

Welcome to the ninth edition of our newsletter. This edition covers 3 months, not the usual 2, as we were hoping for clarification of the Corona Virus situation. That did not happen, so we went ahead with publication.

Sports Grants Controversy

Well, the Wang Clay Target Club has certainly been in the news over recent months. If there is anything at all that might be considered positive about the whole affair, it is that the club was never accused of any wrong-doing and none of the so-called expert commentators in the media have made any such suggestions. Our club, like the vast majority of the other sports clubs involved in the grant process, followed the rules, complied scrupulously with the guidelines and submitted a well-structured and deserving application. If you'll excuse the pun, there is absolutely no stink attached to our toilets.

Grounds 1, 2 & 3 Remediation Process

The long process to have our shooting grounds remediated after the EPA lead contamination shut-down in May 2016 is progressing. The goal of the process is to regain as many of our pre-2016 functions and facilities as possible. To this end, an environmental engineering consultant was retained and tasked with preparing plans that will comply with the needs of all the stakeholders; The Wang Clay Target Club, The Rural City of Wangaratta, The EPA, Victoria Police and, importantly, the State Government who will fund the works.

There may well be rumours circulating as to the nature of future development, but it is important to understand that no redevelopment plans have been approved and, in fact, any final decisions will depend on a yet to be finalised Clean Up Plan approved by the EPA appointed auditor.

The club's committee has stated that it wants all pre-2016 functions reinstated, but that will probably not be possible, due to EPA regulations. Nevertheless, the committee is striving to get as much as we can from the process and is confident that the club will come out of it in good health and better equipped for the future.

Attwood Law Skeet Cup

The Albury Wodonga Clay Target Club will host the annual Attwood Law Skeet Cup on Sunday the 26th of April. This event was hosted by the Wangaratta Clay Target Club from 1978 onwards, but the 2016 EPA lead contamination saga put an end to that and saw the event move over the border in 2017.

The late Kevin Law is somewhat of a legend at the Wang club and was a dedicated skeet shooter for many years. Kevin's good friend Bill Attwood, who attended the 2018 event in Albury, is renowned for the enormous contribution he has made to skeet shooting over many years and the encouragement he gives to young shooters. Speaking of youngsters, there will be a Junior High Gun at the event.

It would be great to see some of our club's members make the short drive up the freeway to compete in this significant event.

Practice Session Sign-in Book

The Wang Clay Target Club (WCTC) is affiliated with Sporting Clays Australia (SCA) and all of our Saturday and Wednesday practice sessions are conducted under that organisation's rules. Sporting Clays Australia rules stipulate that shooters must sign the visitors book for insurance purposes. For example, if any person is injured at the club and the club is found to have been negligent, we would have no liability cover if the appropriate details and signature were not in the visitors book.

It is essential that shooters go to the clubrooms, sign the book and pay before going onto the shooting grounds.

Sporting Clays Australia uses the term **visitors book**, but it may be helpful to consider it a practice session registration book. Even members of the WCTC need to sign the book. The committee would like to think that all shooters will respect the rules and comply with them. Without insurance, no shooting club would be allowed to operate.

Mulch in the Carpark

The poor old gum tree in the carpark adjacent to the clubrooms is gone and the stump has been ground up into mulch. If you want some mulch for the garden at home, bring your trailer and a shovel the next time you visit the club. There must be about two or three trailer loads there for you.

Corona Virus

The situation regarding sporting events and gatherings of any sort is far too fluid at the moment to predict how our club might be affected. At the moment, we will continue with our competition and practice days. However, this could change at short notice. Please keep an eye on the club's Facebook page and website for any further advice.

We Want You!



Uncle Sam recently blocked many travellers from entering the US, but, for the time-being at least, he's happy for you to visit Wang Clay Target Club to help out at competitions and practice days. Setting up for shoots, loading the traps, packing up afterwards, emptying the bins. there's always something to do.

We hope you've enjoyed our newsletter. We look forward to keeping you up to date with the latest developments at our club.

Anton Motha

President, on behalf of the Committee Wangaratta Clay Target Club