

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. Yeah I know, it's a little late but as they say "better late than never". Here we are in mid February with 5 successful shoots already for 2015 and many more to come.

The upcoming shoot programs are varied and should spark a lot of interest. The varied programs during 2014 proved to be very popular so we will keep them coming. We have a number of sporting shoots planned throughout the year with the first on 15<sup>th</sup> March just in time for the duck season commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

#### **CHRISTMAS SHOOT:**

The WVCTC Christmas shoot was held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Despite the weather that was wet and windy, it was a very successful day. We had 13 squads for the day, an interesting program and great food for our Christmas lunch. A big thank you to Allan Wilson who volunteered to bring his enormous spit and cook for over 120 people, thanks Allen, much appreciated by all. It was a big effort arriving at 7am to ensure all was ready for lunch. Also a special thanks for all their help on the day to the Preston family who helped set up the clubrooms and external tables, Mrs Howden for the lovely Pavlovas and Richard Howden for going out of his way to fix trap one after a solenoid malfunctioned due to the overnight rain. Special thanks also to Kathy Pistone who spent most of the day in the kitchen cleaning up after us blokes, thanks Kathy.

I apologise if I have forgotten anyone as there were many members and guests that pitched in to help wherever it was needed from filling the traps to scoring, putting scores on the board, etc., etc. Thanks to all!!

Lastly but certainly not least, thanks to the committee members that helped on the day and the many that were there the day before and weekends leading up to the shoot to ensure the club looked great, and it does!!

The results of the Christmas shoot plus others are on page 2 of this newsletter.

#### **AROUND THE GROUNDS:**

We continue to improve the club as time and funds permit. A new timber fence has been built around our water tank. We plan to paint the fence not only for aesthetic reasons but to protect and preserve it.

Painting of the clubhouse is scheduled to start late February. I am sure you will agree that a fresh coat of paint is a little overdue.

As previously mentioned, we have additional improvements planned, which will be revealed one approved and/or scheduled to start.

#### **ACCESS ROAD:**

Again a reminder to keep the speed down on the access road to avoid damage and keep the dust down particularly in summer.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS:**

Membership applications have been mailed out to members. Please ensure fees are paid before 1<sup>st</sup> January. Fees must be paid by this date to enable members to vote at the AGM. Should you have not received your application, please see Sonia at the bar or a committee member to obtain a form.

#### **WEB SITE:**

We are happy to report that the web site is up and running and looks great. The site has general information about our club plus Werribee shoot results, monthly shoot programs and you will also find the newsletter there. Please spend some time browsing the site and send through your feedback as we wish to make it as informative and user friendly as possible.

#### **CLUB APPAREL:**

WVCTC apparel is available to purchase through Sonia or a committee member if Sonia is not available. We have many sizes available but should we not have your size, we can place a special order for you.

#### **SHOOTING SUPPLIES:**

The club offers the convenience of purchasing cleaning, lubricating and safety gear (earmuffs and glasses) from the counter next to the bar at competitive pricing. Please see Sonia at the bar for your requirements.

See you around the traps!  
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