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REPORT TO NRANZ MEMBER'S – Long Range World Championship 2019 - #4

Dear Members

Sorry for the gap in communications, must be an age thing as time seems to move so fast. I was hoping to have these newsletters out quarterly but I see it was August when I sent the last one out.

Since then another progress report has been sent to MBIE and the next one is due. Again, we have been busy and the following represents the current state of play.

Project Management

The committee have continued to hold monthly meetings and tasks and work streams are being actively managed. Updates since the last report include.

- The committee have approached Bill Aitchison from the Wairarapa and he has agreed to take on the role of the co-ordinator and to be in charge of liaising with volunteers. Bill has a long history with the sport and has spent a lot of time involved in Commonwealth Games and World Cup development.
- A special event liquor licence has been granted to a partnership of the Wellington Clubs for the 2018 Championships who will manage the hospitality on site and provide duty managers over the time covered by the licence. This means we have a number of conditions to comply with around how we manage alcohol consumption around the compound and for the event.
- A food Caravan will be on site for 2018 and will be trialling different menus to assess what catering preferences visitors might have.
- Communications
 - Internet and Facebook pages are being actively managed and refreshed weekly.
 - A Kia Ora pamphlet has been produced and approved by Police which aims to give visitors important tips and advice about shooting, NZ rules and regulations as well as other safety tips.

Seddon Range Upgrade

Capital Works

The following projects have been identified in order of priority to upgrade facilities;

- Zero Range (Allen Range or Somerville)
- 1000 yard mound with development of targets 1 & 2 and 49 & 50
- Repair of Mounds

Zero Range

- Funding for the zero range has not been successful to date and difficulties have also been identified with the preferred site at the Allen

Range which involves clashes with other users on that range at crucial times for our event. The other option of the Somerville Range remains an option for 2019 but there is not enough time to get plans approved by the Army and the range built before the 2018 Champs.

- Arrangements have been made to use the Heretaunga Pistol Club Range next to the Somerville Range for up to 4 hours per day over three days at the start of this year's Championship for a set fee. The Pistol club will be providing Range Officers.
- It is still intended to get a Zero Range up and running on the Somerville Range as early on in 2018 as possible.

1000 yard mound with development of targets 1 & 2 and 49 & 50

- The building of a retaining wall for the 1000 yard mound has been completed and the mound has been re-grassed and seating is being built.
- The development of targets 1 & 2 and 49 & 50 is under way with survey work being completed. Next step is getting agreement from the Army to proposals.

Repair of Mounds

- Mounds have been repaired with holes and depressions being filled with top soil, however recent dry weather has meant there has been very little grass cover possible. The plan is to use scrim over the worst areas to keep the dust down during shooting.

Other Activities

- A new second hand tractor has been purchased by NRANZ to ensure greater reliability of grass cutting and other range maintenance functions.
- The outside of the NRANZ building has been painted and the roof will be painted prior to 2019.
- Security fencing has been ordered for use around the 1000 yard mound and to screen equipment and rifles from the road.
- An alternative parking site is being established on Corrections controlled land adjacent to the 900 mound to keep vehicles away from the compound area. Security personnel will be required for this area and a mixture of volunteer and professional services will be used.

Major Changes affecting 2018 Nationals

There are three major changes that will affect members for this year that need to be trialled to ensure they are viable for the increased numbers that will be attending next year. These are the conditions pertaining to the special event liquor licence, parking restrictions for shooting at 900 and 1000 yards and around the compound area and ID cards for competitors and visitors.

- Special Event Liquor Licence;
 - Pavilion tents are to be erected in the compound and the liquor licence area incorporates the three Wellington Clubs and a set area of the compound. Liquor can be purchased at any of the three club bars and taken into the pavilions, but cannot be taken outside of those areas. A duty manager must be on site in the pavilion area and responsible for

ensuring the conditions of the licence are complied with (those conditions will be displayed on signs. Persons under 25 must show proof of age and we need IDs worn to show we are only serving to people attending the event, we will have visitor IDs available as well.

- **Parking Restrictions**
 - Given the limited area for parking at 1000 yards, especially since the recent improvements and the fact that we will be using the road as a mound this year coupled with increased security concerns, parking behind the 900 and 1000 yard mounds will be limited to range staff vehicles. Security fences will be erected between the road and the 1000 yard mound and vehicle access will be controlled by signs. A new parking area will be provided through the deer fence on the prison side of the 900 yard mound and a walking bridge erected to cross the creek and the stop bank adjacent to the Provincial Rifle Club.
 - The committee recognises that this is a major departure for NZ members but for a number of reasons including firearm security with vehicles being parked close to a reasonably busy road it has been considered necessary.
 - Security personnel will be posted in the parking area, this will extend into the evening (actual times to be advised).
- **ID Cards**
 - Security concerns around managing access to the range and knowing who is about as well as liquor licencing requirements have meant that we have to step up this year and issue ID tags that will need to be worn.
 - Cards will be issued with your pack as competitors but family members and visitors will also need to be issued a visitor card that will need to be worn. These will be available from the NRA office.

Conclusion

Finally, thanks to all committee members who are spending significant amounts of time making things happen. Special thanks to Andre Doyle for all his work on the 1000 yard mound (countless hours) and to Karyn Flanagan for her work on the Kia Ora pamphlet. Special thanks also to our secretary Helen for all the extra work that has come her way with this event which I am only too well aware of.

All the best

Rob Morgan

LRWC 2019 Committee Chairman