

West Australian Rifle Association Inc.

PO Box 1559 WANGARA DC, WA 6910

Tel: 0427 265 865

ABN: 38 425 252 091

Web: www.wara.asn.au

WA Firearms Dealer's Lic. No.: 9993669

Email: eo@wara.asn.au



To all members of the West Australian Rifle Association Inc.,

Over the past few weeks, members of Council and I have had to make some difficult decisions regarding our sport. As the government imposed stricter measures to stem the Covid-19 virus spread, we were forced to postpone DRA shooting events. Within a week, all shooting events, this included club shooting, had to be cancelled. At the moment all club-based shooting is forbidden under the government guidelines. Also, all gun shops in WA have been closed, this includes the WARA shop. Orders can still be placed by email but cannot be processed.

With our EO Sarah Hoglin, as the shop is now closed, Council is looking to reduce Sarah's hours back to approximately 16 hours per week. Currently, Sarah's main task at present is to get out membership lists to all clubs, payment collection and banking, etc. Once the restrictions have been lifted with the shop, Sarah will be processing all previous orders. Sarah will also be keeping a close eye on the facilities at Pinjar range and monitoring alarms and running equipment as necessary. In addition, we are looking at getting quotes to get the online shop established and trying to get it up and running for when we are able to start shooting again. This will be done if approved by Council

Sarah will still be available for phone calls and emails, but with a reduction in hours, you will however need to be patient.

Our membership fees are due at the end of June. It would be greatly appreciated if you could all see your way to pay and still be a part of our beloved sport. By maintaining your WARA membership, you will be providing critical support to your club and district as well as the national body to enable them all to get through these tough times.

When the government lifts the restriction on sports events, we will return to the range. However, there may be changes to the way we carry out our sport, for the health of our members.

Once Council has advice on this, all clubs will be informed immediately so you can get on with shooting.

The council will make a decision on the conduct of the 2020 WARA Queens prize meeting by the end of June, or at the latest mid-July

Once shooting has commenced, I would like to see if the DRA prize meetings that have been postponed can be rescheduled.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families the best of health and stay safe.

Regards,

Wayne Oldfield
Acting WARA Chairman

West Australian Rifle Association Inc.

PO Box 1559 WANGARA DC, WA 6910

Tel: 0427 265 865

ABN: 38 425 252 091

Web: www.wara.asn.au

WA Firearms Dealer's Lic. No.: 9993669

Email: eo@wara.asn.au



WARA Affiliation Fees

As an association we have already taken action to minimize the expenses that we have control over, both in Pinjar running costs and the WARA Office, but there are also many other costs that are either fixed or have already been incurred in the current financial year.

While there have been several Government initiatives announced and we have already registered for these, we do not know how much we will receive or indeed if we will even be considered eligible for this assistance.

Given the uncertainties we are facing it is very difficult to project what our financial requirements will be over the next Twelve to Eighteen months.

I believe that it would be prudent to leave the affiliation fees for the financial year 20/21 as was determined at the February Council meeting, with the proviso that if we are able to weather the storm, that we will offer a reduction of affiliation fees in 21/22 for those who have maintained their membership.

Regards,

Ian Syme

WARA Treasurer