

SAFGA "STATE BOARD"

# *NewsBulletin*

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## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD AND GAME**

*"The wild life of today is not ours to dispose of  
as we please. We have it in trust. We must  
account for it to those who come after."  
King George VI*

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## **SCA Ladies & Junior Training Camp**

- *SCA Ladies and Juniors Coaching Day – A Huge Success*
- *A word from Victorian Sporting Clays President (VSCA) – Ray McFarlane*
- *Selection Process – State Target & Safety Director, Joe Densley*

# Geelong Sporting Clays Moretons Road, Balliang, Victoria

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Sun's out, Guns out!

It's not often Geelong is sunny at this time of year but participants were lucky to have been blessed with great shooting conditions for both the Saturday 100 Target State Qualifier Shoot and Sunday Coaching Clinic.

With approximately 30 enthusiastic participants, including both ladies and juniors, and an incredible team of 10 dedicated coaches, the event was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to build confidence, learn new skills, and enjoy the sport of sporting shotgun shooting in a safe, supportive, and fun environment.

Weekend Highlights:

**Personalised Coaching:** Participants received hands-on guidance from experienced and accredited coaches, many of whom generously volunteered their time to support the next generation of shooters.

**Skill Development:**

From accomplished shooters to those with some experience, attendees learned the fundamentals of safety, stance, gun fit, target acquisition, and breaking clays across various sporting disciplines.

**Encouraging Atmosphere:**

The day was full of positive energy, encouragement, and community spirit, with new friendships formed and confidence growing with every shot.

**Junior Engagement:**

It was especially inspiring to see so many juniors taking part, showing great enthusiasm, focus, and respect for the sport.



Thank You to the incredible coaching team for their time, professionalism, patience, and encouragement.

Also, a big thank you to **SCA** and **Geelong Sporting Clays** for holding and making the event possible.

By ***Belinda Hall & Janette Densley***



**Renae Birgan** is a **world-class Sporting Clays athlete**, and someone who has actively supported fellow athletes as a **mentor, coach, and source of inspiration**.

Today, our **Ladies and Juniors** were fortunate to be coached by a group of **hand-selected, highly experienced shooters**, led and championed by **Shooting Australia Olympic Athlete Coach Renae Birgan**.



*Ray McFarlane*  
*Victorian Sporting*  
*Clay President*



Victorian Club President **Ray McFarlane** welcomed all sportsmen and women to the coaching Clinic at the Geelong Sporting Clays Club. He thanked the coaches for taking the time to coach new up coming Ladies and Juniors into the sport. He wished them well and hoped all participants would get a lot out of it. The Sunday Barbeque and salad lunch that fed 50+ in attendance was provided and paid for by Frank and Rebecca Papaluca, a very generous gesture – Thank you.

All shotgun shells and targets were provided by Sporting Clays Australia.



**Janette Densley**



**Belinda Hall**

The **State Board** wishes to extend its thanks and gratitude to **Belinda Hall** and **Janette Densley** for providing valuable information and sharing their experience for this bulletin, which we are confident will be well received by our members.

## *Selection Process - Ladies and Juniors training camp*

*For those that are not familiar with the process*

In early June the state board had contacted each club secretaries advising them of the SCA Ladies and Training Camp to be held in Geelong, Victoria. We ask all Club Secretaries to confirm the names of suitable Lady and Junior prospects who would benefit from this training opportunity. Four were chosen and only two were able to attend.

We are pleased to advise that the SCA Lady & Junior Training Camp 2025 was scheduled to be held on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June 2025 at Geelong Sporting Clays.

This year's event will consist of:

- Saturday 21st June: VSCA Competition (self-funded by attendees)
- Sunday 22nd June: Coaching and Training Day (Clay targets and cartridges provided)

The Sporting Clays Australia (SCA) has generously committed \$3,000 in funding to assist with clay targets and cartridges for the training day.

Joe Densley  
**State Target and Safety Director**

# Keeping informed

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