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Fellow Shooters

As you're aware, the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of a number of state and national shooting events during the course of 2020. After careful consideration of the prevailing circumstances at that time, NTRA also postponed our NT Championships / Queens event 12 months until mid 2021.

NTRA Council has been meeting regularly and monitoring developments and events as they unfold. This includes the regular closure of state borders and introduction of lockdowns with little or no notice, and the current rollout of Covid-19 vaccine to priority vulnerable groups in the community.

Earlier this year the Central Australian Club made a decision to cancel their 2021 championships and focus their efforts on the 2022 event. As a feeder shoot to the NT Championships NTRA Council felt that this would significantly impact the number of interstate shooters travelling to Darwin.

To gauge the level of interest in shooters intending to attend the 2020 NT Championships, NTRA Council conducted a survey via the various other state peak bodies. The results of the survey were that a lower-than-expected number of shooters were able to commit to attending at this time and the low numbers called into question the financial viability of the event.

Accordingly, NTRA Council has resolved to cancel the 2020 NT Championship/Queens event that was scheduled to be conducted in June 2021 for the following reasons:

- 1) The Central Australia Club feeder event has been cancelled and this is likely to adversely impact the number of interstate shooters that would travel to Darwin to attend the NT Championships,
- 2) Survey results conclude that insufficient number of shooters could commit to attend the NT Championships, calling into question the financial viability of holding the event, and
- 3) The unpredictable nature of state border closures and lockdowns (hotspots) increases the risk to people's health and safety and would likely reduce attendance further than expected.

NTRA will now work towards scheduling the 2022 NT Championships with the expectation that the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine will have a positive impact on people's health and safety and reduce the risk of border closures and lockdowns.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 2022 NT Championships.

Paul Mulligan
President