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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## CADELL PISTOL CLUB TARGETS SUCCESS WITH MURRAYLANDS STARCLUB RECOGNITION

The Cadell Pistol Club is targeting future success by achieving recognised STARCLUB status – the highest level of achievement through a program that aims to grow strong sport and recreation clubs across SA.

The club is the fourth sporting club in the Mid Murray region, and the 21st in the Murraylands, to achieve the status through the award-winning Murraylands STARCLUB initiative.

Murraylands STARCLUB is a partnership between local Councils, including Mid Murray Council, and the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. The STARCLUB program helps create clubs where quality coaches and officials work with valued volunteers in a safe and welcoming environment.

Murraylands STARCLUB Field Officer Marc Maddaford said he had been impressed with the commitment of the Cadell Pistol Club's work towards STARCLUB status.

"The club has made significant improvements in recent years to upgrade their governance, financial processes, accessibility, child safety frameworks and other aspects of administration," Mr Maddaford says.

"In particular, the Cadell Pistol Club has taken great steps to ensure it supports coaches and volunteers with training opportunities, providing a strong foundation for future growth.

"The efforts of the club are a great example to other regional clubs across SA of the benefits of the STARCLUB program and the way in which it can set clubs up for ongoing success."

Cadell Pistol Club President Kevin Myers said the club had invested significant work to progress through the program – and was already seeing the benefits.

"We may be a small club, but the STARCLUB program has been a great help in taking our club to the next level," Mr Myers says.

"Our coaches and volunteers are the lifeblood of the Cadell Pistol Club and the training and assistance we have received will ensure we are in a position as a club to offer the best to our members and continue to grow into the future.

"Cadell has become a destination club with a reputation as a welcoming, vibrant and safe place for recreational shooters and we're proud of that achievement."

Mid Murray Council Mayor Dave Burgess congratulated the Cadell Pistol Club on its recent success in the STARCLUB program, which is part-funded by Council.

"Congratulations to the Cadell Pistol Club and its members for their dedication towards ongoing improvement through the STARCLUB program," Mayor Burgess says.





"To be the fourth sporting club in our district to reach the highest status level is an achievement to be proud of.

"We also applaud Murraylands STARCLUB for its valuable work across our region with our local sporting and recreation clubs to strengthen, improve and enhance these important organisations.

"Sport and recreation are vital to the ongoing health, wellbeing and connection of our communities and this initiative goes a long way to securing their future success."

For more information on STARCLUB visit <a href="www.starclub.sa.gov.au">www.starclub.sa.gov.au</a> or email Marc Maddaford <a href="starclub@murraybridge.sa.gov.au">starclub@murraybridge.sa.gov.au</a> To learn more about the Cadell Pistol Club please contact <a href="sec.cadellpc@gmail.com">sec.cadellpc@gmail.com</a>.

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