



## ANZAC RANGE, MALABAR

Five years ago the future of shooting at the Anzac Range looked bleak. Today the NSW Association has a new lease with the Commonwealth Government that secures access to the Anzac Range for the next 50 years and SSAA Sydney has been shooting at Anzac since August last year, under an agreement negotiated with the NSWRA.

### **SSAA Sydney access to Anzac Range**

On 8 August 2015 SSAA Sydney held an inaugural shoot on the Service Range at Malabar, inviting range officers from all of our Sydney ranges to attend. Thanks to the efforts of a hardworking team of volunteers our members now have access to the Anzac Range every Saturday and on the third Sunday of every month. We have the use of the Service Range, at distances varying from 100 metres to 300 metres, as well as the Horseshoe Range at 50m. Most shooting is from the prone position, we have three folding benches available, or the experienced shooter can shoot offhand at 50m or 100m.

We have club .22s and .223s available to members. Our new clubhouse, while far smaller than the old one, has a fantastic view right down the centre of the Service Range. It is in the middle of the first building on your left as you enter the range complex.

It takes a minimum of five people to run the range on Saturdays, and another 6 on top of that on Sundays, as on Sundays we run the whole headland and supply 4 picquets on the headland, another on the gate, and a roving Range Safety Officer in charge of safety across the whole complex. We have a great team, and are seeking to build up the numbers further so that we can increase the number of Sundays from one per month.

In July we will start offering the opportunity to shoot a Service Rifle competition on the third Sunday of the odd number months. We have the opportunity to use electronic targets for this match, which will be state of the art and make scoring so much easier. Watch our webpage and Facebook page for details as they become available.

Getting to this point has very much been a team effort, and many members of the team have performed Herculean tasks. Peter Thomson built 20 target frames, and a hand cart on which to move them. The quad bike that had been stored at Silverdale has been refurbished and returned to Anzac, and makes light work of hauling the cart. Jayson Noy then puts them in place. Michael Wozniak, Peter Thomson and James Walsh 4WD around the back tracks to do a headland clearance (looking for trespassers) in quick smart time. Shakir Kabbabe, Adam Ryan, Matt Murphy and others run the firing line. Cyril Peel feeds us all. Too many to name all of you – but THANK YOU to an effective and cohesive team.

If you haven't visited us yet - come on down and have a shot! If you have, then see you again soon....

Michael Wozniak & Pam Reeves  
Range Coordinator      Executive Officer

