



President's Message

As shooters, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts, we have a strong connection to the landscapes we enjoy and a vested interest in seeing them remain healthy for future generations.

Across Queensland, SSAA members contribute to conservation in many ways. Whether it's assisting with pest animal control, supporting habitat restoration projects, reporting wildlife sightings or simply being active custodians of the bush, shooters are often among the people spending the most time on the ground.

A great example of this commitment is the ongoing work at the SSAA Queensland Stewartdale Shooting Club near Ipswich. Recently, SSAA Queensland President Jeff Ross and Bob Green met with Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, to discuss the ongoing progress of our koala reserve at Stewartdale.

This project has been one of many examples of how SSAA Queensland contributes to conservation. Years of planning and work have helped create a reserve that is now able to assist koala populations wherever the need arises, providing an important resource for the future protection of one of Queensland's most iconic species.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss the ongoing restrictions affecting access to Queensland National Parks following the COVID period. Encouragingly, Minister Powell showed

genuine interest in the proposals put forward by SSAA Queensland, and the discussion was positive and constructive.

Conservation and responsible access to public land are issues that matter to many of our members. We will continue working with government and other stakeholders to ensure the voice of Queensland shooters is heard, and we will keep members updated as developments occur. 

President, SSAA Queensland
Jeff Ross



Photo: President Jeff Ross (left), Bob Green (right) and Andrew Powell, Minister for Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation.

Being a **SSAA Queensland** member gets you special deals!

We have teamed up with more than two dozen industry partners to offer members special deals on a range of products – from firearm accessories, camping and outdoor gear, knives, clothing, food and beverages and more, with savings from 10% and free inclusions. Head to [Exclusive Deals](#) to see the savings that await.

New partners added this month include:

- [EzeSharp](#) – 15% off
- [Aussie Outback Supplies](#) – 15% off
- [NexTorch Australia](#) – 15% off

Plus, [Redgum Camping](#) has increased its offer from 5% to 10%! Let's be sure to show these great businesses our support!

GEAR UP FOR LESS

We've partnered with trusted brands and industry leaders to bring you exclusive offers, deals & perks!

Save 10%-15% on a wide range of top-tier outdoor and shooting gear.

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Keep checking in, as we add new partners on a regular basis.

Vortex Talon HD 10K Rangefinding Binoculars: feature-rich flagship

By Ted Springs

The Talon HD 10K positions itself firmly in the premium category, combining high-end optics with an extensive suite of ballistic and environmental features. Available in both 10x42 and 12x50 configurations, the binoculars offer up to a claimed 10,000-yard ranging capability, which signals their intent as a serious-use tool rather than a casual optic.

The Talon is very well integrated with onboard environmental sensors, customisable ballistic profiles and compatibility with systems like GeoBallistics and Vortex Relay. The in-display wind and drop solutions are shown via a red OLED display.

Optics and usability

The Talon HD 10K uses an HD optical system with XR Plus lens coatings, aiming to deliver clarity, light transmission and edge-to-edge sharpness. While marketing claims always warrant real-world verification, these features are consistent with expectations in this price bracket.

Ergonomically, the binoculars appear well thought out, with rubber armour, adjustable eyecups and a central focus wheel contributing to usability in the field. Locking diopters are a practical inclusion, particularly for users who frequently transport their gear. The binoculars are also nitrogen purged and rated waterproof, fog proof and shockproof, aligning with what most would expect for outdoor and hunting environments.

That said, with this level of functionality comes complexity, and if users aren't familiar with ballistic systems or app-based connectivity, they may face a bit of a learning curve, particularly when setting up profiles or interpreting data outputs in real time.



Performance vs price

With recommended retail pricing listed at \$5,200 for the 10x42 and \$5,650 for the 12x50, the Talon HD 10K sits at the very top end of the market. This makes it a considered purchase, likely best suited to dedicated long-range shooters or hunters who will fully utilise its capabilities.

For those users, the value proposition lies in consolidation. Instead of carrying separate rangefinders, ballistic apps, and environmental tools, everything is integrated into one tool. For others, particularly those with more modest requirements, this level of sophistication may be more than necessary.

The Talon HD 10K is clearly designed as a premium, all-in-one solution, especially proficient at long range. Its strength lies in its features, which are well integrated and for the right user, it offers a compelling package. For others, it may be more capability than required for just over \$5,000. See more about these great binoculars from ExtraVision: [TALON® 10x42 HD 10K](#)

[BALLISTIC LASER RANGEFINDING BINOCULARS](#) 

The Report: June issue

As winter starts to set in, now is the perfect time to stay dry indoors, grab a chair and click [here](#) to start reading your June issue of *The Report* – or forward to a friend. Features include:

- The right setup for hunting success
- The Sauer 100 – An affordable workhorse
- Groundbreaking thermal monocular from ThermTec.

And for all you history buffs, turn to page 70 to read historian Tom Lewis' take on Australia's first machinegun – the Vickers. 



Competitions



Feeling lucky? Visit our [Competition](#) page for yor chance to win:

- [\\$150 Australian Meats voucher](#)
- [Vortex Merchandise Pack – valued at \\$170.](#)

Competitions close June 30. 



Visit the HuntingDepot website [here](#) – to find the latest on firearms, ammunition, riflescopes, rings and mounts, optics, drones and hunting accessories. 

Protecting you while shooting on property

Public Liability Insurance for our sport has become increasingly difficult to obtain. SSAA Queensland, in conjunction with Steadfast ART Limited, commenced a Discretionary Mutual Fund (DMF) to ensure Queensland members are protected from the uncertainty and ever-increasing costs of obtaining public liability now and in the future.

The SSAA Queensland State Office frequently gets calls asking where public liability documents can be found for property owners who will be allowing members to shoot on their property. Deporte Mutual Public Liability documents can be found at:

ssaaqld.org.au/deporte-mutual-protection/

This is just one of the many ways SSAA Queensland protects its members. 

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Lever Action Championships set for Townsville's Hervey Range

The 2026 Queensland Lever Action Championships are being hosted by SSAA Townsville Inc. at the Hervey Range Shooting Complex on the first weekend of September (5th & 6th) and nominations are now open. While the shooters will be focused on improving their personal best scores irrespective of other shooters and need no more motivation, it is nice for there to be some incentives to push a little harder.

In addition to SSAA Queensland grade and outright position medals, the championships are also offering some great prizes offered by even greater supporters. A long-term supporter of our event is **Total Solutions Engineering** (<https://www.tsengineering.com.au/>). Operations Manager **Aaron Harrison** is happy to hear of success stories with **TSE barrels** and has committed to prizes for the first three positions in the Two Gun Championship to a value approaching \$1200!

Gordon Ferguson of Cast Bullet Engineering and Simplex

(<https://www.castbulletengineering.com.au/>) is again offering a prize in the Classic Calibre championships for the shooter who shoots above his/her grade score by the greatest amount.

The Development Manager for **Outdoor Man Australia**, (<https://outdoormanaustralia.com.au/>) **Paul Welsh**, has this year come on board with prizes for the highest score on the 100m animal target (Pig for Open and Goat for Classic Calibre).

Nomination for the two-day championships from all states are encouraged and can be made via the SSAA Queensland website.

(Or use this link <https://ssaaqld.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ff-6430d44d50156aea6cf99d1ded21262a-ff-2026-Qld-State-LA-Flyer-V-01-Apr-26.pdf>).

The State Discipline Chairman, Kerry Guinea, would be happy to assist with any further information (email leveraction@ssaaqld.com.au or call 0409 262 966. 

2026 Championship Calendar

Action Pistols, Bundaberg, July 10-12
Big Game Rifle, Eidsvold, August 21-23
Cannon, Fraser Coast at Open Rendy, July 4
Field Rifle 4P/3P, Mackay, August 14-16
Fly, Innisfail, July 31 to August 2
Juniors, Captains Mountain, July 4-5
Lever Action, Townsville, September 5-6
Rifle Silhouette, Brisbane, October 3-5
Shotgun, Stewartdale, August 14-16 (new date)
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 



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\$170 Membership*
\$120 Annual range pass or pay per visit
Range pass can be purchased in conjunction with the ICPC membership

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Rimfire, centrefire revolver and semi-autos available - bookings essential

OPEN HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9am - 5pm | Sat, Sun: 10am - 4pm
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Photo ID, enclosed footwear and sensible clothing all required
*SSAA Qld membership is required to be a member of ICPC

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Go 'BIG' with new stickers

Show your loyalty to SSAA Queensland, the Australian Shooters Alliance (ASA) and our new research and political arm the Australia Institute of Legislative Action (AILA) with either of these new stickers. With your membership you literally become a member of three powerful organisations that now act nationally. You join 82,000+ members who are part of something bigger and this month 100 lucky members can win a sticker. Simply email win@ssaaqld.org.au with 'Sticker' in the subject line and your name and membership card number in the email. The stickers will soon be available for sale to members. Competition ends August 1, 2026. 

