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## Traditional Archery Australia Inc. Annual General Meeting 2021 Minutes

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Venue: ZOOM only. This is a result of continued border closures during the Covid Pandemic.

Minutes Recorder: TAA 2020-2021 Secretary Leslie White

Attendance: All attendees are financial TAA members as checked by Beth Allott TAA Membership Officer.

Steve Linaker, Les Simpson, Greg Smith, Peter Starr, Beth Allott, Paul Sparkes, Perry Jackson, Dave McGuire, Bonnie Cabrini, Noel Stone, David White, Margaret Ross, Venke Mannes, Simon Radford, Sue Wallace, Darrin Dwyer, Claudia Ellem, Glenn McMahon, Pera Thongjaj, Stephen Croft, Brian Ross, Glen Mason, Vic Smith, Arman Haque, Pauleen Dakin, Nicole Dakin, Steve Farnden, Ray Hardy, Leslie White.

1. Chairperson Steve Linaker TAA National President opened the meeting: WA 5.30 PM: QLD 7.30 PM: NSW, VIC, TAS 8.30 PM. Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for apologies to be noted.

Apologies: Phil Arnold, John Bloor, Andrew Szczecinski, Marian Rogan.

2. TAA Secretary Leslie White read the minutes of the previous AGM.

Steve asked that the 2020 minutes be moved and seconded as true and proper.

David White moved that the 2020 AGM Minutes be accepted.

Beth Allott seconded this motion.

Steve asked for a show of hands to assess that all attendees agreed.

All TAA members at the meeting who were present in 2020 agreed.

The 2020 AGM minutes were tabled as true and proper.

3. All TAA Committee Reports were attached to the 2021 AGM agenda for prior reading. Noel Stone moved that the reports be tabled as read and commented on the reports as being well written. All present agreed. Steve Linaker asked that these reports be moved and seconded as true and correct.

Committee Reports moved as true and correct by David White.

Seconded Glenn McMahon. All agreed with a show of hands.

The Committee Reports for the 2020-2021 year are accepted as true and correct.

The reports are attached to the minutes.



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4. TAA National Committee Nominations: Steve Linaker called for his 2020-2021 TAA Committee to Stand Down. TAA Representative Glenn McMahon was asked to take the chair.

Glenn thanked the outgoing TAA National Committee for the work they have done over the past twelve months.

NOTE: The nomination form for the 2021-2022 TAA Executive Committee was advertised on the official TAA Facebook and on the TAA Website over eight weeks prior to the AGM date. The button on the home page linked to the form.

All Club Representatives were sent a copy of the nomination form for each TAA Club at this time.

At the close date for nominations 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, only one nomination for each position had been submitted. All positions have been filled.

Glenn verified the new 2021-2022 TAA National Executive Committee and asked them to take up their positions.

The 2021-2022 TAA National Executive Committee are as follows:

President Steve Linaker WA

Vice-President Greg Smith Qld

Treasurer Margaret Ross NSW

Secretary Leslie White NSW

Membership Officer Beth Allott Qld

Skills Officer Perry Jackson Qld

Hunt Advisor and Risk and Safety Officer Paul Sparkes Qld

Glenn congratulated the incoming 2021-2022 TAA National Committee and wished them well. He then invited TAA President Steve Linaker to return to the chair.

5. The 2021-2022 TAA President Steve Linaker thanked Glenn for his service.
6. The five Executive Elected TAA General Committee Positions were announced by Steve Linaker.

Web Manager Pera Thongjaj WA

Coach Dave McGuire Qld

Club Representative Coordinator Brian Ross Qld

Score Recorder Bonnie Cabrini WA

Shoot Director Jason Chapman NSW

The three new committee members, Margaret, Pera and Brian were welcomed to the committee by Steve.



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7. Steve Linaker thanked the three outgoing TAA Committee members. Les Simpson, Peter Starr and Wayne Hanley for their service to Traditional Archery in Australia. Peter for the excellent work as treasurer for the past twelve months. Wayne for his outstanding work in managing the TAA Website for the past six years. However for Les there was a special presentation of a gift from all TAA Committee Members, Life Members, TAA Representatives and TAA members. Les was there with Ian Fenton at the commencement of TAA in 2005. From 2005 to the present day he has always served in an office bearer position. Les will continue to promote and protect the sport that he loves he is just retiring from the committee.

### New Business

1. TAA Club Representatives present are each asked by Steve to give a short report on the progress of their club.  
South Coast Archers- Glenn McMahon NSW. This club is not traveling too well. The inability of the club to find suitable grounds, coupled with the ill health of members, may see this club fold by the end of the year. The club has been running five years and without younger members volunteering to step up to help do the work the club will close.  
Wammenusking- Noel Stone WA. This club has gone from strength to strength. There is lots of enthusiasm from members particularly the new members. Noel is moving a couple of hours drive south of the club, Andrew Szczecinski will be the new TAA Club Rep. This year they held a very successful WA State Titles.  
Southern Forests Archers- Stephen Croft WA. On a bit of a rocky bridge at the moment with member numbers but they are not looking at closing. They have an Interclub Shoot coming up and they are still building the club. There has been a leadership change, Nicole Booth is now the new Club President.  
Coffs Coast Archers- Simon Radford NSW. The club is very satisfied with how things are going for them. They held the Inaugural NSW State Titles this year along with other Interclub Shoots. The next two day shoot is next weekend.  
Chinchilla Archers- Glen Mason QLD. The club is going okay, they have just held their first big Interclub Shoot. 48 Nominations and everyone had a ball. They are keen to run a bigger shoot. Glen thanked Dave McGuire for all the help he gave them at the recent shoot.  
Loxley Archers- Peter Starr TAS. All three TAA Tasmanian Clubs are doing well. They are looking forward to Castle Bay's shoot in November. Beginner's courses have begun and are running all over the state. Disability groups are also being introduced to traditional archery.



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Tully Bowhunters- Brian Ross *Rossy* QLD. The club is looking good. The members are having yarns about recruitment. Present club needs new faces to fill the stable, particularly younger members to assist the more mature current committee members. The grounds are secure into the future.

North Burnett Field Archers- Pauleen Dakin QLD. The club has held a very productive two day traditional shoot this year. They are still plugging along with a very proactive group of ten foundation members.

Bega Valley Archers- Venke Mannes NSW. A very quiet year due to lockdowns. The club is starting up again next Saturday.

Ascension- Arman Haque VIC. They have just had their first week of freedom from the very extensive Melbourne lockdowns. It was very exciting to see members returning. They have just acquired one new horse and now have seven. They also have two camels that need to mature a bit more before they can be ridden. The club is very happy with their planned introductory courses/come and try days. The grounds have become a bit overgrown during lockdown and need some attention. There were many online videos for members during lockdown.

Rockingham Traditional Archers- Vic Smith WA. The club has had a good year. They have 60 members. There is still some growth potential. The club bank balance is healthy. The club is very active, however they are up to finding their fourth grounds and are currently pursuing this with the council.

South West Bowmen- Bonnie Cabrini WA. The TAA National Muster has been put on hold due to border closures as only WA members could attend. This event is now calendared for May 2022, this will follow the April Masters games. The club have just held a very successful Interclub Shoot with 59 shooters. The novelties and target placement were an eye opener for some visitors.

## 2. TAA Development Fund Grant Scheme announcement.

Steve Linaker announced the first release of funds from the TAA Development Fund. The money in this fund comes from the ten dollars contributed by each adult archer at Title Shoots. The fund may sometimes have money enter from sale of assets, donations and extra raffle takings. An explanation of the fund is included in the introduction on the Grant Submission Form. Les Simpson explained that this fund is TAA's way of giving back to members to help them support and promote traditional archery. Submissions may include the purchase of equipment to help run a program, encourage club growth and/or meet safety audit requirements. Equipment for running traditional archery craft skills would also be considered. The form will be sent to all Club Representatives straight after the AGM. The last day for submission being the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.



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3. Purpose of the TAA Raffles explained.

Greg Smith was the driving force in running a very successful club raffle in 2021. The money raised being for promotion of TAA through merchandise that carries the TAA logo. Each club has been given a voucher from the raffle money. The voucher is to be used to buy TAA merchandise that will help each club advertise Traditional Archery in Australia. This has been an excellent team effort by clubs and a great way to bring people together. TAA will try and continue the raffles.

4. Shoot and Equipment Guideline Changes.

Perry Jackson explained that guidelines were difficult to write as people often have different interpretations. Minor changes have been made to the guidelines to try and streamline and simplify the wording so that it is concise and easy to understand. The following changes have been made.

Shoot Guidelines: Hunt Round to be a horseshow shape to accommodate both right and left handed people. No archer is to walk the course before shooting. An adult helping a cub must have first shot the course.

Equipment Guidelines: The length for a longbow has been removed.

5. The announcement of the 2022 National and State Muster venues.

- The postponed 2020 National Muster will be held in May at the South West Bowmen Club. The actual date will be announced soon.
- The 2022 NSW State Muster will be held at Coffs Coast Archery Club 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June.
- The 2022 Qld State Muster are in talks and will be announced as soon as they are finalised.
- The 2022 National Muster are in talks and will be announced as soon as they are finalised.
- There has been no conversation started as yet for the 2022 WA State Muster.

Steve Linaker moved that the Coffs Coast venue be supported as suitable and asked for a show of hands. All present agreed. Steve thanked Simon from Coffs Coast.

**Steve Linaker asked if there are any other items up for discussion.**

6. TAA Member James Murray, now of the Tuggeranong Archery Club an AA club in the ACT, has asked if he can organise TAA events at the club. James sent in an email prior to the AGM. James has indicated in the email that the Club President is all in favour. James has asked for expressions of interest from TAA members via Facebook



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this month. There seems to be a strong interest in both an Asian event and a field/clout event that he is proposing for 2022.

TAA told James prior to the AGM that we can help advertise the events.

The Committee have agreed to discuss this further at the next Committee Meeting.

**There were no more items put forward for discussion.**

**Steve Linaker declared the meeting closed at 6.43PM WA time.**

Minutes Recorder:

TAA National Secretary Mrs Leslie White

TAA National President Steve Linaker



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## TAA National Presidents Report Stephen Linaker 2021

Hi all members of TAA, no, I am not going to start with the word that no one wants to hear, but yes, we still had the restrictions from it affecting most States and Clubs as we did in the previous period. Whilst this had a huge impact on the amount of times we were able to gather and shoot together at our various venues, lockdowns had the opposite effect on all the hard work that goes on in the background. The Committee (all volunteers) never slowed down at all and, in fact, many hours of hard work was completed by two very capable and dedicated ladies on the Committee. These being National Secretary - Leslie White and National Membership Officer - Beth Allott who spent many hundreds of hours tidying up and perfecting our clerical systems. So from me, a big thank you for your much valued time and effort ladies!

So what has this year brought to the table? Well here we go – the list is long!

- Fantastic new plastic membership cards made on our own machine (more professional and longer lasting) thank you Beth!
- A very well created Quarterly TAA Newsletter “Sticks and Strings” presented by our Editor – thanks Beth.
- New TAA Facebook page including a members only section. Thanks again Beth!
- A Club representative raffle that included a handmade knife and leather pouch. Money raised paid for merchandise vouchers to the clubs, these vouchers can be used as the clubs see fit and distributed to both club members and/or independent TAA members. Thanks to Greg Smith and Graham Foster!
- A TAA medal was presented to a well deserving Les Williams for his many years of dedication to Traditional Archery in Australia.
- Merchandise vouchers were sent to TAA Clubs holding State Titles and advertised Trad Shoots. These to be used as they see fit – this is in addition to the vouchers given by the knife raffle proceeds.
- Dave McGuire has continued and is continuing with coaching during these difficult times. Dave has travelled to many clubs this year promoting TAA and Traditional Archery – Thank you Dave!
- Perry has held two successful TAA Skills and Craft days at both Chevallan and Barambah Archery Shoots – Thanks Perry for your hard work and passion for keeping these skills alive!
- Three successful State Title shoots were held:  
*New South Wales* (Coffs Coast Archery Club) thanks to Simon Radford and Jason Fisher along with their team. This was the Inaugural Title shoot for NSW and CCAC were the perfect hosts.



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*Queensland* (Chevallan Archery Park) thanks to Garry and Tamara Maile! Another superb effort from these wonderful hosts.

*Western Australia's* shoot (Wamenusking) was held thanks to Noel Stone, Andrew Szczecinski and all members of the club including the fantastic catering ladies! Also thanks to the team at South West Bowmen for assisting.

- Hunt and safety Audits, Risk Assessments and lots of other work carried out by Paul Sparkes – Thanks Paul!
- Greg Smith has done an amazing job with the Club Reps Meetings and keeping all reps and, in turn, Members in the loop and on track. Greg will be taking Les Simpson's position of Vice President at this year's AGM – Thanks Greg!
- Peter Starr – Being our very capable Treasurer for the year – Peter has created a very good Accounting System that I am sure will be used by quite a few treasurers to come. Peter has decided to step down as Treasurer as of the AGM. Thanks for your time and dedication Peter!
- Bonnie Cabrini – Collating all of the scores at title shoots as National Score Recorder and creating National and State scoring record spread sheets – Great job Bonnie!
- Jason Chapman – Shoot Director and in charge of our target sale to aid growing clubs. TAA Clubs Chinchilla and Gin Gin have been liaising with Jason for the targets – Thanks Jason!
- Les Simpson (Uncle Les) Les has completed his last year as Vice President this year. As most of you will know, Les was one of the founding members of TAA and has been there since its inception. Les has served in nearly all positions on the committee and has been a driving force behind TAA. Les is also responsible for myself changing over to TAA when he came to visit us at South West Bowmen in Western Australia – the end result being WA now having approximately 170 members and 6 clubs. Thanks Les for all your hard work over the years – we will still be calling on you for your advice and opinions for years to come!
- Wayne Hanley – Wayne has stepped down from the committee this year – but still doing a great job managing Website Maintenance and keeping it up to date – Thank you Wayne!
- Leslie White – our very busy and capable Secretary – I will need another page if I list all her duties! Fantastic job Leslie!

All I can finish with is let's keep trying to fling a few arrows when we can and stay positive that it will get better in the field!

But I am still not going to mention that word that no one wants to hear!

Cheers  
Steve  
Stephen Linaker  
TAA National President





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## To the Members of TAA

### Matter: 2021 Annual Vice-Presidents Report - Les Simpson

It is with some regret that I officially advise our members that after many years, some might say too many that I will be standing down from my position of Vice President and will not accept nominations for any other position on the committee.

I leave the committee with pride and acceptance that TAA is in excellent hands with our current management committee. Our members are in extremely good hands. Our committee know that I will always be available to assist if needed.

From a very humble beginnings at the end of 2005 and into 2006 we have grown into a very impressive organisation. With well over one thousand members and twenty-four clubs nationally. Did the founding members ever think we would achieve what we have, the answer is yes! Ian, Keith, and I all had the vision. We did not achieve this alone.

I thank firstly; our first real President Keith Speight, Ian Fenton for having the vision and starting the fire within us to get this done, our founding TAA State Representatives, Ron White, Dave White, Howard O'Connell, James Murray, Glenn McMahon, Peter, and Gaynor Starr and Steve Linaker for stepping in after Keith Speight as our President. There are many more over the years and I apologise for those that I have not recalled. My thanks to you all.

If it were not for Rob McKenzie, Ian Fenton, Sue Wallace, Glenn McMahon, and Keith Speight we would not have TAA in its current form. This process started with these people, and I being dragged along in about 2012 and 13 at a club that has since closed down, Hawkesbury Field Archers Wisemans Ferry NSW. We owe a lot to Rob McKenzie for this.

A club that is most important and always will be to TAA is Tully Bowhunters in Tully Qld. You will not find a group of people more passionate and loyal to our beloved traditional archery. I will always have very fond memories of this club. I have not visited them since 2005 where the fire was started in us all to start TAA. I hope to visit them all as soon as Covid will allow. The spirit of TAA was built on the tales from Tully, Pig Man, Uncle Les, the cook!! . There were many more. A lot more since then.



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We are incorporated, have state and a national musters and we are well respected and growing in the general archery community.

The one and only task that I would like to have seen in my time on the committee is a world traditional event being held in Australia. The dreaded Covid-19 crushed that. But, **I hand this task onto our current committee.** The previous President Keith Speight, Ian Fenton and I have made contacts in the USA and Europe to ensure that after Covid-19 is manageable worldwide and travel is allowed again this will happen.

My advice to the committee and members is stay strong and support each other. Work together towards the big picture – TAA is not only respected amongst Australian archery groups but on an international level.

We are now a strong brother and sister hood family. Protect each other and above all enjoy our hobby, sport and our Traditional Archery Culture. Some say the simple things in life are best. *"Just Watch Those Arrows Fly"* Ian Fenton..... Mate, Supporter, Mentor 😊.

Have fun, protect, and teach the young archers and champion archers of tomorrow. Without the kids we have no future.

They say build it and they will come, we have built a bloody good thing for Traditional Archers, protect and develop it and above all keep it trad!

Farewell and good luck.

Vice President: Uncle Les  
Les Simpson



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## TAA Treasurer Peter Starr Report 2021

Hi all

I came on board as the treasurer on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Our current financial situation is strong with a healthy bank balance of just over \$19,000. This is largely due to the increase in membership fees.

The TAA development fund has a balance of \$2,721.

Insurance rose by nearly \$2,000 last year. It will probably rise again next year as insurers are getting harder to find. I would budget for around \$7,000 that is if all Associations remain in the group. If ABA pull out as they threatened to do last year insurance could rise to around \$10,000.

The merchandise account is moving along nicely and showed sales of \$2,996 and purchases of \$2,135+(2,400 Stock on hand 1/1/2021). There is still some carry over merchandise stock from previous years currently being sold.

I created a system (TAA Excel Cashbook) that includes Income /payments / asset register / petty cash register (supplied by Beth) / treasurer receipt and invoice register and merchandise receipt book and several ledgers. I believe this will take TAA into the future.

Unfortunately, there was an issue with the merchandise receipt book, and I had to cancel receipt numbers 25 to 40.

If anyone would like a copy of the TAA excel cash book for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 I will be happy to supply one on request.

I wish the new treasurer all the best and I am available if any help is required.

Peter Starr



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## TAA National Secretary Report Leslie White 2021

Thank you once again to all TAA members for supporting TAA. It has been my privilege to hold the position of secretary for the past two years. I have worked with a very committed team of volunteers and I believe this team have continued to build on the solid foundation left by our Life Members, previous Committee Members and TAA Representatives. The TAA club and membership fees have been kept to a minimum through the hours of volunteer work given by each and every one of the TAA committee in helping to run this ever growing organisation. I know this is appreciated by the majority of our members who, like us, are passionate about promoting and protecting traditional archery.

We all hoped this year would see a relief from Covid-19 restrictions as the pandemic was brought under some control. In reality the disruptions have continued particularly in NSW, Victoria and parts of Queensland, where breakouts of the virus have been all too regular. Unfortunately the border closures have also lead to the postponement of the National Muster. However in the background the committee has continued to move ahead holding a regular monthly Zoom meeting and corresponding regularly via phone and email. It has been my task to ensure the agendas and minutes are in place for these meetings. Many decisions have been made and problems solved as we communicate over Zoom from all corners of Australia.

The "Contact Us" on the TAA Website has allowed members to correspond with us directly and these are answered by me within 24 hours where possible. Most enquiries are about membership, this has kept Membership Officer Beth very busy. When each email arrives it is my job to direct the correspondence to the committee member with an expertise in the required area. The most in-depth answers usually come from Perry as he diligently explains anything and everything related to bow making and other archery related crafts and skills. Some enquiries lead to wonderful outcomes, such as the start of a new TAA club or the discovery of a member with amazing craft skills.

While most correspondence has taken place using e-technology I have also this year corresponded with several members using good old fashioned letters and stamps. TAA members who do not have access to email can still communicate with us using phone calls and post. It just takes a little longer.

It has also been my pleasure this year to help Greg, our TAA Club Coordinator, organise the Zoom meetings for our TAA clubs. These take place when needed usually every two months



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or so. These meetings have given the clubs a great opportunity to have input into how TAA is run. The respect shown between our clubs and the help they offer each other has grown through these meetings. The TAA Club Reps are the go between for clubs and the committee.

TAA have always promoted Traditional Archery in Australia by supporting traditional shoots and offering merchandise that carries the very identifiable TAA logo. This year we have stepped that up a notch by offering t-shirt vouchers to TAA clubs holding Traditional shoots. These shoots must be advertised with a flier on the TAA website. The merchandise button on the menu bar of the website contains the latest flier advertising the TAA merchandise. Profit from the sale of the items is returned to TAA clubs through the voucher system. This helps in a small way to not only spread the word about Traditional Archery but to also help clubs feel supported. TAA clubs run so that traditional archers have somewhere safe to enjoy their sport. I would love to see all members out in the community sporting the TAA logo on a shirt or cap. The logo is a real conversation starter and several people have commented about being stopped when out and about to answer questions relating to traditional archery, all through wearing a TAA shirt. This merchandise has been managed by me with help this year from several committee members particularly Beth.

As secretary it has been my job to receive the retirement and resignation letters when a committee member feels it is time. A healthy committee is one that is fluid, new members bring new ideas and a renewed vigour. This year we have seen Wayne Hanley step back from our meetings. Wayne is however still managing our website and will continue to do this until a new volunteer arrives. Treasurer Peter Starr is also stepping aside. Vice President Les Simpson is retiring. The Committee have made an unofficial new position in TAA for Life Member Les... that of historian. Les has been on the Committee since TAA commenced and now feels he needs to enjoy some time in his new state of Tasmania. Les has many memories, facts, stories and details about the running of TAA entrenched in his brain. He will be the historian we turn to when we need to know something from the past.

Let us hope that the next year will see us all back enjoying our traditional archery; catching up with friends, making new friends, learning new skills and generally having a great time. The camaraderie and respect shown between trad archers is like nothing I have ever witnessed before. The beautiful bows, arrows, leatherwork and other traditional related crafts, combined with the mateship sets Traditional Archery apart from other sports whose prime emphasis is about scores and winning.

Leslie

Leslie White  
TAA National Secretary



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## TAA Membership Officer: Beth Allott End of Financial Year Report 2020-2021

Date: 15/08/2021

- 1082 Financial Members as at 30 June 2021

Memberships are gradually building offset by attrition.

214 new members joined in 2018-19.

340 new members joined in 2019-20

464 new members joined in 2020-21

2 new clubs joined TAA in 2020-2021

Banksia Bowmen

The Rainbow Coast

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:

- During the financial year of 2020-2021, a Membership database was developed by the Membership Officer. The database provides improved data integrity and facilitates, faster processing of membership enquiries, renewals, reporting and correspondence.
- The Membership Officer on 1 January 2021 commenced issuing the new plastic credit card style membership card, providing a more durable card.
- All membership renewals and applications now receive a merchandise flyer and where possible an up-to-date event calendar.
- The Membership Officer in agreement with the Full National committee also developed a Social Media presence in the form of an official TAA Facebook page. The page can be found using either of the following searches of by scanning the QR code



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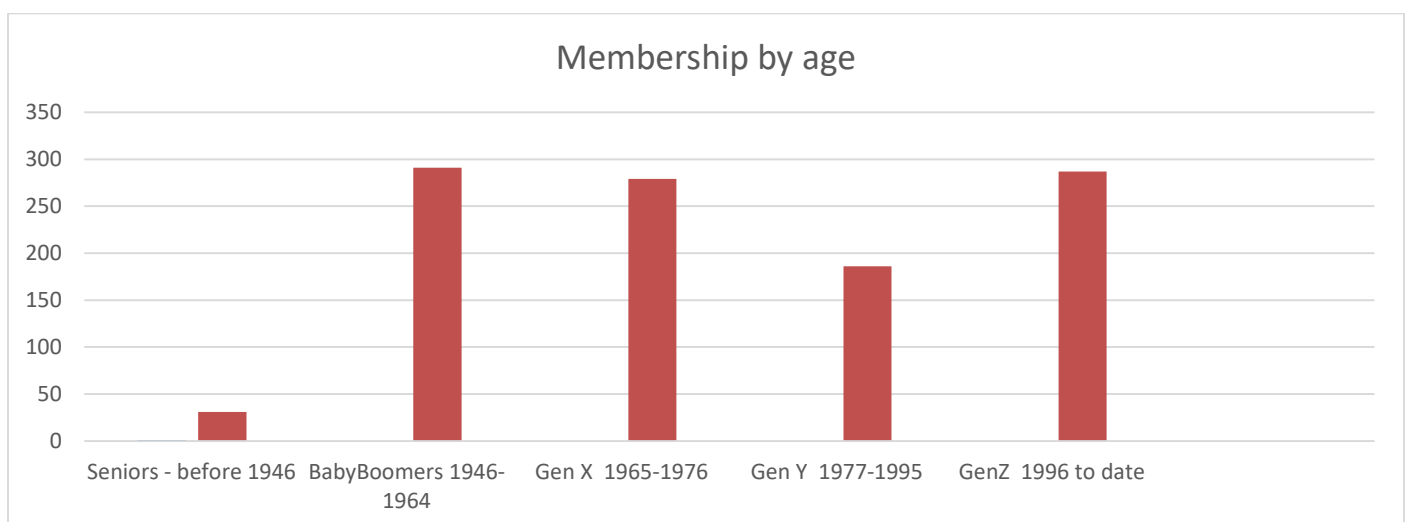
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This page is fully transferable to subsequent Committee members and will not be constrained by ownership. The page also owns a specific TAA Members only group which is again not constrained by individual ownership by committee members (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/875784273270104>). All applications to join are checked for current financial membership and agreement to the rules of fair play.

- Also during the Financial year The Membership Officer undertook to introduce a digital TAA Newsletter, with a view to fulfil the core ethos of TAA "Promote & Protect Traditional Archery in Australia". Submissions are open from all TAA financial members and can be of any topic relating to the traditional archery world. Although there is a focus on Traditional Shoots, the message is one of fun and enjoyment and not pure competition, thus scores are not currently reported.

Following are graphs illustrating TAA membership demographics

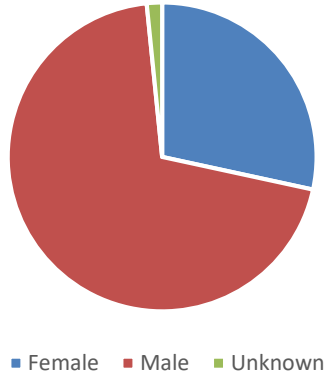




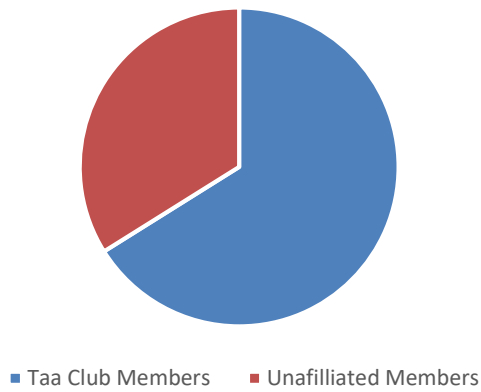
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Membership by Gender



Membership by Club Affiliation



The above in words based on current membership (15 August 2021)

Age Ranges				
Seniors - before 1946	BabyBoomers 1946-1964	Gen X 1965-1976	Gen Y 1977-1995	GenZ 1996 to date
31	291	279	186	287

Taa Club Members	Unaffiliated Members
745	382

Gender split		
Female	Male	Unknown
301	742	17





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## TAA Club Representative Coordinator Greg Smith Report 2021

G'day,

This year the Club Representative Meetings have been a rewarding experience for me personally, being able to discuss our individual club issues with each other and how we all deal with them, then seeing if we can utilise some of the suggestions for our clubs and organisation.

With the use of zoom meetings we are able to communicate with our clubs and members allowing them to have an input into the way the TAA organisation runs. This is a very unique and friendly way to involve everyone, being able to put a face to each name brings us together as family and friends, with friendly banter along the way. Making new friends is fantastic.

The morals and ethics and respect of TAA sets us apart from all the other organisations. We don't try to run the clubs, however we want to unite like-minded people and help each other, it's about giving back what we have learnt so that others may achieve and not lose our history and heritage, but preserve and promote it.

Unlike some organisations we are all volunteers and as such we do this with pride and passion. Being able to help someone is rewarding on its own although it can be tiring at times.

I believe these meetings have been a success this year because of the input from our members, we have addressed a lot of issues along the way with some success and lessons learnt.

It has been a privilege to work with such a great committee, always friendly and accommodating, even though we may disagree on topics the openness and respect always follows.

Cheers Greg



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## TAA Risk and Safety Officer and TAA Hunt Advisor Reports Paul Sparkes 2021

### TAA Safety and Ethics Report

Covid has definitely put a dampener on being able to attend as many shoots as I would have liked, I still have many clubs to visit to get amongst their Shoots and Club Activities. Attending different clubs has enabled me to gain a more in-depth and better understanding of current and potential issues regarding the integrity of our Safety and Ethics.

### Safety

A point-of-emphasis for this year has been Insurance and our Compliance in accordance with the Insurance Company's Policy requirements. As a result of this, a review and revision of the Safety Audit has been completed. We request this report annually from our TAA Clubs prior to renewal.

We have made several additions to the Audit to ensure safety requirements are being met. A few of the Key-Points Include:

- All Coaches must possess their state's Working With Children Clearance, such as the Qld Blue Card, to Instruct Children.
- Ensure All Clubs have Members qualified to Coach (TAA Accredited).
- All forms are filled out accurately and truthfully as they are Legally Binding.

Compliance on these is critical to ensure each TAA club is of an acceptable standard and not left liable in the event of an Accident, Injury etc. If these are not filled out accurately the Insurance may not choose to cover your policy. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to reach out as it's in everyone's best interest to get this sorted swiftly.

In addition to this, would clubs please ensure that your courses/ranges are checked and deemed compliant by your Designated Safety Officers prior to commencing a shoot as per your Declared Safety Audit Form.

Our Organisation has poured a lot of time and resources into securing the best insurance deals and pass them down to your TAA Club, so please act in everyone's best interest.



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## Ethics

On the Ethics front, there aren't many Ethical Issues to highlight or Raise. I feel like as a whole the TAA Network do a great job of spreading Positivity through Archery. I feel this could be enhanced through Education to our present & future members around Traditional Archery, its history and Core Values.

The following subjects would look like this:

- Educate & Promote Traditional Archery, through its evolution and what it still offers over modern means of Archery and Hunting.
- To Actively Recognise and Educate on the Craftsmanship, Skills and Techniques. Inspiring Confidence to all levels through a more in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Art.
- A more proactive approach to promoting Official TAA News, Activities and Shoots. With an emphasis on encouraging new and inexperienced archers to jump in on the fun. This could come in the way of webinars, online training, marketing, etc.

Our Core values are what sets us apart as Traditional Archers and have allowed us to be successful. Many other Archery Organisations are now envious of this success. Many clubs are looking to join our association based on the value we bring in the way of reduced Membership fees and Insurance prices. This is a tremendous position to be in, but I am concerned that some of these clubs are looking to join TAA for this reason primarily and TAA's Core Values secondary.

We have a great product that has been built on Preserving and Promoting the Art of Traditional Archery. I would hate to see this bastardised by individuals and clubs who do not share our Vision and are only invested for the financial benefits. We have current examples of this already in our organisation that have made it no secret that we were their choice purely for the financial benefits.

My proposal for the future is a more in-depth inquiry when looking to bring on new clubs. Attendance at shoots and a committee vote before bringing these clubs on board. A requirement of traditional bows, recurves/longbows, to be available for Beginner Archers as Club bows. These should be the available bows for all beginners in order to establish Traditional Archery as their Primary Discipline.

Compounds I believe still play a major role in the growth of Traditional Archery as I have seen many compound archers make the move across or back to Traditional Bows in my time. These



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archers should be embraced but also have explained to them the core values of the TAA Club before joining so there is no confusion around our TAA Values and Beliefs.

Paul Sparkes

## Bow hunting Advisor Report

Well it has been an interesting year as the TAA Hunt Advisor (hopefully I get the opportunity for a second year) and I would like to thank my predecessor Dave Pender for all the work he had done before my arrival, I have no doubt he was strongly backed by his wife Heather.

As far as I am aware no game has been recorded this year, I know some has been shot but I find traditional bow hunters treasure the company of mates, reliving the stalk, the camaraderie of fellow trad hunters and being at one with the environment and quarry. They find this far more important than claiming game for self-gratification, this is something that signifies someone with morals and ethics.

How do I know this? Well I hunt with a very tight and ethical group of individuals who would put their mate's success before their own success. I am not backward in acknowledging these individuals because two of them are current Committee members of TAA which tells me that the organisation is in good hands for the future. The other two friends are TAA members who would not hesitate to drop everything to help someone out. Good old fashion Manners and Ethics and you can't go wrong!

Well sorry for the Segway but it is leading to something..... I have learnt both through my current club, Tully Bowhunters, and my previous club, Twin City Bowmen, that clubs that have the good old fashion Ethics, Manners and Respect can never fail as they support each other and strive for success for new hunters, even if it means sacrificing a shot at a trophy boar or fox for themselves. This in turn instils decency and grows the amount of Traditional Hunters who will nurture and grow the next Generation of Traditional Hunters for the Future.

So if you are not interested in recording game but have nurtured a beginner or junior please encourage them to nominate to grow their confidence and help develop the next generation of Traditional bow hunters.

For me the most satisfying success for the year was initiating the Hunting Safety Audit so we could comply with our insurer's requirements. This has meant that all our members would be covered when hunting providing they have completed the form honestly and adhere to it.

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## TAA Coach Report Dave McGuire 2021

To coin a phrase 'Oh what year' and I suppose years to come for that matter. It has been quiet at club level for obvious reasons..... so bring it on for next year!

By the time this report goes out I will have run an Instructors Certification Course at Chinchilla Archery Club. The future plan for next year is to get over to WA and touch base with our clubs over there.

You may be wondering what all this fuss is about. What is the benefit of running such a course and having certified instructors at your club? There are a few good reasons for this, the most obvious is retaining new members through teaching, advising and mentoring a budding new archer.

As an instructor you would be expected to:

- instruct the correct shooting technique, this includes a shot sequence this is the fundamentals of archery, regardless of what bow type you shoot,
- also advise on bow set up, bow weight and arrow selection, if this is out of your expertise then seek advice there are many experienced well-travelled old salts in our organisation that would only be too happy to share their knowledge with you,
- also I go into duty of care and archery etiquette. This is the basic common sense stuff, it's nothing too difficult and nobody fails... guaranteed.

If you're keen on being an instructor don't be shy and jump in, I will guarantee you will increase your knowledge base and at the same time you will be helping a budding new archer and new club member. As a volunteer when you are helping someone to grow and achieve their goals in our wonderful sport this can only make everyone feel warm and fuzzy.

Regards,  
Coach Dave.



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## TAA Traditional Skills Officer Report Perry Jackson 2021

Over the past 12 months as TAA's Trad Skills Officer, with the rest of the TAA Committee, I have further reviewed the Equipment Guidelines and tackled challenges that the Covid Pandemic has thrown at us.

I have run one-on-one Bow Workshops and taught people to make Arrows, Strings or Leatherwork at my Home or at Trad Shoots despite the challenges brought on by the Covid Pandemic. I began to set up a Craft and Skills Encampment at Trad Shoots.

Imagine if you will, an Encampment with a group of motivated Bowyers, Arrowsmiths, String Makers, Leatherworkers, even a Blacksmith actively engaged in their Traditional Crafts and Skills, drawing interested people in to interact with them, people asking questions about the display and demonstrations, jumping in and being taught the variety of Traditional Archery Crafts and Skills in the Encampment.

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with please don't hesitate to contact me. It is through sharing and passing on our knowledge and skills that Traditional Archery will become stronger. With your help the Craft and Skills Encampment will be expanded to Trad Shoots all around Australia.

I need you to assist me to perform my role as Traditional Skills Officer. I need people like you who are willing to share the Crafts and Skills knowledge, willing to work as part of a team teaching others Traditional Crafts and Skills.

I'm sure 2022 will see plans come to fruition and more opportunities for each of us to continue to advance Traditional Archery Skills and Crafts in Australia.

Regards,  
Perry



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## TAA Score Recorder Report Bonnie Cabrini 2021

- 2020
  - National Trad Muster cancelled due to Covid.
- 2021
  - 167 members competed in 3 State titles QLD, NSW & WA
  - National ranking system completed & put up on TAA website [www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org](http://www.traditionalarcheryaustralia.org)
  - 2021 National Trad Muster at Southwest Bowmen Inc WA organised to go ahead but had to be postponed till 2022 due to Covid border closure. Not fair to have a National event if only WA can attend.

Cheers,  
Bonnie