

Australian Clay Target Association



2017

ANNUAL REPORT



LIFE REGISTERED SHOOTERS



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COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

Front cover: Penny Smith, ISSF World Cup Women's Trap Gold Medalist (New Dehli, India, February 2017) with Adam Vella, Shooting Australia's National High Performance Shotgun Coach.

Back cover: ACTA President Robert Nugent, NSW Sports Minister Stuart Ayres MP, Daryl Maguire MP Member for Wagga Wagga, inspecting the plans and site for the new ACTA Function Centre at the National Ground, Wagga Wagga.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Executive, as the President of the Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) to report on the Association affairs for the 12 month period ending the 31st December 2017.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the period has decreased from 14,359 to 14,126, down 233 members. Almost all this decline was in NSW with a fall of 220 members. Small decreases were also seen in Victoria, Northern Territory and West Australia with small increases in Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania.

Almost 2600 new members were signed up during the period. However, until the drift away, which continues at about 20% per annum is stopped, it will remain impossible to grow the membership significantly. The continuing problem of clubs that do not ensure that all their shooting members are registered with the ACTA as required by the Constitution, is also negatively affecting growth in membership and the risk of exposure to uninsured legal claims continues. All clubs have now been provided with a copy of the current ACTA Constitution and officially advised that it is a clear breach of the ACTA Constitution to retain shooting members that are not registered with the ACTA.

The Recreational category of membership has now been extended at the request of clubs to allow members to shoot practice and targets only in any ACTA discipline and at any ACTA club. Target only shooting is important as it allows the Recreational member to take part in and be exposed to the competition shoot and environment which could

encourage them to become full competition members.

The Recreational category also provides all the insurance covers, including personal firearms insurance cover and provides genuine reason for the holding of a firearms licence.

INSURANCE

The Executive has insured the Association, its member clubs, and registered shooters as comprehensively and economically as possible. During the period, the brokerage firm Pollards continued to source most of our insurance from underwriters, the Australis Group – Lloyds of London.

The Protection Package provided cover for Public Liability, Accident, Death, Loss of Income, Officers and Directors Indemnity Insurance for Committee Members at all levels in our Association, Travel Insurance and the personal Firearms cover. Details of all covers are available on the website.

There are two outstanding liability claims currently in the hands of the insurer. One is for approximately \$50,000 and the other for an estimated \$300,000. Both originated at club level and as can be seen by the amounts involved, they would be devastating to these clubs without the protection provided by the ACTA insurance package. Liability insurance is a specialist field and the ACTA strive to provide the best to protect members. Premiums are assessed on membership numbers and some clubs are jeopardising this cover by not joining all shooting members with the ACTA and thus under-disclosing the numbers actually able to attend ACTA affiliated grounds on a regular basis. These numbers are used to



ACTA President, Robert Nugent

assess premiums. The ACTA relies on the support of all member clubs to provide this important service which for most small clubs would be unaffordable otherwise.

The actions of these few non compliant clubs will inevitably negatively impact all ACTA clubs.

The personal Firearms insurance provided within the membership cost has now passed its first anniversary with all claims settled except one made by a shooter who was unfinancial at the time of the loss. Some claims were paid up to the maximum of \$12,000 less the \$50 excess. It is important to note that cover can be increased to \$25,000 for a payment of \$10 per annum, this is currently the best package available to registered members of any firearm organisation in Australia. This policy covers all firearms registered to the member. The cover applies anywhere within Australia (including in the field) and 21 days per annum overseas. This cover was brokered by Marsh Insurance and details are on the website.

FINANCIAL

The Association once again traded well during the year showing a profit of \$4,359,192 in the audited accounts. After removal of an extraordinary figure of \$4,086,795 attributable to a portion of the NSW State Government Grant, a profit of \$272,397 is more appropriate for comparison with previous years.

This compares very favourably with the 2016 result of \$250,806, and was achieved without any increase in membership costs.

Payments of the Wagga Wagga City Council Loan to purchase the Ground have all been met when due and the loan now has only approximately 3 years left of the original 10 year term. Profits have also allowed a secured loan to the VCTA to assist completion of their State Ground at Echuca. It is also great to see that Wangaratta Club,

the recipient of previous ACTA and VCTA support has now reopened their grounds.

Riverina Water made a fantastic gesture to the ACTA by refunding the majority of fees involved with the connection and provision of water mains for the new development and associated fire-fighting services. This was an amount in excess of \$50,000 and is greatly appreciated. Thank you Riverina Water.

GROUND DEVELOPMENT

Reasonable profits have again allowed continual development at the National Ground, including raising and refitting traps 17, 18 and 19, and the installation of trap 20. All are now equipped with a full set of handicap marks. The Clubhouse/Conference Centre was at about 60% completion at the close of this reporting period. The development is expected to be completed in time for the Trap Nationals and the World DTL. This project with a budget of \$6.7 million will change the face of the National Ground forever and provide a spacious, comfortable area during ACTA competitions and for ACTA major functions and use by the wider community.

This project, from the persistence shown in continually applying for funds over a period of over 4 years after repeated rejections, through the design and planning process and then through the tendering and construction phase, is a credit to all involved and especially a testament to the commitment and effort put in by ACTA Executive Officer, Tony Turner. He received valuable assistance from building committee members Terry Morony, and Don Power who also acted as project manager during construction (at no cost to the ACTA).

I cannot thank these three people enough.

With tight timeframes from the announcement of the grant to completion of the building it was

important that decisions were made quickly and for allowing this small group to do so without much interference I thank the Executive Committee members who rarely interfered or held up the process. Their support during this period was critical and greatly appreciated.

Our thanks must also go to our chosen builder Mr. Kerry Pascoe who has gone well above and beyond the requirements of his contract with the ACTA. Thank you Kerry.

Finally we must recognise the efforts of Daryl Maguire the local State LNP member without whom the project would never have been possible.

WEAPONS LICENSING

The ACTA Arms Fair permit application continues to come under closer scrutiny. One of the benefits from the building project has been the need for the builder to lay concrete slabs for the purpose of pouring the tilt up wall slabs. Some of these slabs are now car parks but a large slab remains at the southern side of the workshop shed. It is proposed this slab will form the base of a new traders area. This proposal will be considered at the next Executive meeting and if adopted will free up the existing carpark and do away with the necessity of a security fence around the traders. All firearms and ammunition traders would then be in a secure building with direct access to the strong room.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the period, National Championships were conducted in all disciplines. All were well attended with most showing an increased attendance over last year. The trap saw a large increase which was pleasing.

The National ISSF Championships were hosted by the West Australian Gun Club and our thanks go to them for the effort they put into the facility prior and during the event. Venues of this size in the ISSF disciplines require a lot of maintenance and therefore

expense to remain operational. Total entries over the eight main events were 288, a decrease of 5 over the previous event. Thanks must go to the volunteer ISSF accredited officials without whom these types of events could not be hosted.

The ISSF fraternity need to start encouraging suitable persons from amongst their ranks to get qualified to manage and adjudicate at these events. Current officials are all nearing the end of their volunteering days and the ACTA need more people to step into these inevitable vacancies as they occur.

The **National Trap Championships** were conducted at the National Ground. The attendance over the six main events was 3004 as opposed to 2737 in 2016 an increase of 267.

The **National Skeet Championships** were conducted at the National Ground with entries of 912 over the 8 main events against 901 last year. This was again almost a full field.

The **National Sporting Clays Championships** were conducted at the National Ground with entries of 216 in total over the two events, up 8 on the previous event. This event is conducted by the Wagga Gun Club on behalf of the ACTA and I thank them for its preparation and conduct.

ADMINISTRATION

The National Office was very stable over the period with no staff changes. Our thanks go to Executive officer Tony Turner, and staff members Maureen, Sue, Judy, Jenny, and Dave for the effort they have made during the period. Fred Rapley has continued to maintain the trap machinery as required and we thank Fred for that also. Fred is also training Barry Hall as his assistant and eventual replacement.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES

Mr Barry Bosworth joined the executive at the 2017 AGM replacing Mr. Geoff Moore – Queensland.

I extend the Association's thanks to the retiring member and welcome his replacement.

The Executive again supported the election of a Board being Mr. Robert Nugent (Chairman), Vice Presidents Mr. Rob Fox and Mr. Mal Dyson, Treasurer Mr. Alan Styles and Mr. Bronte Evans.

The age of Executive members is becoming a real issue. States should consider this carefully when selecting new delegates as it is somewhat counter-productive to appoint 60 to 70 year old delegates to these positions on their first appointment. Surely we can find some younger energetic nominees?

MEDIA

The CTSN continues as one of our largest cost areas, and its future is under constant review. Electronic media is playing an ever increasing role in society and will no doubt overtake the print media long term. I remind members that all back copies are available on the website for viewing, downloading and research projects. Our thanks to Jim and Judy Shepherd for their efforts in this area.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The Association now has a large presence in the electronic media area. The ACTA website is a valuable resource for members and clubs alike. The ability for members and club secretaries to renew online is of great benefit. The Facebook post only page also allows the ACTA to keep in contact with members quickly and economically.

The new conference hall overlooks 3 DTL layouts and is being equipped with the technology and infrastructure to live stream events and particularly shoot offs to the world. This is an exciting prospect and the installers will be working hard to have this in place for the 2018 World DTL.

Unfortunately there continues to be a huge down side to the advent

of Facebook, Twitter etc. Negative comment, often misinformed, does untold damage to the sport's image. "Keyboard warriors" taking cheap shots at volunteer officials bring nothing to this sport.

AFFILIATIONS

Shooting Australia (SA)

As reported last year, our belief was that SA was continuing to part fund a coaching position within ACTA to fill the gap between the High Performance coaches and our coaches ie: the position of our Coaching Director. Suzy Corry fills this position and it continues to be a beneficial arrangement for ACTA.

However, after requests for payment to ACTA not being met by SA over the last 12 months and much procrastination and avoidance of the issue on their part we have finally been advised they are no longer funding the position. This shortfall has been recognised in the 2018 budget and the position may now require a full review.

The new selection processes adopted by SA have provided some improvement with a sliding scale of benchmark scores over the quadrennial being adopted. The lowering of scores in the early part of the program is appropriate. As we get further into the cycle and selection processes tighten it will be interesting to see whether the current level of acceptance of the program continues.

As detailed last year, the Whole of Sport Governance review and the release of the Suiko report clarified the long term ambitions of Shooting Australia. The future will be challenging with the intent of SA to cannibalise its own member bodies being in total conflict with the Aims and Objects of the Constitution of the ACTA and we believe the interests of its members.

With the removal of shooting from events like the 2022 Commonwealth Games the relevance of SA itself may

well be questioned in the future. SA is doing what it can to try and have the shooting sports reintroduced into the games and this has ACTA's full support.

SA President Cath Fettell was recently appointed to the Australian Olympic Committee and it is great to see shooting represented at this level, Congratulations Cath.

International Clay Target Shooting Federation (ICTSF)

This body of which I am currently President met in England in August at the World English Sporting Championships. As has been reported elsewhere the Australian team had some success at this event and represented their country honourably.

The ICTSF is conducting the World DTL at the ACTA National Grounds immediately after the 2018 DTL Nationals. The General Assembly will be held at this event and in accordance with the ICTSF Constitution I will be retiring from the position of President which will then rotate to a representative from a northern hemisphere member body. The new appointment takes effect at the conclusion of the World DTL. The 2018 World event will be the largest ever conducted by the ACTA with the field full at 800 competitors and the only vacancies will be late withdrawals. The response to the request for helpers for the event was gratifying and we now have a full field of qualified referees.

COACHING

Many States have excellent programs in place and a large body of willing coaches travelling large distances to make our sport more satisfying to our members.

I congratulate these volunteers on their efforts.

The Academy programs run under the eye of Suzy Corry continue to prosper with good attendances and performances.

SPONSORS

Association sponsors have again provided exceptional support. Support was received during the period from Riverina Water, Casella Wines, Bronzewing, Beretta Australia, Perazzi Australia, Winchester Australia, Clay and Hunt, Bang on Target, Hunts Shooting Supplies, The Lawson Motel, Mialls Gunshop, Power Ammo, Outdoor Sporting Agencies and PCM Enviro. The Association thanks these sponsors and looks forward to their ongoing support.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The Executive in June 2015 voted to support a change of registration from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee. The ACTA spent a great deal of time in consultation with the Association lawyers to provide a document that complies with the law and meets the Association's needs. The proposal was put to the 2017 AGM but unfortunately for the Association it was not accepted. This was despite changes as suggested from Australia wide consultations and input received and amendments made at the request of various stakeholders. At this moment in time there is no plan to resubmit a Constitution for consideration of the members.

MEMBERSHIP VALUE

The Association continues to add value to the membership. Initiatives like the introduction of the Personal Firearms Cover within the cost of membership and the introduction of SportsPass have been provided at no extra cost to the member. Early in the new year clubs can expect to see the introduction of a NAB sponsored scheme providing valuable dollars to ACTA clubs. Some of the many benefits of membership are shown below.

Personal Accident Insurance – Death and Income, Directors and Officers Insurance, Club Public Liability, Firearms Insurance.

Competitions in disciplines: ACTA Trap, ACTA Skeet, ACTA ISSF, ACTA 5 stand Sporting, ACTA English Sporting, ACTA Sportrap.

Competition: Competition at Club, Zone, State, National and International level representation (Sporting, Trap, Skeet, ISSF), International affiliation with the ICTSF.

Affiliations: International Affiliation with Shooting Australia., International Affiliation with National Skeet Shooters Association (NSSA), International Affiliation with National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA)

Members services: Individual my-page details are available to every member. Membership renewals online by individuals and Clubs, access to personal data such as address and phone, Club, State, Zone access at different levels. National access (Club secretary through to State secretary) to all shooters through player directory including details: Name, Club, Grade, Handicap, Financial status.

Plus more: see the website for details.

ACTA INTO THE FUTURE

Looking forward, the Association retains a firm financial base to work from, its assets and members are properly protected with adequate insurance, and we have a stable membership. The National Ground facility is almost complete and the National Office well maintained. We continue to be successful on the world stage.

We are however continually threatened by the Anti-Gun lobby, possible oppressive legislation and poor press following any firearm related incident. More problems are being encountered with the use of lead shot, pitch clays and plastic wads.

The Association needs to work closer with other national shooting bodies regarding these and other common issues. The ACTA has taken the initiative in approaching other similar

bodies but to date has only received guarded response.

The need to be a united organisation has never been stronger and I encourage stakeholders to work with your Association to make it more proactive and resilient.

We continue to have a lot of passionate and energetic people in the Association at all levels, but unfortunately only a few are able to be at the helm at any one time. If we can all work together I am confident the ACTA will have a great future.

I take this opportunity to thank our staff, my fellow Executive members, Board members, and Committee Chairpersons for the support, time and effort they have given so freely during the period.

A special thanks to my two Vice-Presidents, Rob Fox and Mal Dyson.

In closing I would like to thank the thousands of volunteers without whom the efforts of your Executive would be futile, that is the volunteers at Club, Zone and State level. I am sure they would also appreciate your personal thanks as well.



Robert Nugent
National President
ACTA

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2017 year continued to show that the Association is in a sound position moving forward. The Association has continued to progress financially with sound financial results again posted in 2017.

On January 2nd 2017 the ACTA was advised by member for Wagga Wagga Mr Darryl Maguire that the grant applied for to build a new Clubhouse on the National Ground was successful. It is now a very exciting and busy time as we work with builder Kerry Pascoe to have this project completed in time for the 2018 World DTL Championships. This development is a significant accomplishment for all concerned as the time frame for the building was under 32 weeks to completion. This building gives the Association the opportunity to further develop an income stream from outside functions and events that will assist us in providing benefits and services to our members.

In less than 30 years the ACTA has established the National Office and spectacular Clubhouse in Wagga Wagga which represents a fantastic achievement for the sport during that time and thereby securing the long term future of the Association. The foresight of Directors during that time has achieved these great results. The current and future Directors will no doubt be looking at planning the next chapter in further building the membership and asset base of the Association over the next ten year period.

The ACTA had a very successful 2017 year through our ISSF Shooters at World Cups and World Championships. Over the last twelve months, the average age of the first

Team to travel in 2017 was 23, a great sign for the sport going forward.

Australia again took the Skeet Glenn Trophy from New Zealand by one target on their home turf, another great result for those ACTA members. The Team was made up of members Max Oakley, David O'Sullivan, Mal Briggs, Michael Buttigieg and Nathan Campbell.

The Trap Team was defeated by New Zealand in the Trap Glenn Cup held at the National Ground, losing by a solitary target. Our National Team consisted of Emma Cox, Stephen Atkins, Andrew Brady, Darryn Nicolls and Matt Schiller

The National Sporting Team visited England for the 2107 World English Sporting event conducted at Kelmarsh Estate in Northhamptonshire, England. The Australian Team finished 2nd on 662, the team consisted of John Younger, Peter Tobin, Jamie Dunn, Socrates Pilipasidis and Anthony Panetta. Congratulations to the Team and individuals on their performance.

The new format of shooting the Glenn Cup and Glenn Trophy prior to the Opening Ceremony and after the Team event has proved to be very popular with a big audience on hand to witness the events, thus giving the competitors and the event the kudos they deserve.

I also take this opportunity to thank the supporters and sponsors of the Association. These individuals and companies support the shooters directly through the ACTA. The prizes provided as sponsorship are greatly appreciated and add further prestige to winning an ACTA sash and or medal at the Nationals. To the staff of the National events and the

National Office, I thank you for your continued dedication to the ACTA and the sport of Clay Target Shooting.

There has been significant development of State venues over the past twelve months and with the Commonwealth Games facility now built ready for the 2018 Games, a legacy should exist to grow the sport in Brisbane and Queensland. 2017 saw changes of office bearers in Clubs, Zones and States, within the National Executive there was one change with Mr Barry Bosworth replacing Mr Geoff Moore.

I wish to thank all the volunteers at Clubs, Zones and States, these are sometimes thankless jobs that volunteers fill at all levels of the sport, however this is typical of sporting clubs in Australia. Without these volunteers our sport would not be in the great position it is now. These are the bodies that make up the collective that is the ACTA.

The ACTA Executive and Association are charged with promoting the Association as the peak body for the administration of clay target shooting in Australia. The objects for which the Association is established and maintained are on the first page of our Constitution.

Lastly but not least I wish to thank the Executive who contribute much of their own valuable volunteer time as well as being on Club, Zone and State Executives. These people give at all levels of the sport and deserve the thanks of every member for their contribution at all levels.



*Tony Turner,
National Executive Officer*

82ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of the 82nd Annual General Meeting of the Australian Clay Target Association Incorporated is hereby given to the members.

The meeting will be held on
Sunday 18th March 2018 at 7.00pm
Registration commences at 6.30pm
at the
ACTA Club and Convention Centre
National Ground,
Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650

AGENDA

- 1 Opening
- 2 Attendance
- 3 Apologies
- 4 Roll Call and Quorum Rule 17.1
(25 members who are entitled to vote)
- 5 Confirmation of minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting
- 6 Reports
President: R Nugent
Financial: A Styles
Auditors Bush and Campbell in attendance
- 7 Announcement of the appointment of elected Executive
Committee Members in place of the retiring Executive
Committee Members
- 8 Confirmation of Auditor for 2018
- 9 Close of meeting

By order of the National Executive



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NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

Australian Clay Target Association Inc.

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee present their report together with the accounts of Australian Clay Target Association Inc ('the Association') for the year ended 31 December 2017 and the auditors' report thereon.

COMMITTEE

The Committee members of the Association in office at the date of this report are:-

Robert Nugent	President	Don Johnson	New South Wales
Brian Muirson	Queensland	Alan Styles	Tasmania
Barry Bosworth	Queensland	Fiona Atkins	Tasmania
David Howe	Northern Territory	Gary Hayden	Victoria
Robert Fox	Northern Territory	Mal Dyson	Victoria
Terry Marsden	Western Australia	Garry Read	South Australia
Elaine Forward	Western Australia	Bronte Evans	South Australia
Colin Kneebone	New South Wales		

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Association during the 2017 financial year was to administer, promote and develop the sport of clay target shooting.

STATE OF AFFAIRS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

In 2017 the Association partnered with Infrastructure NSW to commence construction of a multipurpose convention centre at the ACTA headquarters in Wagga Wagga. The centre will double the current capacity of the ACTA and will provide first class administration and clubhouse facilities to its members and the surrounding community. Construction will be completed in early 2018.

RESULT

The net operating surplus of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2017 was \$4,359,192, which includes one-off capital funding of \$4,086,795. This compares to a net operating surplus in 2016 of \$250,806.

Signed at Wagga Wagga this 24th day of January 2018 in accordance with a resolution of the Committee:

President

Robert Nugent

Treasurer

Alan Styles

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	6,332,748	2,224,134
Administrative expenses		(241,281)	(158,689)
Coaching expenses		(112,208)	(83,058)
Committee expenses		(80,675)	(76,975)
Competition expenses		(316,599)	(393,884)
Depreciation expense		(133,219)	(133,816)
Employee expenses		(436,356)	(453,016)
Promotional and other distribution costs		(361,853)	(376,671)
Ground maintenance and other occupancy expenses		(110,543)	(107,488)
Merchandise expenses		(66,112)	(73,860)
Other operating costs		(114,710)	(115,871)
Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities before income tax		4,359,192	250,806
Income tax expense	1	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax		4,359,192	250,806
Other Comprehensive income		-	-
Total Comprehensive income		4,359,192	250,806

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As At 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & cash equivalents	3	2,237,661	2,268,291
Trade & other receivables	4	2,735,193	448,220
Inventories	1	16,386	18,467
Other current assets	5	156,253	103,786
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		5,145,493	2,838,764
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant & equipment	6	8,401,929	3,188,496
Other non-current assets	7	120,000	40,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		8,521,929	3,228,496
TOTAL ASSETS		13,667,422	6,067,260
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade & other payables	8	2,898,833	130,958
Provision for employee benefits	9	96,861	123,230
Other current liabilities	10	1,327,488	789,901
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,323,182	1,044,089
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for employee benefits	9	12,742	19,431
Other non-current liabilities	11	79,566	111,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		92,308	130,431
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,415,490	1,174,520
NET ASSETS		9,251,932	4,892,740
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		7,390,495	3,082,718
Reserves		1,861,437	1,810,022
TOTAL EQUITY		9,251,932	4,892,740

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Retained Earnings \$	ISSF Levy Reserve \$	Asset Revalu- ation Reserve \$	Travelling Team Reserve \$	Environ- mental Levy Reserve \$	Legis- lation Reserve \$	Skeet Levy Reserve \$	Trap Levy Reserve \$	J Newton Thomas Junior Reserve \$	Sporting Levy Reserve \$	Hall of Fame Trust \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2016	2,850,902	23,815	1,069,155	94,627	87,590	485,224	10,250	11,731	8,640	-	-	4,641,934
Surplus available to members	250,806	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,806
Transfers to/(from) reserves	(18,990)	346	-	1,028	8,801	26,859	(7,781)	(11,553)	260	1,030	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2016	3,082,718	24,161	1,069,155	95,655	96,391	512,083	2,469	178	8,900	1,030	-	4,892,740
Surplus available to members	4,359,192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,359,192
Transfers to/(from) reserves	(51,415)	1,354	-	17,283	(7,356)	24,490	950	12,982	229	(1,017)	2,500	-
Retained earnings at 31 December 2017	7,390,495	25,515	1,069,155	112,938	89,035	536,573	3,419	13,160	9,129	13	2,500	9,251,932

The Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		4,602,303	2,094,632
Cash payments in the course of operations		(1,796,798)	(1,868,560)
Interest received		51,876	69,465
Net cash provided by operating activities	12(ii)	2,857,381	295,537
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(2,878,011)	(240,040)
Proceeds from loans to related parties		20,000	21,000
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,858,011)	(219,040)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings		(30,000)	(27,500)
Net cash used in investing activities		(30,000)	(27,500)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(30,630)	48,997
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		2,268,291	2,219,294
Cash at the end of the financial year	12(i)	2,237,661	2,268,291

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report includes the financial statements and notes of the Australian Clay Target Association Inc as an individual entity. The Australian Clay Target Association is a not for profit entity incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the entity in the preparation of the financial statements:

(a) *Income Tax*

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, together with other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(c) *Receivables*

Accounts receivable include amounts due from members. Accounts receivables are recognised at the amounts as they are due for settlement. Accounts receivables do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value.

(d) *Inventories*

Inventories comprises goods for resale and goods for distribution and use at no or nominal consideration as part of the Association's ongoing activities.

Inventory held for sale is measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) *Trade creditors and other payables*

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days on recognition of the liability.

(f) *Property, plant and equipment*

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include the initial purchase price and other directly attributable costs.

Land

Land held for use is stated at re-valued amounts. Revalued amounts are fair market values based on appraisals prepared by external professional valuers once every three to five years or more frequently if market factors indicate a material change in fair value.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the revaluation surplus in equity. Revaluation decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of assets shall be recognised in other comprehensive income under the heading of revaluation surplus. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Buildings, plant and equipment

Buildings, plant and other equipment (comprising fittings and furniture) are initially recognised at acquisition cost, including any costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Buildings, plant and other equipment are subsequently measured using the cost model, cost less subsequent depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis to write down the cost less estimated residual value of buildings, plant and other equipment. The following useful lives are applied:

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|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----|
| • Buildings | 2.5% | • Office equipment | 20% |
| • Plant and equipment | 10% - 20% | • Computer software | 33% |
| • Motor vehicles | 20% | | |

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(g) *Revenue*

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable, excluding sales taxes, rebates or discounts.

Rendering of services to members

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Government grants

The Association has received significant financial support from the NSW State Government during the financial year. Where conditions are attached to a grant which must be satisfied before the Association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where a grant is received on the condition that specified services are delivered, to the grantor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction. Revenue is recognised as services are performed and at year-end until the service is delivered.

Revenue from a non-reciprocal grant that is not subject to conditions is recognised when the Association obtains control of the funds, economic benefits are probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Where a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at year end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods comprises revenue earned from the sale of goods donated and purchased for resale. Sales revenue is recognised when the control of goods passes to the customer.

Interest revenue

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

(h) *Deferred income*

The liability for deferred income represents the unutilised amounts received from members of the Association on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are usually provided or the conditions usually fulfilled within 12 months of receipt of the contribution.

(i) *Goods and services tax (GST)*

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

(j) *Employee benefits*

A provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

The Association's liabilities for other employee obligations are included in other long-term benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

(k) *Capital expenditure*

Capital commitments represent assets still under construction at year-end. These assets often require extensive installation work or integration with other assets, and contrast with simpler assets that are ready for use when acquired, such as motor vehicles and equipment.

Capital works in progress are not depreciated as the Association is not currently deriving any economic benefits from them.

(l) *Reserves*

Asset revaluation reserve comprises gains and losses from the revaluation of land.

All other reserves comprise surplus funds that have been designated to be spent for a specific purpose in the future to which the individual reserve relates.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS *Continued*

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
NOTE 2 – REVENUE		
Sale of goods	72,611	71,039
Fees	2,054,887	1,991,742
Grants (capital)	4,086,795	-
Grants (other)	-	65,000
Interest	51,876	69,465
Donations	64,720	17,412
Other income	1,859	9,476
	6,332,748	2,224,134
NOTE 3 – CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cheque account	663,856	206,576
NAB term deposit #1	1,056,522	1,030,053
NAB term deposit #2	506,265	1,030,053
Petty cash & unbanked sales	11,018	1,609
	2,237,661	2,268,291
NOTE 4 – TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade debtors	2,422,789	444,220
GST receivable	309,404	-
Gun club loans (short term)	3,000	4,000
	2,735,193	448,220
NOTE 5 – OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	129,418	102,291
Loan to VCTA	20,000	-
Other deposits	6,835	1,495
	156,253	103,786
NOTE 6 – PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Land – at valuation	1,674,909	1,674,909
ACTA function centre – work in progress (at cost)	5,198,169	-
National office – at cost	220,864	212,955
Less: accumulated depreciation	(18,547)	(15,254)
	202,317	197,701
National grounds – at cost	1,171,060	1,130,850
Less: accumulated depreciation	(163,637)	(93,461)
	1,007,423	1,037,389
Plant & equipment - at cost	585,054	505,356
Less: accumulated depreciation	(300,676)	(239,453)
	284,378	265,903

Continues

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Motor vehicles – at cost	62,484	41,818
Less: accumulated depreciation	(27,751)	(29,224)
	34,733	12,594
Total property, plant & equipment	8,401,929	3,188,496
Property, plant & equipment – movement		
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,188,496	3,082,271
Additions	5,358,193	240,041
Disposals	(17,734)	-
Disposal effect on depreciation	6,193	-
Depreciation	(133,219)	(133,816)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	8,401,929	3,188,496
NOTE 7 – OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Loan to VCTA	120,000	40,000
NOTE 8 – TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade creditors	2,868,541	55,686
Accrued expenses	11,750	13,650
Super payable	6,594	4,709
GST payable	-	51,213
PAYG payable	11,948	5,700
	2,898,833	130,958
NOTE 9 – PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for annual leave	51,482	66,813
Provision for long service leave	45,379	56,417
	96,861	123,230
Non-Current		
Provision for long service leave	12,742	19,431
NOTE 10 – OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Income in advance	1,297,488	759,901
Loan – Wagga City Council	30,000	30,000
	1,327,488	789,901
NOTE 11 – OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Loan – Wagga City Council	78,566	110,000
Other deposits	1,000	1,000
	79,566	111,000

Continues

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 12 – NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
(i) Reconciliation of cash		
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and at bank and short term deposits at call, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash as at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows.		
Cash & Cash Equivalents (Note 3)	2,237,661	2,268,291
	2,237,661	2,268,291
(ii) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash provided by operating activities		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,359,192	250,806
Add/(Less) non-cash items		
Depreciation	133,219	133,816
Other non-cash items	(23,525)	(2,353)
	4,468,886	382,269
Net cash provided by operating activities before change in assets and liabilities during the financial year		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(2,273,341)	(93,125)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments and other assets	(132,467)	(63,070)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	2,081	(6,548)
Increase/ (decrease) in payables & other accruals	825,280	54,639
Increase/ (decrease) in employee benefits	(33,058)	21,383
	2,857,381	295,548
NOTE 13 – CAPITAL COMMITMENTS		
ACTA convention centre	1,655,388	-

Completion of the ACTA convention centre is expected in early 2018.

NOTE 14 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other persons unless otherwise stated.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Committee, the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 13:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the Australian Clay Target Association Inc as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with relevant Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Regime and the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012; and
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Australian Clay Target Associations Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Dated at Wagga Wagga this 24th day of January 2018

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee:

President



Robert Nugent

Treasurer



Alan Styles

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION INC

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose finance report, of Australian Clay Target Association Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the Committee's declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Clay Target Association Inc has been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with relevant Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Regime and Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The committee are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Committees' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The committee is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL

Chartered Accountants

Peter King
Partner

Wagga Wagga. 24 January 2018

AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION INC

DISCLAIMER:

The additional financial data presented with this report being the detailed profit and loss statement is in accordance with the books and records of Australian Clay Target Association Inc which have been subjected to the audit procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2017. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given.

In accordance with our Firm's policy, we advise that neither the Firm nor any member or employee of the Firm undertakes responsibility arising in any way whatsoever to any person (other than the Association) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein, arising through negligence or otherwise however caused.

JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL

Chartered Accountants

Peter King
Partner

Wagga Wagga
24 January 2018

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Sale of goods	72,611	71,039
Registrations, nominations, fees & levies	2,054,887	1,991,742
Interest income	51,876	69,465
Grants (operational)	-	65,000
Donations	64,720	17,412
Other income	1,859	9,476
	2,245,953	2,224,134
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising	15,417	43,640
Audit fees	13,000	14,255
Bank charges	7,262	8,533
Cleaning	7,024	6,866
Coaching expenses	112,208	83,058
Committee expenses	80,675	76,975
Competition expenses	316,599	393,884
Computer expenses	28,050	48,271
Consulting and professional fees	61,954	23,207
Cost of sales	66,112	73,860
Depreciation	133,219	133,816
Electricity, gas & water	26,687	25,825
Freight and cartage	2,157	3,446
Ground maintenance	103,519	100,622
Insurance	111,534	46,110
Motor vehicle expenses	12,870	9,739
Permits, licences and subscriptions	7,164	6,970
Postage, printing and stationery	316,351	298,374
Promotions	30,085	34,657
Rates and taxes	9,630	9,236
Salaries & wages	387,900	406,247
Security costs	8,134	9,193
Staff training & amenities	2,375	3,720
State per-capita rebates	34,086	35,923
Superannuation contributions	43,463	40,452
Telephone and fax	12,317	11,343
Travel – local	18,771	18,789
Workers compensation	4,993	6,317
	1,973,556	1,973,328
Net surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities	272,397	250,806
Add: Capital funding from Infrastructure NSW	4,086,795	-
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year after capital funding	4,359,192	250,806

FUTURE OUTLOOK

OUR VISION

To ensure clay shooting is a sport of choice in a friendly and safe environment.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Governance and management – Provide leadership for the sport of clay shooting through effective governance and management.
2. Membership services – Provide support and services to our States, Clubs and Members.
3. Competitions – Manage and deliver a quality competition program and structure for all members at all levels and across all ACTA disciplines.
4. Talent development and high performance – Provide opportunities for shooters to reach their potential and participate at the highest levels.
5. Development – Grow our membership base and develop our coaches and officials to support our members and programs.
6. Facilities – Develop and manage our facility(s) to support the needs of our programs.
7. Marketing and Promotions – Lift the profile and appeal of the sport of clay shooting.

VISION

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to successfully lead, manage, develop and promote clay target shooting for the benefits of our members and to maximise the enjoyment and opportunities for all.

MISSION

VALUES

OUR VALUES

- Enjoyment
- Honesty and integrity
- Professionalism
- Openness and transparency
- Teamwork and co-operation
- Customer/service focus

STRATEGIC GOALS

Club House/Function Centre – February 2018



GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Provide leadership for the sport of clay shooting through effective governance and management.

- Ensure governance, policies and management structures are in place to achieve ACTA strategic goals
- Conduct regular Executive Committee meetings to address and provide direction on governance, strategic and financial issues
- Review the sub-committee structure in terms of number, roles/responsibilities and representation
- Review and amend the ACTA Constitution in line with legislation
- Review strategic plan annually
- Prepare the Annual Report to present at the AGM to all member affiliates

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017

- QLD – Mr Robert Nugent, President
NSW – Mr Don Johnson
NSW – Mr Colin Kneebone
NT – Mr Robert Fox
NT – Mr David Howe
QLD – Mr Barry Bosworth
QLD – Mr Brian Muirson
SA – Mr Bronte Evans
SA – Mr Garry Read
TAS – Mrs Fiona Atkins
TAS – Mr Alan Styles
VIC – Mr Malcolm Dyson
VIC – Mr Gary Hayden
WA – Mrs Elaine Forward OAM
WA – Mr Terry Marsden

2017 ELECTED BOARD

- QLD – Mr Robert Nugent
NT – Mr Robert Fox
SA – Mr Bronte Evans (*Appointed*)
TAS – Mr Alan Styles
VIC – Mr Malcolm Dyson

LEADERSHIP GOVERNANCE MANAGEMENT

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2017

2017 ELECTED BOARD

2016 National Executive



ACTA MEMBERS RECOGNISED

LIFE REGISTERED MEMBERS

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL RECIPIENTS

LIFE REGISTERED MEMBERS

J Houston †
 H G James †
 D B Mott †
 W E H Rainbird. O.B.E. †
 J M Wilson †
 J M Tyquin †
 K Soames †
 N Wells †
 E T Baldwin †
 G H Hall (PP) †
 E G Biggs †
 R H Moyses †
 L S R Stewart †
 C Moll †
 A Pedersen (PP) †
 O R Taylor †
 E F Hawkins (PP) †
 R Mules †
 A N Rowe †
 L G Connors (PP) †
 W Jones (PP) †
 R M Holtfreter (PP) †
 N Hardy
 L J Martin (PP)
 J K Scott (PP) †
 R F Buchan †
 J Murphy
 G G Woodhatch (PP)
 R Silvester
 R Nugent
 J Byrnes (PP)
 A Kenny
 D Harwood
 J Mack (PP)
 R Traill †
 L Curtis
 M McInnes
 J Shepherd
 A Vilcins (PP)

† Denotes deceased
 PP denotes Past President

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1980 G Porter Qld
 1981 R Mules SA
 G Richards WA
 J Thomas Vic
 1982 R Buchan Vic
 1984 L Bird NSW
 A Smith Qld
 1986 T Comerford Qld
 1987 E Biggs Vic
 1988 R Holtfreter WA
 1989 R Varley NSW
 1990 E Hawkins NSW
 1993 J Forbes SA
 1994 J Scott NSW
 1996 F James Vic
 W Morgan Tas
 1997 F Atkinson SA
 1998 L Connors Vic
 1999 T Catling WA
 2002 G Michell SA
 G Woodhatch Vic
 2004 R Mason Tas
 2005 K Wright Vic
 2008 J Shepherd Vic
 R Woodrow Qld
 2009 T Meadows Qld
 2010 V Gatt NSW
 2011 J Byrnes SA
 P Haley NSW
 2012 R Smith NSW
 2013 R Traill Vic
 2014 R Blake NSW
 2017 E Forward OAM WA
 M Kruger-Davis NSW

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

TRAP

2004 Fred Burns
2004 Jack Blake
2004 Warren Charlton
2004 Doug Smith
2004 J. Newton Thomas
2005 Arthur 'Pud' Burgess
2005 Jack Headon
2005 Jack McCraith
2005 Sperry Marshall
2005 Bill Stevens
2006 George Biggs
2006 Horace Donelly
2006 Alf James
2006 Ken Lowry
2006 Jim Ellis
2007 Barry Kable
2007 Neil Berry
2007 Jo Raleigh
2008 John Green
2008 Bill Iles
2008 Jon Whittakers
2009 Lynne Curtis
2009 Russell Mark
2009 Vince Ryan
2010 Donald Mackintosh
2010 Violet Reade
2010 Arthur Turner
2011 Craig Bentley
2011 Jack 'Calrossie' Sutherland
2012 Stephen Atkins
2012 Cecilie Daly
2012 William Grant
2013 Glen Hayden
2014 Deserie Baynes
2014 Roger Duthie
2014 Charles Medway
2015 Steve Haberman
2015 Nanette McCallum
2016 Pamela Moloney (nee Coxon)
2016 Darryn Nicholls
2017 Wendy Barton

SKEET

2008 Reginald Clarke
2009 Ken Lowry
2010 Adrian Cousens
2011 Paul Johnston
2012 Leigh Roberts
2013 Laurie Chelepy
2014 Julian Lucchitti
2015 Brian Thomson
2016 Craig O'Neill
2017 Malcolm Briggs

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS TRAP AND SKEET

REPORTS

NATIONAL GROUND

RULES/ HANDICAPPING

COACHING

NATIONAL GROUND

The National Ground continued to be developed in 2017.

The Ground now has 20 DTL traps, two Ball traps and ten Skeet traps.

The current size of the Ground will also allow numerous 5 Stand Sporting layouts to be set up.

New grandstand seating has been installed on layouts 11-15 with some sheltered.

With the current program of development nearing completion the next item will be a traders area. This project, which needs to begin in the near future will require further significant investment in the Ground.

The development of the National Ground has attracted the very successful "Stone the Crows" festival until 2024.

The Roma Gun Club will host the Trap Nationals in 2019 so this will provide a break on the Ground to consolidate all of the changes.

RULES/HANDICAPPING

After the appointment of a National ACTA Handicapper and National ACTA Rules Supervisor in 2016 two major developments have taken place.

NEW RULE BOOK

In May 2017, a National Rules Supervisors conference was convened in Melbourne, with all States invited to send two Rules Supervisors. A substantial amount of briefing papers were accepted and developed prior to this meeting and sent back to State Rules Supervisors for discussion at State level. From this meeting and after approval by both the ACTA Board and full ACTA Executive a new 2018 Rule Book was compiled and is now available on the ACTA website. All new rules are clearly marked in RED.

NEW HANDICAPPERS COURSE

A Handicappers course which was initially developed and tested in Victoria with assistance and input from the National Handicapper will be introduced Nationally by the ACTA in 2018. The acceptance and praise for this course from the Victorian seminars has been exceptional.

New ACTA Club House and Function Centre showing the expanse of concrete



NATIONAL 2017 COACHING REPORT

THE 2017 ACTA ACADEMY

The 2017 ACTA Academy has had another successful year – which is not surprising as we do tend to pick out the best young athletes. With standout performances at the DTL Nationals from Thomas Armstrong and Nathan Burt, Skeet Nationals with Jack Stockdale, overseas performances from Jack Clerke, Jack Turner and Thomas Armstrong at the Universal Trench World Championships and the ISSF Trap Green Cup. Cameron McKiddie travelled with the Junior WC team to Suhl for ISSF Trap.

Unfortunately we had 4 drop outs from the original 15 purely because young adult life got in the way with Year 12, TAFE and apprenticeships.

May need to select younger developing athletes with less employment and school commitments.

ACTA ACADEMY CAMPS

1. Initial Academy camp was held at the AIS.
2. Second camp was scheduled for early December in Brisbane

however – no budget remains for this and few athletes would be able to fit it into their schedule.

NATIONAL COACH ACCREDITATION

Competition Coach Course was held at the Gold Coast for the first time in about 12 years with 11 participants. Course was well received.

STATE COACHING CLINICS

Tasmanian Gun Club was host to a coaching clinic and club coach course – weather was horrendous – well attended.

NATIONALS

NCD attended the DTL and Skeet Nationals talent scouting, coaching Academy and developing athletes and touching base with State contacts and coaches.

ISSF D COURSE

This ISSF accredited D course was held for the first time ever in Australia. 6 Coaches attended and now have been accredited with internationally recognised D Level Licences.

ISSF A COURSE

NCD was to attend the ISSF A Course in Finland in December but due to not being too well I have withdrawn from this years Course and will look at doing it again in 2019.

COACH DEVELOPMENT

Throughout 2017 Assistant Coaches from WA, NT, Vic, NSW, Qld and SA were utilised at National camps to boost the enthusiasm and strength for coaching throughout Australia.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

The 2017 ACTA National DTL and Development camp was held in Wagga in July – and was well attended particularly by the skeet juniors.

The 2017 ACTA National ISSF Development Camp was held at Cecil Park Clay Target Club in September. 12 Juniors attended.

WHOLE OF SPORT WORKING GROUP

NCD has sat on the Shooting Australia Whole of Sport Working Group. Unfortunately this feeds off of the Suiko Report and also is aimed at creating a “product” for Shooting Australia that is to increase their participation levels – with total disregard to increasing club membership numbers and licenced shooter numbers.

Suzy Corry (nee Balogh)

ACTA National Coaching Director

ACTA Academy Camp – DTL and Skeet



INTERNATIONAL TEAMS – 2017

2017 GLENN CUP WAGGA WAGGA AUSTRALIA

2017 SPORTING CLAYS KELMARSH ESTATE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ENGLAND

2017 AUSTRALIAN GLENN CUP TEAM

The Glenn Cup, which started back in 1960, is an event contested between Australia and New Zealand. It is shot in each country in alternate years.

Since its inception it has produced the following results: on 10 occasions it has ended in a draw. New Zealand have won it 18 times including this year and Australia have won 28 times.

The Glenn Cup Match is 50 target Double Barrel, shot as Points Score.

This year, for the first time, the Glenn Cup Challenge was shot as the first event at the Trap Nationals before the opening ceremony.

The Australian Team of Emma Cox, Stephen Atkins, Andrew Brady, Darryn Nicholls and Matthew Schiller shot an impressive 248/250 but were beaten by New Zealand who dropped only a single point and finished with a score of 249/250.

Well done New Zealand.

2017 SPORTING CLAYS TEAM

This year Australia sent a Sporting Clays Team to England for the 2017 World English Sporting event.

The event was conducted at the Kelmarsh Estate in Northhamptonshire, England.

The Australian Team included; John Younger, Peter Tobin, Jamie Dunn, Socrates Pilipasidis and Anthony Panetta.

Congratulations to the Team and individuals on their performance. The Australian Team finished 2nd with a combined score of 662.

Renae Birgin took out the Ladies individual event with a score of 166 to win by 5 targets from Cheryl Hall of England.

AUSTRALIAN GLENN CUP TEAM

*Darryn Nicholls, Stephen Atkins, Emma Cox,
Matthew Schiller & Andrew Brady*



2017 AUSTRALIAN GLENN TROPHY TEAM

The Glenn Trophy Skeet Teams match between Australia and New Zealand carries with it a significant amount of prestige and healthy rivalry between the two countries.

In 2017 the teams match was held at the Canterbury Gun Club in Christchurch New Zealand.

The travelling Australian Team was Michael Buttigieg, David O'Sullivan, Mal Briggs, Nathan Campbell and Max Oakley.

The match was held on the Thursday afternoon of the NZ Skeet Nationals after the doubles event and both teams from Australia and New Zealand lined up for team photographs before the shooting started and looked very professional in the team attire from both Nations.

The NZ and Australia team started shooting on separate fields next to each other and a great crowd of onlookers and spectators enjoyed the shooting. The weather conditions were tricky with winds gusting and light changes due to the fast moving weather patterns, the targets were tricky and posed some challenges for the shooters.

After 25 targets were shot the teams transferred onto the alternate ground to ensure parity and at that stage there was no clear winner, with both teams down several targets.

After the last target was shot the Australian Team was victorious on 242/250 with the NZ Team one target behind on 241/250.

Both teams should be commended on the professionalism and sportsmanship displayed both on the shooting field and the awards ceremony where gifts from both countries were exchanged.

Congratulations to the Australian Team.

2017 GLENN TROPHY CANTERBURY NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIAN GLENN TROPHY TEAM

*Nathan Campbell, David O'Sullivan,
Michael Buttigieg, Mal Briggs & Max Oakley*



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2017
ISSF NATIONALS
WEST AUSTRALIAN
GUN CLUB
PERTH

ISSF

The National ISSF Championships were conducted at the West Australian Gun Club, Whiteman Park, Perth in January 2017.

Commonwealth Double Trap Championship – James Willett 139/150, 70/80, 6/6, Deniliquin NSW

National Double Trap Championship – James Willett 136/150, 77/80, Deniliquin NSW

National Double Trap Championship High Gun – Open James Willett 275/300, Deniliquin NSW

Commonwealth Womens Double Trap Championship – Trish Carter, 89/120, Hamilton Vic

National Womens Double Trap Championship – Teegan McCloy 84/120, Newcastle-Lake Macquarie NSW

National Womens Double Trap Championship High Gun – Trish Carter 160/240, Hamilton Vic

Commonwealth ISSF Skeet Championship – Keith Ferguson 120/125, 59/60, Frankston Vic

National ISSF Skeet Championship – Keith Ferguson 122/125, 56/60, Frankston Vic

National ISSF Skeet Championship High Gun – Paul Adams 245/250, Brisbane Qld

Commonwealth Womens ISSF Skeet Championship - Aislin Jones, 70/75, 49/60, Bairnsdale Vic

National Womens ISSF Skeet Championship - Esmee Van Der Veen 71/75, 51/60, Netherlands

National Womens ISSF Skeet High Gun – Aislin Jones, 141/150, Bairnsdale Vic

Commonwealth Womens ISSF Trap Championship – Penny Smith 69/75, 41/50, Colac Vic

National Womens ISSF Trap Championship – Laetisha Scanlan 71/75, 43/50, Frankston Vic

National Womens ISSF Trap Championship High Gun – Laetisha Scanlan 141/150, Frankston Vic

ISSF Trap Interstate Representative Womens Team Competition – Victoria 200/225 – Penny Smith, Alexis Preston, Laetisha Scanlan

Commonwealth ISSF Trap Championship – Mitchell Iles, 123/125, 33/40, Melbourne Vic

National ISSF Trap Championship – Todd Malone, 121/125, 43/50, 7/8, Morwell Vic

ISSF Trap Interstate Representative Junior Boys Team Competition – Victoria 214/250 – Jack Clerke, Lachlan Holdsworth

ISSF Trap Interstate Representative Open Team Competition – Victoria 352/375 – Mitchell Iles, Todd Malone, Milad Nasr

National ISSF Trap Championship – International High Gun: Nidal Asmar 232/250 – Lebanon

Junior – Mitchell Iles 245/250, Melbourne Vic

Veteran – Eric Bullmore 214/250, Little River Vic

Open – Mitchell Iles 245/250, Melbourne Vic

Glenn Shield – Australia v's New Zealand. Australian winning Team – Adam Bylsma, Elias Dagher, Mitchell Iles 362/375

Mitchell Iles



TRAP

The opening State Shoulder to Shoulder events were then conducted with Victoria taking the Juniors with perfect 75/225. The Ladies event was won by South Australia 75/216. Queensland won the Veterans category with 75/224. The Open State Teams event was won by Victoria 124/368.

National President Robert Nugent welcomed all shooters and dignitaries to the National Championships.

The Best Dressed Team announced by ACTA Patron Kay Hull was the Northern Territory. Kay presented the Perpetual Trophy and also awarded each Team member with the ACTA Gold medal.

The Overall winner for each of the National events were:

Double Barrel, sponsored by Beretta Australia: Mitchell Iles 403/403

Double Rise, sponsored by Mialls Gun Shop/Blaser Australia: Phil Grainger 109/110

National Handicap, sponsored by Beretta Australia: Douglas Simson from 2Im 133/133

Champion of Champions, sponsored by Winchester: Alan Bebend 225/225

Single Barrel, sponsored by Hunts Shooting Supplies: Thomas Armstrong 147/147

ANZ Points Score, sponsored by PCM Enviro: Nathan Burt 396/396

High Guns, sponsored by Casella Wines: Overall High Gun, Glen Castellaro 718/725

Ladies High Gun, Jessica Harris 702/725

Sub Junior High Gun, Jackson Marriott 699/725

Junior High Gun, Mitchell Iles 712/725

Veterans High Gun, Glen Castellaro 718/725

Veterans High Gun (65+), Gary Hayden 706/725

Mackintosh event, sponsored by Perazzi: Mackintosh Open Team High Gun, James Willett 308/308

Mackintosh Ladies Team High Gun, Jessica Harris 298/300

Mackintosh Junior Team High Gun, Mitchell Iles 299/300

Mackintosh Veteran Team High Gun (55-65) Max Medhurst 310/310

Mackintosh Super Veteran Team High Gun (65+) Fred Heinze 297/300

2017 TRAP NATIONALS

NATIONAL SHOOTING GROUND WAGGA WAGGA

Glenn Castellaro



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2017
SKEET
NATIONALS

NATIONAL
SHOOTING
GROUND
WAGGA WAGGA

SKEET

The 2017 Skeet Nationals were again conducted at the National Ground in Wagga Wagga. The event attracted a strong field made up of some of the best Skeet shooters in Australia competing for National recognition.

2016 MAJOR EVENT WINNERS:

All States Championship – Max Oakley 76/77

3rd National Skeet 28 Gauge Championship – Nigel Hughes 64/64

3rd National Skeet 410 Bore Championship – Glenn Clarke 62/63

18th National Skeet Handicap – Michael Buttigieg 358/359

11th National Skeet Champion of Champions – Michael Buttigieg 104/104

19th National Skeet 20 Gauge Championship – David O'Sullivan 118/118

Michael Buttigieg

2017 Commonwealth Skeet Championship – Paul Saliba 234/234

48th National Skeet Championship – David O'Sullivan 336/336

31st National Skeet Doubles Championship – Michael Buttigieg 100/100

GRADED HIGH GUNS:

C Grade High Gun – Darryl Chapman 483

B Grade High Gun – Andrew Watson 520

A Grade High Gun – Max Sammon 529

AA Grade High Gun – David O'Sullivan 543

SECTIONAL HIGH GUNS:

Womens High Gun – Lorraine Hughes 539

Sub Junior High Gun – Matthew Clarke 527

Junior High Gun – Jack Stockdale 537

Veterans High Gun – Adrian Cousens 537

OVERALL HIGH GUN

Overall High Gun – Michael Buttigieg 545

2017 AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE GLENN TROPHY TEAM:

David O'Sullivan, Michael Buttigieg, Max Oakley, Malcolm Briggs and Nathan Campbell



SPORTING

The Wagga Gun Club hosted the 2017 National Sporting Clays Championships at the ACTA National Ground in Wagga Wagga over the last weekend in August.

The program was shot over four layouts using a total of 28 traps. As in the past years it was a credit to the organisers and the small dedicated group of Wagga Gun Club members who gave freely of their time for several days leading up to the event and who managed to present a great range of targets for the near maximum field of 108 shooters.

Winchester Australia was the major sponsor for the Championships.

ACTA 100 target 5 Stand
Sporting Clays Championship:
Overall – Jeremy Kent 101/110
Junior – Rhys McGauran 81/100
Ladies – Renae Birgan 81/100
Veterans – Alan Backman 87/100

Commonwealth 100 target 5 Stand
Sporting Clays Championship:
Overall – Anthony Panetta 112/120
Junior – Rhys McGauran 83/100
Ladies – Renae Birgan 94/100
Veterans – Max Kavanagh 90/100

24th ACTA National Sporting Clays
Championship:
Overall – John Younger 186/200
Junior – Rhys McGauran 164/200
Ladies – Renae Birgan 175/200
Veterans – Max Kavanagh 90/200

3 Persons Team:
This year's winning Team of Socrates Pilipasidis, Renae Birgan and Jack Gibbs representing MCCCTC shot a combined winning score of 533/600.

State Teams Match:
Five teams competed for the National Sporting Clays Bruce Hall Perpetual Trophy, which was won this year by the Victorian Team.

Team members were Robert Hall, Anthony Panetta and Warwick Kely who finished with a total combined score of 525/600.

2017 SPORTING NATIONALS

NATIONAL SHOOTING GROUND WAGGA WAGGA

John Younger



COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

2017 COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

WEST AUSTRALIAN GUN CLUB

1. Commonwealth Champion of Champions Championship
Overall, Neil Suckling 122/125
Narrogin WA
2. Commonwealth Handicap
Overall, Oscar Evans 50/50
Busselton WA
3. Double Barrel Championship
Overall, Jason Oliveri 102/102
WAGC WA
4. Single Barrel Championship
Overall, Jason Oliveri 74/74
WAGC WA
5. Commonwealth Points Score Championship
Overall, Jason Oliveri 150/150
WAGC WA
6. Commonwealth Double Rise Championship
Overall Gary Kelly 47/50
Geraldton WA

Commonwealth High Guns

Overall, Jason Oliveri 464/475
WAGC WA

AA Grade, Lynne Curtis 453/475
Frankston Vic

A Grade, Ian Watson 436/475
Kojonup WA

B Grade, Ian Marshall 434/475
WAGC WA

C Grade, Oscar Evans 435/475
Busselton WA

Junior, William Freni-Lizzi 439/475
Tony Yozzi GC WA

Ladies, Sandra Moffatt 442/475
Wagin WA

Veteran, Lynne Curtis 453/475
Frankston Vic

Jason Oliveri



HALL OF FAME 2017



HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEE – TRAP



Wendy Barton

HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEE – SKEET



Malcolm Briggs

PRESIDENTIAL
MEDAL RECIPIENT



Elaine Forward OAM

DOUG SMITH
MEDALIST



Matthew Schiller

ADRIAN COUSENS
MEDALIST



Leigh Roberts

PRESIDENTIAL
MEDAL RECIPIENT



Michael Kruger-Davis

