



Taranaki Airsoft Rangers

President's Report 2021

Welcome to the 2021 Taranaki Airsoft Rangers annual general meeting, glad you all could make it.

This last financial year has been an interesting year for TAR with an array of hurdles to overcome along the way but in true TAR fashion we pulled through and kept on trucking forward.

The most obvious hurdle is the forever lingering covid 19 flu pandemic, this has caused many airsoft events across the country to either be cancelled or postponed to later dates, at face value this may seem minor but a lot of large club events are financially supported by the revenue generated by ticket sales.

This very situation came into effect with Faction wars co-hosted by TAR and PAC, leading up to this event a lot of alert levels changed around the country which in turn lead to refunding a large number of ticket sales.

Even though the event was a big hit with players and it 100% went ahead the background admin doubled in workload which took its tole on the event work team. But we learn from these experiences and know exactly what to do next time.

Faction wars, yet again TAR and PAC pulled off another solid interclub event. The event saw record attendance with airsofters from all over the country take to the TAR field with full force. Battling the rain most teams pulled through and played all through the night. The event had some great new sponsors jump on board with some amazing giveaways for the prizegiving.

All in all, the event was a great success and I look forward to the next one, everybody left with some great battle stories, shrivelled up feet and a cold.

Field development continued on with some more solid work carried out. Site preparation and a coms base was constructed in arena field with plans for more works to be completed in the near future. New tracks were cut in the manuka with small huts constructed throughout breathing new life to a dense bush area.

Matts field saw a small amount of work, mostly site planning and surveying on how to bring the lost area back to life, the area is in need of a huge overhaul so working bees are very important.

Club membership continues to grow with a lot of the new faces becoming more and more familiar.

It is always amazing to see new guys taking up the sport of airsoft and it is humbling to know you chose the best club in the country.

Membership numbers continue to grow with an average of one or two players joining each week, it is epic to know that TAR has some future great leaders.

I always end my report on thanking the team that make his club operate, the committee, the Johns family and a few key TAR members. Week in week out there is always something going on in the back ground. Some jobs big, some small but they are jobs that have to be done and without them being done the club wouldn't be where it is today.

To all the current TAR committee, Jonathan Robinson, Andrew Bartlett, Mitch Pearce, Adrian Edser, Mark Christiansen and life members Josh Sheed and Nathan Hodge, Thankyou from the bottom of my heart, with out your efforts over the years none of this would have been achieved. This club is a direct reflection of the work you have put in over the years and I am proud of you all.

A huge thankyou to the Johns family for the continued support and use of the land we are gifted to call home.

With the committee in mind times are changing, the current committee has struggled a bit over the last 12 months due in influences outside of airsoft. These influences require time and effort put into them leaving less and less time for airsoft. This is not a bad thing it is just life, in all fairness a lot of our current committee members have been in position for a good 3-5 years now.

Mitch Pearce and Andrew Bartlett have officially announced they wish to stand down from the committee. Jonathan Robinson and I also feel it is time for us to look at standing down from the committee.

It is time to see that next generation of TAR leaders step up and move the club forward. As this transition happens all committee members will give new members all the support and resources needed to keep the ball rolling, and hey we won't just vanish we will still be showing up to kick your asses on the field.

That's it from me, I look forward to seeing you all on the field and thanks again for making this the greatest airsoft club in the country.

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