



# Annual General Meeting Minutes

**19 October 2024**

6:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)  
7:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)  
6:30pm Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT)  
4:00pm Australian Western Standard Time (AWST)

**via Google Meets**

<https://meet.google.com/rbr-zywx-otp>



# 1. Welcome

## 1.1 Attendees Current and Financial

Confirmed that all below attendees are current financial members:

- |                   |                       |                   |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Greg Smith     | 6. Tim Fox            | 11. Jon Allott    | 16. Ray Hardy        |
| 2. Bonnie Cabrini | 7. Tane Hardwick      | 12. Liane Gordon  | 17. Paul Sparkes     |
| 3. Tania Olsen    | 8. Alison Goodwin     | 13. Perry Jackson | 18. Michael Campbell |
| 4. Beth Allott    | 9. Zanette Williamson | 14. Shane Morris  | 19. Keith Speight    |
| 5. Les Simpson    | 10. Kevin Smoothy     | 15. Chris Nelson  |                      |

## 1.2 Apologies

Peter Starr; Alex Allott

## 1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of minutes of last preceding Annual General Meeting 21 October 2023

Moved: Greg Smith

Seconded: Les Simpson

## 1.4 Confirmation of Special General Meetings

None held.

## 1.5 Committee Reports

That the attached reports be received and published to the TAA website.

Moved: Tania Olsen

Seconded: Tim Fox

Report	Tabled by	Received
President	Greg Smith	✓
Vice President	Paul Sparkes	✓
Treasurer	Bonnie Cabrini	✓
Secretary	Tania Olsen	✓
Membership Officer	Beth Allott	✓
Club Communications Officers	Tane Hardwick Alison Goodwin	✓
Hunt Advisor & Risk and Safety Report	Ray Hardy	✓
Shoot Director	Tim Fox	✓
Score Recorder	Liane Gordon	
Coaching Officer & Public Officer	Les Simpson	✓
Web Content Manager	Alex Allott	

## 1.6 Subcommittee Updates

*Sticks & Strings* subcommittee

- Leslie White tendered her resignation in January 2024.
- New subcommittee formed in March 2024.

Merchandise subcommittee

- Lead by National Treasurer Bonnie Cabrini, with assistance from Web Manager Alex Allott
- Merchandise now via webstore.

Coaching subcommittee

- Led by Les Simpson

No other subcommittees were formed or utilised during the 2023-2024 electoral year.



## 1.7 Financial Statement

That the October 2023 – September 2024 Profit & Loss Statement be received and considered.

Moved: Les Simpson

Seconded: Greg Smith

<b>Profit &amp; Loss Statement</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Sep-24</b>			
Membership Fees 1 year	\$13,265	<b>Bank Bal 30/09/2023</b>	\$ 42,869.14
Membership Fees 2 year	\$10,165	Receipts	\$39,741
Member Fees Family 2yr	\$630	Payments	\$21,018
Member Fees Family 1yr	\$4,780	Rounding	<u>          </u>
	0	<b>Balance per Statement</b>	<b>\$ 61,592.43</b>
	0		
Club Affiliation	\$3,900		
Merchandise	\$2,941		
Bow Making Workshops	\$990		
Assett Sales - Laverrenne Bow Packs	\$0		
Development fund	\$1,480		
TAA Youth Fund	\$1,480		
Misc Income	\$100		
Sundries	\$10		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 39,741.19</b>		
<b>Less Expenditure</b>			
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Insurance	\$8,598		
Webmaster	\$960		
Development fund	\$2,100		
Website	\$87		
Merchandise	\$3,198		
Petty Cash	\$1,200		
Office Equipment	\$1,314		
Membership Secretary	\$1,245		
Bookkeeping	\$286		
TAA National Raffles	\$425		
Gifs/Donation	\$31		
Refund to Member	\$920		
Sundries	\$654		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 21,017.90</b>		



## 1.8 Yearly Audit October 2023 to September 2024

That the annual audit undertaken by TLS BAS and Bookkeeping be considered and received.

Moved: Tania Olsen

Seconded: Bonnie Cabrini



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Bonnie Cabrini  
Traditional Archery Association

Yearly Audit October 2023 to September 2024

I am in agreeance with all allocations and the reconciliation of the bank account.

Regards

*Tanya Scott*

Tanya Scott



## 2. All positions declared vacant

Presiding Chair: Keith Speight

## 3. Executive Nominations

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for executive and general committee positions. This year, we received more nominations than we have in recent years.

Nomination eligibility verified by the following at 1pm AEST 19 October 2024:

Name	Role / Delegation
Tania Olsen	TAA Secretary - Receiving Officer
Beth Allott	Membership Officer (membership database access)
Keith Speight	Independent Observer

**Nominations received:** 20 nominations were received (6 executive, 8 general, 3 both executive and general).

**Valid Nominations:** 18 nominations were valid and met all the necessary requirements.

**Invalid Nominations:** 2 nominations were not valid for the following reasons:

- Executive nomination invalid as endorser not current financial member.
- General committee nomination invalid as received after 16 October 2024.

All invalid nominees were advised of verification outcome prior to the AGM.

### Valid Executive Nominations & Announcement

When a single legitimate nomination is received for any office bearer position, the nominee is automatically elected.

If the number of valid nominations for executive ordinary member positions is equal to or fewer than the three available spots, those nominees are also automatically elected.

The nominees listed below meet the following eligibility criteria and are hereby declared elected:

- Nomination was submitted to the secretary by midnight AWST on Wednesday, 16 October 2024.
- Candidate is a current adult financial member of TAA.
- Nomination for the executive position was endorsed by two current adult financial members, excluding the candidate.

Positions	Nominees
President	Timothy Fox
Vice President	Kevin Smoothy
Treasurer	Bonnie Mason Cabrini
Secretary	Michael Campbell
Ordinary Members x 3	Zanette Williamson (EOI Membership Officer)
	Les Simpson (EOI Coach; Public Officer)
	Beth Allott (EOI Score Recorder; Web Content Manager)

\* Expression of Interest (EOI) for the listed roles: Only once the General Committee is formed shall it allocate roles to the 3 elected and 5 appointed Ordinary Members.



## 4. Welcome to the 2024-2025 Executive

Elected president to Chair, assisted by 2023-2024 Secretary Tania Olsen.

## 5. Appointed Ordinary Member Nomination/EOI

The General Committee consists of 12 members: 7 members of the Executive Committee and 5 ordinary members appointed by the Executive Committee.

All appointment decisions made are at the discretion of the elected executive. Any 3 members of the executive committee constitute a quorum.

### Appointment Process:

1. **Proposal:** An executive member proposes (moves) a candidate for one of the 5 ordinary member positions.
2. **Seconding:** Another executive member must second the nomination.
3. **Discussion:** The Executive Committee discusses the candidate's suitability for the role.
4. **Voting:** The Executive Committee votes on whether to appoint the candidate. A majority vote is required.
5. **Repeat:** This process is repeated until all 5 ordinary members are appointed.

The following current financial members have nominated to be appointed to the General Committee as Ordinary Members, expressing interest (EOI) in the specified roles.

Vacant Positions	Candidate	EOI Role(s)
Ordinary Members x 5	Alex Allott	Web Content Manager
	Zehra Betul Basak	Web Content Manager; Club Communications Officer
	Liane Gordon	Score Recorder
	Alison Goodwin	Club Communications Officer
	Tane Hardwick	Club Communications Officer
	Perry Jackson	Traditional Skills Officer
	Shane Morris	Shoot Director
	Chris Nelson	Hunt Advisor

## 7. Appointment

The following ordinary members were appointed by the executive committee:

Name	Moved	Seconded	Executive Vote
Alex Allott	Bonnie Cabrini	Tim Fox	Unanimous
Tane Hardwick & Alison Goodwin (shared as 1 person)	Beth Allott	Tim Fox	Unanimous
Chris Nelson	Tim Fox	Beth Allott	Unanimous
Perry Jackson	Les Simpson	Michael Campbell	Unanimous
Shane Morris	Tim Fox	Kevin Smoothy	Unanimous



## 6. Allocation of Roles

Once formed, the general committee allocated roles to the 3 elected and 5 appointed Ordinary Members as follows:

Role	Name	Moved	Seconded	Committee Vote
Public Officer	Les Simpson	BC	TF	Unanimous
Alliance Coordinator	Tim Fox	LS	BA	Unanimous
Club Communications Officer	Tane Hardwick & Alison Goodwin	BC	TF	Unanimous
Risk & Safety Officer	Chris Nelson	TF	BA	Unanimous
Shoot Director	Shane Morris	TF	BA	Unanimous
Membership Officer	Zanette Williamson	TF	BC	Unanimous
Traditional Skills Officer	Perry Jackson	BC	TF	Unanimous
Coaching Officer	Les Simpson	BC	TF	Unanimous
Hunt Advisor	Chris Nelson	ZW	TF	Unanimous
Web Content Manager	Alex Allott	BC	BA	Unanimous
Score Recorder	Beth Allott	LS	TF	Unanimous

### Role rules

*Office bearers may only hold the office bearing role, plus either the Public Officer or Alliance Coordinator roles.*

*Other committee members may hold maximum of any 2 non office bearing positions.*

*The Public Officer must:*

- a. *Ordinarily reside in NSW.*
- b. *Keep the secretary notified of any change of address or contact details within 28 days.*
- c. *Maintain security and confidentiality of any records entrusted to their care.*
- d. *Be an authorised signatory for the association.*
- e. *Not be bankrupt or insolvent.*



## 7. Welcome to the 2024-2025 General Committee

Chair officially announced and confirmed the 2024 – 2025 Committee:

Executive Position	Name	Role(s)
President (office bearer)	Tim Fox	Alliance Coordinator
Vice President (office bearer)	Kevin Smoothy	
Treasurer (office bearer)	Bonnie Mason Cabrini	
Secretary (office bearer)	Michael Campbell	
Ordinary Member	Zanette Williamson	Membership Officer
Ordinary Member	Beth Allott	Score Recorder
Ordinary Member	Leslie Simpson	National Coach; Public Officer
<b>Appointed Position</b>		
Ordinary Member	Alex Allott	Web Content Manager
Ordinary Member	Alison Goodwin & Tane Hardwick (shared position)	Club Communications Officer
Ordinary Member	Chris Nelson	Hunt Advisor; Risk & Safety Officer
Ordinary Member	Perry Jackson	Traditional Skills Officer
Ordinary Member	Shane Morris	Shoot Director

## 8. Subcommittees

That the following subcommittees continue in force until review and decision at the November 2024 Committee Meeting:

- *Sticks & Strings* subcommittee
- Merchandise subcommittee
- Coaching Subcommittee

Moved: Bonnie Cabrini

Seconded: Tim Fox

## 9. Appointment of Auditors

Nomination and appointment of auditors for upcoming year.

Moved: Les Simpson

Seconded: Beth Allott

**2023-2024 Auditor:**

TLS BAS and Bookkeeping  
R.A N 26188408  
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## 10. Special Resolutions

None proposed.





## 11. Signatories

Bank details to be changed as per following table.

Moved: Tim Fox

Seconded: Beth Allott

	Name	Position held
Remove	Greg Smith	President
	Beth Allott	Membership Officer
	Tania Olsen	Secretary
Add	Tim Fox	President
	Michael Campbell	Secretary
Remains	Bonnie Mason Cabrini	Treasurer
	Leslie Simpson	Public Officer

Square details to be changed as per below table

Moved: Beth Allott

Seconded: Bonnie Cabrini

	Name	Position held
Remove	Greg Smith	President
	Beth Allott	Membership Officer
Add	Tim Fox	President
	Michael Campbell	Secretary
Remains	Bonnie Mason Cabrini	Treasurer

## 12. Membership fees

Confirmed membership fee unchanged from 2023-2024 FY.

Moved: Bonnie Allott

Seconded: Tim Fox

Confirmed annual subscription fee remains unchanged from 2023-2024 FY.

Moved: Tim Fox

Seconded: Les Simpson

### 2023-2024 Fees

*Adult One year \$40*

*Two years \$80*

*Junior/Cub One year \$20*

*Two years \$40*

### Family Membership

*2 Adults and 2 Children in their care Under 18yo.*

*One year \$90*

*Two Years \$180*

*Club Affiliation One year \$150*

## 13. TAA Development Grant 2024

Grant submissions due 1 December 2024.

Visit <https://www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org/information-for-clubs> to access form.

## 14. General Business

No business raised.

## 15. Meeting Closed 7:17 pm AEST

# Attachment 1: 2023 AGM Minutes



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## Annual General Meeting Minutes 2023

Venue: Online Zoom Platform

Date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Time: 5.00 pm NSW / 4.00 pm QLD / 2.00 pm WA / 4.30 pm SA / 5.00 pm TAS / NT 3.30 pm NT / 5.00 pm Vic.

Attendees: Committee : **Greg Smith**, Paul Sparkes, Bonnie Mason, Beth Allott, Les Simpson, Ray Hardy, Tim Fox, Liane Gordon, Perry Jackson, Steve Croft, Brian Ross, Alex Allott, TAA R-E-P's: **Glenn McMahon**, Leslie White, Peter Starr. Members: Sue Wallace, Venke Mannes, Heather Pender, Jon Allott, Albert Gentleman, Tania Olsen, Tony Lawson-Brown, Marian Rogan

Apologies: Steve Croft, Helen Wreford, Ian Fenton

Document Pages: 8 Attached Committee Report documents : 7 (11 pages)

1. GS declared the meeting open at 5.05 pm NSW time. The committee and members were thanked for their attendance. He advised that the meeting would be recorded if possible as we were experiencing some technical difficulties. There were no objections to this.
2. GS called for the Membership Officer to confirm attendees' and current memberships. The Secretary entered the attendees names. BA confirmed that all in attendance are current TAA members and have full voting rights under our constitution.
3. GS asked all in attendance if they have read the previous years AGM Minutes. The document was emailed to all Club Representatives after the meeting and has been posted on our website for the last year. Exception was for one week in September when the site was down for rebuilding.

All agree that they have read the minutes from last year.

GS called for Business from the previous AGM. Nil received.

FWD: LS that the AGM Minutes from 2022 be accepted as true and correct

2<sup>nd</sup>: RH All agree



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4. GS: Committee Reports: They have been sent out to clubs and posted on the website. Messages left on our official members Facebook page where to find them.

GS: Asked if there was any business arising from these reports. No business arising.

GS: Asked the Treasurer (BM) to discuss her report. BM gave us short overview on her report. Advising that TAA have engaged an external independent bookkeeper to prepare our annual reports and ensure our accounting and finances are compliant with government guidelines and any state and national laws.

BM asked if there were any questions on the TAA financials. Nil questions from the floor.

Motion to accept our financial reports: PS                      2<sup>nd</sup>: LS                      Carried

The committee reports will be attached to this document.

President: Greg Smith

Vice President: Paul Sparks

Secretary: Les Simpson

Treasurers. Annual financials. Profit and Loss/Statement of Accounts

Membership Officer: Beth Allott

Hunting Adviser: Ray Hardy

Score Recorder: Liane Gordon

5. GS asked members if there are any further questions on the Committee Reports.

To accept reports                      FWD: GS                      2<sup>nd</sup>: PS                      Carried



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## 6. GS: Constitution Changes requested by the committee. Changes are in Red.

### Constitution adjustments for the 2023 AGM

Proposed by the Membership Officer: Supported by the Executive Committee

#### 3.1 Affiliation

1) Ordinary Affiliate Organisations shall as a provision of the Organisation's constitution, require that all members of the Organisation be financial members of the TAA.

2) Ordinary Affiliate Organisations shall elect a TAA Representative which shall be an Executive position of the Organisation, The TAA representative shall represent their respective organisation and constituents at all TAA general meetings.

3) All subsequent renewals of affiliations will be subject to the same conditions of the original affiliation.

##### 3.1.1 Application process for TAA affiliation

1) An application by an Organisation for membership of the TAA association:

a. Shall be made to TAA in writing (including by email or other electronic means) using the prescribed form, and signed by two Executive Officers of the Organisation.

b. Be accompanied with a commitment to acknowledge the affiliation, within the organisation's own constitution on acceptance. The commitment shall agree to comply with this Constitution and requirements herein.

c. Shall include contact details of the applying organisation and that of its serving committee members.

d. Shall include any other information as required by the executive committee.

##### 3.1.4 Cessation of affiliation

1) An Organisation ceases to be an affiliated member of the TAA association if: a. They resign membership.

b. Are expelled from the association.

c. Fail to pay the annual membership fee under clause 3.1.3 (2) within one month after the fee is due.

d. Fail to provide all documentation within one month after the fee is due.

GS discussed the need for some minor changes. The changes were discussed.

FWD: accept the changes BA      2<sup>nd</sup>: LS      Carried



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## Guidelines

- 1) Guidelines form a basis for TAA Associations and members to use when hosting and running National and **State Titles**. They include:
  - a. Code of conduct.
  - b. Shoot Guidelines.
  - c. Equipment Guidelines.
  - d. National and State Titles Guideline.
  - e. All guidelines shall be available for viewing on the TAA website.
- 2) Guidelines can only be changed when the Executive Committee, together with the TAA Club Representatives, agree that change is for the benefit of TAA members and the fair running of the National and **State Titles**. Voting will follow 4.9 Voting and Decisions. (**National Titles and State Muster Shoots**)
- 3) Ordinary members can propose changes. The change and reason for it are to be sent in writing, either postal or electronically to the TAA Secretary. This correspondence, together with the outcome, is to be acknowledged after a decision has been reached by the committee and club representatives.

**State Titles removed. Replace with "State Muster".**

To be changed for State Shoot Musters only.

**NO** Change for National Guidelines. State Shoot Guidelines to be changed to reflect more relaxed guidelines to allow all clubs to apply. State Shoot applications and Flyers must clearly state events and scoring process.

FWD: we accept the changes to the guidelines PS 2<sup>nd</sup>: RH Carried

7. GS: Increase in member fees. Committee proposal. Refer to the Presidents and Secretary's letters attached for more information. Letter to Members.

FWD: Due to increases in costs and financial projections the committee have spent many hours in meetings and must propose the following increases in membership fees to ensure TAA remains financially viable for the future.

There was an open discussion in relation to the changes. Equipment replacement and purchase of new equipment to improve the service to members. Like computer software and updating equipment wearing out. Increased projections with insurance costs over the next three years.



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PS: commented on the committee advising that some of the committee members are still not claiming expenses like postage. And that they should not be doing this. It was an issue when he was on the committee. GS: stated that these people are passionate about supporting TAA and want to do this. LS: as we become a larger organisation we need to make sure that we are financially viable. Allow the committee to be confident that we can cover all our running costs. Therefore claim back all expenses.

FWD: The committee propose an increase in member fees per annum: To

Adults \$40 pa Family \$90 pa includes 2 x adults and 2 x children to 17yrs

Clubs and Jnrs \$20 pa

PS: Asked for clarification on family cost. BA: advised that after 2 children the cost will be \$20 per child. LS: Discussed the option if families are experiencing financial hardship. It will up to the club management to identify this and use the option of our annual Club Development Fund program to assist in these cases.

FWD: Executive Committee 2<sup>nd</sup>: PS and RH Carried

8. Sue Wallace: Discuss \$10 per archer TAA donation for National Title Musters and State Musters. Open discussion of the process that was agreed on in a previous AGM by members. Discuss the options of a small increase to all members to cover this. SW putting forward that there is a small group that attend all shoots and pay the fee. After an open discussion we agreed to leave this in place. If members would like this fee re-visited it can be at the next AGM.
9. GS: The committee requests the ratification from members. The committee decided to reduce the guidelines for State Musters. Effectively making them a non title shoot. This was done to encourage and enable more clubs to run State Musters. This has been a great success.

The Committee request ratification from the members on the following:



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A) Adjust the Constitution to delete State Title Shoots. They are to be known as State Musters only. Non-Title Shoots.

B) Adjust the Shoot Guidelines to allow State non-Title Musters and **NO** change for National Title Musters. Further that the word Muster replaces Shoot. To be uniform.

FWD: PS                      Seconder: TF    Carried

10. GS: Life Membership under TAA Constitution 3.2.1.5 b.

Our current Life members are: Ian Fenton, Keith Speight, Adrianna Speight and Les Les Simpson.

For Member ratification:

Mrs. Jane (Sarge) Bell    Proposed by BA and supported by the Committee.

Mr. Peter Bell              Proposed by BA and supported by the committee.

Mr. Graham Foster        Proposed by LS and supported by the committee.

FWD: LS    2<sup>nd</sup>: PS    Carried

11. GS stands his committee down and invites Mr. Glenn McMahon TAA R-E-P to take the chair.

GM: thanked the 2022/3 committee for their hard work throughout the year.

12. GM: Directs the Secretary to table the Nominations for positions and votes.

LS: There has been only one person nominated for each position except Club Club Communications Officer.

President:    Mr. Greg Smith



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Vice-President:	Mr. Paul Sparks
Treasurer:	Mrs. Bonnie Mason
Secretary:	Ms. Tania Olsen
Membership Officer:	Mrs. Beth Allott
Hunt Advisor:	Mr. Ray Hardy

GM: Asked for nominations from the floor for Club Communications Officer 2023/4. GS advised the members that member Tane Hardwick QLD has expressed interest the position to him in writing.

GM: asked for any other nominations from the floor. Nil received.

GM: accepted Tane Hardwick's nomination. 2<sup>nd</sup>: LS Carried

GM: FWD that we accept these members into their positions as recorded in this document. 2<sup>nd</sup>: LS Carried

13. GM: invited the new President and committee to take their places.
14. GS thanked GM for his service at this AGM and all previous AGM's.
15. GS: announced the National Committee Voted positions. Welcome!

Public Officer: Mr. Les Simpson  
Alliance Co-Ordinator: Mr. Greg Smith  
Risk and Safety Officer: Mr. Ray Hardy  
Shoot Director: Mr. Tim Fox  
**Traditional Skills Officer: VACANT**  
Coaching Officer: Mr. Les Simpson  
Web Content Manager: Mr. Alex Allott  
Score Recorder: Mrs. Liane Gordon

16. GS directed the new committee to take their places.
17. GS: Requests the Treasurer to have the bank details changed to reflect the new Secretary as a bank signatory and the previous Secretary's name to be removed.  
FWD: LS            2<sup>nd</sup>: RH            Carried
18. GS: called for business from the floor. There was no business to discuss. GS thanked





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all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6. 00 pm NSW time.

19. Minutes recorded by Mr. Leslie Michael Simpson. Signature: 

20. Minutes checked and accepted by Mr. Greg Smith as a true record of events.

Mr. Greg Smith TAA President: Signature: 

Date signed: 26/10/2023

Reports attached to this document:

Presidents Report

Vice-Presidents Report

Membership Officer

Secretary

Hunt Adviser

Score Recorder Sub-Committee R-E-P and Newsletter

Profit and Loss Statement

Statement of Receipts and Payments



## **2023 – 2024 General Committee Reports**



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## Traditional Archery Australia 2023 – 2024 President & Alliance Coordinator’s Report

Gday folks

another year has passed, and the organisation continues to grow steadily standing strong and financially secure, I attribute this to our committee’s leadership and core values of respect, camaraderie and honesty.

An organisation is only as good as its members; a good committee must work as a team, not as an individual and listen to the members and try to provide support and leadership for them into the future.

With times changing around us rapidly now more than ever all archers need to be united throughout Australia. unfortunately, after countless phone calls, emails and text messages I’ve tried getting the other 3 major parties to the table to form a new alliance, but with no luck to date, hopefully soon.

I will be stepping down this year to focus on work commitments, family and hunting.

throughout my time on the TAA committee, I have gained some fantastic friends and mates which I will forever deem my archery family.

As volunteers, I cannot thank the committee enough for their support, nature and professionalism always helping and giving to so many for the love of the organisation and sport.

To the members who have shown their support to the committee, we thank you for your acknowledgment and trust, they are the little things that make it all worthwhile.

Cheers

Greg smith  
TAA PRESIDENT.



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## **Traditional Archery Australia 2023 – 2024 Vice President’s Report**

G’day everyone,

Wow, this year has flown by! It’s been an absolute honour to serve you all and work alongside our dedicated committee members. Many of these individuals have selflessly given their time and effort to enhance our sport, preserve our professional skills, art, and history, and ensure our compliance with child safety regulations and insurance requirements.

We’re seeing more clubs now that cater to both compound and traditional archers while sticking to the traditional Archery Australia rules and expectations. I understand that some long-time members might have strong feelings about compound shooters in traditional clubs. However, please remember that our membership is aging, and we need a solid succession plan to ensure our survival. There are other associations out there covering various traditional classes for competitions, and we’re fortunate that our member clubs focus on promoting traditional archery whenever possible.

I want to emphasize that all committee members are volunteers. This year, many have dedicated countless hours to strengthen and stabilize our organization for the new committee.

As this will be my final year on the committee and at club shoots, I plan to return to my true passions: bowhunting, camping, fishing, and motorbike riding with friends in FNQ. I also look forward to reconnecting with old mates at Twin City Bowmen.

I’m deeply grateful to the members for the trust you’ve placed in me and to the committee members for their support throughout my tenure. To the incoming Vice President, please don’t hesitate to reach out if you need any assistance or advice.

Thank you all once again.

Best regards,  
Paul Sparkes



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### TAA National Treasurer's Report AGM 2024.

Hi All,.

Another great year I have had once again with the support & assistance from the current Executive committee. Working closely with the Membership Secretary Beth Allott has been a breeze keeping records up to date.

Since our AGM is in October 2023, we have changed our financial year from October 1<sup>st</sup> ending September 31<sup>st</sup>.

This gives us a more accurate account of our finances to be presented at the October AGM.

Our TAA Book keeper has audited the books 2023/2024.

Current financial situation from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 is strong with a healthy bank account of just over \$61,000.00.

This is largely due to the increase in membership fees& new clubs joining our association.

The TAA Development grant is still going for clubs & the grant amount will be accessed each year depending on the income from State/National events.

I am also currently the TAA Merchandise Officer.

With thanks to Beth & Alex, August saw the opening of our online shop where merchandise can now be purchased online anytime.

Since the online shop has opened we have sold just over \$2,900 in TAA items.

I would like to thank the current committee for the past few years they have dedicated their time to run our association. For those not standing again I wish them all the best for the future.

Cheers

Bonnie Cabrini

TAA National Treasurer

12.10.24



# Traditional Archery Australia 2023 – 2024 Secretary Report

This year has been an incredible journey of growth and unity as we continue to promote and protect archery in all its forms. Despite the uncertainties and challenges affecting other archery organisations, we've stayed focused on what matters most — supporting our members and preserving the spirit of traditional archery. Our collective efforts have made TAA stronger and more united.

Navigating this period of change, I'm deeply grateful for the committee's strength and leadership. Each member of the 2023-2024 committee brought their unique skills and perspectives, enabling us to tackle the toughest challenges with creativity and determination. I especially wish to thank Beth Allott-a-hats, who has been invaluable in supporting nearly every role this year. I couldn't have delivered this role without her.

## Committee Achievements

The committee held 10 general meetings and countless executive meetings throughout the year. These gatherings were crucial for making key decisions to keep TAA aligned with its strategic goals. Among the most notable achievements were:

- **Cross-Participation Support:** Ongoing recognition and support of cross-participation between 3DAAA, AA, and ABA.
- **Sticks & Strings Subcommittee:** Rapidly established following Leslie White's resignation. Her decision was unexpected, but it created an opportunity for new leadership in delivering the newsletter.
- **Merchandise Subcommittee:** Led by National Treasurer & TAA R-E-P Bonnie Cabrini.
- **TAA Merchandise Web Store:** Thanks to the magic of Alex and Beth Allott, the TAA web store is up and running.
- **Development Grants:** Awarded to Macarthur Traditional Archers, Gympie Field Archers, and White Rose Archery Club.
- **10 year anniversary pin:** Developed by Beth Allott as a special recognition award

## Events and Community Engagement

TAA was active in organising and supporting a variety of events that catered to members' interests and showcased the diversity of traditional archery. We successfully hosted a State Muster in every active state, thanks to the dedication of the following clubs:

- NSW: Macarthur Traditional Archers (21-22 September)
- WA: Southwest Bowmen (1-2 June)
- TAS: Break O'Day Traditional Archery Club (24-26 May)
- VIC: White Rose Archery Klub (18-19 May)
- QLD: Gympie Field Archers (13-14 April)

A special thank you goes to **Barambah Bowhunters & Field Archers** for not only joining TAA but stepping up to host our **National Muster** (26-27 October). Their commitment to the traditional archery community, combined with the leadership of Perry Jackson in reviving the **Australian Archery Crafters Guild**, has been nothing short of remarkable. We eagerly await feedback from the Craft Encampment in the next edition of *Sticks & Strings*.

## Being kind to volunteers

Even with all the positives, it's important to acknowledge that being a TAA committee member can be challenging. Each of us juggles personal and professional commitments, making the dedication of time and energy to serve TAA all the more commendable. Every committee brings fresh perspectives, qualifications, and skills crucial to the growth and modernisation of TAA. This means the way things are done will change. While it's natural to feel protective of traditions, it's equally important to embrace the evolution that keeps TAA relevant and vibrant. The current committee introduced modern approaches to our organisation, and while change can sometimes feel uncomfortable, it's necessary to ensure TAA remains vibrant and relevant. Whether it's updating how things are done or making decisions based on contemporary knowledge, these adjustments reflect the needs of our diverse membership.

Let's remember to **be kind to our volunteers**, who give their time and energy to ensure TAA's success.

## Progress Through Change

*Sticks & Strings* has been a central part of TAA since its development in 2020-2021 by our first editor, whose vision laid the foundation for the newsletter's success. The role was then passed to a second editor, who built upon this strong base and continued its growth. Now, with a third editor taking the reins, we see this progression as a reflection of our community's ability to adapt, innovate, and embrace change. Each editor has played a role in shaping the newsletter, but it's not about individuals—it's about the collective effort to keep *Sticks & Strings* thriving.

This continuous evolution highlights one of TAA's greatest strengths: our ability to take change in our stride and use it as a stepping stone for greater things. Every member, past and present, has contributed to our journey, and together we move forward with fresh ideas, collaboration, and enthusiasm. *Sticks & Strings* will continue to be a vibrant platform for sharing stories, skills, and updates, and we encourage everyone to contribute content by sending it to [TAAeditor23@gmail.com](mailto:TAAeditor23@gmail.com). We're also expanding to more web and social media content, so keep your contributions coming! Your involvement is key to keeping our newsletter dynamic and engaging.

As we look ahead, it's essential that we stay united in our mission, ensuring our messages are clear, consistent, and aligned with TAA's goals. *Sticks & Strings* will play a crucial role in this, helping to strengthen our community and uphold the values that define TAA. To stay informed with the most up-to-date decisions and discussions, we encourage all members to reach out directly to the committee. This approach ensures we remain connected, informed, and aligned with TAA's goals. Any questions or concerns can be directed to [secretarytaa@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org](mailto:secretarytaa@traditionalarcheryaustralia.org), and we look forward to keeping the conversation open and supportive. Additionally, key issues and hot topics raised by members through the committee will be featured in *Sticks & Strings*, helping to keep everyone informed and engaged.

## Thank You and Looking Forward

To the 2023-2024 committee, thank you for your dedication, support, and friendship. I am proud of what we've accomplished together, and I look forward to seeing the 2024-2025 committee build on our success.

As we move forward, let's continue to support one another, collaborate, and stay focused on our shared mission. TAA thrives when every voice is heard and every member feels valued. Here's to another year of growth, unity, and shared passion for traditional archery!

Aim true,

Tania Olsen  
TAA Secretary 2023-2024



## Coaching Officer and TAA Public Officer Report for 2023-2024

### Coaching Officer

“Attend all Executive Committee meetings. On Zoom.

Maintain the coaching documents. Lesson Plan for Coaches. (Assess and implement as required) Committee must approve any changes. Maintain communication with all coaches. And clubs utilising social media under the direction and assistance of the Website Manager. Maintain an accurate list of all TAA coaches.

Work remotely to ensure TAA clubs are promoting safe coaching practices.

Develop and promote TAA.s coaching program. (This might have to be implemented by the next coach).”

I would like to firstly thank the hard-working Executive Committee for firstly appointing me in this position and for their support throughout the year. It has been an absolute pleasure working with each one of them.

Our achievements this year has been to get a sub-committee of club coaches together and work to develop a user-friendly club member handout, the Come and Try Lesson Plan and Instructors course lesson plan and work book. On behalf of the Coaching Sub-Committee, I am proud to say that these documents have been produced and approved by the Executive Committee. They have already started to be introduced to clubs. We hope to get more clubs involved over the next few months to come.

I will be looking for re-election of this position by the Executive Committee in 2023/4. Moving forward we would like to introduce a higher level of coaching in the form of a Archery Coaching certificate. Bringing TAA Coaching in line with National and International organisations.

A new proposal I will forward to the Executive Committee and members at the 2024 AGM is a change of name for the Coaching and Traditional Skill Officer to National Coaching and Skills Officer Co-ordinator. I feel that these names are more suited to these roles.

Regards,

Les Simpson

National Coaching Officer

### Public Officer

TAA Constitution

“4.2.2 General Committee

5) The Public Officer has special duties and responsibilities under the Act. In addition to the requirements governing appointed committee members. The Public Officer shall: a. Ordinarily reside in NSW. b. Keep the secretary notified of any change of address or contact details within 28 days. c. Maintain security and confidentiality of any records entrusted to their care. d. Be an authorised signatory for the association. e. Not be bankrupt or insolvent.”

I have carried out all my duties according to the NSW Fair Trading rules and our Constitution.

Leslie Simpson





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Date: 4 September 2024

# Traditional Archery Australia

## Membership Officer

### End of Financial Year Report 2023-2024

In April 2020 I joined the TAA management committee as Membership Officer not really knowing how to fulfil the role. Over the last four and a half years I've gained much experience and delivered or have been involved in delivering streamlined processes and improvements to the membership and the committee.

In that time, I've developed a membership database that ensured data security and facilitated the introduction of a more durable plastic card. I initiated the TAA newsletter on a MS Word Doc base, and recently updated the template to a more user-friendly MS Publisher platform for the new editor. During 2023, circumstances required the replacement of the TAA web site. Working with the Executive Team, and the new Webmaster (who was still in high school at the time) I assisted in the delivery of the new TAA web page and introduced online membership application and payments for the first time for TAA. The new web page has much scope for committees to come, to provide more resources to our membership and to be a hub for traditional archery in Australia. Recently the Webstore/Merchandise subcommittee was able to bring all our unique TAA merchandise to the web store. I also saw the need for a formal social media platform and initiated the TAA Facebook page and the Members Only group, following for both are growing. This year I noticed that 2024 is the 10year anniversary of TAA's incorporation, so I started a process to recognise our longer-term financial members. I was able to organise the issue of a special 10year anniversary pin for those members and am happy to say that every year we'll be honouring members who have stuck with us and not missed a renewal (one day maybe I'll get one).

I'm very proud of the advancements I've been a part of and am so happy I could deliver these on behalf of our membership. It's been a long four and a half years and this year I'm ready to hand over the reins to another brave soul and take a well-deserved break from responsibility. Next committee year I'll be running a Tag Team with the current Web master to keep the TAA web page up and running smoothly.

Hope to see some of you out on the ranges, be kind to your next MO.



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Here's the boring stuff:

- 1184 Financial Members as at 30 June 2024
- Clubs 26

Membership remains constant

340 joined in 2019-20

464 joined in 2020-21

243 joined in 2021-22

317 joined in 2022-23

339 joined in 2023-24

Members whose membership lapsed 2023-24: 319

TAA welcomed 1 new club in 2023-24: Barambah Bowhunters and Field Archers

23-24 was a much quieter year for new clubs but committee extends a warm welcome to the TAA family to Barambah Bowhunters, we're very grateful they elected to host the 2024 nationals.

General Business:

- I'd like to remind clubs that although TAA is not a governing body, clubs do have certain responsibilities to the affiliation agreement. The Club Membership Form and Risk Management Audit is an annual requirement to renew the affiliation agreement.
- If you're promoting an event Don't Forget to send your Flyers to TAA so we can put them on the Official pages.
- Members are advised that despite some incorrect information that is circulating, a TAA membership with a unique membership number per person is a requirement for all regular members of TAA affiliated clubs. An individual may attend a club for archery purposes up to 3 times in a year, but after that time they are expected under the insurance policy to Join TAA. The clubs may help members organise this membership, even collect the fee and pass that onto TAA. But they may not claim automatic membership for their members, a TAA membership form (physical or digital) must be completed by the applicant.

Thankyou again for the opportunity to serv as your membership officer and I thank the 2023-24 committee for their dedication and drive but mostly for the friendship and laughs. I don't think I could have made it through if it wasn't for the incredible friendships, I've gained though this organisation. You're all a glorious bunch of absolute pelicans, and I mean that in the nicest possible way.

Beth Allott  
Membership Officer 2020-24  
Traditional Archery Australia



## **Traditional Archery Australia 2023 – 2024 Hunt Advisor & Risk and Safety Officer Report**

### **NATIONAL HUNT ADVISER**

This year has been challenging as there has been bans placed on hunters in South Australia. In keeping up with the changes to rules, legislation and potential amendments in each state has been tedious at times. In trying to keep up with different states, government, and organizations I have joined various political and sporting parties to try and keep updated with current information.

### **RISK AND SAFETY OFFICER**

Its pleasing to see the safety standard the clubs have set at different shoot events I have attended, with the introduction of the hunting form has shown a positive regard by our hunters in setting a high standard of safety.

Above all there has been no incidents this year, Clubs and individuals should be commended.

Regards

Ray Hardy  
National Hunt Adviser  
& Risk and Safety Officer



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## TAA Shoot Director Report 2024

2024 has been a year to remember for many reasons. For the first time in TAA's existence, there has been a State Muster in every State where TAA Clubs are affiliated. This does not just happen on its own and is definitely not because of just the Shoot Director. Without the support of the TAA Committee, Club Committee's and efforts/groundwork put in by previous Committee members in the years leading up to this point, Musters in every State would not exist.

The TAA Committee made the decision to relax the Shoot Guidelines last year. This decision was not taken lightly but was an important one as it allowed smaller affiliated clubs to be involved with hosting a State Muster. There is always going to be small changes that need to be made in our Shoot Guidelines. The challenge is making sure these changes are for the benefit of the Organisation, Clubs and Members as whole while maintaining the integrity of Traditional Archery.

Thank you to all the Clubs who hosted State Musters this year. Your willingness to take on such an event is very much appreciated by not only myself but all TAA Members. By the time this report is made public the National Muster preparations will be ramping up at our newly affiliated Barambah Club. Barambah is not new to hosting Trad Shoots but this is the first time they have hosted an event as a TAA Club. Barambah coming over to TAA was 2024's worst kept secret. I know they did not take this decision lightly and kept the best interests of their members first and foremost when navigating the changeover.

A new shoot format was initiated at the Tenterfield Club last year in the form of an Enduro Shoot. This is not to replace any Trad Shoot but give everyone something different to challenge themselves. This year we started this as a series with North Burnett Field Archers, Chinchilla Archers and Tenterfield each hosting one round. Definitely events to put in your calendar for 2025 with more clubs likely to participate.

Thank you to the entire TAA Committee. Your support and willingness to have each other's back through thick and thin is testament to what this Organisation is about. It always feels like Family catching up at our monthly meetings.

This year there has been challenges and changes, smiles and laughter, seriousness and some stress. There may have been a few tears and tantrums thrown in along the way but, the campfires and cold drinks with Mates old and new made it all worthwhile and I am looking forward to what 2025 has in store.

Regards,

**Timothy Fox**

**2024 TAA Shoot Director**



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## **TAA Club Representative Report**

**Tane and I have been the Club Representatives this past year and have really enjoyed the challenge.**

**The role has allowed us to get to know other like minded people from around Australia within TAA.**

**Our primary goal has been to get clubs communicating and sharing ideas and helping one another. We also act as a two way conduit for information between the clubs and the Executive Committee.**

**We have not been able to get all clubs on board to attend the zoom meetings, so minutes are sent out to keep everyone up to date.**

**Hopefully we can improve on attendance over the next year if re-elected.**

**Alison Goodwin & Tane Hardwick**