

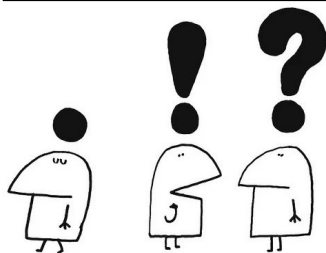
On Target

September 2025

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Don't worry about getting older. You still get to do stupid things ... only slower.



There's a guy who knows how to kill a conversation.

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 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



HERE'S AN INTERESTING PICTURE for those of us who haven't yet had the opportunity to view the clubhouse from the other end, on top of the world, so to speak. This is the view looking back to the club house from on top of Mount TnT (the target mound). What a view, if you ever get the opportunity to get up there and take a look, don't pass it up, you won't regret it, what a great view back to the clubhouse and out over the valley and hills to the North. (Picture supplied by Graeme T who has spent quite some time up on the "mount")

The next picture is a close up of our dam, full and functioning as it was planned and hoped for. It had to be relocated slightly when we had a complaint from ?? So good that we had it during the bushfires it provided water that the fires used to save surrounding property and bushland. It was a big help. Our dam helps by providing much needed water for the local wildlife as well as supplying water for the helicopter buckets for fighting bushfires, and as a point of interest we also carry an additional 27,000 ltrs in reserve and rigged for the use of our local fire fighters. Pictures and info courtesy of Graeme T.



NOTICE TO COLLECTORS.

We are holding a collectors meeting on the 24th of November at the clubhouse between 6pm and 9pm depending on numbers. RSVP (and for more details) the Club House Manager (Graeme Turner) text 0428674422 or email graeme@osawood.com Don't be late contact Graeme now and come to the meeting and meet like minded members, enjoy.

100m and 25m target maintenance Work-Bee.

Another excellent day at the range on Thursday 17th of July, weather was perfect, cool but not cold and sunny, great for working outside with willing co-workers and all for the benefit of all PFA members. Start time was a very civilised 10am, while some were early there were a couple that arrived a little later, but hey, were not on the clock, so all good.

With quite a few members volunteering to assist on the day we were looking good, unfortunately we did experience a few no-shows, somewhat disappointing, but those that turned up were all committed and got the job done, great work guys, all received a PFA “free shoot” card, great bonus, thanks to all.

The 100m targets need to be refurbished periodically to replace the “shot-out” centres, repair, patch or replace the surrounds and fix/trim (Tony G was managing the panel beating) as required the rotating rubber backing, quite an extensive process but with many hands the job gets done and returns the targets to **AI** operating condition in time and ready for the next shoot and beyond. Everyone worked well on the project and we can look forward to a trouble-free run for many months to come.

While the 25m targets were somewhat different in what was required they managed, eventually to get done on the day, touch and go there for a while but it all came out well in the end.

Due to past very bad rain and flooding, water ingress to the CU's (control units) (one per target), caused them to malfunction and the consequent loss of 25m target usage. Some major drainage works has since been completed, eliminating any possible occurrence of this event in the future.

All 25m targets were disassembled, new “whiteboard” surrounds fitted and new/refurbished CU cards fitted to the CU enclosures at the bottom. After refitting and reconnecting it became clear that something was not right, but what? Steve got the manual out (actual read it) and determined that each CU card had to be addressed which we tried over and over, but somehow still didn't work, Tony G sat down with the manual and between the four of us we addressed and assigned ID to each card “individually” that was the hiccup, they had to be done one at a time, individually. While programming each CU card it had to be the only one connected while carrying out the process, **SUCCESS**. Somewhere in the middle of all this lunch arrived, thanks to Tere who always manages to save the day with a break when its most needed. We all adjourned to the main clubhouse, fireplace working and surprisingly quite warm and comfy, loving it. A great choice of sandwiches, cake and biccies with coffee, tea and cold drinks to sooth and calm us all down before returning to finish off for the day. All enjoyed a good fulfilling day with lots of laughs in amongst the chat and work, a great day and productive as well, job well done, thanks to all involved, I for one enjoyed myself.

Derek BT. ED

SMALL SELF SERVE “SHOP”, BUT THE STOCK IS NOT FREE. As most would have noticed when at the range for a shoot there is a “table/shelving” located adjacent to the booking in desk and next to the range entry doors. This table is covered with an abundance of shooter and club related items with also some other very unique items and they are all for sale at very reasonable prices. This facility is not owned by the club but provided to us by Tony and Tere (TnT), with all items on offer belonging to TnT, all sales go towards supporting our hardworking TnT. We are all free to peruse, handle and check out the items for sale and should you wish to own any of them, they can be purchased at the booking-in desk at the time you are booking in for your shoot or when you've finished shooting, before you leave. Items are marked with their individual or group prices and it is a system based on the trust principal, which we are sure all understand and are following. This is a small bonus facility for members to have at the range and allows some items to be purchased at the range and without driving around the countryside looking for that little something that you may not even know you need or want, very handy, so have a look and find that something you may not have known you couldn't be without. Sales of Items purchased from the “the table” all go towards supporting TnT and their tireless efforts supporting the club and us as members, so do your best to support them when you can.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Some members have asked about our range security, what do we have and how does it work, here is a brief summary for your information. In short, we have a modern, state of the art, monitored alarm system distributed throughout the premises, connected to doors, windows and open areas, utilising Reeds and PIRs. When the system is activated (all the time when club is unattended) it will trigger with any and all movement or intrusion detected, a very efficient and reliable system. We also have an extensive CCTV system throughout the complex, consisting of a mix of internal and external HD 1080 IP cameras. designed to cover all important areas, entry/exits and most areas of possible concern. All the internals of the clubhouse, the booking in area, the workshop, the range, all building entry points, also both carparks top and bottom are well covered. The CCTV system is activity activated, meaning when a camera detects movement, the system starts recording, that and any associated camera, which ensures every activity is recorded. Depending on “activity level” recordings are kept for 3 to 6 months, then overwritten by successive recordings first in first out, Not that we'd ever need them, and we hope we never do, **BUT** we do have the ability to review recorded vision from days, even months of past events and activities throughout and across the range. Let's all enjoy the family friendly freedom of our wonderful facilities and make sure that trust is one of our biggest assets, and ensure that we all can enjoy the freedom that our facilities afford us.

Derek BT ED.

How about this saga that Tony G had to go through with our generator recently. Some names have been deleted to protect the innocent (and guilty) and to also aid in brevity. The PFA Inc range is fully solar powered and while it is reliable and works well, we have a diesel generator that's designed to kick in automatically when the solar fails or stops doing its thing. The diesel generator requires regular tests and checks to ensure it will be operational when required. In a recent scheduled test, the generator failed to operate as it should, the following is a brief on what was done and what Tony G had to go through to get it right, some what fragmented and date challenged (my apologies) but I'm sure you will understand.

The following is a brief of the generator saga over the last 5 weeks. (source **Tony G**)

On Sat, Sep 27, 2025. PFA 8 kva Diesel Generator

*Initially the battery was found to be flat and when tested the battery was dead and was replaced with a similar battery, which was not strong enough to start the generator even though it was the same cranking amps as the original one of 350 cranking amps which had been working for years. I checked that the starter motor was working after removal and that the crown wheel could be revolved to make sure the engine wasn't seized. The battery was replaced on advice from **Able** (genset company), with a 600 cranking amps battery which would not fit into the cabinet but worked sitting outside the cabinet. The generator would try to start in the manual mode but would not stay in the run position. **Able** suggested that the fuel solenoid was faulty and should be replaced. The fuel solenoid was replaced and fitted and adjusted and the generator was able to start running as normal in the manual mode. However, when switched to the auto/remote mode from the stopped position, the generator immediately tries to start, and the solenoid extends to the start position, it only stays there for about 2 secs, the starter motor cranks, and then returns to the cut off position, and the generator doesn't start. After suggestions from **Able** that the problem was from the solar inverter generator controller, with advice from **Off Grid Energy** I disconnected the remote-control circuit from the generator. The generator now operates OK in the manual mode, but when switched to the auto mode from the off mode, immediately tries to start with the fuel solenoid going to the start position for about 2 secs and then goes to the cut off position and will not run. If I short out the two wire remote circuit at the generator, with generator not running, nothing happens until I push the auto button and then the generator immediately tries to start but cannot, as described previously. It seems that the generator is permanently in a remote start mode not waiting for a remote request, but is being prevented from completing the task.*



Cont. *Additionally, and I did not repeat this task I pushed the remote button whilst the generator was running in manual mode which I am sure that I have done before, and the generator attempted to remotely start by activating the starter motor, obvious by the noise of the starter gear hitting the crown wheel. With external control removed the fault appears to be within the generator controller panel. Which I am happy to rectify if someone can tell me what to do. Hopefully this gives a clear and precise explanation of the problem.*

Regards Tony G

From: Service Off-Grid Energy 30 September 2025

*Thanks Tony. I confirm your testing methodology omits the Inverter/charger relay start circuit as a possible cause for the generator fault. Please let us know once this is repaired. Regards, **Service & Technical Dept** Finally I got some help from a technician in Western Australia. We spent Wednesday morning over the phone reprogramming the generator controller module. Apparently, the input channel that was originally programmed for remote control from the solar system had carked it for whatever reason and stayed in the called-on position. All fixed by YKW. (Tony G)*

When was the last time you visited the PFA range? Have you seen the flowers and gardens lately including our first Waratah? All thanks to Tony G and Chris Schultz. Time to stop and smell the Rock Orchids, yes they do have a perfume.



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FIREARMS SAFETY AND STORAGE.

This is an important issue and deserves our attention as legitimate firearms owners, sporting shooters and recreational hunters. The security of each firearm is up to the individual in possession of it. It is, however, up to all of us to do the right thing to protect our sport. So, ensure you have a secure means of storing your firearms and encourage your mates to do the same thing. There are Police-approved safes available (Gun Shops, Mitre10 and Bunnings) in a wide variety of sizes and at a range of prices, meaning there is something for everyone and there is never any excuse for failing to properly secure your firearms. Remember, no matter how good a safe is, it still needs to be installed properly, so if you don't have the skills or time to install your safe, consider engaging a professional (or a skilled Mate, we all have one, who can assist with the installation.)

Category A

- (i) Air rifles
- (ii) Rimfire rifles (excluding self-loading)
- (iii) Shotguns (other than self-loading, pump-action or lever-action)
- (iv) Rimfire rifle/shotgun combinations

Category B

- (i) Muzzleloading firearms
- (ii) Single shot, double barrel and repeating centrefire rifles
- (iii) Centrefire rifle/shotgun combinations
- (iv) Lever-action shotguns with a magazine capacity no greater than five rounds

Category C

- (i) Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity no greater than 10 rounds
- (ii) Self-loading and pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity no greater than five rounds

Category D

- (i) Self-loading centrefire rifles designed or adapted for military purposes or a firearm which substantially duplicates those rifles in design, function or appearance
- (ii) Non-military style self-loading centrefire rifles
- (iii) Self-loading, pump-action and lever-action shotguns with a magazine capacity greater than five rounds
- (iv) Self-loading rimfire rifles with a magazine capacity greater than 10 rounds

Category H

- (i) All handguns, including air pistols

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.



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Is AI a good thing? some would say yes, others maybe not, but I'm confident that over time as we get more used to it and learn how best to USE it and not follow it blindly, we will get good benefits. One thing that is continually cropping up lately is it's (Google, Gmail) ability to block us from sites and also to block certain email addresses, what the? you say, but AI is learning and in need of being taught to fit in with us, not dictate our behaviours. Recently a number of members have had the PFA club emails blocked, due to AI not recognising the address, all we need to do is have the PFA address in our contacts list of emails and it will be unblocked, as it will recognise it as one of your contacts. Recent notice from our Secretary said "*with the advent of AI, we cannot control what Gmail does. If you do not have us listed in your contacts, please make sure that you add this email address, PFA Secretary secretary@pfainc.org.au and PFA Registrar registrar@pfainc.org.au to your contacts, otherwise you will fail to receive club notices and updates.*" Wise words and another way of working with AI, not everything but it'll help us on our way. **Derek BT ED**



SHOOTING AT PFA INC.

All members receive regular emails with the dates and times for our upcoming shoots which also includes the booking link. The dates and times are also on our Website at pfainc.org.au but the booking link is only available on the member email. The privilege of being a member. Looking forward to seeing you all at the range. And, please arrive 15-20 minutes before your scheduled detail to ensure smooth processing.

Notice

With the introduction of these new, additional shooting days and times all members are requested to pay attention to regular club emails which include these new shoot days, times, and a **Booking Link**, and should be checked for the days and times that suit you.