



SSAAQUEENSLAND

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President's Message

Membership and misinformation

Some members believe that when they were paying membership to SSAA National (SSAA Inc), that they were members of National. This is far from the truth.

Let's go back in history and look at where it started. SSAA Queensland was formed in 1957. And in 1962 a meeting was held with SSAA Queensland, SSAA New South Wales and SSAA Victoria. This meeting was the birth of SSAA National, but it took until the early 70s for all states and territories to come onboard.


Around 1973, SSAA National started doing the memberships for each individual state/territory. It became a service provider to the states, so when you paid your money to National, it would process your membership and send the cards out. This carried on until recently, when data breaches became more of an issue and so SSAA Queensland started processing your membership - *your Queensland membership*. It turned out it was better for Queensland to do this along with some other services, and so your membership cards are sent by SSAA Queensland, and you are, and always have been, a member of SSAA Queensland.

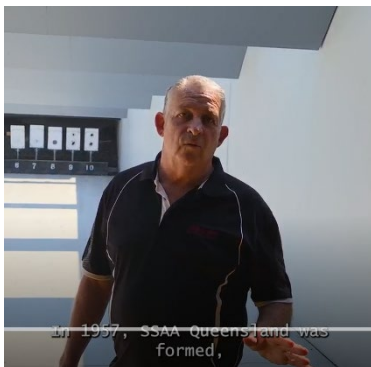
Recently, SSAA National formed a company. It's a South Australian company and one arm of it is Queensland Hunting and Shooting. It put a link on its website to make you think you were joining SSAA Queensland but really you joined Queensland Hunting and Shooting (QHS). So, on your membership card if you have a 'H' on it instead of a 'Q' and you didn't intentionally join QHS, you were tricked into joining it.

At present it does not have a genuine reason for a firearms licence in Queensland. You should be seeking a refund. We would also love to hear from you.

Plus, if other people or branches are spruiking QHS, we would love to have their names and hear from you.

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Jeff Ross - President SSAA Queensland 



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Fuel crisis hits shooters

By Ted Springs



The ongoing fuel crisis is biting for shooters across Queensland. With many shooters and hunters based in regional areas, and most activities requiring travel, rising fuel costs and uncertainty around supply are beginning to impact participation.

Some state championships have already been postponed, particularly those scheduled at more remote branches. If the situation continues, SSAA Queensland may need to think strategically about where major events are held. One option is to favour more central locations to make travel easier for the greatest number of competitors and reduce the risk of fuel shortages.

Hunters are also feeling the effects. Members have reported cutting back on trips or staying closer to home, with some deciding it is simply not worth the risk or cost to travel long distances.

“People are having to decide which shoots they really want to do and maybe skip some others. Even though Queenslanders are used to long distances, some people are definitely feeling it more, especially those up north,” said SSAA Queensland General Manager Bob Green.

While rising prices are a factor, fuel security is emerging as just as much of a concern.

“A few people have dropped out of shoots, not because of the cost, but it was the fuel security. People aren’t sure if they will be able to fill up again when they go to a regional place,” said Mick Norris, SSAA Queensland Senior Vice President (Northern Region Development). “The price is a concern, but the fuel security is a very serious issue.”


One example can be seen with this year’s Queensland State Championships for Single Action Shooting, which will be held at Gladstone. While fuel availability is less of a concern in a larger regional centre, many competitors will still be travelling more than 1,000 kilometres to attend. With fuel prices roughly double what they were just a few months ago, the cost of making that trip has increased significantly.

The impact is also being felt at club level. Some branches are reporting a drop in canteen sales, as shooters look to save money by bringing their own food rather than buying meals on site.

If the current conditions continue, both clubs and competitors may need to adapt. That could mean fewer trips, more carefully chosen events, or a shift towards hosting major competitions in locations that are easier to access.


Postponed SSAA Queensland events

The war and subsequent fuel crisis have caused the postponement of a few SSAA Queensland events, including:


- NRA PMS
- Combined Services
- Gallery Rifle
- Long Range Precision. 

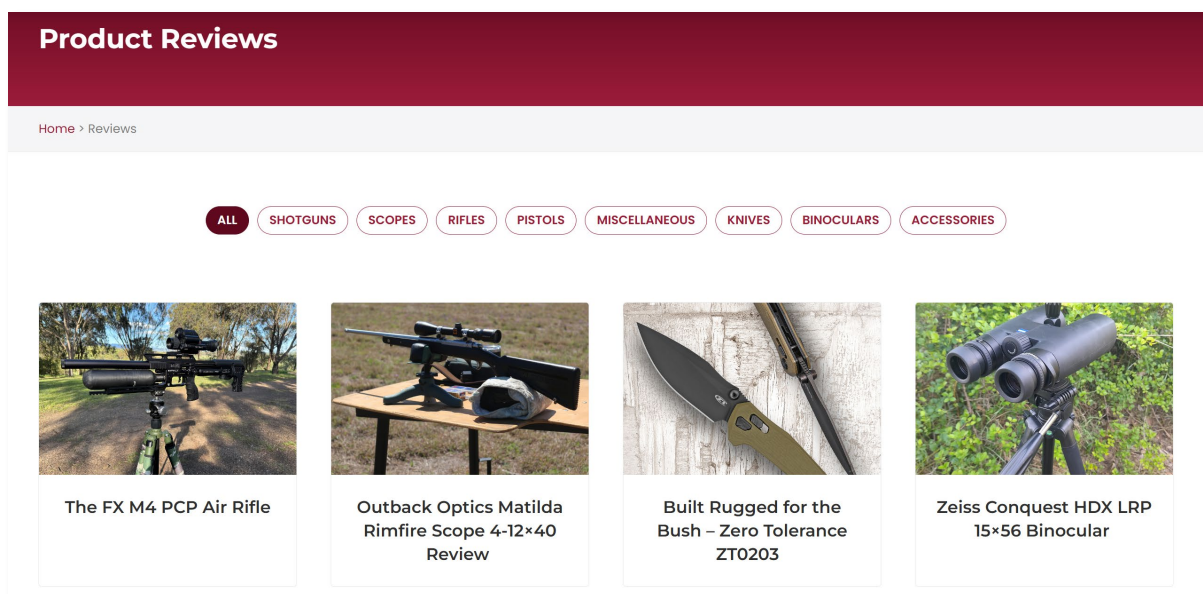
2026 Championship Calendar

Action Pistols, Bundaberg, July 10-12
Big Game Rifle, Eidsvold, August 21-23
Cannon, Fraser Coast at Open Rendy, July 4
Lever Action Silhouette, Townsville, May 2-4
Field Rifle 4P/3P, Mackay, August 14-16
Juniors, Captains Mountain, July 4-5
Lever Action, Townsville, September 5-6
Rendezvous, Ipswich, May 2-4
Rifle Silhouette, Brisbane, October 3-5
Shotgun, Stewartdale, July 17-19
Single Action, Gladstone, April 30 – May 4
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 

Product reviews from *The Report*

The SSAA Queensland website has a lot to offer members – from news, deals, events, branch information and stories, including great reviews from our trusted writers. Head to ssaaqld.org.au/reviews/ to see read their opinions on products such as shotguns, scopes, rifles, pistols, optics, knives and various outdoor accessories. Keep checking in, as we add new reviews each month. 



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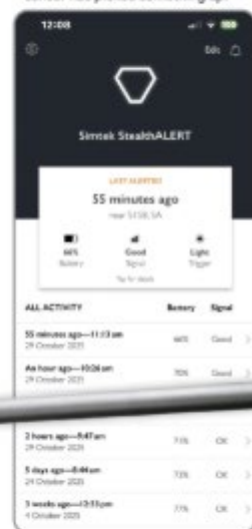
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There's always something new on the shelves at SSAA Queensland's one-stop shop, Queensland Shooter Supplies. Plus, SSAA members get 10% off!

Among the latest arrivals is the Simtek StealthAlert – an off-grid and portable alarm system with a lithium battery that can last up to a year. The system is about the size of a softball and can be used in gun safes at home or on a vehicle, caravans, boats or anywhere else you need the extra protection.

Also just in, is the Kogan hat, ideal for combining sun protection with hearing protection – great for shooting, tradesmen and long days outside. The simple flaps on either side of the hat means you get broad-brim protection while still being able to wear over-ear earmuffs or headphones.

Also, thermal technology continues to draw plenty of interest. With both ThermNight and ThermTec units available, the team is seeing more shooters step into the space as prices become increasingly accessible. Multi-spectral options are now available from around the \$2,000 mark, opening the door for more hunters to take advantage of the technology.

On the firearms front, reliable favourites remain in demand. Rifles from Lithgow Arms and Tikka continue to move, with the LA102 proving especially popular among local shooters.

If you need advice with hunting or any other shooting activities, go see Neil, Jeremy and Chris at Queensland Shooter Supplies. 📞

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***The Report*: April issue out now!**



By now, you should have seen - and read - the April issue of *The Report*, including these highlights:

- Chasing big game in the Top End
- Review: FX M4 – an air rifle with a real punch
- Built for the long look – ZeroTech's Vengeance R3 scope.

There is also a review of Redding's Big Boss II reloading machine, a how-to on reloading shortened shotgun hulls, and, for our history buffs, a look at Australia's own Owen gun. Click [here](#) to download the magazine. 

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