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President's Message

As I approach 12 months as President of SSAA Queensland, I would like to reflect on what has been a rewarding and interesting first year. Highlights have included visiting branches and meeting members and volunteers across Queensland. Seeing firsthand the work taking place at branch level has given me a much greater understanding of the challenges we face and the opportunities ahead.

Every branch is different, with its own priorities and needs, but all share the goal of providing safe, enjoyable and sustainable shooting opportunities for our members. I believe listening to our branches is an important part of the President's role, and I look forward to visiting many more ranges throughout the coming year.

Another important responsibility as President has been attending meetings with ministers and government representatives. These discussions provide valuable opportunities to present the views and concerns of SSAA Queensland and advocate for our members and our sport. It is essential that we maintain a strong and constructive voice with decision-makers to ensure the contribution of recreational shooting is properly understood.

Throughout the year, the SSAA Queensland Executive has continued to work hard for our members and the Association. Much of what our members see is the result of considerable work behind the scenes by the Executive, staff and committees.

Above all, however, our achievements would not be possible without our countless volunteers. From running competitions and maintaining ranges to organising events, assisting members and serving on committees, volunteers are the backbone of SSAA Queensland. Much of their work is carried out quietly and without recognition, but it makes an enormous difference to our members and the future of our sport. I cannot thank them enough for their time, effort and commitment.

Looking ahead, we will continue supporting our branches, improving our facilities, increasing participation and ensuring SSAA Queensland remains a strong and respected organisation. There will undoubtedly be challenges, but with the continued support of our Executive, staff, branches, volunteers and members, I am confident we can keep moving forward.

It has been a privilege to serve as President during the past year. Thank you to everyone who has supported me and the Association. I look forward to meeting many more of you and continuing to build a strong future for SSAA Queensland. 

SSAA Queensland President - **Jeff Ross**

Pity the public servants tasked with the impossible

While the taxpayer pays for the distraction

By David Henty

There is no denying the rebuild of Australia's firearm registers is an epic task comparable to climbing Mount Everest for state and federal public servants. The four-year program to rebuild the eight firearm databases to allow them to be connected to a national registry was already incredibly difficult and has now been further complicated by the consequences of governments' kneejerk reactions to the Bondi Jewish massacre last year. While there is little consistency in state responses to the federal government's call for firearm buybacks and ownership caps, it is the responsibility of the public servants to attempt to make sense of poor government policy. They are tasked with interpreting policy, establishing a plan for implementation, then actioning with the many other stakeholders while working to a budget. Thankfully, firearm laws are under the control of the state government, and the Queensland **Crisafulli** Government has said no to the federal government's calls to buy back legal firearms and limit the number of firearms licensed and fit and proper-approved citizens can own. Potentially, a few other states and territories may also follow Queensland's lead and rebuff the calls to further hamper their legitimate firearms owning communities. Read the full story [here](#).



Carriage of the National Register 'on track' according to drivers

Firearms lobbyist and *The Report* Co-Managing Editor **Tim Bannister** met with senior staff from Home Affairs in Canberra to discuss the ongoing roll out of the National Firearms Register. According to internal key performance markers, the Register progression is on track. The roll out is reliant on the state and territory governments rebuilding or 'cleansing' their firearm databases so that they are accurate and can be connected to a future national register. Insiders from firearm registries have previously said that many of the databases are about one-third inaccurate. Responsibility of firearms policy has recently shifted from the Attorney General's office to Home Affairs under Minister **Tony Burke**. Most of the staff were simply transferred, while a lot of the management will now be handled by the massively funding-increased Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) who had this to say about the current state of play:

National Cabinet has set a target to complete the National Firearms Register (NFR) by 1 July 2028 to help improve community safety. In January 2026, Police Ministers and Attorneys-General agreed to accelerate the NFR. The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) expects new capabilities will be ready for states and territories to adopt by the end of 2026.

Each state and territory will join at different times, depending on how ready their systems are. Some benefits are already being seen as systems are updated and data improves. The NFR will help law enforcement know where registered firearms are, who has them, and what risks to the community may exist.

Tim said he appreciated the time the staff made for him now and in the past representing the Australian Shooters Alliance (ASA) as a key stakeholder in the process. "If there is something beneficial to come out of the National Firearms Register, it will be in the state databases being a lot more accurate than they have been in the past. Errors in databases have often been blamed on firearm owners who are then punished through no fault of their own," Tim said. 




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TOP 5 HUNTING MOVIES YOU MUST WATCH

By Peter Jackson

With the Far North being waterlogged in April and two cyclones spooling up, I found myself somewhat home bound and decided to revisit some of Hollywood's classic hunting flicks from across the years and offer up a review for our *The Report* readers.

So, without further ado, grab some popcorn and settle back in your favourite chair. These films are mostly available on popular streaming services and range from cringe worthy to solid gold cinema.



In the August issue of *The Report*, author **Peter Jackson** reminded us about five great hunting movies from the past you have to watch – see page 26 in the August issue: [Magazine Archive - SSAA Queensland](#)

Just for fun, we'd like to know your favourite movie featuring firearms. 'The Departed' is one of our editor's favourites. Take our [poll](#). 

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Yeti finds a home with *The Report*

The Report Magazine is now branded on the 'goldilocks' of the famous Yeti drink bottles and is now available for purchase. Proud SSAA Queensland members and readers of *The Report* can get their hands on the 26 oz (769ml) vacuum insulated cooler.

Holding about three quarters of a litre, the Rambler cooler is considered just the right amount to carry either your ice-cold water or piping hot coffee to the range, hunting grounds or waterways.

Yeti was started by two brothers 20 years ago who had trouble keeping

their drinks cold in the relentless Texas heat. Brought up by their father to be passionate fishers and hunters, they were told "if you can't find it, make it". And so, they did.

They started the cooler business in Driftwood, TX, USA and expanded into other food container and outdoor kitchen supplies. They are now a coveted and household name.

Brothers Roy and Ryan say they overengineered the Rambler for maximum insulation, which matches the demands of Queensland's temperatures. It's no-sweat design also prevents condensation on the outside, so hands are kept dry and the container doesn't get slippery. Thankfully, unlike some vacuum flasks and thermoses, the Rambler is dishwasher safe or can just be cleaned with soapy water and rinsed out after each use.



The hunting, fishing and clay target shooting boys from Texas probably never thought of how their inventions would match the needs of Queenslanders 13,000 kilometres away, but Yeti has found a home right here.

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Hopefully, that never happens. But of course, accidents happen from time to time, along with loss and theft. These things are never part of the plan, and replacing a firearm or quality optic can be an expensive exercise.

That's why now is a great time to consider Deporte Mutual Firearms Protection, particularly if you are preparing for a hunting trip, competition or another big shoot.

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To learn more or arrange protection, contact SSAA Queensland memberships on (07) 3492 9237 or email firearmsprotection@ssaaql.org.au

Deporte Mutual Firearms Protection information can be found on the SSAA Qld website:

<https://ssaaql.org.au/deporte-mutual-protection/> 

The Report: August issue



Do you prefer a more modern or traditional style of rifle? This issue we prove there is more than one way to build a great rifle. We look at the Taipan Evo (modern) and the Smith and Wesson Model 1854 Lever Action (traditional). Click [here](#) to read our writers' reviews as well as the following features:

- [Garmin](#) C2 Chronograph
- [Hornady](#) – 2026 Bullet Guide Poster
- [Nitecore](#) Tactical Light
- John M. Browning – Greatest gunsmith of all time.

And don't forget about the [Shoot Off! Quiz](#) where you can test your shooting and outdoors knowledge. 

2026 Competition Calendar

Competitions in Queensland

- Big Game Rifle, Eidsvold, August 21-23
- Cannon, Stewartdale, August 30
- Lever Action, Townsville, September 5-6
- Rifle Metallic Silhouette Open Shoot, Stewartdale, August 29
- Rifle Silhouette, Brisbane, October 3-5
- United Field & Retrieving, Stewartdale, August 27-29
- Single Action, Captains Mountain, September 28 – October 4 