



SECRETARY'S REPORT

June 2018

It is pleasing to advise that your current SSAA Sydney Branch Committee have the passion and energy to be a proactive voice for you.

THE COMMITTEE

Following on from the 2017 AGM we have had some changes with our committee which saw the resignation of long standing members and the introduction of some fresh faces and energetic people with experience and knowledge in areas proving to be beneficial on the committee.

The Constitution provides that casual vacancies are to be filled by appointment by the Committee. When the Committee appoints a person to fill a casual vacancy, the position is only filled until the next AGM where the position is up for election for the remainder of the term.

On the 10th July 2017 Mark Godwin resigned from the role of treasurer which created a casual vacancy. The committee voted (via secret ballot) to elect Adam Ryan to fill the casual vacancy on the 9th August 2017 in the role of treasurer for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM and will be up for election again in 2019 for a 3yr term.

Appointing Adam to the role of treasurer had a flow on effect which created a casual vacancy for an ordinary committee member. The branch put out a call for interest via our Facebook page, especially encouraging women to the committee. There was a good response which lead the committee to vote (via secret ballot) on the 22nd November 2017 to elect Kadeja Assaad to the position of an ordinary committee member for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM and will be up for election again in 2019 for a 3yr term.

On the 2nd of December 2017 Justin Sawell resigned from the committee creating another casual vacancy. The committee voted (via secret ballot) on the 28th February 2018 to elect Matt Murphy to the position of an ordinary committee member for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM for a 3yr term.

Jason Selmes resigned from his position on the committee on the 8th of March 2018 which also created a casual vacancy. The committee voted (via secret ballot) to elect Joseph Mete on the 28th March 2018 to the position of an ordinary committee member for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM for a 3yr term.

The committee would like to thank Mark Godwin, Justin Sawell and Jason Selmes for their work whilst on the committee.

I draw the attention of all candidates standing for election tonight to the constitutional provisions determining who is eligible to stand for election.



STAFF NEWS

Executive Officer:

Matthew Geracitano has been in the position of the Executive Officer since November 2016 and continually has proven to not only be a perfect fit for the role but exceed expectations and open the committee to proactive support and capable management of the work involved in the day to day operation of the branch.

Range Coordinator:

Kerry Barlogio remains in the position of Range Coordinator. Kerry commenced in February 2017 and coordinates the running of both the Holroyd range and the Anzac range where he is supported by the Anzac range manager Shakir Kabbabe. Kerry also supports both the Hornsby range which is managed by Pamela Reeves and the Silverdale range which is managed by Andy Mallen. Kerry has always been a great asset to all of our Sydney ranges.

Silverdale Range:

Luke Mumberson commenced his employment in the role of Senior Range Officer on 11th September 2017. Luke is a SSAA Sydney Branch member and brings significant experience in customer service and hospitality. Andy is extremely happy with Luke's reliability, level of professionalism and work ethic.



EVENTS

SSAA Sydney Ladies Shooting Program:

SSAA Sydney Branch has always been proactive in the introduction of new members to our sport. With a current focus being on introducing more women in particular, a new group was formed. In a largely male dominated sport, it can be quite daunting for women to feel comfortable.

In February 2018 we launched the SSAA Sydney Ladies Shooting Program which was driven by committee member Kadeja Assaad and backed by the Sydney Branch Committee. The focus of this group is to run events across all our Sydney branch ranges to introduce women to shooting by hosting try shooting events, assisting them with booking their licence test and hosting workshops for women. The future planning of this group will also include women's hunting trips, re-loading courses and training events.

In April 2018 the first Ladies Try Shooting Night was held at our Holroyd/Greystanes range where over 50 women were introduced to rifle shooting. A big thank you to all who helped make the night a success including all the volunteer range officers and range staff.

There was a huge response and interest in this night with over 200 people interested in taking part. It is now in the planning to host a Ladies Try Shooting Night at each of our ranges across Sydney as annual events.

If you would like to be involved in future events or know someone that is keen to get started please head over to our Facebook page **SSAA Sydney Ladies Shooting Program** and let us know.



COMMUNICATION

Communications with members:

Our Sydney Branch website **www.ssaasydney.net** and our Facebook page **SSAA Sydney** are the best way to keep an eye on what is happening. When it's necessary to get information out to our members quickly this is where it is posted. It is also where you will find information on range operating hours or special events. You may also sign up to receive our E-newsletters. To subscribe to our mailing list, please go to the bottom right hand corner of our website and fill out your details. Thank you to our executive officer, Matthew Geracitano, for maintaining all of these forums.

Communicating with your Committee:

The SSAA Sydney Branch Committee is here to represent you, the members. We occasionally hear behind the scenes that members are/aren't happy with the direction of the committee and have ideas and suggestions on what they would like to see. However, we barely hear from these members ourselves. We invite you to all be proactive in communicating with your branch committee. We can be contacted through our website as mentioned above and you can also private message us through the Facebook page.

Please contact us if you have anything you wish to discuss

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VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Appreciation Night:

Many of our volunteers and their partners attended our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Bankstown Sports Club in February to recognise their assistance to the Branch. Each range manager nominated one volunteer from each range to receive a special mention and a gift voucher.

Congratulations to:

Holroyd: Grant Pitman

ANZAC: Adam Jacob

Hornsby: Jim Davison

Silverdale: Paul McMurray

These volunteers gave over and above what is hoped of by a volunteer.

It is easy to take the organisation that goes into running a range for granted, members turn up to shoot without recognising that this is only possible through the generous donation of time and work of other members.

As always we continue to look for more members willing to volunteer as Range Officers, Safe Shooting Testing Officers, R licence testers, Match Coordinators and so on. If you hold a firearms license and wish to put some time back into the Association, please contact our Executive Officer to discuss where and how you can assist.

The SSAA Sydney Branch Committee are thankful for the hard work and time generously given by all the range managers, assistant range managers and volunteers that run these ranges.

Marianne Taranto

SSAA Sydney Branch Secretary

2017/2018 Meeting Attendances

Name	Position	Meetings Attended	Apologies/ Absent
James Walsh	President	8	2
Peter Thomson	SVP	10	
Les Gardner	JVP	8	2
Marianne Taranto	Secretary	9	1
Adam Ryan	Treasurer	10	
Matthew Geracitano	Executive Officer	9	1
Dave Billinghamurst	Committee Member	2	8
Steve Gabris	Committee Member	10	
Cheryl Sumbar	Committee Member	4	6
Shaun Bankowski	Committee Member	7	2
Shakir Kabbabe	Committee Member	9	1
Kadeja Assaad Casual Vacancy	Committee Member	4	2
Matt Murphy Casual Vacancy	Committee Member	3	
Joseph Mete Casual Vacancy	Committee Member	3	

Mark Godwin *	Treasurer	1	
Justin Sawell *	Committee Member	3	2
Jason Selmes *	Committee Member	5	2

* served for only part of the year