



### President's Message

It's that time of year for many when we slow down, pause and reflect on the year's events. And for SSAA Queensland it has been a year of building on the foundation laid by presidents, committee members and volunteers of years past.

We have continued to acquire new properties to expand our shooting range network across the state, further develop existing ranges and assist in the funding of clubs.

Our Deporte Mutual firearms protection take-up by members has grown exponentially and Deporte continues to offer public liability and protection for members to shoot at home and interstate.

Our membership database restructure, ensuring your information is secure and well managed by us, won a nationally recognised award and members can now update their details online instantly themselves.

This year, at the Association's annual general meeting, the delegates voted overwhelmingly to continue to build our own identity and explore additional member benefits in areas such as media, be it a revitalised website, newsletters and e-newsletters like this one, and to be self-reliant in political and industry lobbying.

Obviously, if you are reading this, you know the e-newsletters are now being issued monthly. We have gone even further than putting together an e-newsletter and have published our first edition of *The Report* magazine, which will be printed in February. Also, a rebuild of our [website](#) is only days away from being launched.

We now have a physical pass to enter Federal Parliament in Canberra and of course we continue to lobby at the state government level fighting bad laws and protecting your freedoms to shoot and hunt.

As I indicated at the beginning of this message, this has been made possible due to the efforts and vision of those volunteers before us, who laid the foundation of your Association. I thank them and also thank today's committee members of our 75 branches and many club volunteers. Without you we would not be in the strong position we are in today. Until next year...

Safe shooting.

**Hellen Gill**

SSAA Queensland President

# Croc gets helping hand with dinner

The David Fleay Wildlife Park on the Gold Coast has just welcomed a new star attraction — Frisby, a 4.3-metre male crocodile from Rockhampton, who has joined the park’s resident crocodile, Madonna, following the loss of her longtime companion, Mojo. This exciting addition not only enhances the park’s educational and tourism offerings but also strengthens conservation messages.

To support Frisby’s diet, which typically includes wild boar, the park has reached out to SSAA Queensland’s Conservation and Wildlife Management subscribers, inviting them to donate ethically sourced meat. This partnership offers a sustainable solution to managing local pest species while supporting the dietary needs of a large predator in a responsible way.

With an adult crocodile requiring between four to nine kilograms of food daily during summer, this collaboration helps highlight the



importance of teamwork in conservation. Visitors can come and meet Frisby and Madonna at David Fleay Wildlife Park, which is open seven days a week - an experience that brings them face-to-face with Queensland’s remarkable wildlife and the stories behind their conservation across Queensland. Ticket entry applies.

## Half-price tickets for sporting shooters this December

Members of SSAA Queensland can get **half-price tickets** to the David Fleay Wildlife Park on the Gold Coast this December.

To book [online](#) use the use the promo code SSAAQ122024. If you want to buy the tickets at the gate, take a picture of this story and tell them the offer was in the e-newsletter. 🎯

# 2024 State Discipline Chairmen's Meeting – *planning for tomorrow*


Queensland's Captains Mountain Shooting Complex near Millmerran was home to the 2024 State Discipline Chairmen's (SDCs) Meeting in November.



Lead by Queensland Discipline Coordinator Greg Reimer, the weekend was an opportunity for the SDCs to share discipline news, ideas, review rulebooks, discuss changes or concerns about their shooting disciplines and overall benefit from the wealth of shooting knowledge among the representatives.

State championship dates and venues were also decided as were other important decisions.

SDCs have numerous responsibilities, including overseeing travel and competition reimbursements, assisting with rule enforcement, protests and deliberations, revising rulebooks, ordering and maintaining SSAA approved targets and medals, overseeing discipline budgets, serving as the point of contact for clubs and competitors, promoting state championships and communicating results. Coordinators also promote their sport with stories in this e-newsletter and now our very own magazine, *The Report*.

Their roles are vital for the continued success of our SSAA Queensland disciplines. 



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