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Firstly, I would like to thank all the 2025 committee for what I think has been an astounding success this year.

Initially we had some internal issues that I believe we handled as a team, with a no guns blazing approach, to achieve a result that was an overall positive outcome.

On an individual level, I have had quite an exciting period in office and personally wish to thank all members of the committee that have helped me throughout the year. For me it was a valuable learning opportunity, and I thank you one and all.

From my perspective I believe we as a team have delivered and have further developed TAA to a greater standard than when we began this year's journey. We still have things progressing and are still in the pipeline, for I think the betterment of all our TAA members.

Pointy end forward and enjoy flinging sticks everyone.

Thank you again.

Kev 'Pop' Smoothy.

Vice President.



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## TAA National Treasurer's Report AGM 2025.

Hi All,

### **Annual Report**

I'm pleased to report that the past year has been successful, thanks in part to the support of our new Membership Secretary, Zanette Williamson. Her reliability and organizational skills have been invaluable in assisting me in keeping the Treasurers records up to date.

### **Financial Update**

Our current financial situation is strong, with a bank balance of \$80,280.77 as of September 30th, 2025. This is largely due to the number of club membership renewals and new members joining. Our TAA bookkeeper is currently auditing the accounts for 2024/2025.

### **TAA Development Grant**

The TAA Development grant continues to support clubs, with two clubs receiving grants in 2024/2025. Applications for the 2026 grant will be open soon.

Look out for the new development grant application.

### **Merchandise Sales**

As Merchandise Officer, I'm pleased to report sales of \$1,759.07 this year, with stock available online and at events. Some merchandise will be available at the National Muster.

### **Acknowledgments**

I'd like to thank outgoing committee members for their service and wish them all the best for the future.

Cheers  
Bonnie Cabrini  
TAA National Treasurer  
1.10.25



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What an experience the last 2 years has been, from starting Traditional Archery in October 2023 to becoming the National Secretary for TAA in October 2024. It's been an amazing journey so far.

When Les Simpson first asked if I wanted to nominate for the role of TAA Secretary, I thought he was joking. I've never been on a committee before or been in a Secretary role. And yet for the last 12 months I've set meeting agendas, taken notes of the Exec Meetings and worked with other members on the committee to achieve goals we set to complete. I've also taken on the role of web content manager for TAA within the last few months keeping the site up to date as best I can.

In June of 2025 I was given the opportunity to represent TAA overseas in South Korea. This was a fantastic experience. While in South Korea I was able to meet committee members of Traditional Archery organizations of different overseas countries. It was truly wonderful to meet people who shared the same passion for archery as I do. I was able to make lasting ties with those members.

I've also made it my mission to attend as many State and National musters as I can while in the role as TAA Secretary.

Hope to see you all in the future.

Michael Campbell  
TAA National Secretary 24/25

My first year as Membership Officer with Traditional Archery Australia has been both challenging and rewarding. With little support available during the transition, it was very much a baptism by fire. However, I've worked hard to shape the role into something I'm proud of, and the achievements of this year have laid a strong foundation for the future.

For the last two years, Traditional Archery Australia has covered the 2.2% credit card fee on online purchases of memberships, renewals, and merchandise. To bring our processes in line with current practice, this cost will now be applied at the time of purchase rather than absorbed by the association.

A new initiative was launched this year to honour members with five years of continuous membership: a commemorative cloth patch. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, and these patches are being sent out with membership cards as renewals take place.

Thank you to the committee for all the time and effort you've given over the past 12 months. I especially want to acknowledge Bonnie—your help and support have meant so much, and I honestly couldn't have managed the demands of this role without you.

- 1221 Active Members as at 28/09/2025
- 247 New Members 2024-2025
- 490 Renewals
- 222 overdue memberships
- 27 Clubs

TAA extends a warm welcome to the Delegate Archery Club, our newest club for 2025.

## **2024/2025 Annual Report - Hunting & Safety Rep**

Started the year with a newsletter article about things to think about in your pack while out bush, hope it encouraged some discussions within clubs.

I have been working in the background to get in touch with other hunting parties, groups and organizations to try to make alliances to bring a bigger voice to the forefront around hunting in this country.

Have organised two sets of hunting targets for TAA which will be out soon “ if they're not already”. Which I am hoping is something TAA can build on in the future. Thank you to the members who donated photos to make this possible.

No Safety concerns have been raised with me or issues brought forward. No incidents known so good work to all those keeping the safety standards up.

Chris Nelson  
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## National Coach 2024/5 Report

Hi to all our TAA Members,

Well, this year is the last time I will be filing a report as part of the TAA Executive Committee. After 20 years working for TAA earning big bucks 😊 Not! I am hanging the towel up, or being put out to pasture waiting retirement 😊

After twenty years with only a couple of years off TAA duty, TAA closed for a couple and my travel to Tassie for a year I have served as President, Vice-President, Secretary and now National Coach.

I have enjoyed every minute. From starting with only 6 crazy Trad Archers. Ian Fenton (The Boss), Nick Lintern, Ron White, Dave (Tow ball) White, Rob McKenzie and I. More crazy mates joining in! travelling to as many trad shoots as we could. Memories of Ron waking us up at 3am for a 5am road trip 😊 we were on the road at 315am 😊 The Tully Boys! Well, what an experience. These mates that we made along the way, special people that I will be best of mates with for the rest of my life. The real meaning of mateship is a Traditional Archer and hunter. I hope to enjoy many more shoots and maybe some hunts with these blokes as I will soon have more time.

In the last 12 months I asked the 2024/5 committee if I can work on the TAA Coaching Program. They were kind enough to trust me to do this. TAA now have a handout for clubs to use for new members to adapt and suit their club, a lesson planner workbook for club coaches to use for come and try and instructor's course. The new National Coach will also be handed a draft of the TAA Coaches Course. This was achieved with working with other club coaches like Ian Finch WA and proof reading from James Murray ACT. Many more coaches throughout our clubs. Thank you to all of them, way too many to list.

The final project I am working on is a Sub committee for TAA to be promoted worldwide. At our AGM in October, I will be standing down off the committee. I hope to continue working for TAA from the sidelines as a R-E-P if approved by the committee.

Also promoting the World Bow Hunters Hall of fame based in the USA. We have an Aussie nominated for 2026, Dave Whiting. Let's hope he gets through, the first Aussie World Hall of Fame Bowhunter 😊

I encourage all members to get involved with your club and TAA management committees. They say build it and they will come! They don't mention the hard work and late nights. It is all so worth it. Be positive, passionate and true to our sport. Archery in all forms, Target/Field/Hunting.

Regards,

Les Simpson  
National Coach Co-Ordinator

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SCORE RECODER 2025 – Alison Goodwin

I took over the role of score recorder earlier this year, working closely with clubs hosting the State and National musters to ensure that the scores were sent to the webmaster for display on the website. As a committee, we are always grateful for the clubs that put their hand up to host these events.

The clubs that hosted this year were –

- TAS State Muster was Break O’Day Traditional Archery Club.
- VIC State Muster was White Rose Archery Klub.
- NSW State Muster was Macarthur Traditional Archery Club

With only the National Muster left which is being held at Barambah Bowhunters & Field Archers on the 31<sup>st</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

I wish Barambah Bowhunters all the best and look forward to seeing the results and photos.

Thanks Ali



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I've been working with clubs to organise the National and State Musters and keeping the calendars up to date, this has been a bit of a battle, as the clubs need to understand its important with regards to their insurance that I receive all calendar updates.

**2025 Musters.**

VIC – State Muster, White Rose Archery Klub was easy to work with.

TAS – Break O Day, a big thank you to this club and its committee as one of our smallest clubs they do a great job promoting TAA in TAS.

NSW – State Muster, MTA was an easiest club to work with and has two TAA committee members on the Macarthur Traditional Archery Committee.

QLD -Worked with Gin Gin to hold the 2025 State Muster, a small club but has a great future good people involved, sadly they had to cancel the muster this year.

National Muster - Barambah and the team deserve our thanks they have put their hand up more than once to host our major event, well done team.

So, 2025 was an up and down year Muster wise hopefully 2026 will be way better, to whom take on this role in 2026 I hopefully have given them a big head start.

**2026 Musters.**

National Muster 2026 will be confirmed at the 2025 Nationals.

VIC – White Rose Archery Club to host 2026 State Muster.

NSW – Tenterfield to host 2026 State Muster.

TAS - To be confirmed.

WA – Working with TAA Treasurer and TAA Club Communications Officers to find EOI's.

QLD – Working with potential Clubs to host 2026 State muster in QLD.

I also worked on a subcommittee to help redesign the grant funding process.

I attended the monthly meeting to help with the growth of TAA.

Shane Morris

TAA National Shoot Director 24/25



## **“Promoting and Protecting Traditional Archery in all Forms”**

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I've had a mixed year in my role as Traditional Archery Australia's Traditional Skills Officer in 2024/2025. My personnel life took precedence at times so I have not achieved all I envisioned upon my re-election as TAA's Traditional Skills Officer during 2024/2025.

I put a lot of thought into and made revisions to my original proposal to reinvigorate the Archery Crafters Guild I have been working towards for the last few years. I see the Guild as key to the preservation and a strong future of Traditional Archery related Crafts and Skills in Australia.

I have not been effective in getting this proposal out there. I have generated little more than a passing interest in the Archery Crafters Guild with the wider membership, but I still fiercely believe the Archery Crafters Guild has a great future ahead of it. I believe if we build it - they will come.

I need all of you to help me achieve this goal. I believe the true tradition in Archery is to share our Traditional Archery related Crafts and Skills. Each of us has benefitted from someone else's knowledge during our time as Archers - pay it forward !

During 2024/2025 I have taught people to make Selfbows at TAA Selfbow Workshops and taught fellow Archers other skills in my own home, I represented Traditional Archery and the Archery Crafters Guild at the huge Abbey Medieval Fair and the smaller but no less significant Viking Culture Day.

I've flown the Archery Crafters Guild Banner at these Events and spoken to many about what a stellar organisation Traditional Archery Australia is. It gives me great pleasure to talk to the general public about my lifestyle - Traditional Archery and Archery in general.

I look forward to serving Traditional Archery Australia and its members in which ever manor the future brings and continuing to share my Traditional Archery knowledge and skills, a gift that I owe a dept of gratitude to my mentors.

Lastly, thank you to my fellow Committee Members. I have grown to respect each of you over the last 12 months. It may have seemed I was quite at times. I was paying attention! , listening to and learning from everything you all have had to say. You all helped shape my Votes and my opinions at the meetings.

It's been my privilege serving on the Committee with you.

Regards Perry Jackson

Traditional Skills Officer



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Club Communications Officer

Ali and I have jointly held the Club Communication Officers role for the past 2 years with Ali transitioning to the role of score recorder through this year while still assisting in the background of the communications officer role.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know archers throughout the country. Our mission over this period has been to try to keep the flow of information between the clubs and the TAA committee. To do this we have been hosting rep meetings about every second month and brought in guest speakers from the committee from time to time.

TAA has grown in numbers quite a lot over the last few years but it's important that that flow of information stays open as TAA is its members. We as a committee have done our best to steer it in a direction that benefits TAA as a whole and our reps meetings are intended to be a conduit for the voice of those members back to the committee as much as it is for passing on info from the committee meetings.

As much as we have enjoyed the role it is our time to pass on this responsibility to someone else who will hopefully pick up where we have left off and run with it, adding their own flare and drive to the role.

We would like to thank all the reps who came and actively participated in our meetings. We have loved getting to know the diverse family of fellow archers around this country that make up TAA. And hope to see you again with a bow or a bear in your hand somewhere across this country.

Tane  
TAA Club Communications Officer