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2020 TAA AGM Minutes

Venue: ZOOM due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Date: Saturday 10th October 2020

Chairperson: Steve Linaker TAA National President

Meeting Opened by Steve Linaker: 2.14PM Western Australian Time.

National Committee Members present: Steve Linaker (President), Les Simpson (Vice-President), Peter Starr (Treasurer), Beth Allott (Membership Officer), Wayne Hanley (Web Manager), Dave McGuire (Coach), Greg Smith (Club Communications Officer), Jason Chapman (Shoot Director), Leslie White (Secretary).

Minutes Recorder: Leslie White

TAA Members present: Pauleen Dakin, Albert Gentleman, Glenn McMahon, Gary Maile, Marian Rogan, Phil Arnold, Paul Sparkes, David White, Peter Bell, Claudia Ellem, Sue Wallace, Timothy 'Peter' Dakin, Ron White, Brady Young.

Steve Linaker asked Membership Officer Beth Allott to check that all members in attendance are financial members of TAA. Beth confirmed that they are.

Steve Linaker asked Leslie White to record apologies

Apologies were received from: Perry Jackson and Bonnie Cabrini.

Welcome: Steve Linaker welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He explained that the meeting was transferred from our weekend National event in Tenterfield to Zoom due to the restrictions caused by Covid-19.

Minutes from the last AGM: This meeting was held in Nanango at the Barambah Bowhunters and Field Archers on the 12th October 2019.

2019 AGM minutes can be viewed on the TAA website under 'Documents-AGM Minutes 2019'. They were read over Zoom by TAA National Secretary Leslie White.

Minutes Accepted as true and proper: Dave White

Seconded: Beth Allott



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TAA National Committee Reports: For ease of communication over Zoom these reports were placed on the TAA Website one week prior to the meeting for viewing by all members. Steve Linaker TAA National President and Peter Starr TAA National Treasurer will read their reports over ZOOM. A copy of all 2019-2020 committee reports is attached to these minutes.

- *Treasurer's Report*: Treasurer Peter Starr thanked Peter Bell (retired Treasurer) for all he has done in managing the TAA finances up until the end of the Financial Year 2019. TAA is in a good place financially with plenty of money in the bank to cover the upcoming expenses of insurance and a card machine. Peter has been working with Club Membership Officer Beth to investigate and purchase a suitable card machine that will create professional cards for TAA members. There is currently around \$14 000 in the bank with a detailed breakdown of finances in the attached reports.
- *President's Report*: President Steve Linaker read out his report, see attached reports.

Steve reflected on the challenges and difficulties endured through 2020 particularly with the fires and Covid-19 pandemic. He was very pleased that the TAA Committee continued to move forward through these difficult times and that TAA had now reached the milestone of 1 000 financial members. Steve thanked all of the Committee for their efforts and he welcomed the newest members to the team. He explained that Beth is transferring all membership data to a data base ready for the new card machine. He also mentioned that Treasurer Peter is working on setting up PayPal for online merchandise purchases.

Steve acknowledged the work of Score Recorder Bonnie in keeping records for TAA Title Shoots. He also mentioned that the club representative meetings are now progressing nicely under the guidance of Club Communications Officer Greg.

Steve informed that Hunt Advisor Dave Pender is retiring. He thanked Dave for all he has done in TAA and wished him well for the future. He also congratulated Jane Bell on receiving the TAA medal at the Queensland State Titles in July.

There were only two TAA Title Shoots held in 2020 with the NSW State and Nationals cancelled. Steve hopes that next year will see us all return to the sport we love. He mentioned the benefits of Traditional archery for mental health.

Steve thanked Life Members Ian Fenton, Keith and Adriana Speight and Les Simpson for their continued support. He also thanked the TAA Representatives and all TAA members across Australia without whom there would be no TAA.

President and Treasurer Reports Accepted as true and correct: Dave White

Seconded: Glenn McMahon



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Executive Committee Nominations

A nomination form for these positions was placed on the TAA Website over two months prior to the AGM. At this time the form was also distributed to TAA Club Representatives. The completed forms were sent via email or postage to Leslie White TAA National Secretary. They were to arrive no later than two weeks prior to the AGM (due 25th September 2020) ready for viewing and postal voting.

The outcome for nominations by the 26th September 2020 resulted in one TAA member only for each of the seven positions up for nomination. The following members have been re-elected unopposed. No voting is required.

Annual General Meeting 2020-2021 Committee Result of online nominations by the due date

The following Executive Members have been re-elected unopposed	TAA Number	Position	TAA National Committee Positions have been selected using Executive Power.
Steve Linaker	365	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Coaching Officer:</u> David McGuire TAA 396• <u>Associated Club Communications Officer:</u> Greg Smith TAA 833• <u>Shoot Director:</u> Jason Chapman TAA 509• <u>Score Recorder:</u> Bonnie Cabrini TAA 372 <p>Immediately after the AGM <u>Hunt Advisor and Risk and Safety Officer</u> positions were finalised and went as a combined position to Paul Sparkes TAA 899</p>
Les Simpson	002	Vice-President and TAA Public Officer	
Leslie White	441	Secretary	
Peter Starr	418	Treasurer and Alliance Coordinator	
Beth Allott	735	Membership Officer	
Perry Jackson	261	Traditional Skills Officer	
Wayne Hanley	354	Web Manager/PR Officer	

Steve Linaker asked that someone move that these nominations and elections are true and correct:

Moved: Les Simpson

Seconder: Jason Chapman



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General Business: Items 1 to 5 have been advertised for postal voting for over two months. This has been both on the TAA Website and through TAA Club Representative Meetings. The votes will be counted by a Non-Committee/Non-Executive TAA member (David White TAA Number 13). These votes will be kept on file for eight weeks after the AGM. These votes will be added to the votes on ZOOM.

- 1. Membership Fees and Insurance Costs:** Membership Fees are currently \$10 per year per adult/junior and \$25 per year family. Members have the option to pay up to five years at the current fee. At the 2019 AGM members voted to raise the fee from \$10 to \$15 commencing in 2021. However at the start of 2020, when TAA public liability insurance for clubs and members became due, the cost had doubled in the space of one year. TAA have covered the increasing cost for 2020. To keep pace with the rising cost TAA Executive and TAA Club Representatives have calculated that the membership fee needs to rise to \$20 per adult/junior per year and family to \$50 per year.

Motion on Notice. Motion put forward by the TAA National Committee to amend the motion from 2019 and increase membership fees to \$20 adult/junior per year and family to \$50 per year. This is to commence in 2021. Fees for the remainder of 2020 shall stay the same. Members have time to take advantage of the five year membership at current fee prices.

There were 126 Postal Votes plus 9 votes on Zoom. Note some in attendance at the AGM had submitted Postal Votes.

Votes For: 126

Votes Against: 2

Abstaining: 7

Accepted/Amended/Declined: Motion Accepted

Seconded: Wayne Hanley

(Motion Resolved/Lapsed)

Membership Fees will increase to \$20 per year individual and \$50 per year family commencing 2021

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2. **Proposed Equipment Guidelines:** *Attachment on the TAA Website under 'Documents-National Muster and AGM' for members to view prior to the AGM.*

A motion was passed during the year at an Executive Committee Meeting to rewrite the Equipment Guidelines for TAA. This was due to confusion, misinterpretation and what some saw as inaccuracies with the current equipment guidelines. Perry Jackson and Dave Pender were assigned this task. Whilst it is impossible to please everyone we hope the new guidelines will better align with the TAA ethos of keeping things simple and clear whilst allowing us to enjoy and promote Traditional Archery. The guidelines have been up on the TAA website for viewing for six months. The guidelines were trialled at the Qld State Titles in July at Chevallan. Feedback has been encourage.

Motion on notice: Motion put forward by TAA National Executive Committee to accept the new Equipment Guidelines.

There were 127 Postal Votes and 9 Votes on Zoom at the AGM. Note some in attendance at the AGM had submitted Postal Votes.

Votes For: 115

Against: 12 Against

Abstaining: 9 Abstain

New Equipment Guidelines **Accepted**/Amended/Declined

Seconded: Peter Starr

(Motion **Resolved**/Lapsed)

The TAA Equipment Guidelines are now Ratified

3. **Proposed Shoot Guidelines:** *Attachment on the TAA Website under 'Documents-National Muster and AGM' for members to view prior to the AGM.*

A motion was passed during the year at an Executive Committee Meeting to rewrite the Shoot Guidelines for TAA. Offering clear, straight forward guidelines that allow Traditional Archers to safely enjoy their sport being the motivation for the changes. At the same time the guidelines should bring about consistency to allow Title Results to be recorded and compared from year to year. Dave McGuire and Jason Chapman were assigned this task. The guidelines have been up on the TAA website for six months. The guidelines have been trialled at the Qld State Titles in July at Chevallan. Feedback has been encouraged.

Dave and Jason will answer questions.

Motion on notice: Motion to accept the new Shoot Guidelines put forward by the TAA National Executive Committee.



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There were 126 Postal Votes and 9 Votes on Zoom at the AGM. Note some in attendance at the AGM had submitted Postal Votes.

Votes For: 126

Against: 2

Abstaining: 7

New Shoot Guidelines **Accepted**/Amended/Declined:

Seconded: Glenn McMahon
(Motion **Resolved**/Lapsed)

The TAA Shoot Guidelines are now Ratified.

4. **TAA Constitution update:** The constitution of an incorporated association forms the structure within which the association operates.

The TAA Executive and Committee Members, with the assistance of TAA member Phil Arnold have adopted and modified the NSW Fair Trading model constitution. This has assisted the TAA association to cover matters required by law.

The update now reflects the way TAA operates in the age of internet technology.

The new Constitution is on the website for viewing under documents National and AGM.

Motion on notice: To accept the new Constitution put forward by the TAA National Executive Committee.

There were 127 Postal Votes and 9 Votes on Zoom at the AGM. Note some in attendance at the AGM had submitted Postal Votes.

Vote For: 127

Against: 2

Abstaining: 0

Updated Constitution **Accepted**/Amended/Declined:

Seconded: Les Simpson
(Motion **Resolved**/Lapsed)

The Updated TAA Constitution is now Ratified.



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5. **National and State Title Guidelines: Includes Title Nomination Form:** Owing to the wonderful increase in clubs now under the TAA banner and in keeping with the origins of TAA to share title archery shoots between clubs, the committee now see the need to formalise the selection process for title venues. The requirements for nominating to hold a title shoot have been written into a new guideline. Coffs Coast used these guidelines to prepare for the NSW State Titles which unfortunately were cancelled due to Covid-19. Feedback for organising these titles has been positive. Feedback from members and clubs has been encouraged.

A new National and State Title Guideline is up for viewing on the TAA Website under Documents Nationals and AGM.

Motion on notice: Motion to accept the new National and State Title Guideline as put forward by the TAA National Executive Committee.

There were 104 Postal Votes and 9 Votes on Zoom at the AGM. Note some in attendance at the AGM had submitted Postal Votes.

Vote For: 127

Against: 1

Abstaining: 8

New National and State Title Guideline **Accepted**/Amended/Declined:

Seconded: Jason Chapman
(Motion **Resolved**/Lapsed)

The National and State Title Guidelines are now accepted for use when preparing for Title Shoots.

6. **Nominations for Title Shoots 2021:**

All TAA clubs have the right to nominate for a Titles Shoot, either a National Shoot or one of the State Title Shoots. Nominations must be submitted prior to the AGM ready for the next year. The Nomination form is found at the end of the National and State Titles Guideline.

The following four nominations have been submitted prior to the AGM. There is only one nomination for each of four different Title Shoots. The TAA Title Shoots for 2021 are as follows:

- *Queensland State Titles:* Chevallan Archery Park. Tentative Date: 17th-18th July 2021.
- *New South Wales State Titles:* Coffs Coast Archery: Date to be set.
- *Western Australian Titles:* Wamenusking Sports Club WA: 10th-11th July 2021.
- *TAA National Titles:* South West Bowmen WA: 9th-10th October 2021.



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Move to accept the venues for the four 2021 TAA Title Shoots: David White

Seconded: Les Simpson

TAA Title Shoots will be at the above venues 2021

7. TAA Medal Awards

TAA medals are awarded to TAA members who have achieved not only personally but contributed to the development of Traditional Archery within Australia over many years.

The person must be a current TAA Member and have demonstrated that they protect and promote Traditional Archery in all forms. They will have done this for at least 20 years in one or more of the following areas; craft skills coaching, management and/or archery skills.

Les Simpson has nominated brothers Ron and David White to each receive this prestigious award. Ron and David were present on Zoom to receive their medal awards. Congratulations Ron and David.

Les's citation for each of the recipients is attached to the minutes.

Business arising from Club representative Meetings

8. Curriculum to promote ethical use of archery equipment in young people:

Club Representatives would like a TAA Curriculum that can be used with school aged children (schools, Scouts, Brownies etc.). The purpose of the curriculum will hopefully educate young people, not just about archery, but also about the ethics and responsibility of owning and using archery equipment. The purpose and outcomes of the curriculum would be clearly defined. The strategies to achieve those outcomes and the means taken to assess the success of the curriculum would be embedded in each unit of work.

Discussion:

- Albert asked is it just for Traditional Bows.
- Response: We are concerned about archery in general when mentioning ethics. Media does not distinguish between bows. We will use traditional bows for education.
- Marian thinks it won't work as it has already been tried. Up to clubs. Perhaps find out what the Alliance is doing.
- Glenn: We need a positive voice in the media.
- Sue: Someone to step up.
- Les: TAA not financial enough to pay wages. **Definitely a good idea if we can stop even one tragic incident.**



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- Phil: Groups of young people could be covered for three months under the **Probationary clause in the Constitution**. A small fee \$5. This would enable the group, eg. School sport group, to take the course under a membership rather than trying to continually sign them in as visitors for insurance purposes. **The main purpose of the course is to teach ethics using traditional archery as a teaching tool**. If the young person finds they like the sport then they might take out a full TAA Membership.
- Marian: Tenterfield charge \$25 with hiring of gear when young people come to the club. This is taken off their fee if they join. Covered by club insurance. This is to see if they like archery.
- Beth: Let us not create another membership.
- Leslie: Perhaps clubs could keep the records for the duration of the course. Email us a list of names.

This will be added to the agenda for the next Committee Meeting.

9. **Complaints:**

Club Representatives have requested that TAA and its members follow the Constitution when dealing with complaints, particularly complaints that could damage the reputation of a club and its members. The onus originally is for the parties to try and sort out their differences before the issue escalates. The Executive Committee will not support anonymous or vexatious complaints. The updated Constitution is on the TAA Website and has now been ratified at this AGM The Constitution now has inclusions for dealing with media sources that have the potential to cause harm to TAA, its clubs and members, this would include Facebook.

Les: Recent Incidences highlighted the importance of following the Constitution. TAA need to be professional when dealing with complaints.

- Address first with the club.
- Writing through 'contact us' or committee contacts on the website. Name and TAA number must be included.
- Facebook is not the place for complaints Facebook Administrators are to pass them through to the Committee and delete them.

Wayne: They do not stay up on the Facebook.

Sue: We will refer them straight through the website.

Phil: Can Admin vet before they are even up on Facebook?

All members need to familiarise themselves with the Constitution.



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Business arising from the floor

10. **Question on Membership:** Memberships now one and five years only.

Beth and Peter still working on how to make this flow back through when using PayPal.
Matter for next Committee Meeting.

Date and Venue of the next AGM:

9th October 2021 South West Bowmen Club Boyanup Western Australia

Meeting closed:

3.45PM Western Australian Time.

Minutes Secretary

Mrs Leslie M White TAA National Secretary

Signed: 10th October 2020

TAA National President

Mr Stephen Linaker

Signed via Internet: 10th October 2020



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Matter 2020: TAA PRESIDENTS REPORT STEPHEN LINAKE

To all TAA members,

As I sit here and write, I reflect on the many challenges and difficulties that we have all had to endure this year. As if the massive East Coast Fires were not enough, while we were still completing recovery, clean up and resurrection efforts, we were hit with Covid-19 and all the restrictions that came along with it.

To all those who have been effected by these events, we send our love and support.

The Covid-19 restrictions massively changed the way TAA conducts its organization. The safety and health of our clubs and members had to take priority. There were Covid-19 government and health directives to follow; guideline after guideline had to be written. To top it all off and cause more confusion we had and still have varying restriction rules in different States. Border closures caused many other issues when trying to organise our Title Shoots.

TAA did manage to hold two Title Shoots in 2020. The West Australian Titles went ahead in March at South West Bowman. A great shoot that was relatively unaffected by the virus restrictions. The Inaugural Queensland Titles were held in July at Chevallan. This wonderful shoot took a mammoth effort to organise with numbers on the property being held to one hundred and a strict Covid Safe Plan being followed. Thank you to both clubs for battling through and giving TAA archers a great time.

It was not easy for the Executive Committee to keep adapting and changing, but we did, and as an Organization did we go backwards? – no, we did not – in the last few weeks we have just achieved a milestone of 1000 Financial Members!

And for that reason, I now wish to say a special thank you to the other eleven members of the Committee for their efforts. Without this team running TAA this organisation would not be where it is today. I would especially like to welcome and thank the newer members of our team, they are taking us to new levels - those members being Beth Allott, Peter Starr, Bonnie Cabrini, Greg Smith and Jason Chapman. Each of these people has brought with them a passion and love of traditional archery. These new Committee members have followed some very capable people who have given much to our organisation. Various reasons see people stepping aside; Amy Heiman (marriage preparations), Peter Bell (retiring after five years), Heather Pender (retiring after many years) and Zak Khatib (overwhelmed with work in IT during Covid). I wish each of these members all the very best as they keep enjoying their archery and flinging a few arrows without the Zoom meetings.

Beth, as our new Membership Officer, is currently transferring all of our records into a data base program, this will allow for a quicker and more accurate format to manage our ever growing member numbers. Soon Beth will be mastering a new card machine so that TAA members will have a sturdier and more professional card, one that actually fits into a wallet sleeve!

Peter has taken on the task as our new treasurer, he continues to research many new ways for streamlining our finances. Peter has been instrumental in registering TAA with PayPal so that members wanting to purchase TAA merchandise can now shop online through our website. The TAA logo on the merchandise is an excellent advertising tool and conversation starter, it has led to many new members and even club membership.



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Bonnie is TAA's Official Score Recorder. Bonnie has some excellent ideas for recording Title and Postal Shoot Scores so that archers can see how they are going from year to year, not only in range shooting but also novelties. Records are kept for yearly comparisons.

Greg comes into the committee as club Communications Officer with a wealth of archery and hunting knowledge. This larrikin of the team is a joy to work with and keeps us all grounded when we attempt to add anything to our program that does not promote mateship and camaraderie; both unique qualities that are a big part of being a trad archer. Greg's Club Rep Meetings are relaxed, he has this unique knack of letting people chat and feel comfortable whilst encouraging them to put forward their ideas.

Jason has had a difficult task this year coming in as Shoot Director. He has witnessed shoot after shoot on the calendar evaporate away due to Covid. Jason has not been idle however as he has assisted Dave McGuire to write our Shoot Guidelines.

We have recently received a resignation from our Hunt Advisor Dave Pender. Dave is well known and respected around traditional circles having given many years helping out at TAA and also at his home club Lakeside near Brisbane. We will miss Dave's input into our meetings but know that he and Heather are not too far away if we need them, well that's if they are not out hunting! The Hunt Advisor position is one decided by Executive Power after the AGM. I wish Dave and Heather the very best of happiness as they settle to a life helping out at their local club.

TAA's most prestigious award is the TAA medal. A TAA member can nominate someone they feel has given much to developing and promoting traditional archery. To receive a medal an archer must have been actively promoting Traditional Archery for at least 20 years in one or more of the following areas; craft skills, coaching, management and/or archery skills. This year I am proud to say that Jane Bell from Queensland was presented with this award at the Queensland State Titles for her outstanding contribution to our sport. Well done Jane!

As parts of the country continue to struggle with restricted movement and gathering numbers the TAA Committee are looking ahead at preparations for 2021. We are hopeful that the 'New Normal' will allow us to move forward and see clubs that have had to cancel 2020 Trad Shoots open up again so that we can gather together, touch elbows and have a great time with not only our archery, but also our fireside chats, practical jokes and a good bit of the old heckling. Trad Archery is one of the best sports for mental health; promoting not only physical exercise but social interaction and mental stimulation.

I would like to say thank you to our TAA Life Members, Ian Fenton, Keith and Adriana Speight and Les Simpson for their continued support to TAA. Les of course is still very active as our Vice President and very much my support through the tough decisions. I would also like to acknowledge our TAA Representatives for their help in promoting our wonderful organisation, and finally to all TAA members across Australia who get out there in the fields with their trad bowswithout you there would be no TAA.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at a shoot somewhere next year.

Warmest Regards,

Steve

Stephen Linaker
TAA President



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Matter: 2020 Annual Vice-Presidents Report Les Simpson

To the members of TAA:

At this point of time we are embroiled in handling a nasty complaint that should not have occurred in the first place. I remind you all that first and foremost we are Archery Mates that believe in the fellowship of the bow. Our roots come from people like Ian Fenton, Dave White, Howard O'Connell, Ron White, Bill Baker and many, many more. I can go on and on.

A friendly reminder: Our complaint process is simple!

1. You address the issue with the member and or club representative in the first instance with mutual respect as another TAA member.
2. If and only if, you are unhappy with the outcome. You then advise a TAA executive committee member **IN WRITING**. With full disclosure of your member number and name. This is a matter of mutual respect for the TAA member that the complaint is made against and your TAA committee member. We are just all volunteers that agreed to run **YOUR** organisation.
3. Finally, under our constitution we will not accept any hearsay, vexatious or campfire discussions from third parties. This would be a case of assessment for cancelling your membership with TAA under our constitution.
4. Our TAA Facebook Forum or any TAA Club Forum page is not an acceptable method to voice your complaints. We have an official Website with a contact us section. Be assured this method will come directly to a committee member to address and not open for all to discuss. The member base for the TAA Facebook Page is made up of TAA members as well as non TAA members. It is a great communication and social media interaction system but not for complaints. I am sure no-one on our Facebook page wishes to discuss complaints.

The committee would appreciate this process to occur if you decide you do have a complaint that if rectified would benefit TAA Clubs or Traditional Archers as a whole.

I take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work throughout the year. We have had some massive challenges and I can't express how proud I am of our team for the way they have handled these challenges.

Also, the continual support from two of our Life Members and founders Ian Fenton and Keith Speight.

Members, as I sit here in 2020 writing this report I reflect on our great organisation and must for those that do not know re-cap our history. Not in a formal historical way but as we do, as if resting by a campfire with your choice of beverage. I hope you enjoy the journey.

2005: A group of six traditional archers guided by Ian Fenton travel to FNQ Cairns. Arriving at the airport at about 10 PM. Hit by the humidity as we exit the plane. Walking across the tarmac noticing figures in the distance. Shorts, Thongs and Singlets. As we greet, I can hear only, good'ay come with us.

A convoy of 4X4 utes waiting for us. Ian and I got in the first ute with Graham Foster. Didn't know him at the time but he became a mate over the years,



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"Bloke from Cairns was taken by a Crock last week just there", as we drove over a small bridge. Interesting ride and one that I will remember all my life.

We arrived at Tully Bowhunters Club, now proudly one of our TAA Clubs. 2 AM with a Beer and plate of food waiting for us. True spirit of mateship! The Chef was displaying a questionable addition to his apron. I prefer to leave this one for when I can talk about it in person! 😊

This is where the real dream of setting up a home for traditional archers that we can be proud of started. With a band of 6 Traditional Archers and our helpers. The idea of TAA developed in Tully.

2008: I resigned from the position of President and Secretary due to work and family issues. The group slowly disbanded over a couple of years.

2013: Thanks to Keith Speight and a few eager old members talk started again to get TAA up and running as it should always have been. Incorporated and "Promoting and Protecting Traditional Archery in all Forms". After LOTS of hard work!!! Especially from Keith Speight.

2020: We have 23 clubs and over 1000 financial members and growing.

With so many archers joining TAA it is clear we have something special here. The freedom of running your club the way you want to and not being told what to do. All we ask is that the club and members promote traditional archery and run their club **SAFELY**. This starts with a Self-Risk Audit by the club members before they can join TAA.

We are not perfect but getting better every year in running TAA. Thank you for your trust in me and our committee to run this great organisation for YOU. This is your organisation. Help us by getting involved. Make sure your Club TAA Representative attends our regular meetings online and passes information onto you. Likewise feel free to ask your rep to discuss any issue you feel needs to be discussed at our meetings.

You are welcome to contact me or anyone else on the committee to discuss issues or have a chat. We are all volunteers and have a passion for Traditional Archery and everything this includes. Our clubs are and must be inclusive of young archers and families. Promote safe practice of our passion for the traditional skills and archery.

Respect other modern archers for they have not seen the trad light 😊

I look forward to working with you all to grow our fantastic family of Traddies. Thank you for your trust and support.

Vice President: Uncle Les
Les Simpson



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Matter: 2020 Annual TAA Treasurers Report Peter Starr

Hi all,

I took over the treasurer's position from Peter Bell from July this year.

I would like to thank Peter for his hard work and years of service to TAA as a committee member.

We currently have \$13,700.00 in the bank.

Upcoming major expenses are approx. \$4,000.00 for membership card system and approx. \$5,000.00 insurance between now and June 30th next year.

Our income mainly comes from memberships which currently works out at approx. \$800.00 per month however this will increase from the 1st January 2021 when membership fees increase.

Merchandise and Tournaments also contribute but due to Covid this will be minimal for the foreseeable future.

Figures from 30th June to 24th September.

Income		Profit & Loss Statement	
Membership Fees 1yr	\$ 1,120.00	Bank Bal 30/06/2020	\$ 9,775.43
Membership fees 3yrs	\$ 450.00	Receipts	\$ 6,655.17
Membership Fees 5yrs	\$ 450.00	Payments	\$ 2,726.14
Membership Fees family 1yr	\$ 450.00	Balance per Statement	\$13,704.46
Membership Fees family 2yrs	\$ 325.00		
Membership Fees family 3yrs	\$ 375.00		
Membership Fees Club	\$ 300.00		
Muster	\$ 315.00		
Bow Making	\$ -		
Merchandise	\$ 760.00		
State Titles	\$ 1,985.50		
Sundries	\$ 124.67		
Total Receipts	\$ 6,655.17		
Less Expenditure			
Payments			
Insurance	\$ -		
Website	\$ 198.00		
Merchandise	\$ 315.00		
Petty Cash	\$ 400.00		
Zoom	\$ 23.09		
Muster	\$ 328.15		
Sundries	\$ 1,461.90		
Total Expenditure	\$ 2,726.14		

Peter Starr
Treasurer TAA



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Peter Bell Report for year July 2019 to 30th June 2020

INCOME

Memberships	8020
Merchandise	1076
Cash float return (Muster)	500
Miscellaneous	80
Affiliations	2850
Muster nominations	3889
Bowyer courses	1455
Camping Fees	72
Membership Sec. Float return	81.65
Total	18023.65

Expenditure

Web-site	660
Insurance	4681.42
Merchandise	2740.64
Bowyer Expenses	1055
Travel Expenses (Bathurst)	950
Membership Sec. Float	600
Camping Refunds (Barambah)	465
Trophies	885
Muster refunds	110
Cash float Returned	500
PO Box Rental	134
Misc. Barambah BBQ	122.52
Target Hire	920
Stationary	103.49
Office Equipment (Computer)	1500
Postage	102.10
Membership Refund (paid Twice)	152.50

Total	15681.67
Surplus Funds	2341.98

Peter Bell

Treasurers Report for June 2020

Income

Memberships	1285
Affiliations	300

Monthly Total 1535

YTD 54470.33

Expenditure Nil

Monthly Total Nil

YTD 44744.83

Bank Balance as of 30/6/20 9775.43



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Matter: 2020 Annual TAA National Secretary Report Leslie White

To All TAA Members,

Thank you to all of the TAA members who entrusted me to look after the communication and correspondence for TAA this past year. I have been supported all the way by a very capable group of people that make up the TAA Executive Committee. I have also had invaluable support and cooperation from our TAA Club Representatives, TAA Representatives and TAA Members.

I commenced my role in October 2019 at the TAA National Titles in Nanango Qld (home of the Barambah Club). The venue for this event had changed after a fire went through the TAA Tenterfield Traditional Archers' range, an omen perhaps of what was to follow. By the end of 2019 several other Archery Clubs had been significantly affected by the catastrophic bush fires ravaging many areas of Australia. Sadly clubs in NSW (Manning, Ulladulla and Lithgow) had lost much of their property and bushland. As the incoming secretary one of my first jobs was to draft a letter that was sent out to clubs offering our thoughts and help.

The TAA Executive Committee meet through Zoom on average once each month. With twelve people on the committee, all living in different towns and states across Australia, the Zoom platform has proven invaluable as an effective way of running this ever growing association. Part of my job description is to organise these meetings, both the scheduling of the meetings and the setting out of the agenda. The minutes from these meetings are kept on file and can be viewed at request.

Several Club Representative Meetings and minor meetings have also taken part on Zoom throughout the year. Together with emails there is a very healthy and open level of communication between TAA committee members. Rarely a day goes by where there is no contact, either by email or phone.

The "Contact Us" on the TAA website is channelled through my email. If I cannot answer the enquiry myself I forward the message to the executive member specialising in that area. This year the majority of the enquiries have been directed to the membership officers (Amy and Beth). Some folk may have just misplaced membership cards or want to know where their closest TAA club is situated. However we have had enquiries which have led to numerous conversations around forming new TAA club memberships, bow making techniques, coaching requirements etc. Phone calls are also used by members to make enquiries or to give support.

After the 2019 AGM it became clear that the Shoot and Equipment guidelines needed to be rewritten or updated. I would personally like to thank the teams working on these guidelines. Perry Jackson (Qld) assisted by Dave Pender (Qld) (Equipment Guidelines) and Dave McGuire (Qld) assisted by Jason Chapman (NSW) (Shoot Guidelines) have spent many hours bringing these documents to a high standard so that TAA members can have clearly defined guidelines for Title Shoots. To keep with the original ethos of TAA, National and State Title Guidelines were then written to help TAA Clubs submit a request to hold the Title Shoots. The Executive and Club Representatives have given valuable feedback throughout this entire process. These Documents were placed on the TAA Website for viewing and comment. It has been encouraging to witness keen TAA members taking the time to write to us with suggestions, these have been discussed both at Executive Meetings and Club Representative Meetings.



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Bonnie Cabrini (WA) our score recorder has been doing a great job working through the title guidelines to ensure all score sheets match with the shoot guideline format and that scores are accurately kept on record.

I also wish to acknowledge Phil Arnold (TAA Rockingham Club WA) for his expertise and help with the Constitution. His input has certainly given TAA a robust document moving into the future. I have learned much about the law side of running an association through his patient guidance.

Now to Covid-19.....what a disruption! One thing the Covid-19 Coronavirus has done is given the executive committee time at home to write and rewrite the above documents. Sadly however it has seen the cancellation of numerous Traditional Shoots including the NSW Titles (Coffs Coast) and the National Titles (Tenterfield). For my part the research into the latest government directives and Covid Plan templates has resulted in letters on the website and many emailed conversations to TAA clubs. Let's hope our 'new normal' in 2021 allows us to participate more freely in this sport we love. Leading up to the Queensland Titles and the Tully Shoot both Gary Maile (Chevallan) and Greg Smith (Tully) kept me informed by phone and email of their Covid Plans and how they planned to ensure the shoots were Covid Safe. TAA Clubs have been busy writing up Covid Safe plans that can be shared between clubs. This camaraderie is one thing that is typical of Traditional Archery. The plans are all kept both in hard copy and as a computer file. The safety of our members had to take priority over gathering together at this time.

To try and compensate for the National Titles being cancelled our National Coach Dave McGuire wrote up a TAA National Covid Bug Postal Shoot. At the time of writing this report photos and comments have shown that members are really getting behind this fun shoot. Working on the presentation side of this has given me enormous pleasure, mainly because of Dave's infectious enthusiasm that shows through in all he does.

Over the year we have had a few resignations/retirements from our executive committee. The letter usually arrives in my email box first. In March our membership officer Amy Heiman (Qld) decided that full time work in a doctor's surgery, combined with her wedding and honeymoon plans, did not allow her the time necessary to fulfil the TAA position to the level she would like. A big thank you to Amy for the work she has done in maintaining the membership role for just over a year. Beth Allott (Qld) stepped into this position and has been doing an outstanding job with the ever increasing number of membership enquiries. Beth's enthusiasm for the role is seeing her bring the TAA records into a more manageable and reliable format. This is very time consuming. I value Beth's passion for the job and the friendship we have formed through working together.

Treasurer Peter Bell (Qld) decided that five years in the job was enough. Thank you Peter for your steady hand when dealing with the TAA finances. Peter Starr (TAS) stepped into this position in May. Peter has brought an energy to the executive committee that ensures the association will move forward with positive money strategies to help all members. He is in constant communication ensuring we all know exactly what is going on, he is also a great ideas man. Thank you to both Peters for ensuring the TAA finances are running smoothly.

Our other change in the executive has been brought about due to Covid-19. Zak (NSW) our Club Communications Officer found himself overrun with IT requests brought on due to lockdown and people needing to work from home. Greg Smith from Tully in Qld has taken on this role. Greg has some great ideas to share with TAA Club Representatives. Welcome aboard Greg I know your long involvement with traditional archery will prove invaluable. Greg always has a 'G'Day Mate' ready for me when I answer his phone calls.



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The TAA website is managed and kept up to date by Wayne Hanley (NSW). Thank you Wayne for all the times you have uploaded and changed documents for me. The website is very informative and is kept looking great by Wayne's skills in designing. I would encourage all members to take a look through the various menu items on the website. The calendar informs of upcoming shoots which translates into fun times together.

Throughout the year I have been asked to write several letters to clubs and/or members. Every letter and every meeting agenda is run past both our President Steve Linaker in WA and our Vice President Les Simpson in NSW. These two men have been my support the entire way through. Les holds the history of TAA in his heart as one of the foundation members from 2005. Taking over the secretary job from Les was a little daunting but he gently handed over each part of the job giving me time to adjust. Thank you Les and Steve.

Let us all hope that 2021 is a much better year than 2020. Relief from fires, drought and Covid-19 is hopefully on the horizon. Enjoy your Traditional Archery everyone.

Stay safe, regards,

Mrs Leslie White TAA National Secretary.

The secretary minutes for all AGMs can be accessed on the TAA Website under Documents.

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Date: 16/09/20

Traditional Archery Australia Membership Officer Report

- 1006 Financial Members as at 16 September 2020
- 1546 Membership number issued since inception. This number does not reflect a total number of individual members, as re-joining unfinancial members are currently issued a new number.

Memberships are gradually building offset by attrition.

290 new members joined in 2018.

315 new members joined in 2019.

322 new members joined as at 16 September 2020

6 new clubs have joined TAA in 2020

Gin Gin Field Archers
Castle Bay Traditional Archery
Chevallan Archery Park
Coffs Coast Archery Club
Far North Queensland Bowmen Archery Club and
Banksia Bowmen

The Executive Committee extends their warm welcome to these clubs who have committed to “Preserve and Protect Traditional Archery” and looks forward to seeing their progress and participation in Traditional Archery.

General Business:

The Membership application form has been modified

- The “free gift” and lucky draw has been removed.
- Members are asked to indicate their current TAA club and membership of any other Archery Association.
- Attention is drawn to the 3 months grace period before overdue memberships are terminated. (as per the constitution)
- Optional Bow division information is also gathered for demographics.
- The addition of an over 18 declaration and parental/legal guardian permission.



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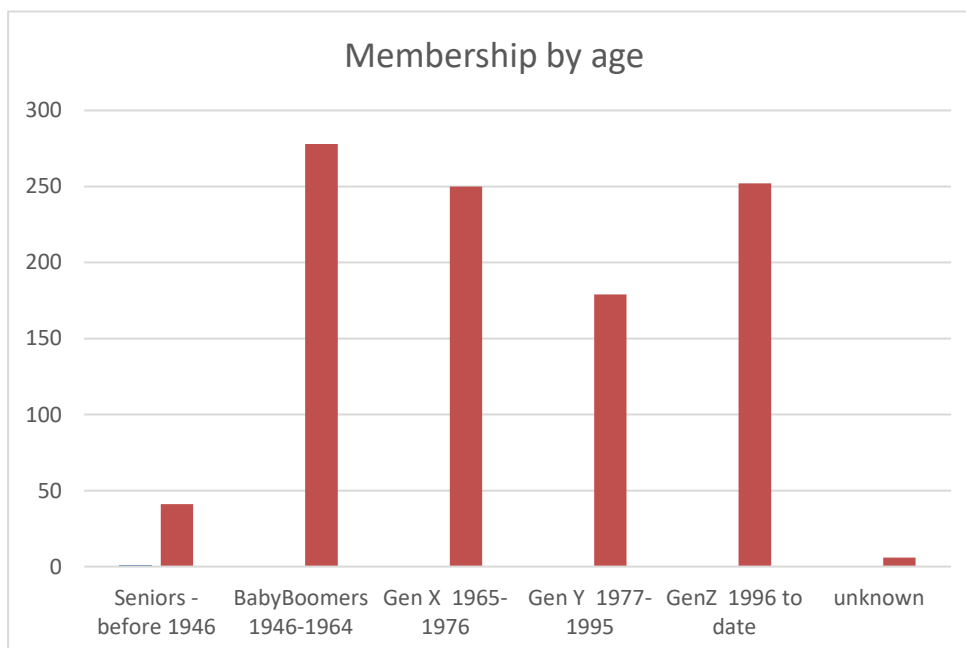
The Club membership form has also been modified

- The addition of an advice that renewals must be paid within 30days of the due date or membership of the club will be void.
- The addition of a requirement for the club to declare what activities were undertaken in the previous 12 months or planned in the next 6months to Promote and Protect Traditional Archery

The membership officer position now has a dedicated laptop, to facilitate the transfer of the position to future occupants and to service the planned use of a credit card style membership card printer.

The current membership records are in the process of being transferred to a database system (under development) to streamline the workload of the membership officer and to ensure data integrity.

Following are graphs illustrating TAA membership demographics

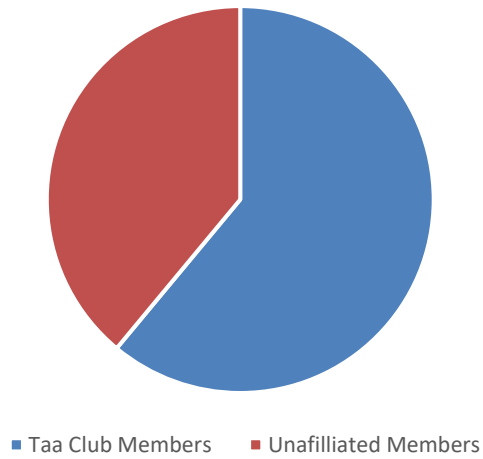




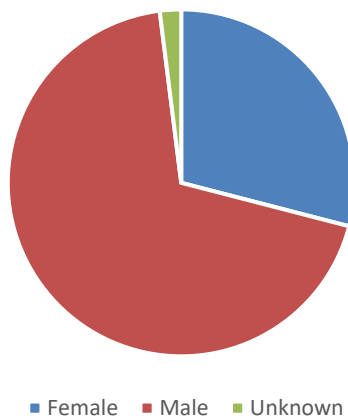
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Membership by Club Affiliation



Membership by Gender





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Matter: 2020 TAA National Web Manager Report Wayne Hanley

The TAA Web Site

The web site continues to be the major communication tool for long term information for TAA, with all relevant documents for TAA members and clubs available to download from it.

It has a dedicated News page for ongoing information and announcements, a Calendar page for both general Traditional Shoots and TAA clubs own shoots.

In respect to these pages, over recent times they have been used to keep members up to date on TAA's policy on COVID-19, and the state of planned Traditional shoots, including the National Muster and State Titles, with the calendar regularly updated with any cancellations, amongst other updates.

Many sections of the web site have been expanded such as the Photo and Video Galleries (Clubs and members can submit material for these), and the Clubs page, now with 23 TAA clubs listed.

The recent addition of a Web Store to the site now enables members to order and purchase TAA merchandise such as; Stickers, Cloth Patches, Caps, T-shirts, and Polo Shirts on-line. Memberships and Membership Renewals will also be payable this way.

The TAA Facebook page.

Firstly I'd like to thank the other Admins of the Facebook page Tony Justice and Sue Wallace for all their hard work over the last few years.

The Facebook page is TAA's media for short term news and information, and for TAA's members to share stories, questions, information. All with a limited lifespan governed by the interest in the topic. The Facebook page puts TAA on "Social Media" and thus can be a prime source of new TAA members.

Membership of the page is 1612 at the moment, with many of these not actual being TAA members. This is up from 1306 at approximately the same time last year. This represents an increase of roughly 19%.

Page "Engagements" (Posts, Comments, and Reactions) average more than 80 per day. Between these and the numerous membership applications each day that need to be vetted keep the three Admins quite busy.

The web site continue to showcase the professionalism of TAA as an organisation, while the Facebook page demonstrates the warmth and friendliness of its personality.

Wayne Hanley
TAA National Committee



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Matter: 2020 Annual Club Communications Officer Report Greg Smith

Club rep meetings

G'day! The idea behind the club meetings is to get the communications happening between each other, to be able to get feedback on TAA issues and feel free to discuss whatever they like. The sharing of ideas on how and why we need to do different events at each of our clubs is truly appreciated when speaking to all the TAA reps. it gives a better understanding of the different regions in which we live and the people to whom they cater for.

I believe these meetings have given a greater respect and vision to all that attend and participate. They provide some great ideas between the clubs as to possibly achieving more throughout the organisation and their communities. With the multitude of experiences and knowledge that people have who attended these meetings it becomes very useful when dealing with club or TAA issues eg. Events, councils, grants, complaints, just to name a few.

Above all the camaraderie that is growing between each other is great to see and know that anyone can pick up a phone and ring each other should they need advice, support or just a chat to say G'day. Final note I believe these meetings to be growing stronger every time.

Cheers Greg

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Matter: 2020 Annual Shoot Directors Report Jason Chapman

As TAA members we have seen a topsy turvey year, with most of us having our clubs shut down at one point, or even still undergoing changed shoot conditions due to Covid-19.

During the year Dave McGuire and I were tasked with standardising the shoot directions to be used at the State Titles and National Muster. This will help make scores from different parts of the country able to be compared, as well as year on year scores. Note that these guidelines are for state/national titles; clubs should feel free to run trad shoots in a manner that suites them.

Due to the disruptions caused by the virus restrictions, in particular border closures and gathering numbers, only two title shoots were able to go ahead as planned. In March the Western Australian Title took place at TAA's South West Bowman Club. In July the Queensland State title was held at TAA's Chevallan Archery Park with a cap on numbers of 100 people on the property. Both shoots were a great success. I would like to thank South West Bowmen and Chevallan Archery Park for hosting these events.

Unfortunately the National Muster that was to be held at Tenterfield Field Archers and the Inaugural NSW State Titles that was to be held at one of TAA's newest clubs Coffs Coast have been cancelled this year but we will be back.

Jason



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Matter: 2020 Annual TAA National Coach Report Dave McGuire

Dear TAA members,

I have been the TAA head coach and course facilitator for just over 12 months and would like to thank the committee for placing myself and intrusting me in this position, I do have a passion for instruction and enjoy watching other archers improve out of sight. I research a lot about my favourite subject and put into practise what I preach, my friends that know me do know I like a bit of a chat about all things archery. For those who do not know me and what my knowledge base is, here is a little about my archery knowledge.

I was a coach for 16 years in another association, I am a bowyer and arrow smith, I have worked in an archery business for a couple of years and now have my own archery business. This is now my 5th year of trading. Having the business gives me an opportunity to set up the new archer correctly and encourage them to get involved in a club. In most cases a new archer's first contact with archery is at the retail level, so the initial contact is especially important, my advice can make the difference between a great archery experience and a bad archery experience.

I shoot all bow types, Recurve, Longbow, Asiatic, self-bow, and ELB.

I have shot Traditional gear and have placed in World Tittle, National, State and Zone Shoots.
I hunt and advise hunters on hunting set ups.

I am pleased to report we now have 27 TAA instructors and 5 state course facilitators throughout the clubs. The main emphasis is to arm our instructors with the knowledge and skills to help our new archers on their journey, also advanced techniques for our archers wishing to improve their shooting skills. We have put in place a messenger group for our instructors, this way we can share knowledge and help each other with any questions that need answering.

Next year, if all goes well, I hope to make it to our clubs in NSW and with the help of Glenn McMahon our NSW facilitator, run the clubs through the course.

What do you get when you are a certified TAA instructor? Besides being insured we can make a big difference to that archer's initial experience and their future development and enjoyment in the sport. If you want to expand your knowledge base and skill set this course is for anyone who is a TAA member.

For those wishing to improve their skills I do encourage and invite all our TAA members to sit in on any of the TAA instructors' courses and if you need help please do not hesitate to engage myself or one of our instructors for advice, my contact details can be found on the TAA website or if you see me at one of our shoots just tap me on the shoulder, I'm only too happy to help.

Dave McGuire,
TAA National Coach.



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Matter: 2020 Annual TAA Traditional Skills Officer Report Perry Jackson

The year since the last AGM has been relatively quiet in my role as Traditional Skills Officer with Covid 19 rearing its ugly head just as I was negotiating and set to announce some dates for Traditional Skills Workshops through the 2020 winter period.

I have also been facing ongoing challenges with my Health that will impact my ability to serve into the future.

I'd like to take this opportunity to ask for skilled Members to contact me if they are willing to assist me in conducting Skills Workshops in all Regions, States and Territories. For me, the real tradition of Traditional Archery is handing on the Knowledge and Skills from Generation to Generation.

November 2019 through February 2020 I purchased the timber for, cut and glued a number of Laminated Bow Staves and cut Arrow Shaft Blanks for use at Traditional Skills Workshops during 2020. I was forced to Laminated Timber Staves as at that time there was a serious shortage of quality Timber suitable for Selfbows in the greater Brisbane Region.

Late in 2019 I travelled down to Tenterfield Traditional Archers and conducted a Workshop aimed at new Traditional Archers. I explained and demonstrated many of the basic things a new Archer must learn such as Bow Tuning, determining the correct Arrow Spine for their Bows, how to assemble Timber Arrows and a general knowledge session in which I answered any questions the TTA Club members had.

Earlier this year Dave Pender and I conducted a review of the existing TAA Equipment Guidelines. Our goal was to evaluate and implement the more pressing concerns that we or TAA members had communicated and to streamline some definitions.

It was an exhaustive process as each change usually meant many other factors had to be considered or changes made elsewhere in the Guidelines. We compromised on some proposed changes that had the potential to complicate things in order to keep the Equipment Guidelines as simple, clear and concise as possible. I can see the proposed changes and the compromises we made leading to further review in coming years as Traditional Archery evolves in Australia.

I look forward to the end of the Covid 19 Pandemic Restrictions and being able to organise future Traditional Skills Workshops at TAA Clubs, continuing to serve TAA Members and share my skills and knowledge with all Archers.

Regards,
Perry Jackson



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Matter: 2020 Annual TAA National Score Recorder Report Bonnie Cabrini

Hi all,

Nothing much to report from the Score recorder as not much has happened due to the Covid. Sad to hear clubs have had to cancel their events due to the 2nd wave of Covid. Thinking of them at this time & hope everyone stays safe & well.

At the beginning of 2020 we had our 4th National Postal shoot with 18 members entering, all from NSW. Congratulations to those that took part.

We have only had 2 state titles events this year, WA & QLD.

With these results I have done up a ranking system. This will show members where they rank with other members throughout the TAA community.

I have split up the results with shooting & novelty events so you can see how you fair with others in your div.

National Muster has been cancelled. In its place we are having a National Covid Bug Postal Shoot which closes on the 11th Oct.

Hope all clubs get behind this by having a bit of fun on home turf & give me some work to do with nominations & doing up the score results.

Cheers,

Bonnie Cabrini

TAA score recorder

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Matter: 2020 Annual TAA Hunt Advisor Report Dave Pender

Unfortunately over the hunting year no game claims where received. Over my time in this position I have found TAA members do not hunt or if they do, do not claim their game. The COVID pandemic has also had a huge impact on hunting throughout Australia.

Wishing the new committee all the best.

Dave Pender



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The TAA medal was first introduced by Keith Speight with the assistance of the Executive Committee to allow our members to acknowledge the hard work of our members that have excelled in "Promoting and Protecting Traditional Archery in all Forms"

Any TAA member can nominate or be nominated for this medal. To receive this medal you stand with a few very special traddies!

Ron White

I take great pleasure in officially awarding Ron the TAA medal for his service to Traditional Archery in Australia. Ron was one of the founding members of TAA. While travelling the eastern states promoting TAA and trying to get trad archers to join our band I will always remember Ron waking us up two hours before we had to be awake to get to a trad shoot. We travelled from Cairns to Ballarat. Fond memories and great times.

His love of making and shooting a good self-bow is well known. His generosity and mateship is what we aspire to.

Congratulations to you mate: Well deserved.

Dave "Towball" White

What can I say? If you are a Traddie Archer and have not had the pleasure of shooting a few arrows with Dave you have missed out. His pranks and love of collecting anything to do with Archery, anything really is well known! I still have a very treasured cloth patch half cut off on my best shooting jacket! You didn't get it Towball I still have it!

This man has supported very actively Traditional Archery well before TAA came onto the scene. I first met Towball at a Target Shoot. I recall the target archers saying, watch out for that bloke, all he wants to do is shoot and have fun- Think About That for a minute. I did, that is what I wanted to do.

His support along with Ron for encouraging kids to LOVE Archery. Not just shoot a bow, but love archery is well known.

Congratulations to you mate, well deserved and to receive this with your brother must be even better.

These two Brothers were spoken about as being the Wensel Brothers of Australia. They are and we are proud to have them as part of the TAA family.

AGM
10th October 2020
Les Simpson
Vice-President