## Australian Clay Target Association

# Annual Report

2023



# ACTA Hall of Fame 2023

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – TRAP



Craig Fitzgerald

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – SKEET



Glenn Clarke

#### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – TRAP



Phil Grainger

## LIFE REGISTERED SHOOTER



Arty Del-Ben

## Australian Clay Target Association

# Annual Report 2023



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## Chairman's Report



Malcolm Dyson <u>ACTA Bo</u>ard Chairman

It gives me great pleasure to deliver this report to the Australian Clay Target Association (ACTA) members on behalf of the Board, reporting on the Association affairs for the 12-month period ending the 31st of December 2023.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership for the year was 14,087, a small increase of 29 on the 2022 number of 14,058 members. While still maintaining a strong membership, new members numbered 2474, again a significant number. If clubs could manage to retain lapsed members, our Association would show a significant yearly increase in membership. Membership fees have remained the same for the past few years and the Board made the decision to increase the 2023 fees by 6%, keeping within CPI.

During the previous year, 7,600 of our members shot in competition events. This year that participation has increased to 8,176. This information is supplied to the ACTA through the MCMS algorithm, where the system also noted that some clubs are still allowing unregistered people to shoot competition. This practice exposes the Association and Clubs to uninsured legal claims.

#### **FINANCIAL**

Having finally returned to a normal trading year, after the previous year's interruptions due to the Covid Virus, I can report that the Association is in a sound financial position with a total Equity of \$11,061,606.04 at the end of November 2023. A full financial report for the year ended 31st of December 2023 is in this Annual Report.

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

After all the interruptions to our National event programs over the past couple of years due to the Covid, we've finally been able to conduct our National events on their scheduled dates. Firstly, in January we held the National ISSF Trap and Skeet events at the Western Australian Gun Club. With five days of mostly clear blue skies and moderate winds, this provided excellent shooting conditions for the competitors. Thank you to all the competitors who made the trip to Perth and thank you also to Shooting Australia for their provision of officials – Tournament Director, Christine Alexander, Jane Vella (SA's Events and Communications Manager) and the SA High Performance Team. Congratulations to James Willett in taking out the Overall Trap High Gun and Frank Morris the Overall Skeet High Gun.

In early March, and the first time in many years, both the ACTA Skeet and Trap Nationals were held consecutively at our National Ground in Wagga Wagga.

For Skeet shooters, the move from the May timeframe to March, ensured that they enjoyed both warmer and better weather conditions. Commencing on the 5th of March with 150 plus competitors competing over an eight event program, we witnessed an excellent week of shooting. Congratulations to our New Zealand visitor Andy Peters, for taking out the Overall Carnival High Gun. Thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the recreational, competitive and social atmosphere during this National Skeet Carnival.

After a two-day break following the National Skeet Championships, the



camping area changed dramatically with the Skeet shooters moving out and the Trap campers moving in. The weather was again perfect and the new trade area adjacent to the Function Centre was well received.

The National Executive made the decision to change the format of the Trap program by moving the Double Barrel Championship to the first day of competition, followed by the Single Barrel and the Points Score on the third day. There was some contention among members that competitors would not stay and shoot the entire National program, fortunately this did not eventuate and well over 400 competitors attended the National Trap Championship events.

Overall Trap High Gun winner was Wagga Wagga member Ben Woodhouse. This year our Australian Glenn Cup Team of Phil Grainger, Ben Woodhouse, Ash Hawker, Glenn Barton and Darryn Nicholls, scoring 249/250, were successful in defeating the visiting New Zealand Team.

During the month of March, the 14th ICTSF World DTL Championships were held at the Valley Clay Target Club, Cape Town, South Africa. The ACTA sent five teams in total to compete in the Open, Ladies, Junior, Veteran and Super Veteran sections. We managed to win all classes other than the Junior. Congratulations to Bella Woolcock on winning the individual Ladies title. Congratulations also to Matt Stokes on running second and Glenn Barton third in the overall Championship. Winning team members: Open Team - Greg Coleman, Ash Hawker, Glenn Barton, Darryn Nicholls and Ben Woodhouse; Ladies Team - Bella Woolcock, Jessica Robb and Kate

Schiller; Veterans Team – Glenn Kable, John Sleightholme and Steve Atkins; Super Veterans – Clyde Mitchell, Gavin Height and Kim Nealon.

From the 25th to the 27th of August, the final National event for 2023 saw only 103 competitors shoot in the ACTA National Sporting Championships. Held at the National Ground in Wagga Wagga, this event shot over three days of competition, included the ACTA National Sportrap, the Commonwealth 5 Stand Sporting and the National 5 Stand Sporting. With Wagga providing perfect weather conditions for the event it was somewhat disappointing to see that competitor numbers were down a little on the previous year. Thank you to David Coleman on again setting up 4 fields of excellent and challenging targets. Congratulations to Robert Hall on winning the ACTA Sporting Championship Overall High Gun.

On the International scene, I congratulate all ACTA members who travelled and competed overseas representing our Association. Following winning performances at ISSF World Cups this year, congratulations to Penny Smith ranked No 1 in Women's Shotgun Trap and James Willett ranked No 2 in Men's Trap. To all International competitors, on behalf of the ACTA Board, we wish you all the best in your endeavors to achieve the opportunity to attend the Paris Olympics.

#### **SPONSORS**

The ACTA is once again most grateful for the exceptional support received from our sponsors and industry dealer network. We thank you for agreeing to continue with the sponsorship proposals into the

future and appreciate your on-going support and development of the Associations events.

#### BOARD/ SUB-COMMITTEES

In April, a General Meeting was held in Queensland at the Roma Clay Target Club, during the 2023 Queensland State Trap competition. I can report that at this meeting, the motion to finalise the endorsement of the new Constitution and the motion to move the ACTA to a Company Limited by Guarantee was accepted.

The inaugural Board members as elected by the previous ACTA Executive were Mr. Malcolm Dyson (VIC) Board Chairman, Mr. Colin Kneebone (NSW), Mr. Gary Read (SA), Mr. Ian Watson (WA). Mr. Glenn Kable (NSW), and Mr. Les Kadziela (VIC), were duly appointed to the Board after those positions were advertised, filling the two remaining Board vacancies.

Following the Board's first meeting the following Management Committees were formed:
Finance & Governance (Board),
Marketing & Communication,
Chairman Les Kadziela; Disciplines & Championships, Chairman
Colin Kneebone; Sports Support/
Coaching, Chairman Gary Read;
Hall of Fame, Chairman Glenn
Kable

All committees except Finance & Governance have additional members of our Association co-opted and all committees have had several meetings over the past few months.

The Hall of Fame Committee is progressing well with the introduction of Hall of Fame Member photos to be displayed in the Function Centre foyer.



Sports Support/Coaching has seen Mr. David Coleman, our ACTA Coaching Co-Ordinator busy travelling the country, organising member's Coaching Accreditation. Disciplines & Championships Committee has recently updated the ACTA Rules covering all disciplines. No major changes, but with some small rewrites to ensure that the Rule Book is more user friendly. Changes have also been made to the ACTA National Trap and Skeet Championships to be held in March 2024

Marketing & Communication have developed the ACTA Firearm Insurance cover to be increased from \$12,000 to a maximum claim of \$15,000. This cover is included in your membership fee

ACTA Board members have conducted several meetings with State and Territory Presidents and Secretaries. This has been well accepted and has resulted in excellent discussion and shared information with all attendees.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

The National Office has again witnessed several changes during the year, firstly Paul Gilbert's resignation from the role of Executive Officer in May. We have now appointed Mr. Brett Somerville. Brett resides in Wagga Wagga and took up the position of Executive Officer in November. Grant Hinds took up the position of Groundsman after the resignation of John Winkels, and Stephanie Lynch had a short stay, working in the office before returning to her home in Adelaide. Nathan Gale has now taken over the position of Manager of the Range Function Centre. The Function Centre has been very busy over the past few months, a great testimonial to the work and effort contributed by Nathan and his staff.

#### **NATIONAL BOARD**

As the ACTA has now moved from an Executive Council to a Board of Management, I wish to thank the past Executive Members for the time and effort they gave in the running of our Association. Thank you to Brian Murison, Geoff Moore (QLD), Len DeCandia (SA), Lynne Curtis (VIC), Terry Marsden (WA), Mark Dennis, Allan Kenny (TAS), David O'Brien (NSW) and Pat Coogan (NT). Gentlemen your contribution to our Association was greatly appreciated and I am confident the whole membership joins me in thanking you.

On a final note, I would like to thank both Judy Ferry and Jenny Robinson for their work in running the Office and the Association affairs, especially during the period when we had no Executive Officer.

Yours in Clay Target shooting

Malcolm Dyson

Chairman, ACTA Board

## Executive Officer's Report



Brett Somerville, ACTA EO

# TRANSITION PROVIDING A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

To Our Valued Members,

2023 marked a year of significant change with the election of a new Board of Directors as well as myself in the role of Executive Officer. The new core leadership is composed of individuals with diverse expertise and fresh perspectives. This transition reflects our commitment to continuous improvement and ensures that the ACTA is wellpositioned to meet the evolving needs of our members and the sport at large. The new Board is already working diligently to implement a strategic plan that prioritizes growth, inclusivity, and excellence. We are confident that their leadership will be instrumental in propelling the ACTA to even greater heights in the years to come.

#### A SEASON OF SUCCESS:

- National Championships Return: All national championships, including Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays, were held successfully across the country, showcasing the talent and dedication of our athletes.
- MCMS Takes Root: The MCMS Shoot Program and Grading/ Handicapping system saw widespread adoption and positive feedback. Its efficiency and accuracy further streamlined competition management and enhanced the member experience.
- Governance Evolution: The transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee, as approved in 2022, was successfully completed, solidifying our governance structure and paving the way for future growth.

## FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE:

As we enter 2024, we are focused on:

- Sustaining Growth: Continuing to attract new members and build a diverse and vibrant clay target shooting community, by supporting our clubs and supporters.
- Elevating Performance: Providing high quality coaching, training, and competitive opportunities to help our athletes achieve their full potential. We look to leverage the success of our gold medal hopefuls at the 2024 Paris Olympics to inspire the next generation
- Enhancing Accessibility: Making clay target shooting more accessible through innovative programs and facilities.
- Strengthening Partnerships: Collaborating with stakeholders to build a stronger future for the sport in Australia.

A thank you for all you have done and all you will do.

The heart of our vibrant clay target shooting community lies in the unwavering dedication of our volunteers at clubs across Australia. From setting up targets and scoring sheets to welcoming newcomers and fostering camaraderie, their countless hours of service form the bedrock upon which our sport thrives. They are the friendly faces that greet new members, the patient instructors who guide aspiring shooters, and the passionate organisers who ensure competitions run smoothly. Their tireless efforts, often unseen and seldom fully appreciated, deserve our deepest gratitude and recognition. This year, we want to shine a spotlight on the exceptional contributions of our volunteers and say a heartfelt thank you for their continued

commitment to building a stronger, more inclusive, and enjoyable experience for all clay target shooting enthusiasts.

#### **IN CONCLUSION:**

2023 was a year of significant progress for the ACTA. We achieved our goals, embraced new opportunities, and solidified our position as a leading force in clay target shooting. With your continued support, we are confident in building an even stronger and more sustainable future for the sport in Australia.

Brett Somerville

Executive Office Australian Clay Target Association

## Minutes 87th Annual General Meeting

## Australian Clay Target Association 87th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 28th April 2023

Roma Gun Club, Roma QLD and Via GoToVideoconference Meeting

#### 1. Welcome

The National President, Mr Malcolm Dyson, opened the meeting at  $5.00 \mathrm{pm}$ 

#### 2. Attendance

President Malcolm Dyson

National Executive Members QLD Brian Muirson, Geoff Moore

National Executive Members SA Len DeCandia, Garry Read

National Executive Members VIC Les Kadziela, Lynne Curtis

National Executive Members WA Terry Marsden, Ian Watson

National Executive Members NSW David O'Brien, John Varoutsos

National Executive Members TAS Allan Kenny (On-line)

#### 3. Apologies

Pat Coogan (NT Delegate)

## DELEGATE OR PROXY REPRESENTED THE FOLLOWING CLUBS:

NEW SOUTH WALES (7)

Berrima, Boorowa, Border, Moree, Oakdale Field & Clay, The Forest, Warren

NORTHERN TERRITORY (0)

QUEENSLAND (14)

Ballandean, Burdekin, Caboolture, Charleville, Chinchilla, Gympie, Herbert River, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Roma, Surat, Toogoolawah, Townsville, Warwick

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (4)

Lake Albert, Mid-North, Mount Gambier, SACTA

TASMANIA (1)

Hobart

VICTORIA (8)

Bendigo, Frankston Australia, Korumburra, Kyneton, Mildura, Warrnambool, Werribee, VCTA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (2)

Kojonup, Three Springs SC Assoc

#### 4. Roll Call & Quorum

President, Mr Malcolm Dyson, announced that more than the required 25 delegates entitled to vote as stated in the constitution were in attendance, therefore a quorum was established. Eligible votes to be recorded numbered 36.

#### 5. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The 2022 Minutes were taken as read.

Moved: Moree and seconded: Forest that the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted. CARRIED

#### 6. Reports

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** National President, Mr Malcolm Dyson tabled his report as distributed in the Clay Target e-News and the published in the 2022 Annual Report.

Moved: Warrnambool and seconded: Mid North that the Presidents report be received and confirmed. CARRIED

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** This was taken as having been read. Treasurer Mr Les Kadziela presented the financial report as distributed in Clay Target e-News and the 2022 Annual Report.

There was an offer for questions to be taken from the Floor. No questions were asked.

Moved: Treasurer and seconded: Moree that the Financial Report be accepted. CARRIED

#### 7. Appointment of Auditor:

Moved: Three Springs SC Assoc and seconded: Moree that Bush and Campbell Accountants of Wagga Wagga be appointed as ACTA auditor for 2023. CARRIED

#### 8. Announcement of Executive Changes:

Due to transitional arrangements of the new Board with the ACTA moving to a Company Limited by Guarantee, the following members will remain as Board Members: Mal Dyson, Colin Kneebone, Garry Read and Ian Watson.

A poll was conducted as part of the transitional arrangements with 110 clubs voting out of 240. The following members were elected to a 3 year term: Glenn Kable and Les Kadziela

#### 9. General Business:

None was listed or raised.

#### 10. Closure:

There being no further business The National President, Mr Malcolm Dyson, closed the meeting at 5.10pm.

## 88th Annual General Meeting

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#### Notice of 88th Annual General Meeting

Notice of the 88th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Clay Target Association Incorporated is hereby given to the members.

The meeting will be held on

#### Monday 11th March 2024 Commencing at 7 pm Registration commences at 6.30 pm

(for clubs that have Delegates in physical attendance at the AGM),

at

The Range Function Centre, Tasman Road, East Wagga Wagga

(For clubs that are not able to have Delegates in physical attendance at the AGM)

ELECTRONICALLY via Microsoft Teams Meeting Clubs must register for the Video Conference (All Videoconference Delegates will be sent an email advising their access link during the week prior to the meeting)

#### **AGENDA**

The order of business of the meeting shall be as follows:

- 1. Opening
- 2. Attendance
- 3. Apologies
- 4. Roll Call and Quorum: (25 members who are entitled to vote)
- 5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting
- 6. Reports
  - a. President: M. Dyson
  - b. Financial: L Kadziela

- 7. Announcement of the appointment of elected Board Members in place of the retiring Board Members
- 8. Confirmation of Auditor for 2024
- 9. Close of Meeting

By order of the National Board of Management

Brett Somerville Executive Officer Australian Clay Target Association

12 February 2024

## Australian Clay Target Association Inc.

ABN: 14 590 029 414

and

## **Australian Clay Target Association Ltd**

## **Financial Statements** for the year ended 31 December 2023

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

The Directors present their report together with the accounts of Australian Clay Target Association Ltd ('the Company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the auditors' report thereon.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Company in office at the date of this report are:-

Malcolm Dyson

Director since June 2023 Director since June 2023

Garry Read

Les Kadziela Director since June 2023 Director since June 2023

Glenn Kable

Director since June 2023

#### **DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

The number of Directors meetings and number of meetings attended by each of the Directors of the Company during the financial year are:

Director	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Director	Number attended	Number eligible to attend
Malcolm Dyson	6	6	Colin Kneebone	6	6
Garry Read	6	6	Les Kadziela	6	6
Glenn Kable	6	6	Ian Watson	6	6

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company during the 2023 financial year was to administer, promote and develop the sport of clay target shooting.

#### **RESULT**

The net operating surplus of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 was \$42,163. This compares to a net operating surplus after depreciation in 2022 of \$86,158.

#### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO STATE OF AFFAIRS

During 2022 the members voted for ACTA to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Company was registered on 21 June 2023, and the Board are currently in the process of transferring all assets, liabilities and future operations to the new Company.

In the opinion of the Directors there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the financial year under review not otherwise disclosed in this report or the accounts.



#### **EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

#### **SHORT AND LONG TERM OBJECTIVES**

The short term objective of the Company is to service its members through:

- Organisation of local, state, national and internal competitions,
- Ongoing coaching and development,
- Collaboration with State Associations and affiliated Clubs.

The long term objectives of the Company are to promote the sport, service its members and to work collaboratively with all state organisations to manage the future development of the sport.

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The Company monitors key performance indicators against industry standards and internal expectations. The indicators are both financial and non-financial with the results presented for the Director's discussion.

#### LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

The Board is planning to reassess the ongoing valuation methodology of the property, plant and equipment held by the Company in the coming financial year.

#### **DIRECTOR INTERESTS AND BENEFITS**

Since the end of the previous financial year no Director has received or become entitled to receive any benefit because of a contract made by the Company or a related corporation with a Director or with a firm of which a Director is a member, or with a company in which the Director has a substantial interest.

#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on the following page.

Signed at Wagga Wagga this 31st day of January 2024 in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

President

Malcolm Dyson

Treasure

Les Kadziela

## AUDITORS INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 ACT TO THE DIRECTORS OF AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION LTD

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2023 there have been:

- (a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

#### **JOHN L BUSH & CAMPBELL**

**Chartered Accountants** 

Peter King Partner

Wagga Wagga 31 January 2024

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#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

#### For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Note	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue 2	2,066,681	2,003,456
Administrative expenses	(412,601)	(366,903)
Coaching expenses	(2,071)	(1,362)
Committee expenses	(45,735)	(40,775)
Competition expenses	(455,224)	(370,172)
Depreciation expense	(303,768)	(314,965)
Employee expenses	(452,141)	(472,001)
Promotional and other distribution costs	(78,163)	(81,237)
Ground maintenance and other occupancy expenses	(114,033)	(91,876)
Merchandise expenses	(21,877)	(35,179)
Other operating costs	(138,905)	(142,828)
Surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities before income tax	42,163	86,158
Income tax expense 1		
Surplus/(deficit) after income tax	42,163	86,158
Other Comprehensive income	_	_
Total Comprehensive income	42,163	86,158

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 2023

Note	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents 3	2,548,273	2,314,844
Trade & other receivables 4	367,191	349,550
Inventories 1	82,286	19,566
Other current assets 5	109,746	60,565
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,107,496	2,744,525
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant & equipment 6	9,073,938	9,315,982
Other non-current assets 7	7,200	27,200
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	9,081,138	9,343,182
TOTAL ASSETS	12,188,634	12,087,707
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & other payables 8	320,240	305,290
Provision for employee benefits 9	62,739	124,437
Other current liabilities 10	765,957	660,445
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,148,936	1,090,172
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other non-current liabilities 11	_	_
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	_
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,148,936	1,090,172
NET ASSETS	11,039,698	10,997,535
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	9,013,269	8,951,056
Reserves	2,026,429	2,046,479
TOTAL EQUITY	11,039,698	10,997,535

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 2023

	Retained Earnings \$	Competition Reserve	ISSF Levy Reserve <sup>1</sup>	Asset Revalu- ation Reserve \$	Travelling Team Reserve <sup>1</sup> \$	Environ- mental Levy Reserve	Legis- lation Reserve \$	Trap Levy Reserve <sup>1</sup> \$	J Newton Thomas Junior Reserve \$	Hall of Fame Trust \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2022	8,883,352	233,571	-	1,068,738	-	112,574	603,821	-	-	9,321	10,911,377
Surplus available to members	86,158	_	_	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	86,158
Transfers to/from reserves	(18,454)	21,869	-	_	-	6,801	(10,216)	_	-	-	_
Balance at 31 December 2022	8,951,056	255,440	_	1,068,738	_	119,375	593,605	_	_	9,321	10,997,535
Surplus available to members	42,163	_	_	-	-	_	_	_	-	_	42,163
Transfers to/from reserves	20,050	(9,988) –	_	_	-	7,407	(17,469)	_	_	_	_
Retained earnings at 31 December											
2023	9,013,269	245,452	- 1	1,068,738	-	126,782	576,136	-	-	9,321	11,039,698

 $<sup>1-</sup>ISSF, Travelling\ Team\ \&\ Trap\ Levy\ reserves\ were\ consolidated\ into\ the\ Competition\ Reserve\ during\ the\ 2022\ financial\ year.$  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 2023

Not	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts in the course of operations	1,981,377	1,998,230
Cash payments in the course of operations	(1,793,066)	(1,608,082)
Interest received	67,005	6,371
Net cash provided by operating activities 12(i	<b>255,316</b>	396,519
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(70,069)	(6,504)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	28,182	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(41,887)	(6,504)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of borrowings	_	_
Proceeds from loans to members	20,000	10,000
Net cash used in investing activities	20,000	10,000
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	233,429	400,015
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	2,314,844	1,914,829
Cash at the end of the financial year 12(	<b>2,548,273</b>	2,314,844

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 2023

#### **NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial report covers Australian Clay Target Association Inc (ABN: 14 590 029 414) and Australian Clay Target Association Ltd (ACN: 089 878 893). These entities form the Australian Clay Target Association Ltd – Group, referred in this financial report as 'the Group'. The Group is a not for profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The nature of each entity is as follows:

- Australian Clay Target Association Ltd is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the Corporation Act 2001, and registered and domiciled in Australia. The company was incorporated on 21 June 2023.
- Australian Clay Target Association Inc is an incorporated association registered in Victoria.

The Directors are currently in the process of transferring all assets, liabilities and future operations to the new Company.

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, and comply with other requirements of the law.

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 & 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 Company'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 Company 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 & 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:

Buildings
 Plant and equipment
 10% – 20%
 Office equipment
 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

The Company applies AASB 15 for recongising revenue. Revenue is recorded as the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to the performance obligation, excluding any amounts of variable consideration, when the performance obligation has been satisfied. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST). The Company has the following specific policies for when the performance obligations have been met:

#### Provision of Membership Services

Revenue for membership subscriptions is recognised in the period to which the benefits of the membership is provided.

#### Sale of Goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

#### Grants and other Funding

Grant funding is recognised as income to the entity when all obligations contained in the underlying funding agreement have been met.

Any grants funds remaining unspent or non-acquitted are deferred at the end of the reporting period.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Company.

#### Donations

Donations collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue when the Company gains control of the asset.

#### Interest revenue

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

#### (h) 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.

#### (i) Employee benefits

A provision is made for the Company'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 Company'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.

#### (i) 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.

#### (k) Financial Instruments

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the entity commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.



#### Classification and subsequent measurement

Finance instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value or amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

#### Amortised cost is calculated as:

The amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments; plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and less any reduction for impairment.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

#### (i) Financial assets are classified at fair value through profit or loss

When they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, or where they are derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

#### (ii) Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### (iii) Financial Liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

#### Impairment

At each reporting date, the entity assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### De-recognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability, which is extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of noncash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

#### (1) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Committee' evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Company.

#### Key Estimates – Impairment

The Company assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluation conditions specific to the Company that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

#### Key Judgements – Provision for Impairment

The doubtful debts provision represents amounts that the recoverability of the receivable is doubtful.



The provision is measured in accordance with AASB 9 using the expected credit loss approach. This requires the Company to apply a forward-looking credit loss methodology.

The Company applies the simplified approach to its trade receivables and measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses.

	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 2 – REVENUE	Ψ	ų.
Sale of goods	103,683	83 <i>,</i> 33 <i>6</i>
Fees	1,653,026	1,682,737
Function centre	152,862	134,117
Interest	67,005	6,371
Other income	90,105	96,895
	2,066,681	2,003,456
NOTE 3 – CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cheque account	924,168	1,217,646
NAB term deposit 1#	591,062	583,641
NAB term deposit 2#	508,366	501,983
NAB term deposit 3#	500,000	_
Petty cash & unbanked sales	24,677	11,574
	2,548,273	2,314,844
NOTE 4 – TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade debtors	372,578	354,279
Less: Provision for impairment	(5,387)	(4,729)
	367,191	349,550
NOTE 5 – OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Accrued Interest	41,733	_
Prepayments	48,013	40,565
Loan to VCTA	20,000	20,000
	109,746	60,565

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
NOTE 6 – PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT Land – at valuation	1,674,911	1,674,911
ACTA function centre – at cost	7,538,722	7,513,924
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,011,401)	(823,793)
2000. decumanded depreciation	6,527,321	6,690,131
National office – at cost	229,152	227,367
Less: accumulated depreciation	(60,745)	(53,031)
	168,407	174,336
National grounds – at cost	1,282,261	1,255,584
Less: accumulated depreciation	(675,012)	(589,612)
	607,249	665,972
Plant & equipment - at cost	647,295	6 30,486
Less: accumulated depreciation	(551,245)	(532,688)
·	96,050	97,798
Motor vehicles – at cost	21,817	63,571
Less: accumulated depreciation	(21,817)	(50,737)
	_	12,834
Total property, plant & equipment	9,073,938	9,315,982
Property, plant & equipment – movement		
Balance at the beginning of the year	9,315,982	9,624,443
Additions	70,069	6,504
Disposals	(41,754)	_
Disposal effect on depreciation	33,409	_
Depreciation	(303,768)	(314,965)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	9,073,938	9,315,982
NOTE 7 – OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Loan to VCTA	10,000	30,000
Less: Provision for impairment (ECL)	(2,800)	(2,800)
	7,200	27,200
NOTE 8 – TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade creditors	221,566	209,456
Accrued expenses	21,820	21,585
Super payable	5,278	3 ,924
GST payable	62,146	62,395
PAYG payable	9,430	7 ,930
	320,240	305,290
NOTE 9 – PROVISIONS		
Current  Provision for annual logge	40.065	00 074
Provision for annual leave	42,365	99,871
Provision for long service leave	20,374	24,566
	62,739	124,437

	2023 \$	2022 \$
NOTE 10 – OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	·	,
Income in advance	734,653	640,672
Other deposits	31,304	19,773
	765,957	660,445
NOTE 11 – OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other deposits	-	<u> </u>
	-	_
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)	2,548,273	2,314,844
	2,548,273	2,314,844
(ii) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash		
provided by operating activities		
Surplus for the year	42,163	86,158
Add/(Less) non-cash items		
Depreciation	303,768	314,965
Gain on disposal of equipment	(19,837)	
	326,094	401,123
Net cash provided by operating activities before		
change in assets and liabilities during the financial year		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(17,641)	1,043
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments and other assets	(49,181)	(10,735)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(62,720)	18,286
Increase/ (decrease) in payables & other accruals	120,462	(36,519)
Increase/ (decrease) in employee benefits	(61,698)	23,321
Net cash provided by operating activities	255,316	396,519

#### NOTE 13 – 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.

#### **DIRECTORS DECLARATION**

The Directors of Australian Clay Target Association Ltd declare that:-

- 1. The financial statements and notes to the financial statements are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
- 2 a) comply with Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures and the Coprorations Regulations 2001; and
  - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2023 and the performance for the year ended on that date of the Australian Clay Target Association Ltd.
- 3. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Dated at Wagga Wagga this 31st day of January 2024

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

President

Malcolm Dyson

Treasurer

Les Kadziela

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

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose finance report, of Australian Clay Target Association Ltd, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, 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 Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Clay Target Association Ltd has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with relevant Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### **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 Company 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 Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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.

#### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors 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 Directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The committee is responsible for overseeing the Company'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.

31 January 2024

## AUSTRALIAN CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION LTD 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 Ltd which have been subjected to the audit procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 Company) 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. 31 January 2024



#### **STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS**

#### For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Net surplus/(deficit) for the year after depreciation	42,163	86,158
Less: Depreciation expense	(303,768)	(314,965)
Net surplus from ordinary activities	345,931	401,123
	1,720,750	1,602,333
Workers compensation	9,809	5,762
Travel – local	5,912	12,094
Telephone and fax	19,544	17,152
Superannuation contributions	41,518	40,470
Security costs	3,776	10,216
Salaries, wages & other staffing costs	400,814	425,769
Rates and taxes	31,645	37,262
Promotional costs	_	8,470
Postage, printing and stationery	78,163	72,767
Permits, licences and subscriptions	51,192	48,640
Motor vehicle expenses	11,577	17,171
Insurances	226,657	205,511
Hall of Fame expenses	17,699	18,003
Ground maintenance	74,951	52,382
Function centre - operating costs, catering and maintenance	39,082	39,494
Equipment hire	7,116	_
Electricity, gas & water	60,522	48,082
Cost of sales	21,877	35,179
Consulting and professional fees	46,664	36,500
Computer expenses	42,256	35,898
Competition expenses	455,224	370,172
Committee expenses	45,735	40,775
Coaching expenses	2,071	1,362
Bank charges	9,038	7,502
Bad debts	658	· —
Audit fees	17,250	15,700
EXPENDITURE	, ,	, ,
	2,066,681	2,003,456
Gain on sale of asset	19,837	_
Other income	3,194	3,885
Ground hire	29,218	47,278
Camping fees	36,856	40,773
Insurance recoveries	1,000	4,959
Interest income	67,005	6,371
Function centre	152,862	134,117
Registrations, nominations, fees & levies	1,653,026	1,682,737
Sale of targets & other merchandise	103,683	83,336
INCOME	ψ	Ψ
	\$	\$
	2023	2022

## Future Outlook

#### **VISION**

To provide Australian clay target shooters with a fun, equitable, socially inclusive and competitive environment in which they can enjoy our sport.

#### **MISSION**

To be the parent body for selected clay target disciplines in Australia, leading our sport for the benefit of our members.

## STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

#### 1. LEADERSHIP

Strategic leadership securing the future of shooting sports to the highest possible standard of ethics and safety.

#### 2. MEMBER SERVICES

An enhanced membership experience growing participation in clay target shooting in Australia.

## 3. COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

A strong network and positive connection between all levels of the sport, including our members and external stakeholders.

#### 4. SUSTAINABILITY

Financial security supported by multiple revenue streams for the benefit of all members and to ensure the sustainability of our sport.

## Governance and Management

Provide direction for the ACTA disciplines within the sport of clay target shooting through effective governance, management and delivery.

- 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 BOARD 2023

Mr Malcolm Dyson, Chairman Mr Glenn Kable Mr Les Kadziela Mr Colin Kneebone Mr Garry Read Mr Ian Watson

## 2023 NATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE ACTA Board

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Les Kadziela

## DISCIPLINES & CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chairman Colin Kneebone

#### SPORTS SUPPORT/COACHING

Chairman Gary Read

#### **HALL of FAME**

Chairman Glenn Kable



ACTA 2023 Board Members: Colin Kneebone, Glenn Kable, Malcolm Dyson (Chairman), Les Kadziela, Gary Read & Ian Watson



## ACTA Members Recognised

## LIFE REGISTERED MEMBERS

J Houston † HG James † DB Mott† WEHRainbird. O.B.E. † I M Wilson † J M Tyquin † K Soames † N Wells † ET Baldwin † GH Hall (PP) † EG Biggs † R H Moyse † LSR Stewart † C Moll † A Pedersen (PP) † O R Taylor † E F Hawkins (PP) † R Mules † AN Rowe † LG Connors (PP) † W Jones (PP) † R M Holtfreter (PP) † N Hardy L I Martin (PP) J K Scott (PP) † R F Buchan † J Murphy G G Woodhatch (PP) R Silvester R Nugent (PP) J Byrnes (PP) A Kenny D Harwood I Mack (PP) R Traill † L Curtis M McInnes J Shepherd A Vilcins (PP) D Baynes S Balogh E Forward OAM R Fox A Del-Ben †

## PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1980 G Porter Old 1981 R Mules SA G Richards WA I Thomas Vic 1982 R Buchan Vic 1984 L Bird NSW A Smith Old T Comerford Old 1986 1987 E Biggs Vic 1988 R Holtfreter WA 1989 R Varley NSW 1990 E Hawkins NSW 1993 I Forbes SA 1994 I 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 Old 2009 T Meadows Old 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 2018 D Power A Turner 2019 F Auditore 2022 D Coleman

2023

R Hunter

<sup>†</sup> Denotes deceased PP denotes Past President

#### HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

2008

2011

2011

2012

2012

2012

2016

2017

2019

2022 2022

2023

2023

2008 Bill Iles

John Green

2010 Donald Mackintosh

Jack 'Calrossie'

Sutherland Stephen Atkins

Cecilie Daly

2013 Glen Hayden 2014 Deserie Baynes 2014 Roger Duthie 2014 Charles Meadway 2015 Stephen Haberman 2015 Nanette McCallum 2016 Pamela Moloney (nee Coxon)

William Grant

Darryn Nicholls Wendy Barton

Ray Collinson

Glen Castellaro

Craig Fitzgerald

Arty Del-Ben

Phil Grainger

2018 Mark McInnes

2008 Jon Whittakers 2009 Lynne Curtis 2009 Russell Mark 2009 Vince Ryan

2010 Violet Reade 2010 Arthur Turner Craig Bentley

#### **TRAP SKEET** 2004 Fred Burns 2008 Reginald Clarke 2004 **Iack** Blake 2009 Ken Lowry Warren Charlton Adrian Cousens 2004 2010 Doug Smith 2004 2011 Paul Johnston 2004 J. Newton Thomas 2012 Leigh Roberts 2005 Arthur 'Pud' Burgess 2013 Laurie Chelepy 2005 Jack Headon Julian Lucchitti 2014 2005 Iack McCraith 2015 Brian Thomson 2005 Sperry Marshall 2016 Craig O'Neill 2005 Bill Stevens 2017 Malcolm Briggs Gil Farish 2006 George Biggs 2018 2006 Horace Donelly 2019 David O'Sullivan 2006 Alf James 2021 Michael Buttigieg 2006 Ken Lowry 2022 Jack Stockdale 2006 Iim Ellis 2023 Glenn Clarke Barry Kable 2007 2007 Neil Berry Jo Raleigh 2007

## Reports

## ACTA RULES REPORT 2023

Following the release of a revised Rule book in October 2022 the next revision did not occur until May 2023. The 2022 edition had ushered in some small changes to the Mandatory Rules for Referees and set out in more detail the duties of a Rule Supervisor but other than that, until May 23, there was little that needed change.

The May 23 revision introduced two additional safety template drawings. These had been requested by several clubs who were in need of more defined diagrams to assist in range approvals.

The first layout safety template diagram applies to any ACTA layout used for DTL, Double Rise, Ball Trap, ISSF Trap and Universal Trench, while the second caters for layouts where only DTL and Double Rise are shot. Along with other ACTA Committees, the ACTA Disciplines and Championships Committee was established in August 23 and is

Championships Committee was established in August 23 and is now the first reference point for the introduction of any rule change. This Committee that has Board Member Colin Kneebone as Chair, includes Board Member Glenn Kable and has three additional Rule Supervisors seconded to assist. Recommendations from this Committee are forwarded to the ACTA Board for ratification before inclusion in any new Rule book release.

The Committee has met via video link three times, in August, September and November, where briefing papers were presented and discussed to assist in the introduction of the 2024 Rule book.

This new Rule book is now available for download from the ACTA website.

Jim Shepherd ACTA National Rules Supervisor

#### **MCMS 2023**

The MCMS shoot management and automated grading system has now completed two full years since introduction on the 1st of January 2022.

Following the annual review in August 2023, there were some variations made, primarily to the skeet singles and doubles floors. Those adjustments have now bedded in and are performing up to the required parameters set by the ACTA. Overall, the automated grading system is functioning very well across all the ACTA disciplines and is delivering the services that were originally planned.

The next phase will be the development of functions within the system to provide options for cash sweeps, cash pools etc. These features will also be automated, thus making it very simple for Club administrators to provide those services, without the manual work previously required that had discouraged Clubs from running them. We believe this innovation will be of great benefit for competitors, and allow Clubs the ability to conduct competitive events at low cost while providing options for those who wish to compete for prize money.

Once this step is achieved, we believe that MCMS will be able to deliver the full suite of automated options that our member Clubs have been seeking for some time.

Colin Kneebone ACTA National MCMS Handicap Supervisor

## 2023 COACHING REPORT

Coaching in the year finally gaining some momentum after the period of uncertainty we faced.

The Sport Support Sub Committee which is responsible for coaching is now fully functioning and all decisions regarding coaching are tabled, discussed, debated and if accepted, forwarded to the ACTA Board for adoption.

An ACTA coaching structure was adopted showing the level of coaching required for all positions. This document was published in the ACTA Clay Target magazine and forwarded to all State Secretaries and State Coaching Directors.

The long awaited competition level course has been adopted and two States have completed courses with 11 new competition coaches accredited.

This year due to the change from the ACTA Committee structure to the ACTA Board Ltd an update of the Coaching Risk Management document was completed and sent to all State Secretaries and State Coaching Directors.

The Shooting Australia Coaching Reference Group held a Presenter and Facilitator course in Melbourne in September with 4 of the Member Organisations represented, Pistol, TRA, NRA and the ACTA. The ACTA was represented by Christine Alexander, Steve Trembath, Craig O'Neill and David Coleman. With these Competition level coaches now fully accredited they can now run Presenter and Facilitator courses and issue certificates thus lifting the standard of coaching within the ACTA.

Funding has been budgeted for 2024 with a junior camp planned for October.

Hoping this can happen as the junior program has stalled for several years.

David Coleman ACTA National Coaching Supervisor

## International Teams 2023

## 2023 AUSTRALIAN GLENN CUP TEAM

The Glenn Cup, which started 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 11 occasions, it has ended in a draw. New Zealand have won 18 times and Australia have now won 31 times.

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

This year the event was conducted during the Australian Trap Nationals.

Members of this year's Australian Team included:

Darryn Nicholls, Glenn Barton, Ash Hawker, Phil Grainger and Ben Woodhouse.

New Zealand Team:

Jon Beddis, Roger Bidios, Grant Nilsson, Gavin Searle and Grant Preston

After the final shot was fired, the Australian Team scored 249/250 and the New Zealand Team 246/250, giving the Australian Team the trophy. Well done to both Teams.

#### 2023 AUSTRALIAN GLENN TROPHY TEAM

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

In November 2023 the teams match was held during the New Zealand Skeet Nationals at the Canterbury Clay Target Club, Christchurch.

Australian Team:

Shane Bennett, Michael Buttigieg, Jack Stockdale, Paul Saliba and Glenn Walker. Australian Team Score 245/250.

New Zealand Team:

Clark Pirie, Mason Reed, Kelvin Gutsell, Jackson Hann, Andy Peter. Team Score 243/250.

The Australian Team took out the trophy event by two targets.

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

Congratulations to the Australian Team.





Above Left: Australian 2023 Glenn Cup Team – Phil Grainger, Ben Woodhouse, Ash Hawker, Glenn Barton & Darryn Nicholls. Above: Australian 2023 Glenn Trophy Team – Shane Bennett, Michael Buttigieg, Jack Stockdale, Paul Saliba & Glenn Walker

## INTERNATIONAL ISSF TEAMS

2023 was a very important year for our International ISSF Shotgun Teams seeking quota spots for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Australia began the year with one Women's Olympic Trap Quota for the 2024 Paris Olympics courtesy of Catherine Skinner from the 2022 World Championships, and were very optimistic of our chances leading up to the 2023 World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan.

There were two outstanding performances from our shooters at these Championships. Penny Smith shot a great qualifying score of 119/125 just missing out on the final in a shoot off, whilst Mitchell Iles shot a brilliant 123/125 to also fall agonisingly close to a finals place in a shoot off. The performance from both of these shooters was exemplary, but meant that Australia was still in search of a second quota spot for our women's trap team and a first for the men's trap team, along with quotas for our Skeet athletes.

#### **MEDAL RESULTS FOR 2023**

World Cup – Doha (QATAR) Womens Trap: Penny Smith, GOLD

World Cup – Larnaca (CYPRESS) Womens Trap: Penny Smith, BRONZE

World Cup – Cairo (EGYPT)
Mens Trap: James Willett, BRONZE

World Cup – Almaty (KAZAKHSTAN)

Mens Trap: James Willett, SILVER Womens Trap: Catherine Skinner, BRONZE

World Cup – Lonato (ITALY) Womens Trap: Laetisha Scanlan, GOLD

Oceania Championships – Brisbane (AUSTRALIA)

Womens Trap: Laetisha Scanlan, GOLD & QUOTA. Catherine Skinner, SILVER. Penny Smith, BRONZE

Mens Trap: James Willett, SILVER. Womens Trap Teams event: Laetisha Scanlan, Catherine Skinner, Penny Smith, GOLD, Kiara Dean, Molly Bretag, Breanna Collins, SILVER Mens Trap Teams event: James Willett, Thomas Grice, Nathan Argiro, GOLD, Ash Hawker, Milad Nasr, Gabriel Sensi, BRONZE Womens Skeet: Aislin Jones: GOLD & QUOTA. Laura Coles, BRONZE Mens Skeet: Frank Morris, GOLD & QUOTA. Josh Bell, SILVER, Elie Lahoud, BRONZE

Womens Skeet Teams event: Aislin Jones, Laura Coles, Brittany Melbourne, GOLD

Mens Skeet Teams event: Frank Morris, Josh Bell, Elie Lahoud, GOLD

The results for Australia in the campaign for quota spots to the Paris Olympics at the end of 2023 so far are two quotas (the maximum) for our women's trap team, one quota each for men's and women's skeet and none for our men's team as yet. There are however still a couple of possibilities for the men to gain quotas in the early part of 2024, and the ACTA wishes those individuals who earn the opportunity to compete for them all the very best.



Penny Smith – Gold Medal World Cup, Doha Qatar



ISSF World Cup, Larnaca Cyprus – Australian team members, L–R: Kiara Dean, Milad Nasr, Penny Smith James Willett, Deserie Baynes (support coach), Catherine Skinner & Richard Sammon (National Coach)



## National Title Winners

#### **ISSF**

The 2023 Australian Clay Target Association ISSF Nationals, hosted by the West Australian Gun Club, were held at Whiteman Park, Perth, WA, on January 14 to 19.

The competition included Commonwealth and National title events across both Trap and Skeet and was one of the endorsed and tier one selection events for the 2023 World Championships.

Commonwealth Men's ISSF Skeet Championship – Gold – Elie Lahoud (WA) 100/125.

Commonwealth Women's ISSF Skeet Championship – Gold – Brittanny Melbourne (VIC) 114/125.

Commonwealth Men's ISSF Trap Championship – Gold – Craig Henwood (VIC) 118/125.

Commonwealth Women's ISSF Trap Championship – Gold – Penny Smith (VIC) 110/125.

National Men's ISSF Skeet Championship – Gold – Joshua Bell (NSW) 116/125.

National Women's ISSF Skeet Championship – Gold – Aislin Jones (VIC) 117/125. National Men's ISSF Trap Championship – Gold – James Willett (VIC) 120/125.

National Women's ISSF Trap Championship – Gold – Laetisha Scanlan (VIC) 119/125.

High Guns:

Skeet Men's – Frank Morris 234/250.

Skeet Women's – Aislin Jones 231/250.

**Skeet Junior** – Joshua Dichiera 195/250.

**Skeet Veteran** – Malcolm Waltman 217/250.

Trap Overall – James Willett 240/250.

**Trap Men's** – James Willett 240/250.

**Trap Women's** – Laetisha Scanlan 238/250.

Trap Junior – Gabriel Sensi 226/250.

**Trap Veteran** – Paul Santarossa 224/250.

**Trap – International** – Nicholas Wiseman 232/250.

Australian Team selected for 2024 GLENN SHIELD – Lucas Furlan, Renae Jones, Molly Bretag. Reserves – Georgia Pistone, Oliver Zielezna, Jack Brandt.









Above from left: ISSF Skeet High Guns, Mens – Frank Morris, Womens – Aislin Jones, ISSF Trap High Guns, Womens – Laetisha Scanlan, Mens – James Willett

#### **TRAP**

In 2023 the Trap Nationals were conducted at the ACTA National Shooting Ground in Wagga Wagga. Running from the 14th to the 19th March, the weather was near perfect, but there were a couple of days where the temperature was close to 40 degrees.

The State Shoulder to Shoulder Teams Match resulted in the following: The winning Junior Team was Victoria, making up the team were Patterson Eeles, Oliver Zielezna and Harry Brown with a score of 73/75 – 216/225, from second placed Queensland, who also shot 216/225, but lost on count back.

Victoria took out the Ladies Team event with Liana De Carli, Kelly Coogan and Aimee Norris shooting 74/75 – 219/225, again placing Queensland into second place 74/75 – 215/225.

South Australian Veterans Ross Walsh, Craig Bentley and Max Medhurst 75/75 – 223/225 were two point winners over New South Wales shooting 74/75 – 221/225.

The Open section went to Western Australia with a great score of 125/125 – 370/375. Team

members Sam West, Sandra Moffatt, Eric Featherstone, Duncan Burnett and Cameron Browne triumphed over the Queensland Team who shot a combined 124/125 – 370/375.

With a change to the programming, the Double Barrel became the first event on the program. The Overall winner for the 70th National Double Barrel, sponsored by Beretta Australia: Dan Power 528/528.

**67th National Single Barrel**, sponsored by OTC/Promatic: Kim Nealon 114/114.

**60th ANZ Points Score**, sponsored by Power Ammo: Jason Griffin 351/351.

**20th National Deauville Doubles**, sponsored by Best Ballistic Equipment: Stewart Forbes and Mitchell Iles, 34/34.

**61st National Double Rise**, sponsored by Winchhester Australia: Martin Collumb, 108/110.

**72nd National Handicap**, sponsored by OSA: Lachlan Hannant shooting from 19m, 69/69.

81st National Champion of Champions, sponsored by Winchester Australia: Glenn Barton 150/150.

High Guns, sponsored by Casella Wines/Bronze Wing: Overall High Gun, Ben Woodhouse 775/790.

**Ladies High Gun**, Kelly Coogan 691/725.

**Sub Junior High Gun**, Dusty Dallas 677/725.

Junior High Gun, Jack Brandt 691/725.

Veteran High Gun, Darryn Nicholls 709/725.

Super Veteran High Gun (65+), Glen Castellaro 709/725.

**Mackintosh Team** event, sponsored by Winchester Australia:

Mackintosh Open Team High Gun. Arthur Turner 300/300.

Mackintosh Ladies Team High Gun, Kelly Coogan 292/300.

Mackintosh Junior Team High Gun. Oliver Zielezna 293/300.

Mackintosh Veteran Team High Gun (55-65) Steve Haberman 293/300.

Mackintosh Super Veteran Team High Gun (65+) Clyde Mitchell 302/306.



Overall High Gun Ben Woodhouse



Ladies High Gun Kelly Coogan



Junior High Gun Jack Brandt



Veteran High Gun Darryn Nicholls



#### **SKEET**

The Skeet Nationals preceded the Trap Nationals at the ACTA National Shooting Ground in Wagga Wagga, commenceing on March 5 and finished on the 11th. The Carnival attracted a strong field of over 150 shooters, all competing for National recognition. Many excellent scores were achieved.

2022 Overall event winners.

8th National Skeet 28 Gauge Championship sponsored by Power Ammo – David O'Sullivan 99/100.

8th National Skeet 410 Bore Championship sponsored by Power Ammo – David O'Sullivan 108/110

**23rd National Skeet Handicap** sponsored by Krieghoff – Michael Buttigieg 118/118.

**24th National Skeet 20 Gauge Championship** sponsored by Beretta Australia – David Muir 100/100.

**2023 Commonwealth Skeet Championship** sponsored by
Winchester Australia – Matthew
De Paoli 104/104.

53rd National Skeet

Championship sponsored by Clay & Hunt / Krieghoff – Michael Buttigieg 200/200.

**36th National Skeet Doubles Championship** sponsored by
On Target Sporting Arms – David
O'Sullivan 106/108.

15th National Skeet Champion of Champions sponsored by Perazzi Australia – Andy Peter (NZ) 99/100.

Graded High Guns

C Grade High Gun – Jack Bateson 412/450.

**B Grade High Gun** – Michael Kruger-Davis 421/450.

A Grade High Gun – Sarah Bennett 435/450.

**AA Grade High Gun** – Michael Buttigieg 444/450.

Sectional High Guns

Women's High Gun – Lorraine Hughes 440/450.

**Sub Junior High Gun** – Jack Bateson 412/450.

**Junior High Gun** – Francesco Buttigieg 426/450.

**Veteran High Gun** – John Tonkin (NZ) 425/450.

Overall High Gun Andy Peter (NZ) 446/450.

State Teams Match:

Junior – Victoria 68/75 Ladies – Victoria 70/75 Veterans – South Australia 73/75 Open – Victoria 247/250

Australian Glenn Trophy Team to represent Australia in 2024:

Michael Buttigieg, Matthew De Paoli, David O'Sullivan, Antony Ballarino and Lorraine Hughes.



Overall High Gun Andy Peter (NZ)



Ladies High Gun Lorraine Hughes



Junior High Gun Francesco Buttigieg



Veteran High Gun John Tonkin



#### **SPORTING**

This year saw almost a full field of competitors for each day of competition. Once again the event was held at the National Ground in Wagga Wagga, but unlike in the past, where the three day Championship was managed by the Wagga Gun Club, the ACTA assumed control. The event included the 2nd National ACTA Sportrap Championship, the Commonwealth 5 Stand Sporting Championship and the 5 Stand National Sporting Clays Championship. The High Guns over all three events determined the winners of the 28th National Sporting Clays Championship.

Under the directorship of David Coleman, Tournament Director, the competition was shot over 4 grounds, each having a variety of standard and exotic targets, many being referred to as quite technical.

2nd National Sportrap Championship of 100 targets: Overall – Adam Shale 96/100 Junior – Nate Palubiski 86/100 Ladies – Lyndall McNeil 78/100 Veterans – Barry Hall 84/100. 2023 Commonwealth 5 Stand Sporting Clays Championship:

Overall – Robert Hall 96/100 Junior – Nate Palubiski 82/100 Ladies – Bianca Norris 86/100 Veterans – Robert Yeo 89/100

## 2nd National 5 Stand Sporting Clays Championship:

Overall – Gavin Dyson 105/110 Junior – Nate Palubiski 89/100 Ladies – Lyndall McNeil 83/100 Veterans – Robert Yeo 90/100

## 28th ACTA National Sporting Clays Championship:

The Overall Champion was Robert Hall shooting a great combined score of 283/300.

Junior – Nate Palubiski 268/300 Ladies – Lyndall McNeil 250/310 Veterans – Robert Yeo 256/300.

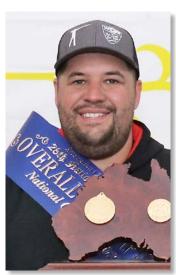
#### 3 Persons Club Team:

This year's winning Team of Jeremy Kent, Joseph Densley and Gavin Dyson representing the Mt Gambier CTC, for the second year in succession, shot a combined winning score of 530/600.

#### State Teams Match:

Six teams competed for the National Sporting Clays Bruce Hall Perpetual Trophy, which was again won this year by the Victorian Team.

Team members were Robert Hall, Frank Vella and Bill Zogogiannis who finished with a total combined score of 801/900.



Overall High Gun Robert Hall



Ladies High Gun Lyndall McNeil



Junior High Gun Nate Palubiski



Veteran High Gun Robert Yeo



#### **COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Victoria were again asked to host the ACTA's Commonwealth Titles Championships for 2023. Only 72 competitors made the trip to the State Shooting Ground at the Echuca Clay Target Club venue and enjoyed three days of competition, competing in six Commonwealth events, all being shot from the 18 metre mark except the Handicap.

Commonwealth Double Rise Championship - Overall Ashley Bolwell, 54/60, Horsham Vic.

Commonwealth Handicap - Overall Allen Cole 50/50, Numurkah/Shepparton Vic

Commonwealth Single Barrel Championship – Overall Wayne Hawker, 48/50, Bordertown SA.

Commonwealth Double Barrel Championship - Overall Clayton Anderson, 100/100, Hay NSW.

Commonwealth Points Score Championship - Overall Rob Anderson, 148/150, Hay NSW

Commonwealth Champion of Champions - Overall Clayton Anderson, 124/125, Hay NSW

Commonwealth High Guns -Overall Steve Trembath, Werribeee/ Victorian; AA Grade Clayton Anderson, Hay NSW; A Grade Marcus De Carli, Metro Vic; B Grade Tom Calwell, Melbourne Vic; C Grade Lincoln Brown, Hamilton Vic.

High Gun Sections -Ladies Megan Trembath, MCCGC Vic; Junior Marcus De Carli, Metro Vic; Sub Junior Lincoln Brown, Hamilton Vic; Veteran Rob Anderson, Hay NSW.







Section High Guns Veteran Rob Anderson, Ladies Megan Trembath, Junior Marcus De Carli & Sub Junior Lincoln Brown

## ACTA Awards

## PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL



Robert Hunter

## DOUG SMITH MEDALIST



Shane Stokes

## ADRIAN COUSENS MEDALIST



Jack Stockdale

