



AUSTRALIAN SKEET SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION (ASSA)

Members,

Welcome to the first edition of the ASSA newsletter and we wanted to take the chance to thank you for your continued support of Skeet and the ASSA.

I am a believer in letting people know what the ASSA committee is doing to promote Skeet Shooting and importantly the efforts of individuals on the board.

A sub-set of the board meets up with the ACTA leadership to discuss the direction of skeet shooting, the rules, the format of shoots and the equipment at the club and as I did in the last meeting, we asked the ACTA what the clubs can do to support the ACTA in its goals.

For the ASSA to do this effectively we need to hear from you, the skeet shooters about what is important to you, and not leave it up to a small group. So don't hesitate to email or call me if you have a question.

Skeet Target Testing for Wagga

We will be assisting the ACTA in testing targets for skeet in the coming months. These tests will be blind so that the shooters do not know the brand flying and there will be a scoring applied to the tests. We have the perfect person to set the targets, and Shane Bennett has offered to be the blind tester loading targets.

Painting of White Squares on the Skeet Houses

We have provided the dimensions of the white squares to be painted on the trap houses at Wagga to better enable the contrast of the target versus the background, particularly useful for the ISSF Skeet shooters.

NSWCTA Women Hall of Fame

Most of the board attended the NSW Skeet titles in May this year and I had the pleasure of meeting Maree Rooke for the first time. A lady that I had never had the pleasure of seeing compete. I was listening into conversations that Maree was having with Scott Wright and others about her dad and others and there were genuine friendship, appreciation and heartfelt feelings.

I saw Sarah Bennett and a few others take Maree out for a shot on the range and Maree you are looking smooth.



Surrounded by a few fellows from the NSW hall of Fame after receiving the Blue Jacket, (left to right) Scott Wright, Shane Bennett, Maree Rooke, Mark Corbett, Wayne Petersen and Harry Bader.

NSW Government Meeting on the Impact of the new gun laws.

I wrote to Premier Minns and invited him to the NSWGC to meet some members and gain a better understanding of Sports Shooting and the impacts of the new laws to shooters.

Unfortunately, the Premier could not come to the club but did pass our invitation onto Yasmin Catley the Police Minister of NSW and we took in a small group of members to Parliament House to give feedback on the impact of the laws on Sporting Shooters.

Ella spoke about non-citizens who will lose the right to shoot. Ella was training with the NZ Olympic team before having a family and is now back shooting after moving to Australia two years ago. She has a boy and a girl under 5 and it was time for Ella to get back to shooting, but it looks like this dream will be taken from her.

Ella is one of many Fit & Proper People who will be impacted at the club.

Colin Harris represented the Old Buggers who have moved to semi-automatics because of the weight of the gun and recoil and how the reclassification of guns into different categories will end up stopping him shooting.



Austin Gibbes was representing the younger shooters at the club and as an Australian representative from a great family, was showing a maturity level that was impressive. Austin is hoping to Study a ADFA (Australian Defence Force Academy) officers' school in Canberra next year and was offered a job in the Police should he decide not to go to Canberra.

Ross Cummings spoke about the impact on the country people and shooting and as an Australian level Shooter.

And myself I spoke about the duty of care the minister has on the young men and women of the Police to ensure they are appropriately resourced to respond to this new level of radical terrorism. (A) need for Bullet Proof Vests and (B) long arms in Cars to ensure they can respond effectively.

NSW State Skeet Carnival – Wagga Wagga

We had great weather for Wagga and congratulations to the NSWCTA executive team who ran the shoot and arranged for everything to run smoothly over the three days.

I also want to thank all the board members of the ASSA who helped with referring shoot-offs, fixing traps and generally supporting the NSWCTA executive team over the three days.

We have received allot of feedback on the targets flying for the NSW State Skeet Championship and with the ACTA we can improve this with the upcoming target selection process.

Rewards for State & Territory Skeet High Guns



This year \$100 dollars was paid to any ASSA member who won their graded high gun, and as it played out every grade was won by an ASSA member.

Who would have thought being an ASSA member helps you win graded high guns.

Overall – Harry Bader \$100

AA - Matthew De Paoli \$100

A – Les Beechey \$100

B – Karl Bowen \$100

C – David White \$100

After a discussion while at Wagga the committee decided to add the overall High Gun into the program.

John Pethybridge was the recipient of a new ASSA initiative. For all state titles, the ASSA have committed to refunding nominations for the Handicap event. John was the inaugural lucky draw winner at NSWCTA state skeet titles in May. All you must do to participate is a financial member of the ASSA prior to the start of the event.

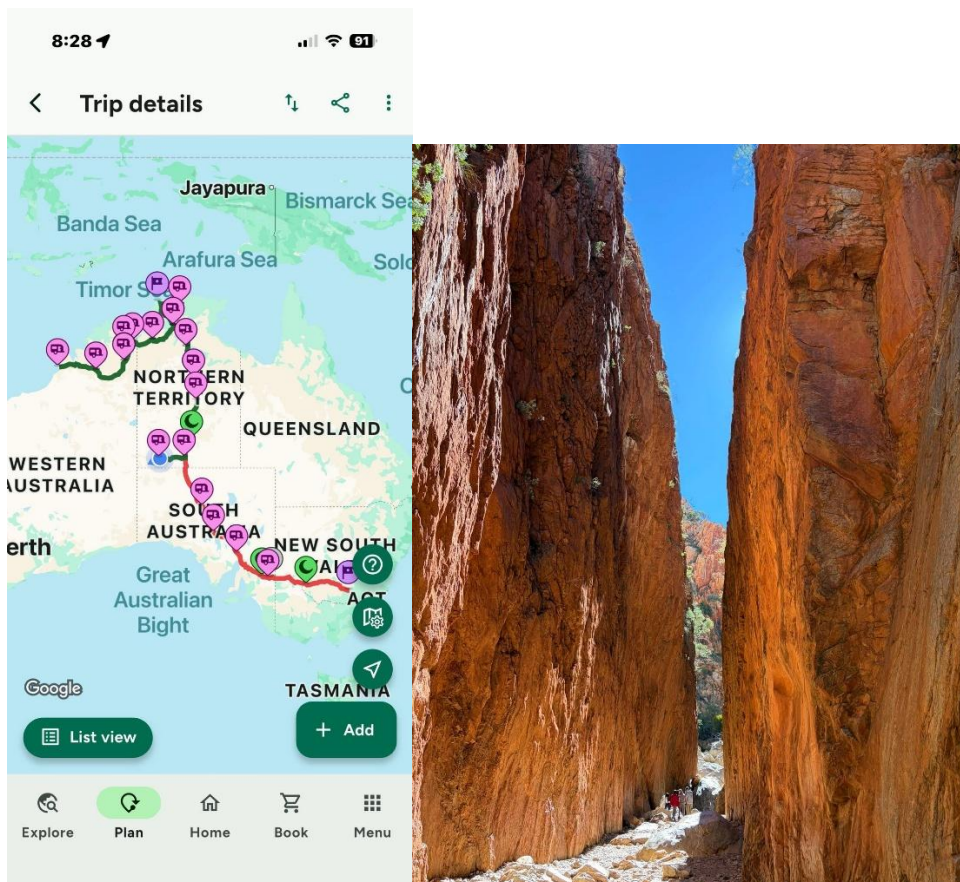


When Things Change, we sometimes forget

The BRB units at the Wagga Wagga grounds worked well I think at both the Nationals and now the state events. I wanted to thank the ACTA for continually upgrading the equipment on site. There will be more announcements in the near future which if done well will have another positive impact on skeet shooting.

Travel Ideas for the NT Skeet Shoot in 2027

The Northern Territory Skeet carnival is coming up and here is an idea for next year so that you have time to plan it out. The crew of four left the Wagga Wagga grounds after the NSW Skeet Competition and began their travels.



What a great journey and many many wonderful photo's of the journey so far.



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Up Coming Shoots



Caboolture 2 Day Skeet Carnival
July 2026
Caboolture Clay Target Club



Broken Hill 2 Day Skeet Carnival
July 2026
Broken Hill Gun Club




Cecil Park 2 Day Skeet Carnival
August 2026 10am Start
Cecil Park Clay Target Club




Black Water 2 Day Skeet Carnival
12th – 13th September 2026
Black Water Clay Target Club


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Echuca 2 Day Skeet Carnival
September 2026
Echuca Clay Target Club



QCTA State Skeet Carnival
17th – 20th September 2026
Blackwater Clay Target Club



Thanks again and we hope to see you around the traps.

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