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ARCHERY AUSTRALIA CHAIR / CEO REPORT

It's been a big year so far as we welcome new staff members to the team and the national and international competition has kicked off.

The Archery Australia board and management has been working closely together to continue to refine practices and processes to secure the sports sustainability and growth.

Financial Reporting - YTD

We understand that managing finances is an important consideration to understand the investment of funds from memberships. The Board continues to monitor our financial situation diligently. We have implemented new and refined financial reports being delivered to our Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee in the week prior to our Board meetings for oversight and assessment purposes. Thanks to the hard work of our management team, a forecast return to a positive financial position at the end of this financial year is looking likely. The latest profit and loss summary report has been distributed to the RGB presidents who can provide more details to clubs and members where required.

Continuous Governance Improvement

We have also implemented a refined Board agenda which now includes standing items for: Financial Reporting, Risk Management, Strategic Plan Actions along with time allocated to an invited guest presentation from one of our many highly valued stakeholders to be connecting with the wider community. Our most recent meeting we benefited from a presentation from the outgoing Chair of our Athletes Committee Alexandra Feeney who reported on the good work the Athletes Committee is doing to provide continuous improvement to the athlete experience and request that the Board and our administrative staff continue to improve communication with the Athletes Committee in relation to selection policies, time lines and other issues which directly affect athletes.

Each board meeting is followed the next day by an update to the RGB presidents to continue to improve transparency and information sharing with the states and clubs. Once again the RGB presidents are a key point of information to provide more details to clubs and members where required.

Risk Management

The Board has worked closely with the FAR Committee and extra ordinary meetings to completely review the entire risk register and adopt the latest version as a working document. At each Board Meeting the top three risks are addressed and formal responses adopted to responsibly and effectively manage these risks. In the current cycle we have reduced some of our financial risks through improved financial reporting and expenditure control.

Strategic Planning Actions

Since the strategic planning event with the RGBs in February, the strategic plan has been updated and the actions emerging from the review are now being implemented. Management has sent out the revised Strategic Plan with Actions to RGB presidents and it is good to see that some actions are already complete. Over the next few weeks the Board, in consultation with the CEO, will be setting more dates for completion for some of the remaining actions as well as allocating resources to some of the other remaining action points that will appear in our budget for 2025 / 2026 at the end of June and will be communicated to RGB Presidents.

ARCHERY AUSTRALIA CHAIR/CEO REPORT

General News

On the 2nd and 3rd of May in Sydney the Board were represented by the AA Chair and the CEO at the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) AGM (pictured below) where we exercised our voting rights to help elect 7 executive members of the AOC. This was a great opportunity to network with other National Sporting Organisations (NSO) and the AOC Executive. These relationships will become more important over time as the process of preparing for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games is already well under way.

In December Ariane Derooy resigned her role as appointed director and that position has now been filled by a **new appointed Director, David Liddy** who is currently a member of our Finance and Risk Committee. David has a wealth of private sector experience in Risk Management and has already proven to be a tremendous contributor to our continually improving governance standards. He will fill this role until the AGM in November at which time – based on recommendations from our Nominations Committee, Board vacancies will be addressed in compliance with our Constitution.

We would all like to extend a warm welcome to our new HP team members, **General Manager, High Performance** Gina Rees, **Olympic Head Coach** Simon Fairweather and **Athlete & Wellbeing Manager** Jennifer Hamer. We are very excited to have the skills, talents and experience of Gina, Simon and Jennifer leading the way for our High Performance Strategy, including the introduction of Compound to LA28.

More details will be released by World Archery in January 2026 for the inclusion of Compound to the Olympic schedule which will inform our next steps.

State Participation Leads. On the back of positive feedback from all RGBs around the role and impact of the participation leads Sally Walker is contacting all RGB presidents to discuss further on how we continue and evolve these roles for benefit of participation and engagement strategies. Some positive signs for our participation plans, so let's keep up the excellent team work happening across the various RGBs.

Proposed RGB Forum & AGM 22nd & 23rd November, 2025 COE - Canberra ACT to coincide with National Target Championships.



Rob Fiddymment
Board Chair

Peter Bromley
Archery Australia CEO

MEET THE NEW

ATHLETE COMMITTEE

Introducing the 2025–2027 Archery Australia Athlete Committee

Archery Australia is pleased to announce the new Athlete Committee for 2025–2027. The Committee plays a vital role in representing athlete voices and contributing to the ongoing development of the sport.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the outgoing 2023–2025 members of the athlete committee, Astin Darcy, Ryan Tyack, Jarrod Nicholson, and Jay Moylan, for their valuable service and dedication.

Archery Australia Athlete Committee 2025-2027

Lexie Feeney
Jane Waller
Rhiannon Mills
Amanda Jennings
James Gaze
Harry Neve
Hugo Lobb

STAFF TEAM

Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement

We are excited to welcome Jennifer Hamer to Archery Australia. As an experienced Athlete Wellbeing and Engagement professional, Jennifer has completed a Doctorate in Athlete Health and Performance with a specialised focus on mental wellbeing, personal development, and performance optimisation in high-performance sport.

Having previously worked with the **Australian Sports Commission, Triathlon Australia** and **Swimming Australia**, she comes with experience in designing and implementing athlete wellbeing strategies that align with performance goals. She is committed to athlete-centered support that fosters both personal and professional growth, creating high-performing environments for athletes in pursuit of international success.

Jen will cover all our Recurve, and Compound programs both Olympic and Paralympic athletes and be a key link with the AIS Wellbeing department and its practitioners who are currently working with categorised Archers.

JENNIFER HAMER



SIMON FAIRWEATHER



National Head Coach and Technical Director

Archery Australia welcomes Olympic Champion Simon Fairweather on his appointment as Australian **National Head Coach**.

Simon Fairweather is a celebrated figure in the world of archery, with a career spanning over four decades. His remarkable achievements include a gold medal at the 1991 World Target Championships and proudly representing Australia at five Olympic Games appearances, from 1988 to 2004. His career highlight is winning Olympic gold in Sydney in 2000.

Simon, with his extensive experience as an athlete, coach, and innovator, is dedicated to advancing the sport of archery in Australia. He is excited to develop the new Centre of Excellence program for recurve archery at the Australian Institute of Sport, focusing on fostering communication and collaboration to inspire the next generation of archers.



STATE PARTICIPATION LEADS

The 5 state participation leads have been doing a great job of increasing awareness and opportunities for people to participate in and enjoy archery. The leads have not completed their trainer assessor qualifications to be equipped to train more coaches and officials to be able to support growth in the sport. Coaching course have been held across NSW in Dubbo and Lithgow to increase community coaches.

Its been great to see some clubs being really engaged with the participation leads to also build the sport through running come and try events, starting Oz Bow competitions and female focused come and trys. We are aiming to keep the interest going from these event and have produced a flyer to help interested individuals connect with clubs.

We are close to pulling together a newly developed program to be included in the Sporting Schools Australia program so years 2 to 8 can have greater exposure to the sport of archery to get young people involved and hopefully bring their family along to join a club.

We have been hosting some successful come and trys with Invitus Australia while all states continue to build relationships and involvement with Scouts, Girl Guides, PCYC, YMCA, school groups and workplace team building and cultural community groups.

The participation leads are there to help you and meet you where you are at to help your club grow. We also identify that there is much work to be done to help support the volunteers and clubs with the resources to welcome in these new participants while we nurture the experience of our current membership base. There is no shortage of passion and ideas to build the sport but will keep working with the clubs, committees and RGBs to build sustainable growth.

2025 HYUNDAI WC ARCHERY

WORLD CUP - STAGE 2

Australia's National Archery Team recently competed at Stage 2 of the 2025 Hyundai Archery World Cup in Shanghai, with athletes contesting compound and recurve events across individual, team, and mixed divisions.

The compound team featured Daniel Teelow, Nathan Rowley, Joshua Mahon, and Jersey Lui, while the recurve team included Ryan Tyack, Alex Smith, Jai Crawley, and Lexie Feeney. Coaches Peter Feeney, Simon Fairweather, and Alice Ingley supported the athletes throughout the event.



All four compound athletes progressed to individual match play. Joshua Mahon finished highest in qualification (37th), and while none advanced beyond the opening round, the team gained valuable experience. In the Compound Men's Team event, Mahon, Rowley, and Lui were narrowly defeated by Denmark in the 1/8 round.

In recurve, Jai Crawley and Ryan Tyack both progressed to the individual elimination rounds, with Ryan finishing 9th overall. Lexie Feeney and Jai also represented Australia in the mixed team event, and the men's team qualified 8th before falling to China in the 1/8 elimination round.

While no podium finishes were recorded, the campaign provided key international exposure for the squad as they continue their build toward future World Cup stages.



ASC COACHING UPDATES



Australian Sports Commission research team is conducting a study which aims to form a clearer picture of how Australian coaches define success within the coaching context. It is anticipated that the outcomes of this study will provide greater understanding of how Australian coaches perceive success.

These results will allow the ASC Coaching and Officiating team to provide information, create resources and lead workshops with a range of stakeholders that are tailored to the way Australian coaches define success.

Calling all coaches!

The target participants for the survey are all coaches across Australia (18 years or older) who have current or previous coaching experience, at any level and with any background. It would be great to have Archery coaches represented by completing the survey at the link below.

[SURVEY LINK](#)

Further information about the study can be found within the survey when coaches follow the link above. This study has gained ethics approval from the Australian Institute of Sport Ethics Committee (reference number: 20241101).

COMPETITIONS & EVENTS



2025 National Para Championships - March 21-23

SOPA hosted this year's Para Nationals in what were surprisingly very pleasant conditions.

The tournament consisted of a 720 ranking round with Round Robin Matchplay and elimination matches from the 1/4 round.

Para Archery in Australia continues to grow at an astounding rate with many archers being Nationally Classified whilst attending their first National Championships.

Thankyou SOPA for hosting another great event – the number of club volunteers supporting the LOC was fantastic to see.

2025 National Youth Championships - 17-25 April

During the Easter break over 150 of Australia's youngest archers and their families travelled to the ACT to attend the 2025 Youth Nationals at Tuggeranong Archery Club.

This year saw the return of Matchplay along with Target and Field, the tournament was also used to select archers for Australian teams for the World Youth Champs and Trans Tasman Challenge, with a number of positions decided by only a couple of points.

Congratulations to all and special thanks to the team at Tuggeranong Archery Club who again excelled in hosting an outstanding tournament.



UPCOMING: 2025 National Indoor Championships - July 5 and 6

Eighteen venues across Australia will host this year's National Indoor Championships on the 5th and 6th July 2025. 2024 saw record numbers compete at this tournament and AA are hoping to better that number of participants this year. A huge thankyou to all the LOC's hosting the tournament, and special thanks to our National Judges and Judge Candidates, without whom, this tournament could not be held.

Please head to the Archery Australia website for registration. But be quick! Registrations close on the **5th June** – many venues have limited space, so ensure you register early to avoid disappointment.

Athletes

Jonathon Milne
Stuart Hume
Jadein Burns
Garry Robinson

Staff

Ricci Cheah
Sarah Fuller
Graham Winston



ROME 2025 EUROPEAN PARA ARCHERY CUP LEG 1

ROME, ITALY

World Records Available

26 TH - 31ST, MAY, 2025



2025 ASIA CUP STAGE 2 SINGAPORE

World Ranking Event

15TH - 20TH, JUNE, 2025

Compound Men

Joshua Mahon
Pat Coghlan
Harry Neve
Daniel Teelow

Compound Women

Georgina Graham
Anna Twining
Michaela Scott

Compound Coach

Peter Feeney (also acting as Team Manager)



WINNIPEG 2025 WORLD ARCHERY YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINNIPEG, CANADA

World Records Available

17 TO 24 AUGUST 2025



Under 18 Female Recurve

Ellen Martini
Maja Kecskes
Gabrielle West

Under 18 Male Recurve

Jack Love
Brock Penna
James Azli

Under 21 Female Recurve

Jessica Lloyd

Under 21 Male Recurve

Chris Jackson
Jai Crawley
Marcus Yiu

Under 18 Female Compound

Eve Whitear
Leizel-Marie Roux
Sophie Hellenen

Under 18 Male Compound

Harry Knox

Under 21 Female Compound

Anna Twining
Myfanwy Howden
Lily Azli

Under 21 Male Compound

Ryan Bird
Josh Turner

The past few month the Assemble working group have been listening to your feedback and working on some updates to share. As usual we are always working towards taking onboard productive and solution focused feedback to help progress Assemble. Some of the new developments are as follows:

- Dashboard Dropdown Enhancement - New Active or Inactive Memberships viewable via the dashboard, providing clubs with the ability to see who's membership is due to expire or who is expiring soon.
- Report Preview - All columns that are in each report are now listed below the report before generating the report. Some report columns can be deselected.
- New Filter for Member and Event Products - Provide the ability to filter products that members have registered to within the relevant membership or event.
- Regenerate Membership Card when member details change, expiry date, name etc., members and administrators can regenerate a new membership card via admin and portal.
- New Membership Notification - Define which club admin receives a notification when a new registration occurs.
- Portal, Description Field Expansion - Removed text limit from portal display to ensure significant text display can occur when members are registering.
- Require Approval Email Submission - When a 'Required Approval' submission has occurred an email will be sent to Admins that have roles at that entity level.
- Coaches Accreditation Card - The ability to capture accreditation details as well as generate a 'Coaches Accreditation Card'
- System Email 'Opt Out' When 'Opting Out' through the Portal an administrator cannot email that member via. the Communications module

For Any Assemble enquiries please reach out to support@archery.org.au

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Your club and RGB can help with any enquiries in your state.

Archery Australia Key contacts

Assemble - support@archery.org.au

For all Assemble and membership enquiries

Coaching - coaching@archery.org.au

For all coaching related enquiries

All other enquiries - info@archery.org.au

Phone: (02) 9772 2995

If you are not receiving responses to direct personal emails, these emails will ensure a more consistent reply

National Volunteer Week 2025

This National Volunteer Week (19–25 May), Archery Australia is proud to join the call to give “3 Cheers for Volunteers” — recognising the incredible individuals who make our sport possible through tireless dedication, generosity, and community spirit. Volunteers are the heart of archery. From field setup to coaching, administration, events, and more — they are the quiet force behind every arrow shot. This week, we spotlight just two of the many stories that show how volunteering helps our sport thrive.

Lynne Greenham – Over 30 Years of Service in WA

A true stalwart of the archery community in Western Australia, Lynne Greenham has dedicated more than three decades to the sport. Her long list of volunteer roles includes President, Secretary, Coaching Coordinator, Facilitator, Medals Officer, and much more.

Lynne’s impact stretches across community events, equipment maintenance, and competition coordination. Even beyond formal roles, she continues to give her time, knowledge, and support to ensure archery remains active, accessible, and inclusive in WA.

Her passion and leadership have shaped the sport not just locally, but nationally — and she continues to inspire the next generation of archers through her unwavering commitment.



Mat Shears – Leading Chewton Archers Forward

As the current President of Chewton Archers, Mat Shears has revitalised the club with hands-on leadership, clear vision, and an immense personal investment of time and energy. Mat manages everything from Come & Try sessions, equipment upkeep, bow tuning courses, and coaching, to overseeing compliance, improving membership processes, and even handling Club Recorder duties. His efforts recently enabled Chewton Archers to host their first QRE in years — a significant achievement for a small club.

Under his guidance, the club has developed a clear mission, nurtured a strong sense of community, and is now planning strategically for future growth. Mat’s contributions go well beyond what’s expected, and his work is deeply appreciated by all involved.



PUT YOUR VOLUNTEERS ON THE MAP!

As part of this year’s campaign, the Australian Sports Commission has launched an interactive Volunteer Map, showcasing stories of sport volunteers across the country. Help us highlight more incredible people like Lynne and Mat by nominating a volunteer today.

➡ Visit volmap.ausport.gov.au to nominate a volunteer



Archery Australia is taking significant steps to prioritise member protection, ensuring the safety, well-being, and fair treatment of all its participants, from athletes to coaches and volunteers. These efforts are aimed to ensure that athletes, coaches, officials, and other members of the sports community are safe, respected, and supported in a positive and inclusive environment.

Sport Integrity Australia have a number of resources that can be printed off and put up at your club to show your commitment to integrity and safe sport and safe sporting environments. Have a look at the wide range of helpful [Resources on the SIA website](#).

Archery Australia encourages all RGBs and clubs to display and post online these resources and raise the awareness of integrity with their club.

[Access poster on Respectful Behaviour](#)



[Access poster on Being a good sport](#)



Here are next FREE webinars coming soon!

HANDLING MEMBER PROTECTION CONCERNS

5th June - 7:30pm AEST
[REGISTER](#)

Poor behaviour is the responsibility of all members of a sporting community. This will aim to help you understand & implement member protection safe practices that will empower all members to ensure behaviours shown within your sporting community are acceptable, and to navigate situations where these expectations aren't met.



NATIONAL INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK

A safe, fair and healthy
sporting environment



ANTI-DOPING

Australia's national anti-
doping organisation



EDUCATION

Educating the benefits of
keeping our sports clean



SAFEGUARDING

A safe space to play sport
and be active



COMPETITION MANIPULATION & SPORTS WAGERING

THE 1980S: LAYING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

The 1980s marked a decade of steady growth and quiet determination in Australian archery. While Olympic success was still on the horizon, this era laid the groundwork for future triumphs—with standout performances in the Paralympics and World Field Archery Championships, and the emergence of athletes who would shape the sport for decades to come.

THE 80S

At the 1980 Arnhem Paralympics, Ian Trewella claimed silver in the men's individual event, continuing Australia's proud para-archery tradition. Four years later, he returned to the 1984 Stoke Mandeville Paralympics, once again reaching the podium with a silver in both the individual and team events, joined by David Higgins and Stephen Austen. These achievements kept Australia on the world stage and helped maintain momentum for para-archery in the years to come.



Matthew Gray

This decade also saw women step into the spotlight. Susan Davies earned a bronze medal in the women's individual event at the 1984 Paralympics—Australia's only female archery medal that year and a significant moment for gender representation in the sport. In the field archery scene, the 1988 World Field Archery Championships in Bolzano, Italy, introduced two young archers who would become household names: Matthew Gray and Deonne Bridger, both winning bronze in their respective junior categories. Their early success hinted at the emergence of a talented new generation and marked a changing of the guard.

The 1980s may not have had the fanfare of Olympic headlines, but they were a decade of building—from the growth of junior and para programs to breakthroughs in international competition. They were the years that prepared Australia for the golden moments to come. Follow along in each edition of the newsletter as we highlight another chapter in our rich history.

THE 1980S: PARA DOMINANCE, FIELD SUCCESS, AND NEW NAMES ON THE PODIUM



Ian Trewella



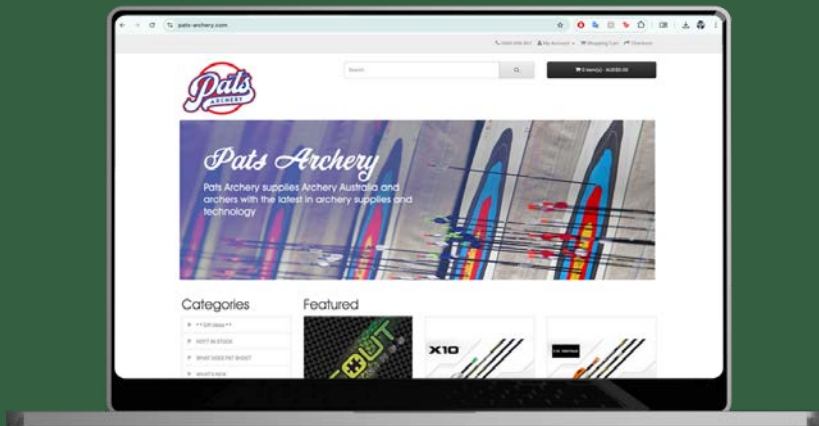
Susan Davies



Deonne Bridger

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