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President's Message

SSAA Queensland continues to stay in contact with the Queensland State Police Minister's Office and the Weapons Licensing Group. Currently there are no specifics about any changes to firearms laws in the state nor have any been drafted.

We welcome Premier Crisafulli's recent public comments after the Bondi terrorist attack. Premier Crisafulli has been cautious about endorsing any future changes to firearm laws and said they will be considered in a "proper and considered way".

Prior to Christmas, the Labor Opposition called on the government to implement changes to the state's firearm laws after the recommendations from the Wieambilla murders coroner's report was released. Police Minister Dan Purdie rejected the call and said they would "closely consider" all findings and recommendations.

We applaud the government's cautiousness in these matters, and we will continue to engage to ensure there are not any unintended consequences of rushed legislation as we have witnessed in New South Wales.


The Federal Parliament is due to be recalled early next week to debate the Combating Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill restricting hate speech as well as a national gun buyback scheme and stricter firearm import controls.

The fact that the unrelated policy areas have been thrown into the same Bill is, no doubt, an attempt to ram the legislation through without proper debate or amendments. The states have also made it clear they are not happy to be asked to pay for half the firearm buyback costs, and no detail has been provided about what a buyback would capture, be it parts, unwanted firearms, heirlooms, etc. It is our position that the terrorists should never have had access to firearms let alone a firearms licence. Notwithstanding the culprits guilt and responsibility, a buyback and any major changes to firearm laws are simply a cynical distraction from authorities' failures leading up to the terrorist attack. Firearms owners are being used as a scapegoat and we are cynical of their motives.

Please continue to read our e-newsletters and *The Report* magazine and visit the SSAA Queensland website and [SSAA Queensland | Facebook](#) page for more information and pass that on to the members of your clubs.

Membership Renewals - Urgent

Members: Please ensure you are renewing your SSAA Queensland membership through the SSAA Queensland website (ssaaqld.org.au/membership/) or if in doubt call *our* office on 07 3492 9237. Do not attempt to renew your membership through the SSAA Inc website, as this will sign you up to a South Australian company called the Queensland Hunting & Shooting (QHS) club that *doesn't* qualify as a genuine reason for a firearms licence in Queensland or allow access to our clubs and ranges. If you have been tricked and have joined QHS call the SSAA Inc membership office and demand a refund. Call 02 8805 3900.

Jeff Ross - President SSAA Queensland 

Firearm laws don't prevent terrorism

And four rules to remember after the act

By Tim Bannister


Rule 1: The perpetrators are always the ones responsible for their murderous actions.

Rule 2: Rarely does the event happen in isolation. There is almost always a trail of historical indicators leading up to the event and a series of officials' mistakes and maladministration.

Rule 3: The officials will always seek to cover up their mistakes as governments attempt to introduce new laws that are a display to the public that 'they are taking urgent action'.

Rule 4: Kneejerk reactions always end up with poor public policy decisions and unintended consequences.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Not since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 have we seen a more disingenuous, untruthful and dishonest display from government during a national crisis. State Labor Governments closed gun stores, told the media that shooters were hoarding firearms and ammunition and they feared chaos on the streets. None of it was true and it put on display how dishonest and uniformed a government can be. And now after the December 2025 Bondi terrorist attack on Australian Jews by antisemitic Islamic extremists, the answer is to change the firearms laws? Even former Prime Minister John Howard, who declared after the 1996 gun buyback that 'he hated guns', couldn't bring himself to agree that we needed further firearm laws. He could see that it was being used as a distraction, rather than agreeing to holding a Royal Commission to publicly examine the government's and other's actions leading up to the crime.

Click [here](#) to read the full article. 



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Successful applicants may be interviewed for *The Report* magazine or SSAA Queensland's website or e-newsletter.

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SSAA Queensland – back on Facebook




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And if you need to contact us, of course you can ring the state office on 07 3281 3447 or send an email to enquiry@ssaaqld.org.au 

Competition

A promotional banner for a competition. The background is a dark red, textured surface. On the left is a black Yeti drink bottle with 'THE REPORT MAGAZINE' printed on it. On the right is a black baseball cap with 'THE REPORT MAGAZINE' printed on it. In the center, the word 'WIN' is written in large, bold, white letters inside a gold-bordered box. Two gold arrows point from the 'WIN' box towards the bottle and the cap. Below the 'WIN' box, the text 'A 769 ML THE REPORT MAGAZINE BRANDED YETI DRINK BOTTLE AND CAP!' is written in gold. At the bottom, 'ENTER NOW' is written in large, bold, white letters. In the top right corner, 'Value at \$94.95' is written in white.

*Click [here](#) to enter. Prize valued at \$94.95. Competition closes January 31. 




The Report – Your February issue is on the way!

February's issue of *The Report* is in the works. Expect its usual great content and advertisements, including:

- Focus on juniors
- Mauser musings
- New series from heralded author and military historian Tom Lewis. See below for his bio.



Military historian, public speaker, author of 25 books, and a retired naval officer, Dr Tom Lewis received the Order of Australian Medal (OAM) for services to naval history. He served in the Iraq War in 2006 as an Intelligence Analyst, and also saw Defence work in East Timor. He is an expert on World War II, especially in the Pacific, but has also written in areas including medieval battle, and the reality of battlefield behaviour. He has worked as a divemaster, high school teacher, and journalist. His latest books are *Cyclone Warriors – the Armed Forces in Cyclone Tracy*; *The Secret Submarine*, revealing the RAAF's sinking of the Japanese *I-178* off Sydney in 1943, and *Australia's Coastal War*, which brings together all of the submarine, surface, and air attacks around WWII Australia. *The Sinking of HMAS Sydney* has just won the 2024 Australian Naval Institute's Commodore Sam Bateman Book Prize. 

‘A Stitch in Time Saves Nine’ – Opportune Time for Feral Pig Action: Katter

Landholders are the kings of practical actions that make the most of any situation, The Katter's Australian Party (KAP) Leader, and Member for Traeger has said.

Mr Katter toured extensively through the flood ravaged areas of Traeger over the last four days.

“I was in a grazier's chopper being shown around, and he made the clear observation that like the surviving cattle, wild pigs are corralling on the islands that have formed in the inland sea that is the flood water,” the KAP Leader said.

“While the flood water presents many challenges, one opportunity would be for real and effective management of the feral pig numbers throughout the Gulf,” Mr Katter said.

“These pigs are sitting ducks and would be effectively controlled by a trained aerial shooter.

“A bit of bush ingenuity and lateral thinking goes a long way, and I've called the Agriculture Minister to recommend this practical and cost-effective action,” the Member for Traeger said.

Mr Katter has been told a trained aerial shooter would be able to make a significant impact on pig numbers in the Gulf region in a matter of days.

“Pig numbers were on the rise before this flood with a decent season beforehand, and once the flood recedes, numbers will only explode,” Mr Katter said.

“Opportunities like this thankfully don’t present themselves very often, but when they do, it’s beholden on the Government and the Departments to take affirmative action and make the most of it.

“Feral pigs are a massive problem causing millions of dollars in damage and lost production, as well as a vector for dangerous and destructive animal diseases.

“If I were tasked with biosecurity actions and controls, like the Government is, I’d much rather spend targeted funds on a near-guaranteed success rate, than pursuing standard methods of trapping and bush hunting!

“It’s high time Government shows Queensland it can walk and chew gum, and get onto this opportunity, because any funds spent now will pay off in spades once the flood waters go down,” Mr Katter said.

Feral pigs cost Australian Agriculture more than \$156 million per year in management and losses.

During the last published estimate in 2021, the Queensland Government reported pig numbers to be more than 2.3 million in Queensland. 

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2026 SSAA QLD State and National Championships Calendar - Tentative

- Action Pistols, Bundaberg, July 10-12
- Air Rifle, Tin Can Bay, March
- Big Game Rifle, Eidsvold, August 21-23
- Cannon, Fraser Coast at Open Rendy, July 4
- Combined Services, Eidsvold, May 2-4
- Lever Action Silhouette, Townsville, May 2-4
- Field Rifle 4P/3P, Warwick, August 14-16
- Gallery Rifle, Clermont, April 18-19
- Juniors, Captains Mountain, July 4-5
- Lever Action, Townsville, September 5-6
- Long Range Precision, Luna at Captains Mountain May 29-31
- Rendezvous, Ipswich, May 2-4
- Rifle Silhouette, Brisbane, October 3-5
- Shotgun, Stewartdale, July 17-19
- Single Action, Gladstone, April 30 – May 4
- NRA Pistol Silhouette, Mackay, May 21-24
- Target Pistol, Bowen, August 8-9
- United Field & Retrieving, Stewartdale, August 27-29
- SDC Meeting, Captains Mountain, Nov 14-15
- QLD AGM, Captains Mountain, September 12-13
- Single Action, Captains Mountain, October 26 