



TORRENS VALLEY PISTOL CLUB

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THE RANGE REPORT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TORRENS VALLEY PISTOL CLUB



TORRENS VALLEY
PISTOL CLUB

TOGETHER,
WE AIM
HIGHER!



OUR CLUB
Stronger
together.



OUR SPORT
Support.
Develop. Grow.



OUR COMMUNITY
Respect.
Inclusion. Pride.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOHN SMANIA

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS,

I want to start by simply saying thank you.

Thank you for being a member of Torrens Valley Pistol Club, for supporting the club, for volunteering your time, for competing, for helping one another and, most importantly, for being part of our club family.

I am incredibly proud of our club and the community we have built together. We have a great history behind us, but I genuinely believe we also have a very exciting future ahead.

As President, one of the things that matters most to me is making sure Torrens Valley continues to be a club for everyone.

Whether you have been shooting for 40 years or you walked through our gates for the first time last week, whether you are young or old, male or female, an experienced competitor, a social shooter, a family member or simply someone wanting to give our sport a go - we want you to feel welcome here.

Our mission for the future is actually pretty simple.

Be a great club. Welcome everyone. Create a genuine family environment. Continue doing our best to improve our facilities. Support our sport and our members. And above all, make sure everyone enjoys being part of the club.

We have some great ideas for the future of Torrens Valley, and we will continue to do our very best to improve our facilities, accessibility and overall club environment wherever and whenever we can.

We know these things take time, planning and the support of many people, but our focus will always be on looking for opportunities to make Torrens Valley an even better club for our members and everyone who visits us.

But while good facilities are important, facilities alone don't make a great club. The people do.

A great club is somewhere you look forward to coming to. It's where friendships are made, where someone will give you a hand, where new shooters feel comfortable, where families are welcome and where there is plenty of laughter along the way.

That's the Torrens Valley we want to continue building together.

There are some exciting ideas being discussed for the future of the club, and I look forward to sharing more with everyone as those plans develop. We will keep doing our best to make Torrens Valley one of the most welcoming and enjoyable shooting clubs to be part of.

This is your club, and every member has a part to play in its future.

Thank you again for your support, your friendship and for being part of the Torrens Valley family. I look forward to seeing you around the club - and remember, while we all enjoy hitting targets and shooting good scores, enjoying ourselves and the company of our fellow members is what being part of a great club is all about.

Good shooting, enjoy the club and look after each other.

JOHN SMANIA

PRESIDENT | TORRENS VALLEY PISTOL CLUB



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1. THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC AGM

A very big **thank you to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting**, held on **Sunday 23 August 2026 in the TVPC Club Rooms**. It was fantastic to see members come together and take an active interest in our Club and its future.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to **everyone who helped make the day such a success**. To the members who prepared and cooked the amazing BBQ lunch, those who made the wonderful salads for everyone to enjoy, and everyone who helped before, during and after the AGM in and around the Club Rooms - **thank you**.

Days like this don't happen without members volunteering their time and pitching in. Your contribution and support are greatly appreciated and demonstrate the strong community spirit we have at Torrens Valley.

2. 2026/2027 COMMITTEE

We are pleased to introduce the new 2026/2027 Torrens Valley Pistol Club Committee.

YOUR 2026/2027 COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
Clive Cunningham	Michael Johns
Armando Totani	Matthew Way
John Smania	Michael Sutton
Vincenzo Mingoia	David Bushell
Giorgio Smania	Vince Jnr Mingoia
Gary Wilson	John Jones
Gelsomino Frangiosa	Greg Paynter
Matt Capobianco	

CELEBRATING OUR CLUB TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Recognising shooters presented with club trophy cups at our Annual General Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHOOTERS

At our recent AGM, club trophy cups were presented to shooters who competed across a range of club events. We congratulate every recipient and thank all members who participated throughout the year.

WALFORD CUP - RAPID FIRE

1ST Mike Johns

2ND Ladi Konicek

3RD Gary Wilson

GRAHAM WATERS - AIR PISTOL

1ST David Bushel

2ND Dylan Bushel

3RD Rob Beltrame

LOUGHEAD MEMORIAL CUP

1ST Dylan Bushel

2ND Vince Mingoia

3RD Johnny Rocca

20 SHOT RIM FIRE TROPHY

1ST Dylan Bushel

2ND George Hayek

3RD Orlando Labbozzetta

CENTRIFIRE RIFFLE TROPHY

1ST Andy Totani

2ND Dylan Bushel

3RD John Smania

WALES CUP

1ST Andy Totani

2ND Gary Wilson

3RD Alyssa-Jade Mullen

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Competition, participation and club spirit are what make Torrens Valley a great club.



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3. A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO THE TVPC FAMILY

One of the most pleasing things we have seen over the past 12 months has been the **large number of new members joining Torrens Valley Pistol Club.**

To every new member who has joined us during the past year, we extend a **very warm welcome to you and your families.**

Whether you are completely new to shooting sports, returning to the sport, or have joined Torrens Valley after shooting elsewhere, we are very pleased to have you with us.

Torrens Valley is more than simply a place to shoot. It is a Club built around its members, friendships, volunteering, competition and a shared enjoyment of our sport. We hope you feel comfortable getting involved, meeting other members, participating in our shoots and events, and becoming part of everything that happens around the Club.

If you're unsure about anything, please introduce yourself, ask questions or speak with a Committee member. There will always be someone willing to help. Most importantly, **welcome to Torrens Valley and welcome to our Club family.** We hope you enjoy many years with us.

NEW MEMBER CORNER

GET INVOLVED

Come along to club shoots, competitions, social events and working bees. They are a great way to meet other members.

NEED A HAND?

If you have questions about the Club, ranges or events, speak with a Committee member or one of our experienced members.

KEEP UP TO DATE

Watch Club communications and this newsletter for shooting dates, events, notices and important updates.

HAVE AN IDEA?

New members are encouraged to have their say too. Your suggestions and feedback are always welcome.

4. CLUB UPDATE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TORRENS VALLEY?

The Committee is looking at both the immediate needs of the Club and its longer-term future. Members will be kept informed as projects and initiatives progress.

- Shooting disciplines & events
- Shotgun facility improvements
- Accessibility & member amenities
- Juniors, women, families & new shooters
- Night shoots & social events
- Sponsorship, fundraising & grants



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5. 2026 REMAINING SHOOTING EVENTS CALENDAR

The following dates have been taken from the Club's current 2026 schedule. All dates and events remain subject to final confirmation before this newsletter is circulated to members.

DATE	DAY	EVENT
Sep 11	Friday	Night Shoot Shotgun Clays
Sep 13	Sunday	Totani Big Bore (Trophy) / Beavers Cup Rapidfire (Trophy)
Sep 20	Sunday	IPSC
Sep 27	Sunday	Juniors 25m Precision (Trophy)
Oct 04	Sunday	Shotgun Clays
Oct 09	Friday	Night Shoot Shotgun Clays FEATURE EVENT
Oct 11	Sunday	Neil Schulze Field Rifle (Trophy)
Oct 18	Sunday	IPSC / Ladies 25m Precision (Trophy)
Oct 21	Wednesday	CLOSED (Frontier Nationals)
Oct 25	Sunday	CLOSED (Frontier Nationals) / WORKING BEE
Nov 01	Sunday	5 Stand
Nov 08	Sunday	Berwick Cup Cetrefire (Trophy)
Nov 13	Friday	Night Shoot Shotgun Clays
Nov 15	Sunday	Shotgun (Trophy)
Nov 22	Sunday	Club Open, All Disciplines
Nov 29	Sunday	Club Open, All Disciplines
Dec 06	Sunday	IPSC (Trophy)
Dec 11	Friday	Night Shoot Shotgun Clays
Dec 13	Sunday	Club Open, All Disciplines
Dec 20	Sunday	Christmas Novelty Shoot (Trophy) / XMAS LUNCH
Dec 27	Sunday	CLOSED



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6. UPCOMING FEATURE EVENT

NIGHT SHOOT

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2026

4:00pm - 10:00pm

Dinner 6:30pm - 8:30pm

PASTA & PANINI NIGHT

\$25 includes a bowl of pasta,
a panini and a drink.

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD



HAVE YOUR SAY

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Committee wants members to have a genuine opportunity to contribute ideas about the future of Torrens Valley. If there is something you would like to see introduced, improved or considered at the Club, please get in touch.

Shooting • Competitions • Facilities • Clubrooms • Social Events • Family Activities
Accessibility • Juniors • Fundraising • Sponsorship • Member Amenities

SEND YOUR IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS DIRECTLY TO

newsletter@tvpc.org.au

7. LOOKING AHEAD

There is a real opportunity over the coming years to continue developing Torrens Valley into an even stronger shooting sports club while retaining the character, friendships and community that make the Club what it is.

INTRODUCING THE RANGE REPORT

A NEW NAME FOR YOUR CLUB NEWSLETTER

From this issue forward, our member newsletter will be known as The Range Report. The new name reflects what this publication is all about - keeping members informed about club news, shooting, events, improvements and the people who make Torrens Valley. We look forward to bringing you each new edition of The Range Report.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

A reminder to all members that annual membership fees are due 1 October. If fees are not paid by 31 October, you will become unfinancial and will no longer meet the requirements to hold a firearms licence. Please note: SAPOL DO NOT accept excuses, so please ensure your membership fees are settled promptly.

DUE 1 OCTOBER | FINAL PAYMENT DATE 31 OCTOBER

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA & ACROSS AUSTRALIA?

There is considerable discussion about firearm reform across Australia. This page separates confirmed changes from proposals so members can better understand what may - and may not - affect lawful sporting shooters in South Australia.

WHAT HAS ACTUALLY CHANGED?

At Commonwealth level, legislation passed in January 2026 established a framework for a national gun buyback and related federal firearms measures. This does not automatically make every proposed restriction law in South Australia.

WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED NATIONALLY?

Limits on the number of firearms an individual may possess, with possible exemptions.

Reviews of licensing requirements, licence periods and suitability checks.

A national buyback targeting surplus, newly restricted or illegal firearms.

Reclassification of some firearms and greater consistency between jurisdictions.

Greater use of criminal intelligence in firearms licensing decisions.

WHERE DOES SOUTH AUSTRALIA STAND?

South Australia gave in-principle support to a national buyback while seeking further detail. More recent reporting says the SA Government has no current plans to change the state's broader firearm laws. As at 25 August 2026, SA has not announced the firearm-number limits or other major restrictions being pursued in some other jurisdictions.

Members should therefore be careful not to assume that a proposal, announcement or law in another state automatically applies in South Australia.

ONE CHANGE ALREADY IN EFFECT IN SA

The Firearms (Digital Blueprints for 3D Printing) Amendment Act 2025 commenced on 19 February 2026. It inserted section 37A into the Firearms Act 2015, creating an offence for unauthorised possession of certain digital blueprints for firearms and related items, subject to specified exceptions.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MEMBERS?

Stay informed - but don't assume every firearm-reform headline applies in SA.

PROPOSAL > GOVERNMENT DECISION > LEGISLATION > LAW IN FORCE

The Range Report will continue to distinguish between these stages in future updates.

SOURCES & FURTHER INFORMATION

South Australian Legislation - Firearms Act 2015; Firearms (Digital Blueprints for 3D Printing) Amendment Act 2025 and commencement proclamation.

Australian Parliament / Commonwealth Government - federal firearms and national buyback legislation and information.

ABC News - reporting on South Australia's position and national/state firearm reform developments, including 14 May and 15-19 August 2026.

General information only - not legal advice. Members should check SAPOL Firearms Branch and current SA legislation for official requirements.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY OUR CLUB SPONSORS

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE TORRENS VALLEY COMMUNITY.

Torrens Valley Pistol Club sincerely thanks the businesses, organisations and individuals who support our club. Our sponsors contribute in many different ways, and their generosity and ongoing support help us provide a better experience for our members, strengthen our club and continue investing in its future.



Fisher Firearms

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CLUB

SPONSORSHIP AT TORRENS VALLEY - COMING SOON

We're currently developing a new range of club sponsorship packages, which will be released in the next edition of The Range Report.

Over the coming editions, we'll also be expanding our Sponsors Page, recognising more of the businesses and supporters who contribute to our club and giving members the opportunity to learn more about the people and businesses behind that support.

Interested in supporting Torrens Valley? More information and sponsorship opportunities will be announced in the next edition.

MEMBER NOTICEBOARD

BUYING • SELLING • CLUB SUPPORT

LOOKING TO BUY OR SELL?

If you are looking to buy or sell a firearm, please check the notice board in the club rooms. All members are welcome to advertise items they wish to sell, and it is also a great place to see what other members may have available.

NEED SOME ADVICE?

Not sure what to buy? Don't hesitate to ask one of our friendly committee members for assistance. They will be glad to help where they can and point you in the right direction.

USE THE CLUB NOTICE BOARD

Please use the notice board in the club rooms if you have items you would like to sell or if you are looking to purchase. It is there for members to connect with other members.

AMMUNITION AT THE RANGE

Don't forget, Torrens Valley Pistol Club is always well stocked for your ammunition needs while you are at the range. Come and see our friendly team members for anything you require.

CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD NEXT TIME YOU'RE AT THE CLUB

BUY • SELL • ASK FOR ADVICE • SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

All firearm transactions must comply with applicable South Australian firearms laws and licensing requirements. The club notice board is provided as a member advertising space.

THANK YOU FOR READING

THE RANGE REPORT

Thank you to all our members for being part of the
Torrens Valley Pistol Club community.

Your participation, support and involvement are what make
our club what it is. We look forward to seeing you at the range
and bringing you the next edition of The Range Report.

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SEE YOU AT THE RANGE.