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## ARCHERY AUSTRALIA CHAIR/CEO REPORT

As we enter a new financial year, we are pleased at the progress of the YTD financial results remaining ahead of budget. Our auditors are now undertaking their independent review for year end and preparation for our Annual General Meeting scheduled for the weekend of 23rd of November 2025.

The Annual General Meeting is planned to coincide with our National Target Championships in Canberra for convenience and to extend an invitation to those that may wish to attend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Timings and location will be announced closer to the date.

The FY25/26 Financial Budget has been approved by the board and details have been shared with RGB presidents and Australian Sports Commission. AA feel in a confident position to start the next financial year with positive steps forward for our overall financial position to be able to support the sport better.

The AA Board approved the <u>revised Strategic Plan</u> ("Win Well" & "Play Well") in June which incorporates updates following on from the RGB workshop and agreed steps for our Sport. Our plans moving forward include a strong focus on a collaborative approach with all our stakeholders to ensure we understand and address the critical points to move our sport towards that "flag on the hill' being Brisbane 2032.

With our growing staff, the Archery Australia team in Sydney held an offsite at the ASC offices in Sydney to connect and focus on the people who make up the ecosystem of Archery. The people make the difference, and all people have a role to play in upholding the values and mission of Archery in Australia. Governance and Integrity must remain a priority across our sport to ensure we create a safe and secure environment for all participate and enjoy our sport.

We acknowledge the levels and flow of information can be improved with ongoing offers from CEO & AA team to meet and attend RGB OGMs or committee meetings where required to assist with any confusion or clarity required. The AA team are also hosting additional training days for Assemble users and these can be coordinated through your RGB's.

After a process of considered review and broad engagement with stakeholders, our HP team has just released the new selection policy to ensure better understanding of the criteria required for team selection. Feedback has been positive, and the team will continue to monitor as well as being available for further enquiries.

Good luck to our Australian teams competing over August & September at the World Archery Champs in Korea, the World Archery Para Championships, Trans-Tasman and World Archery Youth champs.

Our Participation State leads continue to show great initiative in promoting the sport and encouraging an inclusive space for all people to enjoy archery. Increasing archery exposure through fun community and cultural events, school programs and innovative programs to partner with disability organisations to encourage archery promote inclusions in the sport. More detail about the great work they are doing is detailed in this newsletter.

Finally, thank you to all our volunteers that make our sport great across all aspects.

We are pleased to announce we will be introducing the Archery Australia Volunteer of the Year Award.

This award will recognise an outstanding volunteer contribution to our sport in 2025. More details are to follow around the nomination process but get thinking about all the valuable volunteers you know who would be worth nominating for this perpetual award.

Enjoy the following updates from what has been a jam-packed start to the year and only more competition and progress to come.

### AA UPDATES



#### **ASSEMBLE TRAINING**



JULY OFFSITE MEETING

We have listened to your feedback and have been working closely with RGBs to arrange time to come to you for more assemble training. Mick has shared his expertise with Tassie and has scheduled visits with Vic and WA to support volunteers to feel more comfortable using assemble. Its had great feedback so far and with a little help it has really improved understanding and functionality of Assemble.

For support with Assemble contact: <a href="mailto:support@archery.org.au">support@archery.org.au</a>

#### **NEW WEBSITE**

New website in the works. A change is coming toward the end of the year for the new Archery Australia website. We have listened to the feedback and taking this on board to have an easy to navigate home for everything archery. We are excited to show you more.

### NEED ASSISTANCE?

Your Club and RGB is also there to assist along with Archery Australia Participation Leads in each state. Alyssa Mollema will be available to take your calls an email at the info address and phone number.

#### **Archery Australia Key contacts**

Assemble - <a href="mailto:support@archery.org.au">support@archery.org.au</a>
For all Assemble membership enquiries

**Coaching** - <u>coaching@archery.org.au</u> For all coaching related enquiries

All other enquiries - info@archery.org.au Phone: (02)9772 2995



#### National Head Coach - Compound Program

Archery Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Coghlan as the National Head Coach for the Compound Program.

A former world number two and one of Australia's most accomplished compound archers, Patrick brings an extensive record of international competition experience across multiple World Cups and Target Championships. Over the past 15 years, he has also established himself as a respected coach, known for his technical knowledge and commitment to athlete development.

Patrick has already made a significant contribution to the program in a voluntary capacity, and we are delighted to welcome him into this formal leadership position as we continue to build toward the LA28 Olympic Games and upcoming World Championships.

We look forward to Patrick's continued impact as we strengthen the pathway for Australia's elite compound archers.

Welcome, Pat.

### PATRICK COGHLAN



### HP UPDATES

#### **WELLBEING UPDATES**



Wellbeing consults have commenced with Jen Hamer and our HP categorised athletes, with tailored support being offered to reinforce the connection between wellbeing and performance. We're placing a strong focus on embedding the 2032 Win Well strategy throughout our HP system, promoting the message that "it's not just when we win, but how we win."

Recently, Jen visited our Para team in Queensland, meeting several of our para athletes – and even had the chance to shoot an arrow or two!

Behind the scenes, work is underway to develop a new induction process designed to better support athletes as they enter and progress through Archery Australia's HP system.

If you've stepped away from elite competition, know that you're not alone your journey in sport doesn't end at retirement. The AIS Retired Athlete Peer Support Network is a chance to reconnect, reflect, and rediscover purpose alongside others who understand the unique challenges of life after sport. Whether it's been one year or ten, this supportive community is here to help you navigate what comes next. We encourage all former archers to get involved and stay connected.



### AIS RETIRED ATHLETE PEER SUPPORT NETWORK

A welcoming space to share your journey beyond sport An alumni community where you belong Connection and peer-support opportunities

JOIN NOW!



#### **HIGH PERFORMANCE UPDATES**

#### **AA National Teams**

Huge number of international events coming up across the next three months, currently <u>World university Games</u> in Germany where we have three athletes representing Australia.

#### **THE FISU TEAM**

August starts and we have <u>World Games</u> in China, <u>World Youth Championships</u> in Canada where we are sending a very talented young group with expert staff.

### THE WORLD GAMES TEAM

#### **THE WORLD YOUTH TEAM**

Our World Championships and World Para Championships teams are currently preparing in their daily training environments ahead of the September events. The Para team will come together at the Centre of Excellence in Canberra in early August to focus on their preparation as a team.



#### **Recurve and Compound Selection Policy**

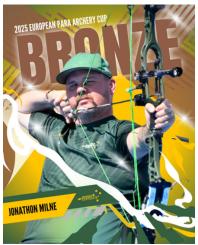
The new Selection Policy for Recurve and Compound divisions has been released and is now available on our website. You can view the full Selection Policy by following the link to view the <u>Selection Policy</u>. Currently we are reviewing Para and other Selection policies for events.

#### **Upcoming in High Performance:**

As we continue to focus on strengthening our Daily Performance Environments for athletes, we are also reviewing the Pathways program to ensure it aligns with High Performance objectives and supports emerging talent in collaboration with states and clubs.

### **COMPETITIONS & EVENTS**





#### **Double Podium Finish for Australia in Rome**

Australia has wrapped up a successful campaign at the 2025 Para Archery European Cup in Rome, securing two medals and valuable international experience in preparation for the 2025 Para World Championships.

Jonathan Milne led the charge with a bronze medal in the Compound Men Open individual event, following a series of strong matches and a one-point loss in the semi-final. He then returned to the field with Garry Robinson to claim silver in the Compound Men Open Doubles, defeating Italy and Great Britain before falling to India in the gold medal final.

Jadein Burns (W1 Men) and Stuart Hume (Recurve Men Open) made their international debuts, showing promise and composure under pressure. Burns was eliminated in the 1/8 round, while Hume narrowly lost in a 4–6 match in the 1/16 round. Robinson, competing individually, exited in the 1/16 round after encountering gear issues. Milne and Robinson's doubles score of 149 in the quarterfinal was the highest of the day.

Archery Australia congratulates the entire team and support staff on an excellent result and looks ahead to continued preparation for future international championships.

#### Madrid 2025 Hyundai Archery World Cup Stage 4 – Australian Team Summary

Australia's recurve team wrapped up their campaign at Stage 4 of the 2025 Hyundai Archery World Cup in Madrid after a week of strong efforts across all event categories.

In the qualification round, the team faced challenging yet manageable conditions, with a later 5:30pm start helping ease the intense Spanish heat. Ryan Tyack placed 43rd with 660, Jai Spence 48th with 658, Marcus Dais 71st with 637, and Alexandra Feeney 35th with 639. Both the Men's Team and Mixed Team qualified in 16th position.

The Men's Team, ranked 16th, faced 17th-ranked Netherlands in the opening round but were unable to progress against a strong Dutch side. Similarly, the Mixed Team pairing of Ryan and Lexie went up against Israel in a closely seeded contest, narrowly missing out on a win.

In the individual matchplay, Lexie faced a strong Japanese opponent and was defeated 1–7. Ryan secured a 6–4 win over Luxembourg before bowing out to Turkey 3–7. Jai opened with an impressive 7–3 victory over the USA, then went down 3–7 to Germany. Marcus did not progress past qualifications.

While the results didn't all fall in Australia's favour, the event provided important international experience and showcased moments of composure and skill. The team now shifts its focus to preparation for upcoming major events, including the World Championships and World Games later this year.

## **COMPETITIONS & EVENTS**









#### Asia Cup Stage 2 - Australian Team Recap

The Australian archery team delivered a strong showing at Asia Cup Stage 2, held in Singapore from June 2025. Among the standout performances was Joshua Mahon, who battled through to the individual compound gold medal match, showcasing composure and consistency under pressure.

Across all divisions, the team demonstrated resilience in challenging conditions, including weather delays and high-level opponents. Their performances reflect the strength of Australia's development pathway as we look toward the World Archery Championships later this year. Congratulations to all athletes, coaches, and support staff for their dedication and teamwork throughout the event.









#### 2025 National Indoor Championships Wrap-Up

The 2025 Archery Australia National Indoor Championships took place across eighteen venues nationwide on 5–6 July 2025. After a record-breaking turnout, this year's event continued to build momentum with strong participation from across the country.

A heartfelt thank you to all Local Organising Committees and clubs for their dedication in delivering the tournament, and to our National Judges and Judge Candidates for their vital contributions. This event would not be possible without your continued support and expertise.



<u>LA28 schedule has been released</u> – set your countdown clock for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2028 to watch all the archery action at the LA Olympics.

### INTEGRITY UPDATE



#### Working with Children & Vulnerable People Checks - Verification is Essential

Every State and Territory in Australia has legislation in place requiring individuals who engage in child-related work to hold a valid clearance commonly referred to as a Working with Children Check or Working with Vulnerable People Registration. However, it is **not enough** to simply collect WWCC numbers or card details. All organisations must ensure that these clearances are formally verified with the relevant authority before a person begins any child-related work whether they are staff, volunteers, or contractors. The verification process varies by State/Territory and must be part of your onboarding process. Regular monitoring of expiry dates and prompt renewals is also part of national best practice for creating safe environments for children and young people.

#### **Action Required:**

Ensure your organisation is meeting its legal obligations by verifying every Working with Children or Vulnerable People clearance. Use the official portals provided by each jurisdiction to confirm validity, track expiry, and monitor status. Click below for your relevant state/territories' official website.

#### ACT | NSW | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA

Or contact Donna Olbourne (National Integrity Manager) integrity@archery.org.au

#### **UPCOMING INTEGRITY WEBINARS**

All webinars are **FREE**, accessible online and delivered by subject matter experts via Microsoft Teams.

#### **Planning Safe Sporting Events**

Webinar date / time: Wednesday 6 August 2025, 12:30pm AEDT Register now

Learn how to develop and implement a comprehensive safeguarding plan that covers every stage of your event-from preparation to post-event review. This session is tailored for sports administrators at all levels.

#### **Tech-Based Abused in Sport – Exploitation**

Webinar date / time: Thursday 11 September 2025, 7:30pm AEST Register now

This session will equip sports administrators, coaches, and parents with practical tools to safeguard their communities and take action against online abuse.

#### **Managing a Community Level Sport Complaint**

Webinar date / time: Tuesday 7 October 2025, 19:30pm AEST Register now

Perfect for club volunteers and local sport leaders, this session will help you respond fairly, consistently, and in a way that keeps your community safe and respectful.

#### **Risk Management: Boards & CEO Duty of Care**

Webinar date / time: Thursday 6 November 2025, 12:30pm AEDT Register now

This webinar focuses on exploring the vital role of sport Board members and CEOs in safeguarding children and young people. Learn how leadership decisions directly impact child safety and discover practical risk management strategies to meet your duty of care obligations.

#### **Member Protection: Managing Sideline Behaviour**

Webinar date / time: Wednesday 3 December 2025, 12:30pm AEDT Register now

This webinar will equip club leaders and officials with practical strategies to manage sideline behaviour and uphold a safe, respectful sporting environment for all.



#### <u>Building Inclusion in Archery – WA Hosts Disability Workshop</u>

On Sunday 22 June 2025, Archery Australia participation lead Jade Wilcockson and Archery WA hosted a dedicated Disability Inclusion Workshop at Archery Park WA, aimed at equipping clubs and coaches with the skills and understanding to better support archers with disabilities. The event welcomed 14 engaged participants from across the Archery WA community, who came together to learn, share and develop strategies to make our sport more inclusive and accessible.

The workshop was made possible through the generous support of WADSA (WA Disabled Sports Association) and Blind Sports WA, whose experienced presenters shared valuable insights, resources and hands-on guidance. Their expertise helped participants gain confidence in adapting coaching and club environments to better cater for a diverse range of needs and abilities. This event forms part of Archery WA's broader commitment to inclusive participation and was an important step in fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals interested in our sport, regardless of ability. We extend our thanks to all who attended, and to the organisations and individuals who supported this initiative.







#### Sparking Interest: Archery Reaches New Youth Through SASI Programs

Recently, Paul Hawes had the pleasure of supporting the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) through both their Term 2 School Program and their School Holiday Program. These sessions engaged students aged 14 to 17 from a variety of schools across the country, with each session welcoming around 50–60 participants. The format combined talent identification with a Come and Try component, offering students the opportunity to experience archery many for the first time.

Paul recounted it was encouraging to see that while approximately 80% of students were already engaged in some form of sport, the remaining 20% those still searching for the right fit showed strong interest in archery. Many took home pamphlets and asked how they could join a local club or sign up for a beginner's course. It's always exciting to see new faces connect with our sport, and who knows perhaps among these enthusiastic participants are some of our future national champions.





#### Promoting Mental Wellness Through Archery at the 2025 ETU Delegates Conference

Archery Australia was proud to be part of the 2025 ETU Victoria Delegates Conference, joining forces with outdoor recreation leaders to highlight the role of sport in supporting mental health and wellbeing. Under the theme "Work Hard, Rest Hard, Play Harder," the event welcomed hundreds of delegates and special guests, offering a unique platform to showcase how archery can foster focus, balance, and mental resilience.

A special thanks to Archery Victoria for leading our presence on the ground. We were honoured to host Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister Steve Dimopoulos at our stand, where they had the chance to experience firsthand the benefits archery brings to both mind and body. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the broader community and reinforce the message that archery is more than a sport it's a pathway to wellbeing.



#### Queensland Participation Update: Archery on Show at Defence Community Sport Expo

Archery Australia will proudly take part in the upcoming Defence Community Sport Expo on Sunday 24 August at the Townsville Sports Precinct. Hosted by AA and Invictus Australia, the event will welcome current and former defence members, their families, and the wider community for a free, family-friendly day of sport and connection. The archery range is expected to be a crowd favourite, with participants of all ages invited to try their hand at the bow. Our team will be on site to engage with first-time archers, provide information about local clubs and beginner programs, and highlight the physical and mental benefits of the sport. It will be a fantastic opportunity to promote archery as an inclusive and accessible activity for all especially veterans and their families.

A special thank you to participation lead Tim Allen for supporting NQAA for their efforts in coordinating archery's involvement in this event. We also extend our sincere thanks to Invictus Australia and our dedicated Queensland volunteers, whose support ensures a welcoming and engaging experience for all attendees.



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