



**SPORTING SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (N.S.W.)
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URGENT – MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP

Dear SSAA Member,

As you may or may not be aware, the “Hardacres” Range Development Application (DA) determination by Guyra Shire Council scheduled for Monday, 25th November 2013 was deferred due to the inadequacy of the Aboriginal Heritage Study. The reconsideration of the DA for the Target Shooting Complex on the “Hardacres” property, Fleetwood Road, Baldersleigh is back on the Guyra Shire Council’s agenda. The additional information provided by SSAA Armidale is now on public exhibition for comment until the **14th July 2014**.

MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN with the lodgement to the Guyra Shire Council of as many **POSITIVE** written submissions or verbal statements as possible in support of the range development (refer to overleaf). You can either write to or telephone Mr Bob Furze, Director of Development and Environmental Services, Guyra Shire Council with your commentary. For verbal comments phone 02 6770 7109, for written submissions mail to P.O. Box 207, Guyra, 2365 or send an email to [<bfurze@guyra.nsw.gov.au>](mailto:bfurze@guyra.nsw.gov.au) supporting the development of your new range.

You can view the DA documentation on the Guyra Shire website [<http://www.guyra.nsw.gov.au>](http://www.guyra.nsw.gov.au) then go to link “Featured Programs”.

WE CAN’T UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPACT OF THE OPPONENTS OF OUR TARGET SHOOTING FACILITY. THUS THE FIREARM OWNERS OF THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS AND ELSEWHERE MUST SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY, BE PROACTIVE AND LODGE A SUBMISSION OF SUPPORT

**SUBMISSIONS OF SUPPORT MUST BE WITH THE GUYRA
COUNCIL BEFORE THE 14th JULY 2014
PLEASE ACT NOW!**

FACTS TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU ARE WRITING OR TALKING TO THE GUYRA SHIRE COUNCIL

- Sections of the range site will be designated native flora and native fauna reserves in accordance with the Local Land Services Northern Tablelands Property Vegetation Plan
- SSAA have fulfilled all the Development Application requests from Guyra Council
- Youth camps will be conducted where bush skills, conservation issues etc will be taught
- The range facility will be designed to cater for people with physical disabilities
- Every effort will be made to ensure the operation of the facility is Eco-friendly
- This range facility will cater for all types of target shooting sports
- The range will be of regional importance and will service the Northern Tablelands area
- Potential to host local, regional, state and national events
- This range facility will provide an opportunity for male, female, young or old to participate in the target shooting sports
- The range will be a regulated and strictly controlled shooting environment i.e. Range Rules, Range Officers, Match Rules
- The range will provide a safe area to practice and compete in the target shooting sports
- The range will provide a venue for new firearm licence applicants to participate in SSAA Safe Shooting Courses
- The range is located in an isolated area with minimal impact on the surrounding neighbours
- This target shooting range will provide a much needed community service
- The range complex will be a first class sporting facility for the Guyra Shire.
- The range will provide a venue for our local area command Police to practice and hone their firearm skills
- The range structure and operation is governed by the NSW Police Firearms Registry
- The range complex and necessary safety templates are accommodated within the property boundaries
- Range construction and patronage will benefit the township of Guyra economically
- Safe and effective training for both juniors and other people wishing to engage in shooting disciplines not available in the district.
- SSAA Armidale Branch has undertaken extensive studies to ensure that there are no areas of aboriginal significance on the project site
- To ensure member and visitor safety SSAA Armidale Branch has implemented a number of management plans for fire, lead and range operation

EMAIL NOTICE FROM GUYRA SHIRE COUNCIL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Notification of Council's Reconsideration of the Application for a Target Shooting Complex

In response to representations made to Council regarding the Development Application for a Target Shooting Complex at 676 Fleetwood Road, Guyra, Council advises that the additional information required has been received and is on public exhibition until 14 July, 2014.

Additional documentation regarding the development application for the establishment of a target shooting facility at 676 Fleetwood Road, Baldersleigh, can be downloaded from www.guyra.nsw.gov.au, or copies can be purchased from Council at printing cost.

All enquiries should be directed to Council's Director of Development and Environmental Services, Mr Bob Furze on 02 67707109 or email to bfurze@guyra.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Furze | Director of Development and Environmental Services

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**With thanks,
SSAA (NSW) Armidale Branch Inc Committee
24th June 2014**