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Special AGM Issue



Your Quarterly Traditional Archery Australia News

"Promoting and Protecting Traditional Archery in all forms"

Sticks And Strings



Welcome to our special AGM newsletter.

Are you passionate about making a difference for the future of archery in Australia?

We are seeking dedicated individuals to join our committee and help shape the future of TAA.

This is your chance to contribute your skills, ideas, and enthusiasm to drive positive change.

Nominate yourself or someone you know for a committee position today!

Together we can achieve great things for archery.



In Australia, where the spirit of the land intertwines with the skill of the archer, there exists an organization dedicated to the timeless tradition of archery. Traditional Archery Australia (TAA) shines brightly as a guiding light for those who hold dear the ancient art of shooting. TAA takes great pride in upholding the authenticity of the sport while also embracing all who wish to wield a bow, regardless of its type, as it is the pure love of archery that unites its members.

At its very essence, TAA treasures the sense of community that thrives among archers. It nurtures an inclusive atmosphere where archers of all ages and skill levels can gather to share their passion. Whether one chooses to shoot a recurve or compound bow, archery fosters a deep connection through shared experiences, bringing individuals closer together. It instils a sense of pride and unity within clubs, bridging gaps and forging strong bonds of belonging. We pride ourselves in being a family.

TAA is unwavering in its mission to promote and safeguard traditional archery. This entails not only encouraging participation in the sport, but also preserving the techniques and equipment that define traditional archery. The organization is dedicated to ensuring that the wisdom and skills of traditional archery are passed down through the generations, maintaining a sense of continuity and family heritage.

A strong emphasis is placed on education and skill enhancement within TAA, working tirelessly to provide opportunities for archers to learn and refine their abilities. Education is key in ensuring that the art of traditional archery flourishes and evolves, securing the future of archery as a whole. TAA also places great importance on promoting sustainable practices, recognizing the beauty of archery in nature and striving to respect and protect the natural landscapes where we practice our craft.

The National executive and committee members are the backbone of TAA, playing a vital role in ensuring the organization's success and smooth operation. These dedicated individuals generously volunteer their time to steer TAA in the right direction, setting strategic goals and overseeing important decisions.

Their primary focus is to ensure that all activities are in line with TAA's mission and values, serving as the organization's key representatives. Working closely together, they form a strong leadership team that propels TAA towards its goals, all while upholding the highest ethical standards and best practices in their respective roles. Together, they are the driving force behind TAA's continued growth and impact.

Through these principles and values, Traditional Archery Australia not only preserves the rich heritage of archery but also fosters a vibrant and supportive community of archers. Whether on the field, in the bush, or at a competition, TAA members carry forward the legacy of traditional archery with pride and dedication.

TAA President - Greg Smith

The President guides the organisation's vision, keeps everything on track, and is the go-to person for big decisions and external partnerships with other archery organisations and stakeholders.

As President, you will shape the legacy of TAA and determine the direction it will take in the future.

“As president of a growing organisation, it's all about leadership, respect, ethics, values and compromise — not personal egos or agendas but rather families and comradery.

It's very important when on a committee to work as a team, not an individual, so that you may achieve the best possible outcome to further the growth of the organisation in the future. We come from many different locations and nationalities with different forms of archery but we are united.

For an organisation to grow, it must adapt and change with the times, so it would be great to see fresh new faces and ideas on the committee.”

Greg Smith

TAA Vice President - Paul Sparkes

The President's trusty sidekick! Steps in when the boss is away and helps keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes. This role also assists with strategic planning and leadership, so it's a great opportunity to influence where TAA heads to next.

“Its been incredibly fulfilling to see the positive impact our events have on the archery community and to witness participants' growth and enthusiasm. This role has given me the chance to make a real impact within TAA. I encourage others to join the committee and help continue our mission.”

Paul Sparkes



TAA Treasurer - Bonnie Cabrini



Keeps the budget on target, makes sure the bills are paid, and ensures we're always financially fit. Sounds like a lot of boring numbers, but the Treasurer also gets the fun of promotions, merchandise, grants, and TAA event funding.

“Being involved with the TAA committee is a great way to be a part of shaping the future of our sport, while building lasting friendships and making a real impact in the archery community.”

Bonnie Cabrini

TAA Secretary - Tania Olsen

Manages meeting minutes, sends out important messages, and keeps everyone in the loop with what's happening. TAA is not as admin heavy as most other organisations, so there is real opportunity for innovation in TAA's policy and developing advertising material.



“What I've loved most about this role is that I get to see first-hand how our ideas turn into actions that benefit the TAA community. It's been a great way to contribute, stay involved, and be part of something bigger! I'm excited to see what flavour the new committee will bring to TAA's direction.”

Tania Olsen

TAA Membership Officer - Beth Allott



Oversees membership processes, ensuring applications and renewals are handled efficiently while maintaining accurate member records. Printing and distributing TAA cards, managing the TAA's post box, the Membership Officer is by far the busiest role as most TAA enquiries are about membership. The Membership Officer also processes club applications and renewals. As a customer facing role experience in customer service would be advantageous.

"I've been in a unique position to interact with every TAA member new and old, its been personally rewarding knowing I'm facilitating the growth of TAA and the members and have the opportunity through participating in committee activities to improve TAAs procedures and processes."

Beth Allott

TAA Public Officer - Les Simpson

This role can only be held by a NSW resident as that's where TAA is incorporated. The Public Officer role is to ensure compliance with government regulations and managing official documentation with NSW Fair Trading. That leaves a lot of room for helping the committee with other matters, which is why the Public Officer role is usually held alongside another TAA role.



TAA Club Communication Officers -

Tane Hardwick & Ali Gee



Keeps clubs in the loop with catch-ups, newsletters, updates, and fun announcements to keep everyone engaged. Clubs give feedback to the TAA committee via the communications officer, whether it's great ideas for an event, or new policies to help grow our sport

“This is the first year for Tane and I in the role as Club Representative.

We have definitely taken our time finding our feet in this role. However, we have enjoyed having the opportunity to meet the clubs all over Australia and we look forward to the opportunity of continuing it into 2025.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to give back in our own little way to TAA and watch it grow. We encourage others to join the committee and help continue building this wonderful community.”

Tane & Ali

TAA Risk & Safety Officer - Ray Hardy

Ensures that all TAA events and Club activities comply with safety regulations and TAA's insurance. This role reviews Club risk audits and provides feedback. This role can be really rewarding in helping new clubs become established.

“Being part of the Hunting side of TAA has been very fulfilling. I am eager to see new and old member's back out hunting and hope more members see how rewarding our sport can be .

Step up and get involved and help shape the future of our sport!”

Ray Hardy



TAA National Shoot Director - Tim Fox



Organises and oversees TAA events, ensuring they run smoothly, and meet the expectations of members and participants. The Shoot Director brings a lot of creativity to TAA activities, and new ideas are always welcome. Manages the TAA calendar and helps coordinate Club major event calendars. This role is often involved in scheduling years in advance, so has real impact on TAA's future.

“The most important aspect of this role is being open to new ideas while keeping true to the TAA ethos. Not all clubs need the kind of support. Some clubs are self sufficient while other clubs need the right amount of support and encouragement to host and run their Traditional or Invitational shoots. Some clubs will benefit from hosting a State or National Muster while others physically cannot handle or need the added pressure of such an event. This is just a few points of what I see as being an important part of this role. To anyone who is interested in having a role within TAA, I encourage you to talk to the current TAA Committee to explore the possibilities.”

Tim Fox

TAA National Coaching Officer

Les Simpson

Supports the development of members' skills by coordinating coaching programs and ensuring qualified instructors are available for training sessions. TAA is in the process of rolling out new coaching courses and instructor certification, so the Coaching Officer has great influence over the success and growth of member skills.



“My time in this position has given me the opportunity to develop my communication skills and meet some great Trad Coaches along the way. As part of a Sub-Committee I have been able to develop and implement club member, come and try lesson plan and a workbook for Instructors. If I am given the opportunity by the next committee to continue in this position I would like to develop a Coaching Training Document.”

Les Simpson

TAA Web Content Manager - Alex Allott

Keeps the website and socials fresh with updates, news, and awesome content that reflects our vibrant community.

“Working with the TAA management team has been an excellent opportunity for me as a younger person to get some real-world experience. I’ve really enjoyed being able to provide a functioning web page, to support the membership and the committee and to promote archery. It’s been a great year!”

Alex Allott



TAA National Score Recorder - Liane Gordon



Records and manages scores from events and competitions, ensuring fair play and recognition for top shooters. This role also influences TAA scoring rules, and has opportunity to revise and influence event documents. Works closely with the Shoot Director

***“The collaborative spirit and shared achievements within the committee bring great satisfaction and a sense of belonging.*”**

If you are wanting to learn more about TAA as an organisation and how it is managed, joining the executive committee, even in a minor role, is well worth it.”

Liane Gordon

TAA Alliance Coordinator - Greg Smith



Builds relationships with other archery groups and partners, creating awesome opportunities for collaboration. There's a lot happening in this space making for quite an exciting role!

“Including all types of archery under our banner is crucial for many reasons. Bringing together different archery disciplines such as target archery, field archery, and bowhunting fosters a sense of unity within the archery community.”

TAA can effectively promote archery to the public, increasing awareness and participation. This has the potential to lead to more sponsorship and media coverage, benefiting all forms of archery.

Embracing all forms of archery under our banner promotes inclusivity, ensuring that every archer, regardless of their preferred style, feels valued and supported.

By keeping archery united in Australia, the archery community can achieve greater success and recognition, while also fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for all archers.”

Greg Smith

TAA Traditional Skills Officer

Promotes and preserves traditional archery skills within the archery community, organising workshops and events to pass down ancient archery skills to keep the traditions alive.

Fancy hosting an archery festival?

The Traditional Skills Officer is the role you are looking for!

Bring your ideas and lets make it happen!

TAA Hunt Advisor -

Ray Hardy

Provides guidance on ethical hunting practices and ensures that members interested in hunting activities are informed about regulations and safe practices.



Bowhunting is a hot topic in politics, so this role would also suit someone who can keep the President informed and strategize bowhunting's future in Australia.

TAA R-E-Ps

WHAT? Traditional Archery Australia ambassadors

WHO? Our current TAA REPs are listed on our website.

WHY? These recognition awards are not TAA executive positions but represent TAA's way of honouring exceptional role models within our community – our very own archery legends. These esteemed ambassadors exemplify the TAA Constitution, advocate for TAA values, foster membership growth, serve as role models, and support members by sharing their skills and experiences.

WHEN? Whenever a legend is nominated.

HOW? Nomination and award is by Executive discretion.

If you know a current TAA member that you think is legendary, write to the TAA President about why you think they should be recognised as TAA R-E-Ps. We're always on the lookout for good ambassadors.

Note: Although we'd like to think these badges of honour are lifelong, recognition may cease when a R-E-P leaves the organisation, or their behaviour does not align with TAA values.





Nomination Form

2024 TAA Annual General Meeting

6pm AEST Saturday 19 October 2024

You may nominate for multiple executive position AND express interest in an appointed general committee position, but you can only hold one position overall. Elections will occur in this order: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three (3) Ordinary Members. Once elected to a position, you will be removed from subsequent ballots. After the elections, the elected Executive will appoint five (5) Ordinary Members to the General Committee. Once formed, the general committee shall allocate roles to the 3 elected executive committee Ordinary Members and the 5 Ordinary Members appointed through executive power. Committee Composition and Role Rules are detailed on the following page and Section 4 of the TAA Constitution. **Executive nominations must be endorsed by two (2) adult financial ordinary members.**

Candidate Details

Name _____ TAA number _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Nomination for Executive Position *(tick all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary Member (3 positions available) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | |

Endorser 1:

Name _____
 TAA number _____
 Signature _____
 Date _____

Endorser 2:

Name _____
 TAA number _____
 Signature _____
 Date _____

Expression of Interest for General Committee

- Ordinary Member (5 positions available)

Role(s) interested in: *(tick all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoot Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Communications Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alliance coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Score Recorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Content Manager |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk & Safety Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunt Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Officer <i>(NSW resident only)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Skills Officer | |

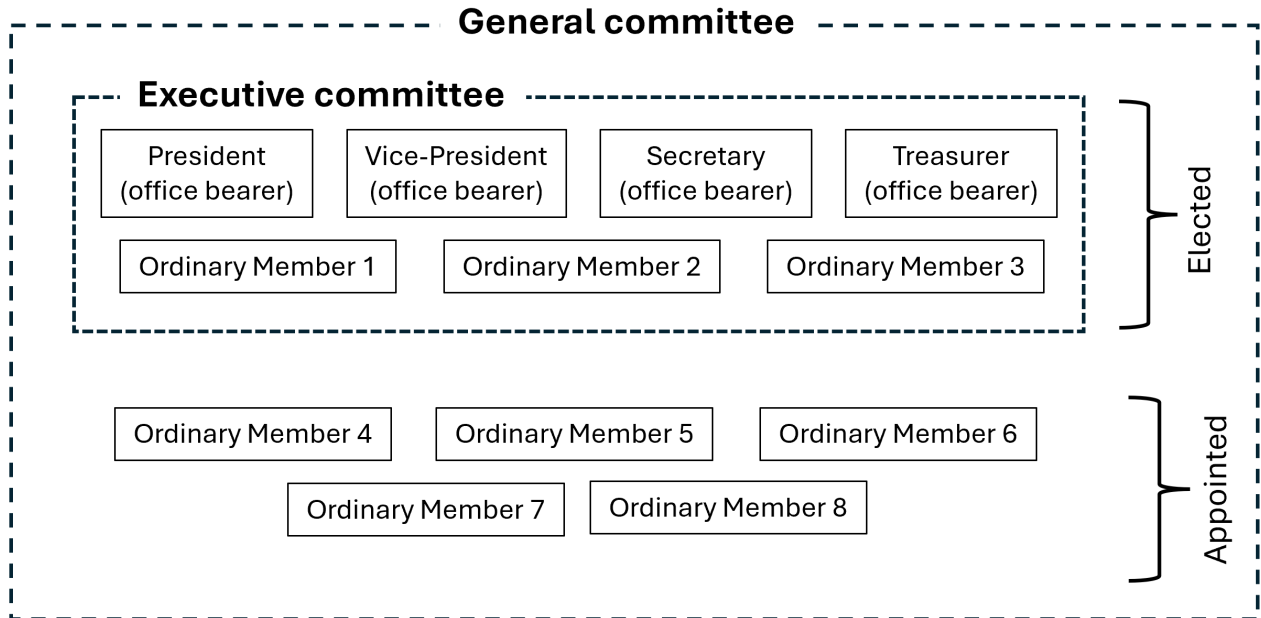
*Form must be received by the TAA Secretary (taasecretary23@gmail.com)
 on or before Wednesday 16 October 2024*

Committee composition



The General Committee consists of a total of twelve (12) members:

- seven (7) elected executive committee members, and
- five (5) ordinary members appointed through executive power.



Roles available

Once formed, the general committee shall allocate roles to the 3 elected and 5 appointed Ordinary Members.

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| a. Public Officer | d. Risk & Safety officer | h. Coaching officer |
| b. Alliance coordinator | e. Shoot director | i. Hunt advisor |
| c. Club Communications Officer | f. Membership officer | j. Web content manager |
| | g. Traditional skills officer | k. Score recorder |

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 two (2) non office bearing positions.

The Public Officer must:

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

Executive position election rules

- If only one legitimate nomination is received for any office bearer position by the due date, the nominee is automatically elected, with the announcement made at the AGM.
- If the number of legitimate nominations for executive ordinary member positions is equal to or fewer than the available positions (3), those nominees are automatically elected, and the announcement is made at the AGM.
- If no nominations are received, the Chairman may call for nominations from the floor during the AGM. If still insufficient, remaining executive vacancies will be considered casual.
- If more nominations are received than available executive positions, a ballot will be held at the AGM as directed by the committee.

Questions?

Send an email to the TAA Secretary at TAAsecretary23@gmail.com



Traditional Archery Australia

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**19 October 2024
6:00pm AEST**

Online Meeting via Secure Platform

Nominations are now open!

Becoming a committee member is a rewarding way to contribute to the success of TAA while making a real impact in your archery community. You'll have the chance to collaborate with a dedicated team, share innovative ideas, and grow your role to leave your own legacy. As a volunteer, your time and skills are greatly appreciated, and there's no expectation to be available 24/7.

You'll receive support from your fellow members (and past committee members!), have the flexibility to balance responsibilities, and work within a positive, inclusive environment. Whether you're a seasoned leader or looking to develop new skills, this is a unique opportunity to help shape the future of TAA. If you're ready to contribute your time, energy, and creativity, we'd love to have you on board!

The roles available this coming AGM are:

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| ▪ President | ▪ Club | ▪ Traditional skills officer |
| ▪ Vice President | ▪ Communications Officer | ▪ Coaching officer |
| ▪ Treasurer | ▪ Risk & Safety officer | ▪ Hunt advisor |
| ▪ Secretary | ▪ Shoot director | ▪ Web content manager |
| ▪ Public Officer | ▪ Membership officer | ▪ Score recorder |
| ▪ Alliance coordinator | | |

If you are interested in any of these roles and would like to know more about what it entails, you're welcome to reach out to our current committee! Email the TAA Secretary at taasecretary23@gmail.com and they will forward your enquiry to the relevant person to respond directly.

Key Dates

1 October 2024	Electronic Ballot Details Issued
5 October 2024	Business Items Due to TAA Secretary
7 October 2024	Agenda Issued with Online Meeting Details
16 October 2024	Nominations Due to TAA Secretary Proxy Forms Due to TAA Secretary
17 October 2024	Agenda Re-issued with Election Candidates
19 October 2024	Annual General Meeting 6pm AEST

Forms and Information: www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org/agm

Enquiries to: taasecretary23@gmail.com