



President's Message

I am thrilled to announce that *The Report* magazine is now the official publication of SSAA Queensland and, as of July, will be produced 11 times a year. The magazine will be available to all Queensland members and distributed throughout the country.

This marks a homecoming of magazine production for us, with the first Queensland Association magazine being printed in 1962, before a national journal was created with the input of our own editor Gordon Nelis in the early 1970s. The magazine went through a few changes in name; first the *Australian Shooter* and then the *Australian Shooters Journal* till in 2000 the name was changed back to the *Australian Shooter* magazine by its longest serving editor Tim Bannister. Tim and the same key team colleagues that produced the *Australian Shooter* now work for SSAA Queensland and turned their experience to publishing *The Report* magazine. Queensland members will now receive *The Report* magazine, not the *Australian Shooter*, but can expect the same high-quality stories and reviews on the shooting sports and hunting that they have in the past.

Shooting and hunting laws and regulations have always been state specific, but ironically, the introduction of the National Firearms Agreement (NFA) in the late 1990s saw states interpret the laws and multiple regulations in different ways. It became harder to communicate firearm laws to our members through a national magazine, as there are eight states and territories in Australia. This was a key factor in SSAA Queensland deciding to return to producing its own magazine so that we can write about state specific matters that are relevant to our 80,000 members.

While a Queensland-based magazine will overcome those obstacles, the stories will no doubt appeal to readers country wide.

I'd also like to make mention of the behind-the-scenes work of our administrative staff in Ipswich HQ. They are the ones ensuring your membership is up to date and provide you with the services you receive with your SSAA Queensland membership. They also work with our many branch committee members and volunteers. As we now process our own membership and communications, their workload has of course increased, but they have successfully risen to the challenges.

It's an exciting time for SSAA Queensland.

Safe shooting.

Hellen Gill

SSAA Queensland President

2025 SSAA Queensland State, National, Open and Postal Shoot calendar

State Championships in Queensland

- Action Pistol: SSAA Bundaberg, July 5-6
- Fly: SSAA Innisfail, 5-6 July
- Big Game Rifle: SSAA Ipswich, August 30-31
- Cannon: SSAA Ipswich at Captains Mountain, July 5
- Lever Action Silhouette: SSAA Bundaberg, September 6-7
- Field Rifle 4P/3P: SSAA Fraser Coast, August 15-17
- Juniors: SSAA Tin Can Bay, July 5-6
- Lever Action: SSAA Sunshine Coast, September 6-7
- Long Range Precision: SSAA Luna at Captains Mountain, May 23-25
- Muzzleloading: SSAA Eidsvold, July 24-27
- Rifle Silhouette: SSAA Brisbane, October 3-6
- 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
- Fly Shoot: SSAA Brisbane, August 30 – September 1
- Long Range Precision: SSAA Luna @ Captains Mountain, August 29-31
- Rimfire BR: SSAA Springsure at Captains Mountain, June 20-25
- Single Action: Chisholm Trail at Captains Mountain, September 28 – October 5

Open Shoots in Queensland

- Rendezvous: Captains Mountain, July

Postal Shoots

- Muzzleloading: July 1- December 31
- Muzzleloading: Pacific Zone Postal Shoot, July 1 – September 3 



SSAA Queensland


Member Exclusive Deals – offers just keep getting better

As promised, we've added three more industry partners to our SSAA Queensland Member Exclusive Deals offering – Dog & Gun Coffee, RMK Leather Works Australia and Strikehold. We are doing our best to help you keep more cash in your pockets!

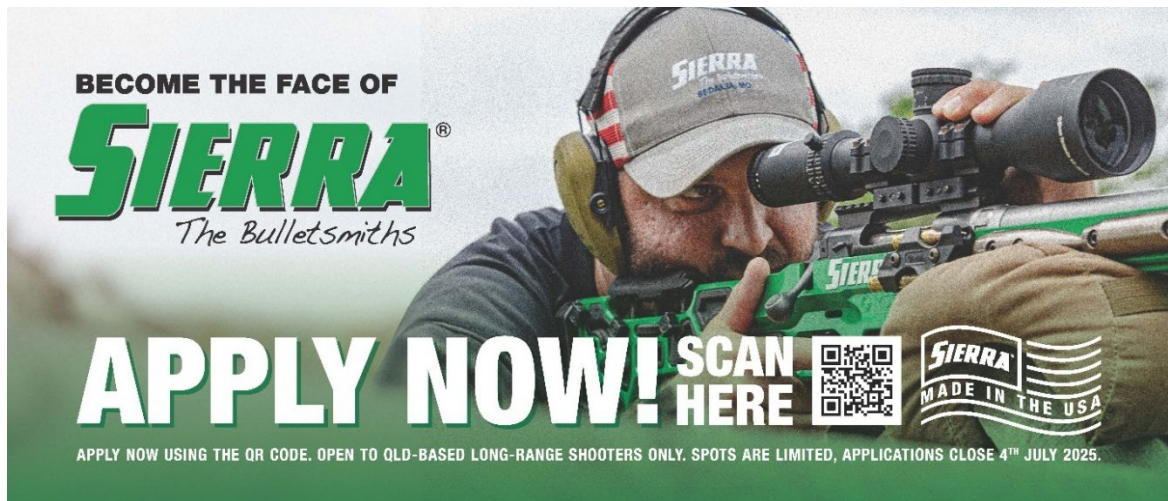
Visit [SSAA Queensland Member Exclusive Deals Archives - SSAA Queensland](#) to see offers from:

- Dog & Gun Coffee (15% off)
- KnifeShop (15% off)
- Ozzie Toy Haulers (10% off)
- PH8 Water (15% off)
- QLD Shooters Supplies (10% off)
- RMK Leather Works Australia (15% off)
- Rugged 4x4 (10% off)
- Stony Creek Campers (\$1,000 discount)
- Strikehold (10% off).

Be sure to take advantage of these great deals. Or, if you are a business and want to offer something to SSAA Queensland's 80,000 members, email Karoline Wasiak (karoline.wasiak@ssaaqld.org.au) **Remember, support those who support us!**

Click [here](#) to see the full details of the great deals. 

SSAA Queensland Member Exclusive Deals



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Minister says trust is a must


Open communication and trust between the Queensland Police Service and the firearms community have been highlighted as a priority by new Police Minister Dan Purdie.

The Minister met with SSAA Queensland's General Manager Bob Green and Executive Director Tim Bannister to discuss various issues affecting licensed shooters, including administrative overreach in recreation/hunting licence renewals, misinterpretation of power factor and large calibre limitations particularly in relation to permits to acquire, SSAA range approval renewals, firearms storage requirements and the recently launched, poorly named Operation Whiskey Firestorm.

Various members of his senior staff attended in addition to a senior advisor to Premier Crisafulli.

"I will look forward to working constructively with the SSAA and meeting many of you over the exciting year ahead!" Minister Purdie said.

It was a positive meeting and General Manager Bob Green said he would continue to convey member's concerns to both Queensland Weapons Licensing Group and the Minister.

We invited the Minister to issue a statement to the membership, which will be published in the August edition of *The Report* magazine. 

Licences and weapons in Queensland

As at 02/06/2025, in Queensland there are -

Issued licences: 228,432

Licenseses: 207,371

Total number of registered weapons: 1,101,576

Competition

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Industry news

SSAA Queensland's website has a dedicated section to feature interesting news from the firearms industry. Recently, we've highlighted Benelli and Beretta's search for three standout individuals in the Australian shooting community to join their family; Dog & Gun is looking for a high performer to lead marketing across their growing portfolio of outdoor brands and the latest news of note is that Patriot Campers is on the hunt for a high-end product sales specialist.

Exciting things are happening in our industry. Don't be the last to know the news...keep on top of things by visiting [Industry News Archives - SSAA Queensland](#). 

The Report

If you missed June's issue of *The Report*, you can catch up on all the great content [here](#). Highlights from this issue include:

- Chasing chital leads to new challenge
- A history of shotgun targets – from birds of the past to clays of today
- Leupold's BX-4 Range HD Binoculars.

And for fun snippets throughout your day, check out our [Instagram](#) page. 