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It's your VRA

# From the VRA Council



Dear Member,

It's almost time for the payment of annual fees and I would like to explain the reasoning behind decisions recently taken by your VRA Council.

At the last AGM it was noted that for some years we have not been generating sufficient revenue to cover the depreciation charges on our assets. Therefore we have not been making any provision for the upgrading of those assets. Through the Shooting Sports Facilities Program we have an opportunity to gain significant grant funding to assist with a program of asset improvement. An application has been submitted for proposed works including:

- a larger powder storage area to better ensure our powder availability
- a purpose built zero range to allow zeroing activity while the range is in use
- proper fit out of a kitchen at the west end of the Frank Morgan Pavilion
- a disabled access toilet at 650 yards
- an additional storage shed to limit the space currently taken up in pavilion
- improved access to toilets and the shop
- an awning on the east end of the pavilion
- increased area of hardstand on the south and east sides of the pavilion
- shop extension to improve layout, capacity and security

The total estimated cost is \$600,000. If the total proposed program is approved by the Department of Sport, after allowing for \$40,000 of in-kind labour we would need to provide \$110,000 in cash to match the grant requested of \$450,000. If a reduced amount is approved, our program will be reduced accordingly. We anticipate being informed about the grant in July. This is a once only opportunity and action must be taken now, before we have all of the necessary funds. It is therefore proposed that:

1. From existing funds, the VRA contribute \$30,000
2. Clubs and Members be invited to donate to a Headquarters Improvement Fund
3. Clubs and Members be asked to provide interest free loans for up to three years to that fund
4. The required balance be borrowed on commercial terms
5. The levy on Members continue until all loans are repaid

The 2016/17 fee structure will therefore comprise four components:

- NRAA fee – which is increasing by \$2.50 to \$55.00
- Magazine Subscription (optional) – which remains at \$40.00
- VRA Membership Fee – which will increase by \$9.50 to \$115.00 (for a full member)
- VRA Headquarters Improvement Levy – which will be \$20/year until the improvements have been fully funded

The formal notice for membership renewal will be sent out later this month.

Regards

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For and on behalf of the VRA Council

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