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Natives Rifle Club 2013 Captain's Report

2013 has been a great year for Natives Rifle club. The club now has a membership of 53. We have welcomed the following new members: Markku Ahonen, Luke Baker, Carly Berry, Judy Caske, Michelle Elmes, Geoff James and Scott Schroder. Others who may join us are Guy Van Acker, John Kendall and Taylah Exler.

After the highs of 2012, 2013 fixtures was not one that we would like to remember as we were defeated in all Grades. Strategies will need to be put in place to improve our position for 2014.

Tom Canty has continued to provide training to interested members in the use of the reloading equipment. His efforts are greatly appreciated. Thanks also go to Wayne and Wendy for hosting a training session for club members on centring of groups.

I would like to thank those club members who assist in developing new members in many different ways. Those members know who they are and the importance of the role they play cannot be understated.

We have seen the continued growth of F Class. It now boasts 15 regular shooters. 2013 marked the first entry into F Class fixtures.

The club champions for 2013 were A grade - John Caske, B grade - Garry Henderson, C grade - Sharona Muxlow, F Class - Wayne Latham, Veteran - John Caske. Congratulations to all winners.

The club was well represented at Queens and prize meetings throughout the year. Individual achievements can be viewed on the website thanks to Wayne Latham's continued excellent work.

The Natives prize meeting for 2013 was a great success with approximately 90 shooters attending. The weather was good and feedback was again very favourable. Don Thompson (Natives) won A grade, Ron Bowman (Gatton) won B grade, Rudi Mueller (Brisbane) won C grade, Lyle Tillack (Goondiwindi) won FSA, Wayne Latham (Natives) won FSB and Barry Lewis (Brisbane) won FO. Catherine Berry again worked hard for our club with badge procurement and putting in a good word for us with the NRAA board and we are indebted to her. Thank you Catherine. Thanks to all members who worked hard to make it all happen. Keith Affleck still maintains a great interest in the club and every year Keith sponsors the Affleck Belt at our annual prize meeting. In 2013 the belt was won by Hamish Pollock from University of Queensland Rifle Club.

The QRA held a very successful Open Day on October 6th. Several members from Natives attended on the Day to offer support, equipment and insight into full bore rifle shooting to members of the public. Thanks go to Sharona Muxlow, Kate Menzel, Jeff Leung, Bill Broome, George Constantinou and Kim O'Lughlen, without whom the day would not have been the success it was. As a result of the Open Day, Luke Baker has joined us and Guy Van Acker and Taylah Exler are considering joining. So we can say that our efforts were truly worthwhile for the Club.

Capital works were undertaken by the Club in the form of the kitchen upgrade and I would like to acknowledge the generous grant from the QRA.

As always, we are very grateful for the support given to the club by the Carina Leagues Club. As an associated sporting club of the Carina Leagues Club, we receive a generous grant each year. This year we were able to purchase another Barnard rifle for use by new and intending members. In October the Carina Leagues Club hosted its annual Sportsman's Dinner and trophy presentation. Natives Rifle Club was well represented at this great social evening and I would urge those members who did not attend to come along as it is a great night out. The winners of the Carina Leagues Club trophies for 2013 were A grade John Caske, B grade Dominic Whalan, C grade Sharona Muxlow, F Class Wayne Latham.

My thanks go to Wayne Latham for his continuing hard work as the Club webmaster. The website is a great first point of contact for the Club.

I thank the Vice Captain Steve Smith, Treasurer Marcia Canty, Secretary Shaun Connolly, Statistician Steve Smith, Providedore Brian Pickles and the committee for their assistance throughout the year.

I would like to thank those members, who are too many to name but who collectively make this the great club that it is by contributing in various ways throughout the year, including mowing, cooking, bbq'ing, rubbish removal, prize meetings, tent set up, club rifle maintenance, chronographing, coaching and mentoring and tallying scores at the end of the shooting day. Thank you all.

I wish all members good shooting for 2014 and we will aim for a better performance and success in the Fixtures Competition.

John Menzel
Captain 2013