



SSAA QUEENSLAND

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President's Message

Promotion and advocacy of the shooting sports comes in a variety of forms but there is nothing like promotion at the local club level to introduce newcomers to our recreation.

Our [Mackay](#) branch at the Brightly Shooting Complex and [Townsville](#) branch at the Hervey Range Shooting Complex are doing just that, hosting come and try days this month.

The Mackay event will host rifle, shotgun and handgun shoots for the whole family where Townsville is focusing its try shooting for women and girls. Experienced club members and volunteers will be on site to assist with the smooth running of the events and ensure a safe and fun day at the ranges.

I congratulate the members for their initiative and wish them all the best. If your club has considered hosting a try shooting day but are unsure as to how to set it up why not get in touch with clubs like Townsville or Mackay to get some insight into how they put on the event?

At the national advocacy end of things, we have been busy discussing the construction of the National Firearms Register through our management of the Australian Shooters Alliance (ASA). As we have previously talked about, we established the ASA so that we can independently lobby and liaise with the Federal Government and even participate at the international level with likeminded overseas shooting organisations.

This week we met with Canberra's Federal Attorney-General's Department and its firearms policy bureaucrats to discuss how the four-year construction phase will be implemented and what it means to states' firearm databases and of course, you, the licensed shooter. More than \$160 million has been allocated to the project and almost \$30 million to enhance a universal firearm identification scheme. We raised our concerns about ensuring privacy of licensed shooters and also that policing should be just as concerned about unregistered and illegally manufactured firearms. We will continue to liaise with the Federal Government on the National Firearms Register and write about our discussions in future editions of [The Report](#) magazine.

While other wannabe shooting organisations, often little more than grumpy Facebook sites spread rumours, such as the now disproven large firearm calibre ban, we will focus on the real issues.

At the club level and at the national level, we continue to advocate for the shooting sports.

Safe shooting.

Hellen Gill

SSAA Queensland President



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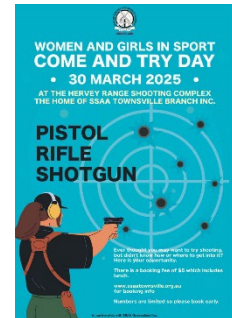
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SSAA Mackay and Townsville offer shooting days for the public

Both SSAA Mackay and SSAA Townsville are warmly inviting people to come and give sports shooting a go. Choose from handgun, rifle or shotgun disciplines and see which style of shooting suits you best. Experienced club members will be on site to assist and offer great advice, ensuring you and your friends and family experience a great, safe day at the range.



Details:

SSAA Mackay: Family Open Day

- Where: Brightly Shooting Complex
- When: March 30, 2025
- Cost: Free, including sausage sizzle lunch
- Entry information: mackay@ssaamackay.org.au

SSAA Townsville: A special Women and Girls in Sport event, intended for women and girls to try shooting

- Where: Hervey Range Shooting Complex
- When: March 30, 2025
- Cost: \$5/entry fee, including lunch
- Entry details: ssaatownsville.org.au

For full details see saaqlld.org.au/category/news/ 

2025 SSAA Queensland State and National Shooting Championships

Competitors, mark your calendars! Most of the dates and venues for Queensland state and national competitions for 2025 have been set. These competitions are great for both new and seasoned shooters. They are fun events at which to meet new people and learn more about your chosen discipline. Visit saaqlld.org.au/discipline for more specific information.

- Action Pistol: SSAA Bundaberg, July 5-6
- Air Rifle: SSAA Townsville, May 16-18
- Big Game Rifle: SSAA Ipswich, August 30-31
- Cannon: SSAA Ipswich @ Captains Mountain, July 5
- Combined Services: SSAA Townsville, May 3-5
- Lever Action Silhouette: SSAA Bundaberg, May 3-4

- Field Rifle 4P/3P: SSAA Fraser Coast, August 15-17
- Gallery Rifle: SSAA Ipswich, May 17-18
- Juniors: SSAA Tin Can Bay, July 5-6
- Lever Action: SSAA Sunshine Coast, August 30-31
- Long Range Precision: SSAA Luna @ Captains Mountain, May 23-25
- Muzzleloading: SSAA Eidsvold, July 24-27
- Rendezvous: SSAA Ipswich, May 3-5
- Rifle Silhouette: SSAA Brisbane, October 3-6
- Single Action: SSAA Gladstone, May 1-4
- IHMSA: SSAA Brisbane, August 7-10
- NRA Pistol Silhouette: SSAA Bundaberg, May 15-18
- Target Pistol: SSAA Bundaberg, August 2-3
- United Field and Retrieving SE Qld: September 27-28

Nationals in Queensland

- Action Match: SSAA Bundaberg, September 19-21
- Air Rifle: SSAA Tin Can Bay, September 26-28
- Benchrest (Groups & Score): SSAA Springsure @ Captains Mountain, April 18-23
- Field Rifle: SSAA Gladstone, April 18-21
- Long Range Precision: SSAA Luna @ Captains Mountain, August 29-31
- Muzzleloading: SSAA Townsville, April 18-21
- Fly Shoot: SSAA Brisbane, August 30 – September 1
- Rimfire BR: SSAA Springsure @ Captains Mountain, June 20-25

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