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TRV Newsletter October 2021

Thought for the day

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realise how close they were to success when they gave up.”— **Thomas A. Edison**

From the President

It’s wonderful to be able to bring you all a newsletter again. We were unable to fill the role of Newsletter Editor after Courtney had to step down to concentrate on her year 12 studies. But at this year’s congress at Ballarat, Phil Green of Ballarat East Rifle Club (BERC) approached us for information on the role and has agreed to get this going again. Many shooters have missed this form of communication, but please be aware that to make it work, and be informative, we rely on clubs and shooters to help by providing Phil with news articles about their clubs, members, or events. Please support Phil in this, and send anything you feel is of interest to him (in Word.docx form if possible) at philipgreen17@tpg.com.au (only one I in Philip), or send to me, Julie Holcombe, or our secretary, Janey Preston secretary@trv.org.au

TRV Council

Since congress, we were left with several vacancies on council. At our last meeting we endorsed myself, Julie Holcombe, to step up from Vice President to President. This left a vacancy for Vice President, and John Hopkins was endorsed to step up from Councillor to Vice President. This gives us continuity with his work with Vic Sport and other various Government departments he has been working with over the last few years. As he is in Melbourne it is also easier for him to attend any meeting face to face with these organisations.

This then lead to a vacant councillor position, and we are very pleased to announce that Paul Allison from MCC has agreed to take on this role. We welcome

Paul and his skills to our group. It is also timely to welcome Jim Hocking from Ballarat East Rifle Club (BERC), to council. He is already proving to be a hard worker for us and brings plenty of skills from his previous engineering and project management roles.

This now only leaves a vacant role for the Treasurer. Dennis Peacock is managing our accounts for the interim, and he will be working with Richard Manzin to redesign our accounts package to make it more relevant to our business needs. Once this is done, we will be in a position to advertise for an admin position to manage this area. However, we still need a Treasurer on council. I believe that many are put off from this position, given that a sound understanding of book-keeping or accountancy has previously been needed for the role. But, if the books are dealt with by a paid book keeper, it will greatly reduce the Treasurer's workload, and will free up more time to help council with everyday governance, and general workloads. So, if anyone is interested in taking on this role, please feel free to contact anyone on council to discuss. *Email contacts are listed at the end of this report.*

On a final note from Council, we wish to congratulate Neil Davis on his appointment to the Board of Target Rifle Australia (TRA). Neil will be sorely missed from our Council but will be a great asset to TRA. Thankfully, Neil will still be helping us out where he can, and we are very thankful for all his support.

Outdoor Convenor Role

As you know, Neil was also our Outdoor Convenor. He stepped down from this role over 6 months ago and we have not been able to fill this position. The Indoor Convenor (me, Julie) took on the two 50m pennants, but this still leaves all other outdoor competitions without any leadership.

With this in mind, I wish to put a proposal with two options, to all shooters around the two convenor roles. I acknowledge that there is plenty of work in running all the events that TRV provides, and this fact may be one of the reasons that no one wishes to step up.

Option 1. We ditch both Convenor roles and create a single Competitions Officer. This position would oversee all competitions, but rather than run them all on his or her own, they would allocate a person per event to manage and run that event, e.g., Neil Davis, with his past experience with the State Titles could run an event, and David Ball with his experience with pennants as a section officer, could run the 20m bench pennant, Rob Spratt could run the State Postals, Ken Hart could run the Captains 1500 et cetera, et cetera. This would only work if enough shooters were willing to support such a proposal. It would also give shooters a chance to help out with a reduced workload per event rather than how it works now.

Option 2. We form a Competitions committee of 3 to 5 shooters who would manage and run all events.

Please be aware that if can't get shooter support to help run these events our only option would be to reduce the amount of events we run.

I (Julie Holcombe) am seeking feedback from everyone, as to your ability to help, or if you have any other ideas to make this more manageable. Please email me at president@trv.org.au

I also wish to acknowledge again that this year has been a hard one to work with due to Covid. As frustrating as it is to not be able to shoot, health and safety is a high priority for everyone. Our 2 pennants currently running, 20m Prone, and Air Supported, are disjointed due to current lockdowns. I will leave these open-ended until the end of the year to ensure everyone has a chance to complete both events. I believe this is more favourable to everyone, rather than cancelling. Our section officers can update scores as they come in. We realise this is not the usual way we run the event, but this is not a usual year, and we all need something to look forward to. If the lockdown is extended, as I believe will happen, we may be forced to cancel other events due to start soon as this would make it too hard for clubs to manage so many competitions all running at once, not having continuity of access to clubs, and the ability to get competitions completed by the end of the year. Once a clearer picture of the lockdown situation is known, a decision will be made, and all clubs notified.

I look forward to supporting our sport in my interim year as President and please feel free to contact me if there is anything you wish to raise.

Best Regards, Julie Holcombe

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Councillor	- Jim Hocking	councillor3@trv.org.au

TO ALL CLUBS

Given the extension on Wednesday 1 September 2021 by Premier Andrews, we have no option but to cancel the remaining postal events for the year.

These are the 50m Bench Pennant, New Zealand Goodwill Cup, Junior Albert Harbert, and the Commonwealth Ladies Pennant. All have start dates that will see us still in lockdown, and with the 2 pennants still paused which we hope can be finished by the end of the year, we cannot put any more burden on clubs with an unknown end date for the lockdown and restrictions.

We wish to thank all clubs that have already entered the 50m Bench pennant and for those of you who have already paid please let us know and a refund will be arranged.

Please all stay safe and let's hope we can return to our sport sooner rather than later.

Best Regards TRV Indoor Convenor Julie Holcombe

MESSAGE TO ALL CLUBS

We are going to make some changes to our webpage, starting with better use of the Communications Tab.

Going forward, all notices that are currently placed on the front page will now be relocated to the Communication Tab, and we will work on changes to the front page to make it more about our sport to anyone looking to see what we are about. This will take a little time with new photography to be included. Once we can get this achieved we hope to have more freedom from covid.

We are also seeking anyone who is willing to help us manage our Facebook Page to load content, and source info from clubs, shooters, prize meetings, etc. If anyone is interested in this, please contact Julie Holcombe - president@trv.org.au or Janey Preston - secretary@trv.org.au

We also wish to remind everyone that our current rates to advertise your business on the newsletter and website are as follows.

Website - \$100.00 annually,

Newsletter - \$50.00 annually. If your business is a sponsor of any TRV events this charge will NOT apply.

Please speak with Julie or Janey if you wish to avail of some advertising.

Best Regards TRV Council

JIM HOCKING IS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE TRV COUNCIL.

He has extensive experience in chemical Engineering, Contracting, Electrical/Instrument Technician, and precision drawing. He and his wife Bev have run hotels, B&Bs, and travel agencies.

Today - Leads a quieter life running Sightseeing Tours of Western Victoria (when there are clients not in lockdown!) and some Small-bore Rifle Shooting when the range is open!!

Jim started shooting in 1982 at Eltham SBRC in Eltham – the Captain was John Hopkins. He really enjoyed the sport and got the “bug” along with some good Anschutz LH rifles for shooting Prone. He stopped shooting in 1987 when he and Bev left Greensborough to operate a motel in Ballarat. After a 27-year layoff, Jim resumed shooting Bench Rest at the Ballarat East Rifle Club. The Club has history going back to the years immediately after Eureka. In 2015 he took on the role of Secretary of the club.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Cornish Association Ballarat - Member and Treasurer.

Old Colonist Association Ballarat - Member

Old Colonist Club - Member

Ballarat East Rifle Club - Member and Secretary.

TRV Council - Councillor

INTERESTS:

Family, Australian History, Genealogy, Travel, Rifle Shooting, most music genres, and sport of all types.



“Luck, is where Opportunity Meets Preparation.”

Victorian State Government - Sports Grants. Shooting Sports Facilities Program - Next round (5)

As you are all aware TRV, and our clubs did not do particularly well in the last funding round (round 4). Only three TRV clubs received modest funding from Sports and Recreation Victoria (SRV). Successful round 4 clubs were - 9 of pistol clubs, 7 of Clay Target clubs, 4 of SSAA Branches, 3 of Field and Game, 3 of Small-bore clubs, and 2 of big bore clubs. If we take our three clubs out of the mix the remaining 25 clubs shared over \$3,900,000.00 between them. Any clubs that were not successful can still ask for a meeting with SRV to get specific feedback on their application. Round 5 is due to be released some time in the next 6 months, the two possible proposed dates are open October close December 2021 or open late Jan close March 2022. But it's really up to the Ministers wish. The next round should be for \$4Million again, however it is not known what the ratio of funding will be, it may be 2 for 1, 3 for 1, 4 for 1 or back to 5 for 1. The feeling is that due to the Covid situation the ratio might again be more than 2 for 1. So, what are the recommendations from SRV for our clubs to be more successful.

1. Read and follow the guidelines, the templates and any additional information supplied. The people doing the assessment in some cases have little or no knowledge of shooting sports. They have no idea if a submission is critical, e.g., maybe baffles on an outdoor range and only look to see if the points listed in the guidelines have been met. So do not assume because you know the work is a high safety issue that the people doing the assessment will also know - most likely they won't! You need to spell it out for them in plain English!

2. Don't add information that is not relevant, stick to the facts and make it as simple and as clear as you can.

3. Obtain all the required permits, letters from Councils, landlords, et cetera, well before the closing date, This is something a club could be doing right now, as you know getting letters of endorsement (and you do need these) take time from Local Councils or other landlords. If you obtained a letter for round 4 you will need to get it updated for round 5.

4. Decide what work you want to undertake that is critical, what would be good to have and what can wait for the future., so divide your project up into different items dependent on what the funding ratio might end up, related to what your club can afford. For example, you may decide that a new roof on your 20m range is critical A Meyton Target Machine would be nice to have, and a replacement side fence can wait for the future. But if the grant comes out at 5 for 1 then the club has finances to do all three, but if the grant is 3 for 1 then the club may only do the first two items, and if the grant comes out at 2 for 1 then it would just be the new roof.

5. You need written quotes for work purchased, or to be done by contractors, - get these now, the dates do not have to be close to the grant date, remember that quotations only last at best 30 days, so you will need to get them revalidated anyway. From date of opening to when grants are processed and approved can take over 6 months.

6. Do your application as early in the process as you can, do not wait for the last week to lodge it, if you do it early it gives you a chance to submit a PDF copy to SRV to look over the submission to make sure all the points are covered before you lodge it. If you leave it to the last week, there is just not enough time to do that.

7. Look at the assessment criteria, it gives you the points that the assessment panel looks at. You need to make sure you address every one of those points as the selection panel applies a percentage to each item, if you miss anything then your application gets a lower assessment. Remember these people just want to tick the boxes, the application with the most ticks wins!

8. Make sure the ratio requirement in the budget meets the exact requirements, some submissions were under the required ratio.

9. In Project management - Risk assessment, add things like ..., • Possible Supply delays due to Covid, • Possible Increase in costs due to Covid, • Weather delays • Contractor delays (Covid) • Hold up in doing Work in Kind due to Covid restrictions. For any club that missed out in the last round or any club now thinking of applying, my recommendation is to get started on the quotes, the letters of endorsement from Local Councils, DEWLP et cetera as well as a letter of support from TRV. When asking for a letter from TRV please provide them with as much information relating to your project as you can so that the TRV endorsement letter can be specific to your project. It just looks better at the assessment panel end that way. And lastly, grants that are five for one or more than two for one are very, very, rare! (assuming the Minister decides to repeat that ratio). Don't wait for a future grant to come out because you cannot be bothered at the moment, because most likely any future grants will revert to either one to one or two for one.

Cheers,

Mike Jarrad.

Hamilton and Glenelg Region postponements

Hamilton and the Glenelg Region wish to advise that due to the current restrictions we have made the decision to postpone our 2 prize meetings to a date to be advised when it is safe to do so.

We wish to thank everyone already booked in and hope to see you all at a later time in the year.

Both Glenelg and Hamilton clubs hope you stay safe and well.

Ammunition for sale to TRV Clubs and Members

Prices valid from April 9, 2021 All prices include		5000	500	50
GST				
Eley	Tenex	2,720.00	280.00	29.00
	Match	1,980.00	200.00	22.00
	Team	1,680.00	175.00	18.00
	Club	1,025.00	110.00	11.50
	Sport	860.00	90.00	10.00
	Standard	730.00	78.00	
RWS	R50 & R100 & Special Match	Not in stock – Available as special order		
	Rifle Match	1,150.00	117.00	12.00
	Geco	795.00	82.00	8.50
Lapua	Midas Plus	2,810.00	285.00	29.00
	Centre X	2,230.00	240.00	25.00
SK	Rifle Match	1,360.00	140.00	15.00
	Long Range Rifle Match	1,450.00	150.00	16.00
	Standard Plus	1,190.00	125.00	13.00
Federal	Match	2,415.00	245.00	25.00
Air Pellets				
Eley	Tenex Air 4.49	330.00 / 5400	28.50 / 450	
QYS	Olympic 4.49		18.00 / 200	
	Match 4.49		13.00 / 200	
	Match 4.50		13.00 / 200	
RWS	R10 – 4.48, 4.49 & 4.50	170.00/ 5000	18.00 / 500	
	Meisterkugeln	130.00 / 5000	13.50 / 500	
	Superdome	190.00 / 5000	19.50 / 500	
JSB	Match Blue – 4.49 & 4.50	205.00 / 5000	21.00 / 500	
	JSB Exact 7.33, 7.87, 8.44 & 10.34	205.00 / 5000	21.00 / 500	

Enquiries and Orders to Julie Holcombe, TRV Ammunition Steward

Phone: 5568 2291

0423 140 804

ammunition@trv.org.au

Deliveries can be arranged to most prize meetings, Warren Potent Matches and Council Meetings if orders are placed by the prior Wednesday evening

TRV MEMBERSHIP PRICING 2021 for **NEW** members joining in **2021**

FULL YEAR MEMBERS

01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021

Membership Type	Cost
Senior	\$165.00
Family	\$287.00
Junior	\$113.00
Age Pensioner	\$113.00
Concession	\$113.00
Sub-Junior	\$96.00
Non-Shooter	\$88.00
School Program	\$40.00

HALF YEAR MEMBERS

01/07/2021-31/12/2021

Membership Type	Cost
Senior	\$83.00
Family	\$149.00
Junior	\$62.00
Age Pensioner	\$62.00
Concession	\$62.00
Sub-Junior	\$53.00
Non-Shooter	\$50.00
School Program	N/A

PROVISIONAL -membership be available to a new shooter participating under supervision before obtaining a Firearms licence (Can apply for no more than one year)

Provisional Membership Type

01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021

Provisional Senior	\$133.00
Provisional Junior	\$98.00
Provisional Sub-Junior	\$81.00
Provisional Age	\$98.00
Provisional Family	\$253.00

Membership type definition

- Family membership be available for husband and wife and or partners and their student children under twenty-one years of age;
- Junior membership be available to those whose twenty-first birthday falls after the commencement of the membership year;
- Sub Junior membership be available to those whose sixteenth birthday falls after the commencement of the membership year;
- Aged/Vic Pensioner and Student - Concession membership be available to those members holding one of the following:
 - Centrelink issued Pensioner Concession Card;
 - Centrelink issued Health Care Card;
 - Department of Veterans affairs Pensioner Concession Card for the holder of Gold, White or Orange cards
 - Full time secondary or tertiary student card;
- Non shooting membership be available to those who wish to join a small-bore club but do not shoot;
- Provisional membership be available to a new shooter participating under supervision before obtaining a Firearms Licence (Can apply for no more than one year)
- School program membership be available to a Secondary School Student who is part of a specific school-based program approved, administered and delivered by a recognised educational institution that has provided a letter from the School Principal indicating the school has approval from its overseeing authority for the operation of the program as part of the school's sports program or be of school age and participating in the after school junior program (air rifle only)
- And all other members be senior members

TARGET RIFLE VICTORIA EFT DETAILS:

A/C Name: Target Rifle Victoria

BSB: 013-755

A/C No: 451 656 834

Sandringham Small Bore and Air Rifle Club

It's not possible to write about the Sandringham Small Bore and Air Rifle Club (SSBARC) without acknowledging the contribution to the club from Graeme Forbes and his family over six decades. SSBARC is now 121 years old. Graeme Forbes a SSBARC life member and TRV life member has been a SSBARC member for 61 years. It's also, his twentieth year as club president along with continuous service in positions at the Club and TRV over many decades. Graeme has seen and been a part of more than half of our club history and for that the Club is truly grateful and huge thanks goes to Graeme and his family.

SSBARC was established at an inaugural meeting held at the Caulfield & Elsternwick District Rifle Club on Tuesday the 10th of April, 1900. Our first range was in Mr Abbotts paddock in Sandringham, shooting into temporary targets. In September 1915, Senator Pearce, the Minister for Defence, opened the new club house & range on a lease granted to the Defence Department from the Commissioner for Railways on the Abbotts Street rail corridor which is still our current site.

The club house and range has had some alterations over the years including cladding of the club house, a roof fitted to enclose the range, and general maintenance. There had been plans to move to a new site in Sandringham in the early 80's however after a great deal of work from the committee at the time the proposed site fell through. By the early 2000's memberships were in decline with the range and the club required a significant number of renovations to move forward and attract new members to a usable facility.

Fortunately, the club had built up some funds over the years when the membership was in its heydays. In the last 15 years there has been a great deal of work put into the club, starting with the club adding to the existing funds by holding Bunnings BBQs each year, and opening a website and a google-my-business listing which attracted multiple new members with a great range of skills that helped the club and committee move forward. With new members on board the club updated its constitution to the Model Rules for Incorporated Associations, negotiated a new lease with Vic track after being on a month-to-month lease for 43 years (I'm pretty sure Vic Track forgot we were there).

Once the lease was signed we were able to apply for a grant with the Shooting Sports Facilities Program to renovate the Club house and Range. Our application was successful, we received \$75,000 from the State government with the club contributing another \$30,000 from our reserves and members paying membership fees five years in advance and contributing 300 hours of work in kind, from which we were able to renovate the Club and Range

The renovations included removing all the accessible asbestos (the rail side was not accessible), removal and replacement of the bullet catchers, target holders and 90 years of lead to an approved site. There was also replacement of the range lighting, sound-proofing of the range, re-roofing of the range and club house, rewiring of the club house, replacement of club house walls, complete fit out inside the club house, installation of heaters, CCTV security cameras, Wi-Fi camera from the target to the TV in the club house, new cabinets for the club equipment and rifle racks and a defib machine.

With the club renovation finished, we have completed an environmental management plan and have the club lease due for renewal in early 2022. The main priority of the coming years will be to attract new members. We hope to achieve this by rebuilding the club website and regular updates to google-my-business. Unfortunately, we have been hampered with more than two hundred days of shut downs due to Covid 19 restrictions

which has made it difficult to maintain the momentum in 2021. However, looking forward, 2022 should be a better year to continue building the club and attracting new members.

Stewart Dunn, Secretary
Sandringham Small Bore & Air Rifle Club

Points to ponder

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story *with a moral at the end of it*.

The next day, the kids came back and, one by one, began to tell their stories. There were all the regular types of stuff: spilled milk and pennies saved, blah blah blah... But then the teacher realised, much to her dismay, that only Ivy was left. "Ivy," she asked, "do you have a story to share?"

"Yes. My daddy told me a story about my Mommy. She was a Marine pilot in Syria, and her plane got hit by enemy fire and she had to bail out over enemy territory, and all she had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol, and a survival knife. She drank the whiskey on the way down in case the bottle broke, and her parachute landed her right in the middle of 20 ISIS troops. She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife till the blade broke, and then she killed the last ISIS fighter with her bare hands.

"Good Heavens!" said the horrified teacher. "What did your Daddy tell you was the moral to this horrible story?"

"Stay away from Mommy when she's been drinking."

My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

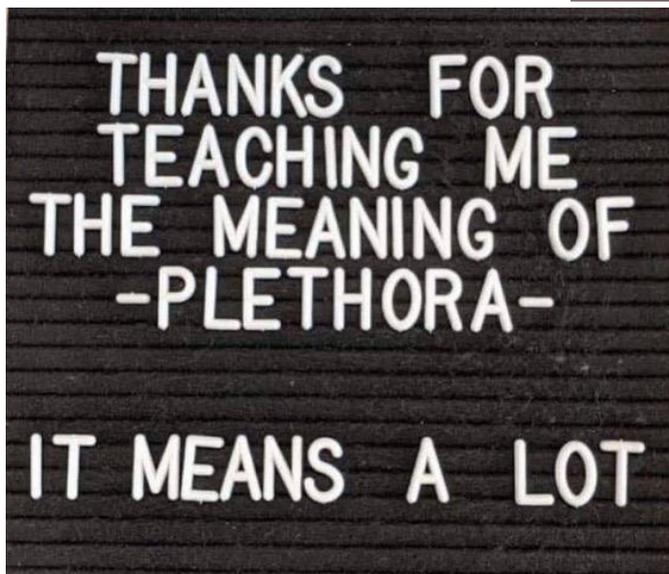
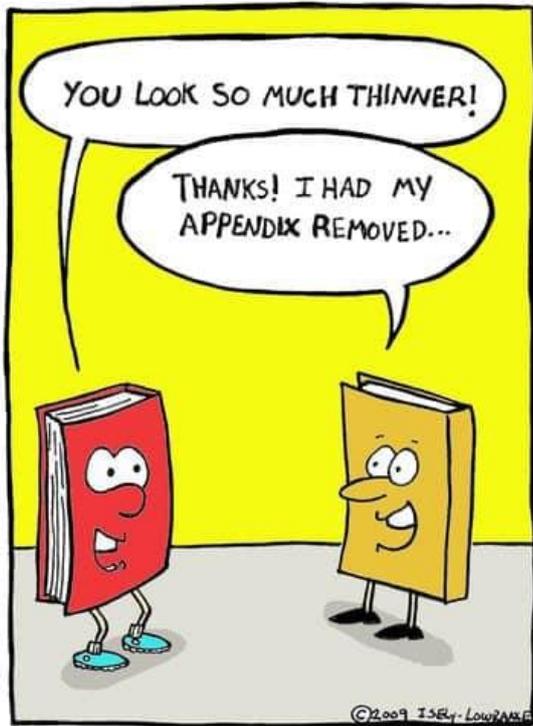
My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

 **OLDTIMERS**



“Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”
– **George Bernard Shaw**



Not much on the supermarket shelves yesterday so I decided to improvise.

Dinner last night was a risotto I made with some mushrooms I foraged for locally.

Not only was it delicious, but soon after a Welsh male voice choir of purple elephants showed up and sang the whole of Meatloaf's Bat Out of Hell album, accompanied by a light show 😊

Notice from the Association of Psychiatrists

Dear citizens,
During the quarantine it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pets. Kindly contact us only if they reply.

Thank you



Australian Masters Games Postponed to 23-30 April 2022

In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation, the 2021 Australian Masters Games which were due to be held from 9-16 October 2021 will be postponed until 23-30 April 2022.

This has been a difficult decision however, the health and safety of our competitors, officials and volunteers is our key priority.

The decision to postpone has been made in consultation with key stakeholders including the Confederation of Australian Sport and the Western Australian State Government through Tourism Western Australia, and careful consideration has been given to how we can deliver the best event possible to our passionate Australian Masters sport community.

We will be in direct contact with those who have already registered via email regarding the postponement. Participants who are no longer able to attend the Games will be eligible for a full refund of their registration fees and the administration fee will be waived.

The 2021 Australian Masters Games team remains excited to bring the Games to Perth for the first time since 1993, and continues to look forward to getting active, social, and adventurous with participants in 2022.

We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during these challenging times.

