



28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – ANSW Annual Presentation Dinner celebrating 2014  
Address by the President of ANSW – Nigel Matthews

Welcome, thank you to everyone for join us to celebrate the achievement so f 2014. A special welcome to ANSW Life Members James Larven & Bruce Dillon and Archery Australia President John Hyde.

ANSW continues to be a vibrant and growing sport, for me this is very exciting. In 2014 ANSW had 1700 members, with approximately 150 individual competitors who participate in an ANSW event. ANSW hosted or ran 5 State Championships, while clubs ran numerous WA, AA & club events and QREs. ANSW has 29 clubs in our RGB, just over half had archers represented at ANSW competitions.

Tonight's about celebrating the success of our competitive archers, I hope over time this event can grow to become a celebration of everything we are as a sport. The sport has so much to offer and clubs an individual's achieve so much more than scores, we should recognise and celebrate these achievements as well.

I don't want to steel anyone's thunder across the evening but I did want to extend my congratulations to our Open and Youth state teams on their successes in 2014 National Championship events. Also to those Archers who represented NSW at National or International events, congratulations and thank you.

My vision for archery in NSW is broader than just competition. However if you know me well, you will know that competition excites me and I am extremely competitive myself. State Championship competitions are a key part of ANSW current 3 year plan. To me this means having the right equipment, venues and people to host events. This is why ANSW has just invested in new timing clocks, is planning to purchase PA equipment and has planned for two custom made trailers to house ANSW targets so any club in NSW can host any of the major competitions with the least amount of effort.

This leads up to what we should be focused on for 2015. I encourage you to support three Goals.

- Double the number of competitors in 2015. This will provide more competition and push existing competitors harder. To achieve this each person who currently competes needs to bring one person from their club to an event, quite simple really.
- Have at least one competitor from every club participate in an ANSW event in 2015. This is about being relevant and being inclusive. The tournament coordinator is focused on this.
- Success – for ANSW this means investing in coach's education. Clubs tell me they need more coaches and coaches training.

Last but not least, a special thank you to our Judges, judges please stand (only three in the room of 110 people) – none of what we are celebrating tonight would be possible without the tireless efforts of our judging community. The numbers of judges are going very thin, especially in Sydney where the largest population of archers resides, the most clubs and the number of events is the highest. This lack of judges presents a real issue for competition, with the time required to train new judges some competitions face the possibility of not being sanctioned if clubs are not able to train new judges.

I've carried on for long enough – the ANSW tem and I have tried to find some fresh air to unit clubs and our sport over the last 6 months. We are working to improve communication and we welcome feedback. Several great ideas that have come from the membership have been implemented, we are listening. Thank you and have a great night.

Post script - Thank you to Elizabeth Jennison, Vicky Greenstein and Julie Tonowicz for their organising of the event.

Regards

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