



NATIVES RIFLE CLUB No.4 INC

Established 1901

Clubhouse: - Duncan Rifle Range, Belmont Brisbane

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2018 Marked one of the most successful years for Natives and the membership in recent history. Despite it being a tumultuous year within the district, Natives provided much needed leadership and fraternity throughout this process, which was noted by our fellow shooters on the range. Thanks to all for their help and dedication to our great club.

This year we welcomed Ian Errington, Lily Halpin, Jin Lee, David Samuel and Ben Samuel to the fold, and look forward to their long association with the club. We also had the rare opportunity to honour and thank member and Patriarch Tom Canty as he enters into his retirement from shooting. His great achievements and assistance to the club will long be remembered.

New members and developing shooters continue to be mentored unofficially by a small, but strong contingent of members, generally on a Saturday morning. I look forward to formal mentoring in the future. Thanks again to those selfless members for raising up your clubmates. Classic Natives.

Fixtures saw a very close race, with our Division 2 team winning the competition by 4 points this year (and outscoring our Div1 team on 3 occasions). Division 1 came down to the last two ranges, with Natives placing 3rd by 4 points, while the FClass team (2nd, by 2 points) and Composite team (4th place) put up a great fight. Native placed third in the Pennants for 2018, and lost out for our 1000yd Whiskey. These results are greatly improved and are so by a far greater buy-in from the membership in what is a competition for club, and not the individual. I was especially proud of that fact.

Our club champions for the year were Kim O'Loughlen (TR-A), Josh Pratt (TR-B, U25 prize, and top club scorer), Michael Halpin (TR-C), Wayne Latham (FS, and Veteran's prize), Craig Pratt (FTR). Congratulations for these fine performances. While we did not have success in the MDRA Champion of Champions, we had a year of stand-out individual performances from our members (as found in Hexta, NRAA results, and attached) with a short summary as follows: Michael Halpin (1st TR-C in NRAA Presidents, Queens, Grand, QRA Queens and Grand), Josh Pratt (1st TR-B in Bundaberg, Natives, NRAA Presidents, Queens and Grand, the prestigious Kaltenberg Cup), Wendy Latham (1st TR-A in Natives and Brisbane OPM), Rudi (1st in TR-B in Ipswich), and Craig Pratt (1st FTR in Natives OPM). Our incredible year continued with representative honours for Kim O'Loughlen, James Spence, Shaun Connolly and Cathy Berry (QRA Open TR team 2018), Wendy Latham and Sharona Muxlow (QLD Ladies match 2018), John Caske (2019 Veterans Australian Team selection), Josh Pratt (U21 Australian Team for 2019) and Don Thompson (2018 Australian team to Bisley).

Natives OPM was well supported with 90 entries this year, and was assisted tirelessly by John Menzel, Bob Cramp and the ET assist team. Many thanks as always for your support. Winners included: The Perrin Shield - Wendy Latham (TR-A), Josh Pratt (TR-B), Catherine Jones (TR-C), Andrew McKillop (FS-A), Craig Clark (FS-B), Dave Boreham (FO), Craig Pratt (FTR) with Colin Jones taking out the Keith Affleck Belt. Thanks for our sponsors, The Menzel family, The QRA and Q-Store, Carina Leagues Club and the Perrin Family.

The Carina Leagues Club continues to support Natives, and this year I signed a formal sponsorship agreement with the club to secure a 33% in contributions, guaranteed over the next 3 years. This could not have happened if not for our club and membership's high-standing and regard within the CLC. Our prize winners on the night of Sportsperson's Awards were: Club Person of the Year (John Menzel), TR-A (Leigh Marrett), TR-B (Josh Pratt), TR-C (Michael Halpin), FS (Brian Pickles) and FTR (Craig Pratt).

On a personal note, in a year of transition within the executive, I thank all those who have made this role easier, and have continued to put in effort to lift our club to where it is today. Thanks to the executive for 2018, George Constantinou and Kim O'Loughlen (VC FC & TR), Wendy Latham (Hon. Sec), Lyle Vinter (Treasurer), Brian Pickles (Providor), Wayne Latham (webmaster and stats). Special thanks to the vast majority of members for always, happily doing what is required for the benefit of all of us. We are custodians of this club for the future, and should strive to leave the club in a better position than when we found it.

Look after one-another, respect our differences and always seek to include, rather than exclude. Let's lift each other even higher in 2019.

Luke Baker – Club Captain 2018.