



SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report that the current SSAA Sydney Branch Committee have worked positively and productively throughout the year and have achieved many milestones on behalf of the members as seen in the president's report.

❖ YOUR COMMITTEE

Since last year's AGM there have been quite a few changes on your Committee.

Following the AGM, Alex Chryss resigned from the role of ordinary committee member on the 30th June 2016 due to personal reasons, which created a casual vacancy.

The next change to the committee was the resignation on the 31st December 2016 of the Senior Vice President, Simon Taranto, who has chosen to focus his time furthering his competitive shooting. This created a casual vacancy for the SVP role.

The committee thank both Alex and Simon all for their time and contribution whilst on the committee.

The Constitution provided that casual vacancies are to be filled by appointment by the Committee. The committee voted (via secret ballot) to fill the position of SVP. Peter Thomson was elected by the committee to fulfil the role of SVP for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM and will be up for election again in 2018 for a 3yr term.

The appointment of Peter Thomson then created a casual vacancy in the role of Junior Vice President. The committee voted (via secret ballot) to fill the position of JVP. Les Gardner was elected by the committee to fulfil the role of JVP for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM for a 3yr term.

The appointment of Les Gardner to the role of JVP then created a casual vacancy in the role of an ordinary committee member.

On the 22nd February 2017 the committee elected Steve Gabris to fulfil a casual vacancy in the role of ordinary committee member for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM.

On the 22nd March 2017 the committee elected Justin Sawell to fulfil the final remaining casual vacancy in the role of ordinary committee member for the remainder of the casual vacancy which will be filled by ballot at this AGM.

Under the new constitution, when the Committee appoints a person to fill a casual vacancy, the position is up for election at the next General meeting. While the term of office for the positions to which Steve Gabris, Justin Sawell, JVP and SVP expire in various years, they were filled as casual vacancies and the positions deemed vacant. Therefore the positions will be filled by ballot at this AGM.

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:

Firstly we would like to acknowledge our previous Executive Officer Pamela Reeves who resigned from the role effective on the 27th January 2017. With this resignation, the branch started the recruitment process and happily employed Matthew Geracitano who commenced working with the branch on the 21st November 2016. Pam and Matthew worked together for a few months during the handover period and since then, Matthew has undoubtedly taken to the role like a duck to water and the committee has felt a great confidence in the work Matthew has done to date.

The Committee would like to thank Pam for her years of service whilst on the committee as an ordinary committee member, the secretary and more recently the Executive Officer.

Range Coordinator:

Michael Wozniak resigned from the role of range coordinator earlier this year and the branch welcomed Kerry Barlogio to the role. Kerry commenced in February 2017 and worked closely with Michael in the handover of the position. The role of the range coordinator is the running of the ANZAC Range and to support the Range Managers at Hornsby and Holroyd and assist with any of our Sydney branch ranges when the need arose.

The committee would like to thank Michael Wozniak for his work in this role.

Holroyd Range:

With sadness we received the resignation of Chris Deluca earlier this year. Chris has been a pivotal part of the Holroyd range and the Sydney branch committee for many many years. Whilst Chris will always be part of the family at SSAA Sydney, family always comes first and the branch supports both his and his wife's decision to move and be closer to their family.

The Holroyd range will never be the same without them and with big shoes to fill, the committee appointed Kerry Barlogio, our new range coordinator, to manage the Holroyd range. Kerry has been working closely with the team of RO's and we thanks them all for a smooth transition.

The committee cannot thank enough both Chris and Marlies for their dedication to the Holroyd range and the branch.

Silverdale Range:

We recently received the resignation of Fred Blacker from the role of Senior Range Officer at our Silverdale Range. The branch is currently recruiting for a suitable replacement. We would like to thank the range manager Andy Mallen, the casual range staff and our range coordinator Kerry Barlogio for stepping in and taking some extra shifts in the meantime.

We thank Fred for his work and wish him luck with his new role.

Hornsby Range:

Robert Bernard resigned from the role of Range Manager at our Hornsby range effective in December 2016. Peter Downey also stepped down as deputy range manager. Pam Reeves volunteered to take over the role as Hornsby Range Manager and we thank Pam for work in this voluntary role.

We thank both Robert and Peter for the work in previous years.

❖ COMMUNICATION**Communications with members:**

Our 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

Thanking our volunteers:

Many of our volunteers and their partners attended our now annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Bankstown Sports Club in February to recognise their assistance to the Branch. The Committee gave each range manager the hard task of nominating one volunteer from each range to receive a special mention and a gift voucher. Congratulations to Robert Bernard – Hornsby Range, Syd Lampe – Silverdale Range, John Olivieri – Holroyd Range and Cyril Peel – ANZAC Range. These volunteers gave over and above what is hoped of 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Taranto', written in black ink.

SSAA Sydney Branch Secretary

2016/17 Meeting Attendances

Name	Position	Meetings Attended	Apologies/ Absent
James Walsh	President	11	1
Peter Thomson	SVP casual vacancy	12	
Les Gardner	JVP casual vacancy	11	1
Marianne Taranto	Secretary	12	
Mark Godwin	Treasurer	11	1
Pam Reeves*	Executive Officer	8	
Matthew Geracitano	Executive Officer	5	
Dave Billinghamurst	Committee Member	11	1
Jason Selmes	Committee Member	7	4
Steve Sori	Committee Member	12	
Cheryl Sumbar	Committee Member	7	5
Adam Ryan	Committee Member	11	1
Shakir Kabbabe	Committee Member	9	3
Justin Luke Sawell	Committee Member Casual Vacancy	1	1
Steve Gabris	Committee Member Casual Vacancy	3	
Simon Taranto*	SVP	6	1

* served for only part of the year