

The SSAA Newcastle Branch hosted the Kotara Scout group for a try shooting day at the J&W Bruce Rifle Range, sponsored by Pirtek Maitland on November 12th.



This event created a safe space for eager Scouts, to explore the thrill of the shooting sport. After being greeted and signed in by the Senior Vice-President, a safety briefing was delivered by a qualified safe shooting instructor. Dedicated Range Officers ensured all Scouts had the necessary hearing and eye protection before participating.

The scouts were organised into groups by the branch Junior Vice President to participate in a shooting round robin where they received expert guidance from Range Officers, aiming at various targets set at different ranges throughout the day. With generosity from the officers, the Scouts used a variety of .22lr rifles, with some parents joining in the fun.

After completing the shooting round robin, a well-deserved lunch, arranged by the Branch Secretary and Treasurer, awaited the participants. Each Scout received a participation certificate and their own targets as souvenirs, igniting friendly competition and pride.

The success of the day was palpable, with Range Officers noting the Scouts' eagerness to return highlighting the positive impact of the event with their interest in the sport.



Organisers express heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, acknowledging their contributions in making the day possible, whether through attendance or providing resources. A special thankyou to Pirtek Maitland for sponsoring this event and SLF for providing photography services.

This is just another shining example of how this wonderful sport showcased its ability to create a safe, secure and enjoyable environment, continuing to bring people together.





