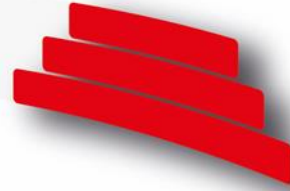


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### South Australia Field & Game Association

#### Outcome of Court Actions

SCA have received advice on the final outcome of legal actions that have been in play since 2012

There are serious conclusions to inappropriate or defamatory comments.

Back in 2012 SAFGA (and individual members) were unfairly targeted through various mediums.

After 8 long years these members have been exonerated through the courts in South Australia with serious consequences against the perpetrator.

Again we would remind everyone to be aware of your interaction and any comments made on Facebook. If used correctly Facebook is a great communication tool but unfortunately there is a dark side.



## **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD & GAME ASSOCIATION INC.**

### **UPDATE TO MEMBERS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE COURT ACTIONS INSTITUTED BY FORMER MEMBER STEPHEN JOHN RAGLESS AGAINST MEMBERS**

All of the four actions Stephen John Ragless v SAFGA Southern Branch Action CHBCI 15-22, Stephen John Ragless v Gregory John Dawes CHBCI – 15 – 50, Stephen John Ragless v Patrick George Torrens CHBCI–15–49 and Stephen John Ragless v John Bennett CHBCI 15–50 are now concluded and all claims by Stephen John Ragless were dismissed.

The Honourable Magistrate Jackson on the 31 July 2017 ordered that Stephen John Ragless was restrained from transferring, or otherwise dealing with any of his real estate assets in South Australia without an order of the court. In contempt of the restraining order Stephen John Ragless transferred the residential property [REDACTED] the joint names of himself and his wife into her sole name on the 19 June 2019. At the hearing of the application dealing with his contempt on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 her Honour Magistrate Adair ordered that

Stephen John Ragless pay the legal costs of those contempt proceedings that are estimated to be \$8,723.78.

The claim by Stephen John Ragless against SAFGA Southern Branch was dismissed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 and he was ordered to pay \$4,321.80 legal costs as a consequence of such dismissal.

1. On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 her Honour Magistrate Jackson after a thirteen day trial finding on the evidence of Stephen John Ragless that “there was simply no reasonable basis for him to have reached some of the conclusions that he did” ordered:
  - 1.1. outstanding claims by Stephen John Ragless against Members Gregory John Dawes, Patrick George Torrens and John Bennett were dismissed;
  - 1.2. on the counterclaim for defamation by SAFGA Southern Branch the Club was awarded \$10,000.00 and on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 the Club was also awarded interest of \$2,272.32 plus legal costs;
  - 1.3. on his counterclaim for defamation by Gregory John Dawes he was awarded \$100,000.00 and on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 he was also awarded interest of \$25,119.17 plus legal costs;
  - 1.4. on his counterclaim for defamation by Patrick George Torrens he was awarded \$60,000.00 and on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 he was also awarded interest of \$15,071.50 plus legal costs;
  - 1.5. on his counterclaim for defamation by John Bennett he was awarded \$80,000.00 and on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 he was also awarded interest of \$21,107.94 plus legal costs;
  - 1.6. on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (excluding legal costs) the balance payable by Stephen John Ragless was \$327,573.03 plus legal costs.

**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 Stephen John Ragless became a bankrupt.**