



## Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (New South Wales) Inc.

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To all Members,

At our Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025, we discussed the matter of club fees and the financial sustainability of our operations.

After careful consideration, it was decided that from 1 July 2025, the adult fee will increase to \$15 per visit, or \$200 for a yearly range pass.

This is our first fee increase in 14 years, and it was not a decision made lightly. However, the rising cost of rent, maintenance, and insurance as well as our legal obligation to run the club responsibly have made it necessary.

To give some context, our insurance costs have increased dramatically from \$1810 in 2019 to \$6455 in 2025 and increase of 256%. Similarly due to the shortage of physically able volunteers we've needed to contract out some maintenance tasks, which also come at a cost.

While many of our dedicated members continue to volunteer their time and effort including members in their 60's, 70's and even 80's it's clear we need to support the club more sustainably. We're incredibly grateful for their commitment, but we cannot rely solely on them indefinitely.

In recognition of increasing fuel prices and travel costs the Committee have also agreed to provide our Range Officers with a \$20 out of pocket payment per session.

This small token acknowledges the value of their time and contribution in keeping the range open and safe for everyone.

Please remember this is our club not just a place to shoot, but a community that thrives though shared responsibility and support. In past years we've offset fees hosting State and National Championship events. However due to significant workload involved for a small group of volunteers, we are scaling back to just one major shoot this year.

Just a reminder we now run Shotgun once a month from midday on Saturdays, please see Calendar for dates, all are welcome to attend and enjoy this new discipline.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support. These changes help ensure the future of the club and its ongoing ability to serve members for years to come.

Warm regards,  
The Committee