc**

#### **Operational Plan of Management. March 2025**

The shooting range facility and associated clubhouse at Lot 101, DP 1 106750, 439 Mona Vale Road Belrose, will be managed and operated as detailed in this Plan of Management

##### **1. Use of the Facility**

The Clubhouse will be used for Training Courses, the Annual General Meeting, Committee Meetings, Sub-Committee Meetings and Club related functions for members and their guests, to be held on a regular basis as required, between the hours of 7.00am and 11.00pm. The hours of operation for shooting will be as follows: Three (3) days rimfire — Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday inclusive between 10am and 5pm AEST (10am to 6pm AEDT).

Two (2) days centrefire to run concurrently on 2 of the rimfire days on Tuesday and Saturday between 10am to 5pm AEST (10am to 6pm AEDT).

One (1) Sunday per month, for both rimfire and centrefire between 10am and 5pm AEST (10am to 6pm AEDT).

No shooting on the Saturday when shooting happens on the Sunday.

No shooting on public holidays except on 25 April — ANZAC Day, between 10am and 5pm AEST (10am to 6pm AEDT)

Night time events may occur on 3 approved operational weekend days up to 7.00 pm for centrefire and 10.00pm for rimfire. Written notification will be given a minimum of 2 weeks prior to any special event to residential premises within a 1500 m radius of the rifle range. The notification shall provide details of the event, information on how to lodge a complaint and a contact number of a representative of Peninsular Firearm Academy to receive and action any immediate concerns during the event.

The firearms and ammunition permitted to be used includes air rifles, rimfire rifles, black powder rifles and centrefire rifles. Ammunition must not exceed the ballistic capabilities of .308 Winchester (7.62mm) ammunition at 100m. This complies with the Range Approval issued by the NSW Police.

##### **2. Operation of the Facility**

The facility is to be operated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Firearms Act 1996 and the Firearms Regulation 2017.

##### **3. Safety and Security of the Building**

No firearms or ammunition will be stored on site. No cash will be stored on site.

Club members and visitors will bring their own firearms and ammunition to the site. Peninsular Firearm Academy Inc will also bring firearms and ammunition to the site, as required, for the purpose of training and familiarisation. The transportation of firearms and ammunition will be carried out in accordance with the relevant Act and its Regulations.

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The Standing Orders for the club will detail the specific safety measures which are to be implemented at the facility. The standing orders of the club will prevail in the event of any inconsistency between the standing orders and this plan of management.

#### **4. Noise and other Incidents Management — Complaints Register**

A complaint and/or incident register will be kept by Peninsular Firearm Academy Inc.

The register will record all complaints received in relation to the shooting range facility, all incidents that occur at the shooting range facility, which are not part of normal club activities, and the action taken to address the issue.

The register is to be available to Council Officers at their request.

A copy of the OPM will be kept on site, in conjunction with the complaints/incident register.

All complaints will be made in writing. They may be lodged via email to,

**secretarypfainc.org.au**

or by mail to,

**PO Box 571, Terrey Hills NSW 2084,**

or via the website contact page.

Complaints will be dealt with by the Committee of Management. The only exception to this will be on the occasion of a special night time event, where complaints may be made by telephone. The number for this will accompany the notice of event.

##### **5. Traffic Management**

The entrance gate to the shared driveway will be opened by range staff at the start of a shooting day and they will close the gate after the shooting day finishes. No other specific traffic management measures are required.

##### **6. Lead Management**

The target catch trays will be inspected every 5 years for lead contamination, and if required, the contaminated Waste will be disposed of according to the EPA recommendations and regulations. The design and construction of the targets and bullet catchment enclosure prevents penetration and therefore contamination of any soil.

##### **7. General**

All on-site maintenance, including weeding, landscaping, building repairs and general property maintenance, will be carried out during daylight hours, subject to normal statutory noise restrictions.

All waste water generated from the building is handled by the on-site worm farm.

In the event that rainfall has been insufficient to keep the Water tanks full, Water will be delivered.

Normal commercial waste collection arrangements will apply.

##### **8.0 Review of Plan of Management**

The Plan of Management is to be reviewed on an as needs basis, or whenever altered conditions of use are being sought.

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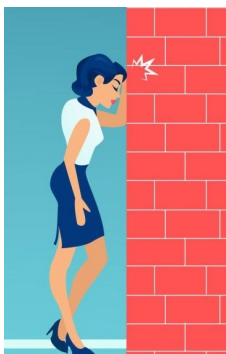
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Notwithstanding this, Where the acoustic compliance testing results in exceedances of 87dBA, when measured in accordance with EPA document Target Shooting Ranges: Application Note for Assessing Noise Compliance October 2015 operational management strategies to mitigate noise shall be put in place immediately and details provided to Northern Beaches Council of these actions taken. Any further operational management strategies needed shall be incorporated into this Operational Plan of Management. PFAOPMv4.



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**This is the result** of many, many long and sometimes frustrating hours (read days, months ED) put in tirelessly (really tirelessly ED) by our Secretary, Tere A, a big thank you has been earned and a rest is deserved (maybe an opportunity to have a relaxing shoot one day ED) There were others involved in getting us where we are and they also deserve a thank you. This result gives us the opportunity/ approval to shoot more flexible time/schedules but I'm sure it does not mean we will be shooting on each and every day/ night, some planning, lots of thought, discussions and decisions to be made and most critically the required staffing of the range, yes, Range Officers, now is the time to get involved and take up the challenge to become an RO and help the club through to its next level of operation. This is fantastic news, lets put our hands up and volunteer, whatever you can do to contribute to the safe and successful running of this great club.



Thanks to ALL who contributed so far, in getting here and a special thank you again to Tere A and Tony G.

thank you



**Derek BT ED.**

## THE STOCKADE. (not as we knew it ED)

Tony G as well as contributing enormously to the establishing and running of PFA Inc, still maintains a large stock of gun related product on his "virtual" shelves, some items can be viewed and purchased at the club from the trade display on shoot days and at other times direct from his website. Tony has many varied items in stock and readily available, still having accessories, mounts, scopes, rings, odd bits and pieces and cleaning gear, plus much more. Stock that was readily available from the original



Stockade and still available to you from the original owner and operator, so if you need something for your shooting bench or new rifle, do yourself a favour and check with Tony first and see what he has available. You could find that hard to get item, find a bargain and maybe save some of your hard earned money.

**Contact** Tony directly to discuss your needs, always there to help **0414357243**



## HERE WE GO AGAIN.

A Govt seemingly devoid of any grasp on the real world, trying to look like they have a grip on "the problem" by again tying up the innocent and law-abiding firearm owning population in further, additional red tape. I strongly object to the Govt's inference that we are the problem and by introducing this national gun register it will stop illegal use of firearms. Why not do something that will target the criminal component of gun crimes, Target the illegal importation and use by criminals of these black-market guns, and the illegal use of them.

**Derek BT ED**

*The Albanese government is to commit fresh funding to establish a National Firearms Register, a new countrywide database to bolster community safety, following the tragic Wieambilla shootings in 2022. In the federal budget, scheduled for May 2024, \$161.3m to be invested over four years to establish the register, with state and territory firearms management systems upgraded to be compliant with the new Commonwealth database. The commitment follows an agreement, by national cabinet in December, however the funding arrangements to the new program had become a sticking point. It is understood that South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the ACT could each require as much as \$30m to connect to a new federal database. (Of the \$161.3 budget, \$10.3m would remain, over 4 years each for Vic, Qld, WA and NSW for their part, approx. \$2.5M each over 4 years or \$625K per annum. Who is balancing the books on this? doesn't look right to me ED) The register will allow law enforcement to assess firearms risks by providing frontline police officers across the country with near real-time information on firearms, parts and owners. (again, only legal, law-abiding registered gun owners. ED) Firearms information will also be linked to other relevant police and government information, including data from the National Criminal Intelligence System. "Once established, police will know where firearms are, who owns them, and what other risks to the community and police may exist," a statement released by Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus said. "The Australian government is committed to protecting the Australian community and ensuring Australia's firearms laws remain among the most effective in the world."*

## Opinion

The Register will create a system which houses the private information of licence holders in one place. This brings significant privacy concerns, we've seen incidents of misuse of this information, the most significant being the release of a 'de-identified' map of locations of firearms licence holders on the front page of The West Australian newspaper in 2022. Once again like all current laws and regulations relating to guns and their ownership and use this "new" register, will only apply to those that, like now, will comply with the law, legal, law-abiding gun owners. What about the illegals, the criminals, what are they going to do about THEM. Law-abiding firearms owners are some of the most heavily policed people in the country. If personal information on firearms is available on a database, there could be leaks and that would be a public safety risk if used in the wrong way.

**Derek BT ED.**

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

is something said and I strongly support, I know there are many worldwide in need but I am of the opinion that we support our own first, and I mean by this our farmers, our men and women on the land doing it tough, due to drought, floods and fires it's a tough gig but they are in it for us and it's their life and we should help them however we can. Govts are only in it when they can get a good photo opportunity or to gain some political advantage come election time, farmers need more substantial and sustained backup such as you and I helping out by volunteering or donating what we can to help them up. If you are of a mind to volunteer or donate some worthwhile item or amount, get in touch with this organization, they do great work and connect people who need help with people who can help. Get in touch with them on their website and see how best you can help, as the saying goes, "every little bit helps", and they will be thankful for what you can do.

[Home - Rural Aid - Supporting Rural Communities \(ctrl + click\)](https://www.ruralaid.org.au/) or go to <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/>

Ph: 1300 327 624. email: [contact@ruralaid.org.au](mailto:contact@ruralaid.org.au)

**Rural Aid Ltd**

**PO Box 476**

**Indooroopilly Centre QLD 4068**

**OUR STORY** (their words ED)

Rural Aid is Australia's most trusted rural charity. Established in 2015, Rural Aid's vision is to safeguard farming and rural communities before, during and after natural disasters. We stand ready to support farmers when disaster strikes and to offer the help needed at the time. Rural Aid is also dedicated to supporting a stable future for our farmers to ensure they can keep providing food and fibre for all Australians.

We do this through our innovative programs that increase the resilience and sustainability of farmers, families and rural communities.

As an independent charity, we rely on the generosity of our industry partners and supporters who fundraise, donate and volunteer to enable our vision to be realised.

The Farm Army is a job posting platform for farmers and workers or volunteers. Farmers can post a variety of jobs on a volunteer or paid basis. They can also offer positions on a contra basis, where



applicants work in exchange for meals and/or accommodation. Rural Aid provides the platform where farmers list jobs, but is not involved in the applicant selection process.

Plus, your regular contribution ensures the long-term sustainability of Rural Aid's support programs that:

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**Provide** fresh drinking water to drought and fire affected families

**Supply** farmers with fodder for starving livestock

**Offer** financial assistance and pre-paid visa cards to families doing it tough

**Support** struggling farmers with free counselling Services

*(Help, if and how you can. Derek BT ED)*



## ILLEGAL HUNTING with CHARGES LAID

It is a thing; it does happen and you can get caught and you can cop the consequences, which can be quite serious. Is it worth the risk?

Two men from Bourke, NSW will face Nyngan Local Court on March 25th, 2025, after being charged with illegal hunting and trespassing on private agricultural land.

On November 28th, 2024, a lawful hunter with permission spotted the suspects on a Pangee Road property. After confirming they were



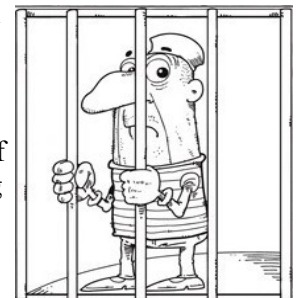
unauthorised, he alerted the landowner, gathered evidence, and reported them to police.

Bourke to Nyngan is a little over 200kms with Pangee approximately a further 80ks S/W of Nyngan.

With loads of open and bushland in the areas, permission is still required, a must have. Bourke to Pangee via Cobar would make a slightly longer trip, just over 3hrs and just over 300kms, I would hazard a guess these two gentlemen knew where they were going and didn't come across this property by chance, who knows. Illegal hunting is a serious issue affecting biosecurity, property damage, and farmers' peace of mind and damaging to legal shooters' image and reputation.

The farming community around Nyngan has voiced frustration over trespassers disrupting their land and livelihoods.

This case highlights the value of responsible, legal hunters acting as extra eyes and ears for landowners.



A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!" the husband said, "Oh my God! What should I pack, mountain stuff or beach stuff?" "Doesn't matter," she said. "Just get out."





Urgent warning as councils prepare to release virus to fight invasive threat: by Kamilia Palu • Feb 2025  
Councils across Australia are on the verge of releasing a virus to target the nation's most costly pests, sparking an urgent warning for Aussies to act now to protect their pets. While they can look cute, feral rabbits are considered one of the most destructive introduced species in the country and cost the economy an estimated \$200m per year to manage. Most states are now rolling out Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV-K5), otherwise known as calicivirus, to control wild rabbit populations. The virus, which is released in the form of a solution in chopped carrots, was first introduced nationally in 2017, and dropped rabbit numbers by about 35%. But the highly infectious disease can impact domestic rabbits too, causing fever, difficulty in breathing, spasms and sudden death. Calicivirus is spread through contact with contaminated surfaces, and can **accidentally be passed on to pets** through insect bites, contaminated materials, and food or water sources. In the Greater Sydney and Central Coast areas, the virus is being released in a matter of days, prompting one vet to urge rabbit owners to get their pets vaccinated as soon as possible.

"This is quite an urgent matter," Will Cadell, Regional Clinical Director at Greencross Vets. He said without a vaccine, a pet rabbit that contracts the virus stands little chance of recovery. "I think people are often quite unaware that rabbits need to be vaccinated against these diseases." Domestic rabbits require an annual vaccine to remain protected against calicivirus, and as full immunity takes about two weeks to come into effect, now is the time to act. "They're planning to release it at the beginning of March. Realistically, even if people get their rabbits vaccinated right away there is still a risk, so it is quite an urgent call out to pet owners to get this sorted," Cadell said.

Those that live near populations of wild rabbits should be extra cautious, Cadell said. While NSW is planning on releasing the virus in the first week of March, other states across the country have already started.



My girlfriend left a note on the fridge, "it's not working, I can't take it anymore, I'm going to my Mum's place"

I opened the fridge, the light came on, the beer was cold, what the hell is she talking about?



## **PFA Contact Details**

PO Box 571 Terrey Hills NSW 2084

[www.pfainc.org.au](http://www.pfainc.org.au)

Telephone, **0431581259**

## **CALL TO ARMS.**

Earth works have been carried out at the range at the 25m target mound. This was necessary due to an extended rain period that tested the original drainage system, indicating improvement was required. The subsequent flooding, while not appearing too bad had actually caused some damage to the operation of the targets via their local electronics. The 25m target frames and all surrounds had to be removed while the new, deeper and larger trench was dug out and back filled with the required drainage gravel. A larger holding pit was dug and then it was all re-connected (*I saw one of the guys disappear down the pit, it should work now.*) Tony G had been working all week with John D, Steve W, Forest P, Gary K and Hamish from **Osawood** on this project and now needed some assistance to reconnect and reinstate the 25m target mechanisms, so an email went out to **all members** to see if a few others could help out and earn a credit for their efforts. Time was not anticipated to be too long, 10am to 12.00 should do it and the choice was for Thursday, Friday and or Saturday. I put my hand up for Thursday and was there at about 9.50am, meeting up with John D, Gary K (*my 2 new best friends. ED*) and Tony to see what we needed to do and we did get a heap done, a small team, (*not many turned up. ED*) but effective, all working well together. We managed to get it all reinstated and everything mounted back up, but unfortunately the water (*we assume ED*) had taken its toll and taken out three of the control boards (*one located at each target ED*) so after several hours, a few more than anticipated, it was decided to get a minimum of 25m targets up and running and the remaining ones to be repaired when the parts arrive from Norway. A job well done, but unfortunately not quite finished yet. See you when the parts arrive gents, pick up where we left off. Thanks to Tere A for providing much needed backup support and also some lunch, (*leftovers from The RO meeting the night before. ED*) coffee and tea, much needed by then and enjoyed sitting down for a debrief and chat with all the team, thanks guys & girls. **Derek BT ED.**



## ***Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2025.***

*Last Sunday of each Month.*

*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.*

*30th Mar, 27th April, 25th May, 29th June, 27th July, 31st Aug, 28th Sept, 26th Oct, 30th Nov, 14th Dec.*

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