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To All TAA Members,

2020 has undoubtedly been a trying and distressing year for many of us, we started the year in a bushfire crisis that saw some clubs and members lose everything. The year progressed to lock downs and more hardship, from which we are all slowly emerging. These issues were not lost on your Committee, we are after all also archers and volunteers to boot. We sincerely hope that the New Year sees a return to a more normal life and archery season for all.

TAA have received some sad news from WA this week as we learned of the passing of Peter Kosenon aged 102. Peter made a huge impact on Traditional Archery in Australia, he was a TAA medallist and inductee into the Archery Hall of Fame. Peter was still making bows at 90 years of age. His inspirational story will be added to the TAA website gallery. We send our thoughts to Peter's family at this time.

TAA are also welcoming our 24th club Rainbow Coast Archers in WA. This is a tremendous sign of encouragement as we move into 2021 with our National Titles also being held in WA. We need to inform you of a change of date for the Nationals and AGM. The original date fell at the same time as The Masters Games in Perth. Some archers have contacted the Committee to ask for the date to move one week to the 16th-17th October, allowing them to compete in both events.

The 1st January 2021 will also see some changes to the TAA fee structure as voted at the AGM,

- Individual memberships will increase to \$20.00 per year.
- Family membership to \$50.00 per year.
- Membership terms of only one (1) or five (5) years

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Also rolling out on the 1st January 2021 is the new TAA membership card. This beautiful card will now fit into a wallet sleeve. Due to the increased cost of producing the new cards, lost cards will now attract a fee of \$5.00 to replace. Members who wish to upgrade from their current laminated card can do so at the \$5 replacement fee.

If you are a Facebook user you may have noticed the removal of the TAA logo from the page called “Traditional Archery Australia” The TAA committee requested this action as

- The page is not owned by the Incorporation.
- Its primary function is as a forum where archers can openly and freely discuss issues.
- The page functions as a marketplace to sell, swap and advertise.

The committee felt it was in the best interest of both TAA and the current freedom of the page to remove the TAA logo. As you will know TAA is not a governing body and given the dynamic nature of discussion on the page the Committee felt that continued TAA branding could stifle some of that freedom of expression.

The TAA Committee wish to thank Tony Justice, Sue Wallace and Wayne Hanley for this fabulous Facebook page and the effort and time they give to its running. The page will not otherwise change and the Committee encourage all traditional archers to continue posting their contributions. The page caters for all traditional archers not just TAA members. The page is not owned by a TAA member. Most of the Committee also post contributions and likes. They also enjoy the invaluable input that archers make when showing their crafting skills. Passing on the archery crafts and skills is part and parcel of the nature of trad archers and TAA will be heavily involved with promoting that in 2021.

Should members wish to ask for clarification or advice concerning TAA guidelines, traditional skills or crafts, membership or just general questions regarding Traditional Archery the TAA Executive committee are always available to you via the “contact us” tab on the web site, that’s what we volunteered for.

The TAA Executive and Management Committee members would like to take this opportunity to wish all TAA members past present and future a happy and safe end to the year and prosperous and healthy start to the new one.

Warmest Regards
Your TAA National Committee