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Traditional Archery Australia Incorporated
President's Annual Report – 2026

Presented at the 2026 Annual General Meeting

G'day, fellow committee members, club representatives and TAA members.
It is my pleasure to present the President's Annual Report for Traditional Archery Australia for 2026.
This year has been one of progress, challenges, learning and positive steps forward for our organisation. As President, I have had the privilege of working alongside a dedicated group of volunteers who share a genuine passion for traditional archery and a commitment to supporting its future in Australia.
Throughout the year, our focus has been on strengthening relationships, improving communication, supporting our affiliated clubs and promoting the enjoyment of traditional archery throughout the country.

Our Role and Purpose

Traditional Archery Australia is, first and foremost, a supportive and promotional organisation. We are not a governing body for traditional archery in Australia. Our purpose is to bring people together, support our affiliated clubs, encourage participation, promote and most of all protect the traditions, skills and friendships that make our traditional archery culture so special. I believe our greatest strength lies in the clubs and individuals who share their knowledge, enthusiasm and love of traditional archery with others.

Our National Committee

The 2025–2026 committee commenced its term with a shared commitment to supporting TAA and its affiliated clubs. Throughout the year, we have worked towards improving our internal communication, understanding our individual responsibilities and developing more consistent administrative processes.
Some of the improvements/achievements for 2025-2026 of the TAA Committee include,
- Update to the TAA Constitution
- Increase of the State Muster Grants to $300
- Improved data collection, storage and backups for future committee members to access.
- Beginnings of a Natural Disaster Fund for affiliated clubs impacted by fire, flood, cyclones Etc.

- Official TAA vinyl targets with more in the pipelines. Profits from these to go back into the community through future grant opportunities.
- Improving of TAA guidelines for equipment and shoots. (Passed by the Club Reps)

As a volunteer organisation, we recognise that everyone contributes their time while balancing work, family and personal commitments.There have been challenges along the way, and there are certainly areas where we can continue to improve. However, I believe the willingness to learn, communicate and work together provides a positive foundation for the future.

Communication and Club Engagement

One of TAAs priorities has been to strengthen communication between the national committee and our affiliated clubs. Our clubs are the heart of Traditional Archery Australia, and maintaining open, constructive communication is essential. While TAA Club Representative Meetings were held bimonthly, an initiative was developed during the year called the President's Campfire. This was to provide an opportunity for affiliated club presidents to come together, share ideas, discuss their experiences and have a voice in the future direction of what is Traditional Archery in Australia. The intention is simple: to encourage conversation, strengthen relationships and ensure our clubs feel connected to the wider national traditional archery community. As always, an open-door attitude by our committee is encouraged to welcome any communication through the TAA channels of website enquiries, Club Rep meetings, Presidents Campfire, emails and Facebook. Going into the new year the new committee is encouraged to focus communication lines through the website, Club Rep Channels and the Presidents Campfire for direct and effective communication. We believe that listening to our clubs and understanding their individual experiences will help us provide better support moving forward.

Affiliated Clubs and Membership

Our affiliated clubs continue to play the most important role in keeping traditional archery active across Australia. They are the places where friendships are formed, skills are shared, newcomers are welcomed and our traditional archery heritage is passed on. At the time of the 2026 AGM TAA currently has 1167 members and 28 affiliated clubs and enquiries by more clubs going into the new year.
Throughout the year, the committee has continued working with clubs on affiliation, membership, insurance and administrative matters. As with any organisation, there have been occasions where differences of opinion, communication difficulties and administrative challenges have arisen. While these situations are not always easy, they provide opportunities to reflect, improve our processes and strengthen relationships. Our aim remains to approach these matters respectfully, fairly, constructively and with integrity, always keeping the broader national interests of our traditional archery community in mind.

With this, the Traditional Archery Australia Constitution had an update to match current relevant legislation, insurance requirements for further protection of the organisation, affiliated clubs and its members. We thank all members for their input and support for the updates.
A special thank you goes to our executive committee members Zannette, Gary and Bonnie for the long hours invested in the construction and proofing of the constitution update. Many long nights devoted to future proofing and protecting the organisation, our affiliated clubs and its members. It was a huge effort. Top Stuff.

National Muster and Events

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all clubs that held a TAA Muster for 2025- 2026. Thank you for the time, effort and commitment involved in organising and delivering these events. The Musters are a wonderful opportunity for traditional archers from different clubs and states to come together, renew friendships, meet new people and enjoy our shared passion.

Events like these remind us of what makes the traditional archery community so special. These events are vital to keeping traditional archery active, enjoyable and accessible.

Challenges and Opportunities

Like many volunteer organisations, Traditional Archery Australia has experienced its share of challenges during 2026. Some have involved communication, administrative processes and the demands placed on our volunteers. Others have highlighted opportunities to improve how we support our clubs and members. I believe it is important that we acknowledge these challenges without allowing them to overshadow the positive contributions being made throughout our organisation. Not every decision or situation will be met with complete agreement, but respectful communication, with integrity and a willingness to work together will always serve our community better than division. The experiences of this year have provided valuable lessons that can help guide future improvements. Our focus should remain on finding practical solutions, supporting one another and continuing to move forward positively.

Looking Towards 2027

As we look towards 2027, I believe Traditional Archery Australia has an opportunity to build on the foundations established throughout this year.
Some areas of focus that I encourage the new committee year to continue focus upon include

- An upgrade to the website, its shop front and combining membership admin into a more streamlined and updated platform.

- New feral game pictures added from the members to the vinyl target range for more selection into the years ahead.
- Collecting of TAA affiliated club histories to remember where our clubs have built up from to help guide them into the future.

Most of all our priorities should continue to centre on strengthening relationships with affiliated clubs, improving communication and providing practical connections across Australia to our members. We will continue to promote club events, encouraging participation and helping introduce traditional archery to new people and communities. Equally important is maintaining an organisation where volunteers feel appreciated, clubs feel supported and members feel proud to be part of Traditional Archery Australia. I would like to see TAA continue developing as an organisation recognised for its encouragement, community spirit and commitment to promoting traditional archery throughout Australia.

Acknowledgements and Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Vice President, Gary Harris, for his continued support, commitment and assistance throughout the year. The TAA executive for their willingness to take on the responsibilities that comes with that position and to the general committee members I thank you for your time at the monthly meetings and at times twice a month for transparency and great debate in the protecting of TAA into the future. It was a great year of input from much of the committee at each meeting. Much of the work undertaken by committee members happens quietly behind the scenes, and these contributions should never be overlooked. Once again, I must acknowledge this. Well done.

To our affiliated club presidents and committees, thank you for the dedication and effort you put into your clubs. To the volunteers who organise events, maintain grounds, set courses, welcome visitors and share their knowledge, thank you. You are the real champions of a club and the community and to our members, TAA appreciates your continued involvement and support. It is the combined efforts of these individuals that make Traditional Archery Australia what it is today.

I look forward to seeing Traditional Archery Australia continue to grow as a welcoming, supportive and connected community.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to TAA throughout 2026.

Justin McMahon
President
Traditional Archery Australia Incorporated

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Vice President's Annual Report – 2026

Acknowledgement and Appreciation

I would like to thank this year's committee for its hard work, dedication and commitment throughout what has been a particularly busy year.

In a volunteer committee, much of the work happens behind the scenes and can go unrecognised. I sincerely appreciate the time, effort and personal commitment each member has contributed, and I am proud of what we have achieved together for Traditional Archery Australia (TAA).

Committee, Communication and Transparency

A key focus this year has been improving communication and transparency between the National Committee, affiliated clubs and members. We have worked to address enquiries, share information more effectively and ensure that matters raised received appropriate consideration.

Although we have not always agreed on every issue, we have continued to work through our responsibilities with the interests of TAA in mind. Being an effective Advisory body depends on open communication, accountability, cooperation and a willingness to consider different viewpoints.

There is always room for improvement, and future committees should continue strengthening communication, record keeping and administrative processes to ensure members feel heard and decisions are made in the organisation's best interests.

Insurance and Risk Management

One of my key responsibilities this year was overseeing TAA's insurance renewal. I am pleased to report that the renewal went well, with our existing insurance position maintained without any major premium increases.

An important achievement was retaining knife and axe throwing activities under TAA's insurance policy, subject to its terms and conditions. This preserves opportunities for our clubs and members to participate in these activities and supports the diversity of disciplines within our organisation.

Insurance remains a significant responsibility for TAA, providing essential protection for the organisation, affiliated clubs and members. Future committees must continue reviewing coverage, monitoring costs and maintaining appropriate risk management practices. Insurance premiums may change due to claims, membership numbers, market conditions and other factors, so membership fees and expenditure must also be regularly reviewed to ensure long-term financial sustainability.

Protecting and Promoting Traditional Archery

TAA's purpose is to promote and protect traditional archery in Australia, respecting the foundations on which the organisation was built while recognising that our sport continues to evolve.

Our strength lies not only in our guidelines, musters and equipment classifications, but also in our shared values of camaraderie, mateship, sportsmanship, knowledge sharing and enjoyment of archery in its many forms.

Growth remains important, but it must be sustainable. We need to support existing clubs, encourage participation and ensure TAA has the structures, policies, resources and people required to meet its responsibilities. It is my hope that future committee decisions continue to reflect the interests of our clubs, volunteers and members while strengthening the organisation for future generations.

The strength of any volunteer organisation depends on people being willing to contribute, take responsibility and work collaboratively. No single committee member can carry an organisation alone; TAA's continued success depends on shared commitment and a common purpose.

Conclusion

I would again like to thank the committee for the time, energy and personal commitment contributed throughout the year, often alongside work, family and other responsibilities. Serving as Vice President has reinforced my appreciation of the work required to operate a national organisation and the importance of continually improving the support we provide to our clubs and members.

There is still plenty of opportunities to build on our achievements and strengthen TAA for the future.

Traditional Archery Australia belongs to its members. Our responsibility is to act in the organisation's best interests, protect what has been entrusted to us and leave TAA in a stronger position for those who follow.

Thank you to the committee, affiliated clubs, volunteers and members for your continued support and contribution to Traditional Archery Australia.

Gary Harris
Vice President
Traditional Archery Australia

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TAA National Treasurer's report
26.10.26

Hi all,

Annual report:

I'm pleased to say that the past year has been successful and an easy position with the help of our TAA Membership Secretary Zanette Williamson.

Our current financial situation is strong with a bank balance as of 30th September 2026 of $106,037.52. This is largely due to the number of club, membership renewals and new members joining.

Our TAA book keeper has audited the financial records for 2025/2026.

TAA Development Grants:

The TAA Development Grant is ongoing, supported by clubs via the $10 per adult donation from State and National Musters. In 2026, three TAA clubs were awarded grants.

Applications for the next grant round will be open 1st January 2027 and close March 2027.

Merchandise Sales:

As merchandise Officer I am pleased to report sales of $1,396.50 this year with stock available online and at events.

Acknowledgments:

I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their dedicated service throughout the year and special thankyou to Justin McMahon, Gary Harris and Zanette Williamson for their additional workload they have undertaken to keep everything on track.

We wish them all the best for the future.

Cheers

Bonnie Cabrini

TAA National Treasurer

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I've been in the role of Secretary of TAA for the last 2 years, It hasn't felt like 2 years though.
The time has absolutely flown by due in part to working with a like minded team of enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about Traditional Archery in Australia.

I've also been the Web Content Manager uploading and updating the TAA web site as required. I have enjoyed this role over the last year.

I would especially like to thank Bonnie Cabrini, the TAA Treasurer for all your help over the last few months. If you hadn't helped me, I would still be catching up on things. 😀

In 2026 I was able to attend the Vic State Muster held by WRAK and the TAA National Muster held by MTA. Both clubs did a wonderful job at hosting these events.

Take care all, and see you at a TAA Muster in the future.

Michael Campbell
TAA National Secretary 25/26

I would like to sincerely thank my fellow committee members for their continued support, understanding and patience throughout the year, particularly while I have been managing my medical issues. Their support has been greatly appreciated and has helped me continue carrying out my responsibilities as Membership Officer during what has, at times, been a challenging period.

Membership Statistics
(Reporting Period: 18 October 2025 – 25 October 2026)
The following statistics provide an overview of membership activity and status during the reporting period:
New Members: 336
Membership Renewals: 432
Active Members: 1,163
Overdue Memberships: 188
Club Affiliations: 28

During the reporting period, Traditional Archery Australia welcomed 336 new members and processed 432 membership renewals. These figures reflect the ongoing work involved in welcoming new members, assisting existing members with renewals and maintaining accurate membership records. Managing overdue and inactive memberships also remains an important part of the role, helping ensure that records reflect members' status and that membership administration requirements are maintained.

Congratulations to all members who have received their 10-Year Membership Pin in recognition of achieving ten continuous years of financial membership with Traditional Archery Australia. This milestone reflects a decade of commitment and support for our association and the traditional archery community. Thank you for being part of TAA's journey, and congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

TAA was pleased to welcome Huon Archers, Tasmania, as a new affiliated club for 2026. It is encouraging to see traditional archery continuing to grow, with new clubs joining our association and contributing to the promotion and preservation of traditional archery. Club affiliation administration remains an important responsibility, including maintaining club records, processing affiliation documentation and assisting clubs with membership requirements.

This year has highlighted the importance of reviewing and streamlining our current membership processes to ensure they remain practical and manageable as Traditional Archery Australia continues to grow. I believe there is a real opportunity to improve the efficiency of our membership administration through the introduction of a comprehensive automated membership system. Ideally, this system would integrate with a new TAA website, an online payment system and the option of digital membership cards. Such a system would help reduce manual administration, simplify the application and renewal process, improve the accuracy and accessibility of membership records, and provide a more efficient experience for both members and the Membership Officer. It would also offer a more sustainable approach to managing the increasing demands of membership administration as our association expands. While the development and implementation of such a

system would require planning, discussion and financial consideration, I believe it is an important step towards ensuring TAA has the infrastructure needed to support its future growth.

I remain committed to supporting our members and affiliated clubs, welcoming new members to Traditional Archery Australia and maintaining accurate membership records to the best of my ability. I look forward to working with the committee to explore opportunities for improving our processes and ensuring membership administration continues to meet the needs of our growing association.

Finally, I would like to thank all members, affiliated clubs and fellow committee members for their cooperation and support throughout the year. Your patience and understanding have been greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Zanette Williamson
Membership Officer 2026
Traditional Archery Australia

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NATIONAL SCORE RECORDER

This is my second year as the National Score Recorder and my 4th year of being on the Executive Committee - which I feel is a privilege.

As every year roles round the expectation is there, for clubs to come forward and put their hand up to hold either a State Muster or the National Muster.

We all know it's a big ask for Clubs to host these events, not only through logistics, cash flow, getting enough volunteers and having enough targets just to name a few. But with the help of the TAA Club Grant initiative, we hope that it is an incentive to help Clubs make that final decision a little easier and raise their hand to host an event.

I will be honest, this year was a quite one for State Musters. But saying that TAA and its members were still lucky enough that three clubs stepped forward to host. This year NSW and Victoria ran their state musters and the National Muster.

So, a big thank you to the following clubs:-

First up was Tenterfield Traditional Archers who hosted the first muster of the year which was in NSW in March. Over 30 members participated in the Muster. The highest Men's score was Kevin Smoothy, highest female score was Mel Barrass and lastly in the open Cubs division the highest score went to Annabelle Taylor.

Next was the White Rose Archery Klub hosting the Victorian muster in May. They had over 40 members attend. All of which represented 4 states which is fantastic. The highest men's score was Dhaifan Subardja, Highest women's score Asiya Nabulsi and highest male junior score was Safwan Arif.

Lastly the National Muster was held in September by Macarthur Traditional Archers in NSW. A fantastic turn out was had with 84 participants and 22 of those being Juniors and Cubs. Seeing these sort of participation numbers is great for TAA and the archery community. The best overall winner of the day went to Yousof Dib who also took out the top shot in field scores. While the Hogs Hollow event went to Admir Alisa and in the team event Macarthurs Traditional Archers very own won it. So a big thank you to Macarthur Traditional Archers for hosting the event and even more so to everyone who participated or was there just for the atmosphere or to help out.

Unfortunately, through no fault of anyone's, Tasmania, Western Australia and Queensland missed out on a Muster this year. So, I'm putting it out there and hoping other Club Committees are up for the challenge of hosting a muster in 2027.

Anyway, lastly again a massive thank you to those involved in running the State and National Musters this year. Your hard work and dedication made it all happen, and, even more importantly, made it memorable. I'm already looking forward to next year.

Cheers Ali

Alison Goodwin
TAA National Score Recorder

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What a year.

I'd like to start with thanking my fellow committee members for volunteering their time this year and all their efforts they have put into TAA. Without you we wouldn't be here.

For my part, I am proud to say we now have a starting point for our own TAA targets. I am looking forward to seeing more photos come through so we can continue to improve them.

I have been reaching out to other organisations to try and build a network of like minded people, to ensure the future of hunting and our sport.

Thank you all.

Chris Nelson
TAA Hunt Advisor

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I've had a mixed year in my role as Traditional Archery Australia's Traditional Skills Officer in 2025 / 2026 .

My Family and personal life took precedence so I have not achieved what I envisioned upon my reelection as TAA's Traditional Skills Officer .

As I did last year 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 this goal for 7 or 8 years.

I see the Guild as key to the preservation and a strong future of Traditional Archery related Crafts and Skills in Australia , it's one of the founding principals behind TAA .

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 believe the Archery Crafters Guild has a great future ahead of it.

Traditional Archery in Australia needs all of you to work together to achieve this goal , not a select few !

I believe the true tradition in Archery is to share our collective Traditional Archery Knowledge . Each of us has benefitted from someone else's knowledge during our time as Archers - Archers who paid it forward !

Across 2025 / 2026 I taught people to make Selfbows both privately & at TAA Selfbow Workshops and taught others the basics of other Archery related Skills such as Leathercraft , String making and making Arrows from scratch .

I took it upon myself to represent Traditional Archery and the Archery Crafters Guild at the huge Abbey Medieval Fair .

I've flown the Archery Crafters Guild Banner at this type of Event for many years 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 devoted significant time into drafting an International Selection Criteria Document which also included a revised Code of Conduct for Athletes selected to represent Traditional Archery Australia in future International Events either in an Official capacity or as Competitors .

This draft International Selection Criteria Document has not been discussed fully by the Committee at this point in time as a number of other pressing matters pushed it into the background .

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I will be asking the new Committee to revisit this draft proposal at their earliest convenience during 2026 / 2027 .

Thank you to my fellow Committee Members.

I have grown to appreciate each of you over the last 12 months. I was quiet at times during meetings but I was paying attention to, 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 has been a privilege serving on the Committee with you.

This will be my last term as Traditional Skills Officer for the foreseeable future .

Traditional Archery and in particular the Archery Crafters Guild needs someone who is a more effective communicator and networker than I am .

If you think you're up to the task to further Traditional Archery Crafts and Skills in Australia , please contact me ~ I will do everything I can to assist you in succeeding where I fell short !

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

Regards Perry Jackson

Traditional Skills Officer

Annual Report – TAA Club Representative Communications Officer

Nadia Bonnell
Reporting Period: 2026

Introduction

Serving as the Club Representative responsible for Communications has been a rewarding learning experience. I have enjoyed meeting and working with wonderful people from clubs across Australia and contributing to the ongoing communication and development of TAA.

Throughout the year, I organised and facilitated meetings with Club Representatives from around Australia, helping to keep representatives informed, connected and involved in the activities, discussions and decisions of TAA.

A key focus this year was encouraging greater participation from Club Representatives and creating opportunities for everyone to share their opinions and contribute to important discussions. Ensuring that all voices were heard was an important part of strengthening communication and engagement across our organisation.

Communication and Member Engagement

An important responsibility of this role has been ensuring that relevant club information is communicated clearly and in a timely manner. This has included keeping members informed about upcoming events, grants, calendars, meetings and other important club activities.

Throughout the year, communications have played a significant role in encouraging member participation and keeping clubs connected. Notices, invitations, posters and updates have been prepared and shared to ensure members have access to information about event dates, requirements, arrangements and other relevant details.

Effective communication also helps foster a welcoming and supportive club environment by encouraging members to participate, volunteer their time and contribute to the continued growth and development of TAA.

Event Promotion and Organisational Support

Another focus throughout the year has been supporting the promotion of target developments and ensuring that important organisational information is shared with club representatives and members.

Communication has also supported discussions around insurance information, reviewing and refining the TAA Constitution, and updating other documents to promote transparency and ensure members remain informed.

Providing clear and accessible information about events, nomination requirements, fees, equipment regulations and development grants has been an important part of helping clubs understand requirements and stay up to date with TAA activities.

Looking Ahead

As I step away from the Communications Officer role, I would like to wish the TAA Committee every success for the future.

I encourage the committee to continue strengthening communication within TAA and to ensure that Club Representatives and members feel informed, included and confident in having their say.

Good communication is a shared responsibility, and continued improvement relies on teamwork, cooperation and feedback from clubs and their members.

Acknowledgements

I would like to sincerely thank the TAA Committee, Club Representatives, club members, volunteers and everyone who has contributed their time and effort throughout the year.

Thank you for your support, cooperation and willingness to get involved. The success of TAA depends on people working together, sharing ideas and supporting one another for the benefit of our clubs and the wider organisation.

Finally, I look forward to stepping back from this position, returning my focus to the club I am affiliated with, and getting back to what I enjoy most shooting my bow!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Communications Officer.

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Shoot Director's Annual Report

David Bonnell

Throughout the year, I have had the pleasure of serving as Shoot Director for Traditional Archery Australia (TAA).

My role has involved receiving communications from clubs across Australia, updating the club calendars with upcoming events, (with help from the secretary,) and ensuring nominations are received for state and national musters. This helps keep our members informed, supports the organisation of events, and ensures clubs and archers have the information they need to participate and be safe during club shoots.

I have also had the opportunity to work alongside the TAA Executive Committee, contributing to the ongoing support and promotion of traditional archery throughout Australia.

I would like to sincerely thank the TAA Executive Committee for their support and cooperation throughout my time in this position. It has been a privilege to work with such a great team of people who share a passion for traditional archery and a commitment to keeping our sport alive and thriving for future generations.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, I will be resigning from my position as Shoot Director for the coming year. While this has not been an easy decision, I am grateful for the opportunity to have contributed to TAA and the traditional archery community.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of such a dedicated team. I wish Traditional Archery Australia, the Executive Committee, and all affiliated clubs every success in the future.

Keep traditional archery alive and thriving across Australia!