



S.M.R.C.  
1901



V.S.B.R.C.U.  
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V.S.B.R.A.  
1961



V.S.B.A.R.A.  
1988



T.R.V.  
1996



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2017

# NEWSLETTER

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## 2024 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a year it has been for TRV! We've seen some exciting changes, welcomed new faces, and said goodbye to others.

First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge the incredible work done by our dedicated councillors: Janey Preston, Alison Carauna-Smith, John Hopkins, Paul Allison, Jim Hocking, and Lindsay Robbins. Lindsay retired this year, and we wish him all the best. We also extend a warm welcome to Tim Daws, who joined our council in October, bringing new energy and ideas to the team.

A big thank you also to our convenors: Rob Spratt, Dennis Peacock, Peter Anderson, Richard Manzin, Mike Jarrad, Neil Jenkins, and Chris Lott. Many of you will know that Chris, Sue, and the little Lotts will be heading off for a once-in-a-lifetime trip around Australia in January, before relocating to Queensland. They will be greatly missed, but they're only a phone call and plane ride away. I know you'll join me in wishing them all the best.

We're thrilled to welcome James Daly as our new webmaster and grader, taking over from Chris Lott. Thank you, James, for stepping into these crucial roles.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the remarkable contribution of Neil Davis. While Neil doesn't hold an official role within TRV, his tireless efforts behind the scenes—especially in supporting our junior program—have been invaluable. Neil is supported by our State Coach, Jack Bale, and together they continue to drive our juniors forward. I also want to congratulate Troy Pretty and Neil Davis on completing the ISSF Judges Course and obtaining qualifications in both Pistol and Rifle. Well done to both of you! Troy and Dennis Peacock will be attending the WSPS Judges training course in January 2025.

### TRV at the Shot Show – A Huge Success

This year, TRV had a stand at the Shot Show in October at the Melbourne Showgrounds. It was the second time we've participated, and the first time I attended. I was impressed by the high standard and quality of the displays, and our placement outdoors next to VAPA, working dogs, and 4WD campers was an excellent fit.

We set up electronic targets and provided two air rifles for a "Come and Try" experience. Over the two days, we saw 1,000 people come through, eager to try their hand at shooting. Despite the long queues, people were willing to wait, and we saw a genuine interest in the sport.

While it's still too early to quantify how many of these participants will join our clubs, it's clear that this was an important opportunity to raise our profile as a professional, Olympic-level sport. We encourage all clubs to let us know if any prospective members show interest after having visited our stand.

This event was made possible thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, including John Hopkins, Paul Allison, Jim Hocking, Tim Daws, James Daly, Shane Young, Rob Shorten, James Cartwright, Jack Bale, Mike Jarrad, Darcee Young, Michael Davis, Neil Davis, Ewan Watson, and Elise Collier. Darcee and Elise were initially going to showcase their talent, but due to the overwhelming interest, we focused instead on helping the participants who wanted to try the sport.



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All in all, it was a highly rewarding experience, and we all slept well on Sunday night!

## A Year of Change – Stage 1 State Titles

This year, we made a significant change by splitting our Stage 1 State Titles into three separate events. This decision was driven by the need to better manage the number of volunteers required and to reduce the congestion caused by running so many events over one weekend. The All Range Titles were held at Warrnambool, the ISSF Titles at MISC, and the RBA Titles at Frankston.

While we didn't receive a great deal of formal feedback, the response we did get was overwhelmingly positive. This format will continue in 2025, as it proved to be effective and well-received.

## International Selections and Junior Development

As we reflect on the year, I'd like to highlight the impressive achievements of our members, particularly in international competitions. Our junior shooters continue to excel, with many of them travelling to Adelaide for training and competitions. Their commitment and development are a testament to the future of our sport.

### Olivia Cartwright

Olivia had an exceptional year in 2024, marked by impressive international performances.

In January Olivia was selected and competed for Australia in:

- Meyton Cup in Innsbruck, Austria: Reaching her first international final.
- H&N Cup in Munich, Germany: Where she competed in both Senior and Junior Categories.

Olympic Selection Process:

Olivia continued her journey toward Olympic qualification, excelling in the selection trials. She secured 1st place in 50m 3 Position Rifle and 4th place in 10m Air Rifle. Her outstanding performance in the 50m 3 Position Rifle earned her the chance to compete in several high-level international events for Olympic ranking points, including:

- Azerbaijan: Unfortunately, Olivia had to miss these events due to university commitments.
- Germany: At this competition, she shot a personal best in the 50m 3 Position Rifle but narrowly missed the Olympic qualification cut-off.
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Junior World Championship Selection:

After the Olympic selection process, Olivia shifted her focus to the Junior World Championship trials, where she continued to shine. She secured 1st place in both 10m Air Rifle and 50m 3 Position Rifle, earning her a spot at the Junior World Championships in Lima, Peru, in October 2024.

Performances in Peru:

In Peru, Olivia faced some tough conditions and competition, but still delivered strong performances:

- South American Shooting Championships: Olivia competed in the 10m Air Rifle Women's qualification match finishing 3rd but unfortunately was not eligible to advance to the final because she was not a South American resident. In the 50m Prone (open match, men and women), she finished an impressive 4th place.
- Junior World Championships: Olivia competed in both the 10m Air Rifle, finishing 51st out of 90 in the qualification round, and the 50m 3 Position, where she placed 31st in the elimination relay 1.

We look forward to seeing how she continues to progress in the years ahead.





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## Elise Collier

In 2023/24 year in the lead up to the Paris Olympics, Elise was selected to the Shooting Australia high performance squad.

In the 12 months of 2024, Elise competed in three domestic events, Prior to the competitions Elise had sliced open her hand at work and competed with multiple stitches in place - Sydney Cup one and two achieving second for both events. As a result of this she had the opportunity to compete in the World Cup in Rio De Janero - Brazil to try and gain Olympic Qualification Rank Points. Elise won the Target Rifle South Australia State Championship and was first in the TRV Postal pennant with an average of 627.8



## Darcee Young

Darcee has had an exceptional year in 2024, with some impressive performances in Shooting Australia endorsed competitions.

Darcee only started shooting 10m Air Rifle 18 months ago. In the short time she has set a number of State Records. She regularly travels from Sale to Melbourne to train.

As a result of all her hard work she has been invited to shoot in the In Meyton Cup in Innsbruck, Austria and the H&N Cup in Munich, Germany in late January 2025.

## Darcie George

Darcie continued to have a very impressive year in Bench. Darcie is 17 years old and has been a competitive Target Rifle shooter for almost six years. Darcie shoots Benchrest, Standing Air Rifle, and has also started to shoot prone. Over this time Darcie has demonstrated her dedication to the sport, with many achievements.

Darcie has recently competed in the second part of the National RBA Championships in Geelong, following the first round of competitions in Sydney last year. Darcie came away from Sydney with many medals, and again in the Geelong competition receiving 6 gold medals and 4 silver medals.

Some of Darcie's previous achievements include holding four National records, and has achieved 37 State Records in her time shooting. For the bench shooting, she has also been the Victorian Junior Champion of Club Champions since 2019 through to 2024, and Victorian Junior Bench Master since 2020 through to 2024. In 2024 Darcie is also the Open and the Open Handicap Bench Master, outright.



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## **In Memory of Bev Braybon**

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Bev Braybon, a long-time member of the Numurkah Club and a life member of TRV. Bev served the organisation in various capacities, including Secretary and Treasurer, and made lasting contributions to our sport. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Braybon family and the Numurkah Club.

## **Membership Renewals and Communication**

All members will receive their membership renewals in December. Please remember that it is the shooter's responsibility to ensure their membership is renewed, not the club's. Last year, some emails didn't reach members due to server issues or incorrect email addresses. If you don't receive your renewal by the end of December, please contact us so we can resend it.

Within your renewal, you'll find an option to update your contact details. Please take the time to ensure we have your correct information, as this helps us communicate effectively with you. We've made it easier than ever to pay through BPAY and EFTPOS, but we also need you to check and update your details if necessary.

Please note that the 50-metre Pennant competition begins in February, so ensure you're financial before the event starts in order to be placed in a team. Our Indoor and Outdoor convenors spend countless hours organizing teams, and they rely on shooters to be proactive in renewing their membership.

As we come to the close of a busy year, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2025 bring you great success in your shooting, and may you enjoy a restful and joyful holiday season.

Best wishes,

Julie Holcombe  
President, TRV

## MEYTON TARGETS

### MEYTON TRAINING SESSION

We are pleased to be able to provide our clubs a training session on the meyton equipment and its programming.

Sam Houston, the Australian distributor of these machines will be running the course.

As our clubs with the facilities to run electronic targets increases it is important that we have more people trained on the running and maintaining of these machines.

COURSE DATE : 22/02/2025  
VENUE : WANGARATTA SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB  
ADDRESS : BARR RESERVE COLLEGE STREET WANGARATTA 3677  
CLUB CONTACT : ADRIAN BOURKE 0418 307 974  
START TIME : 9AM

All material required for the course will be provided by TRV including a luncheon.

To book your spot please email to [president@trv.org.au](mailto:president@trv.org.au)  
Numbers will be limited so please ensure your booking is in early.

It would be encouraged for clubs if possible to send a minimum of 2 members to ensure the knowledge is shared and not shouldered by 1 individual.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Best Regards

Julie Holcombe President TRV





## JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to the Junior athletes, Charlotte, Emily and Olivia on their achievements throughout an eventful Junior World Championships 2024 in Lima, Peru.

They arrived in Lima on the 21st of September with the team. However, unfortunately there were some issues with Emily's luggage not arriving into Lima with everyone. So whilst Olivia and Charlotte competed in the South American Championships as a practice match before the Junior World Championships, Emily was still waiting and working with Carrie and Aurelie to get her luggage with all her shooting equipment into Lima. This was a challenge as this prevented Emily from being able to train and check all her equipment ahead of time, however, she persisted and prepared in the meantime with holding in what equipment she did have available. In the 10m Air Rifle Open qualification Charlotte shot a score of 623.3 and Olivia in 3rd with 622.1. Unfortunately they were unable to compete in the final as this was a South American Championship. Then in the 50m Prone Open competition Olivia placed in 4th with 612.3 and Charlotte in 5th with 611.2. Finally by the time the prone match was finished Emily's equipment had arrived in Peru.

The junior athletes continued to train hard and prepare for their competitions in the Junior World Championship events. However, there was another obstacle that had occurred during their trip, Olivia became sick with an infection and had to make a quick trip to the hospital to get some treatment on the day of PET. After a bit of treatment and some medication she competed with Charlotte and Emily in the Junior World Championship 10m Air Rifle Women's event the following day. Charlotte and Emily shot in the first relay and Olivia in the second.

Charlotte shot a score of 626.0, Olivia 621.6 and Emily 619.7 placing them in 23rd, 51st and 60th respectively out of 90 athletes, and as a team placing Australia in 11th.

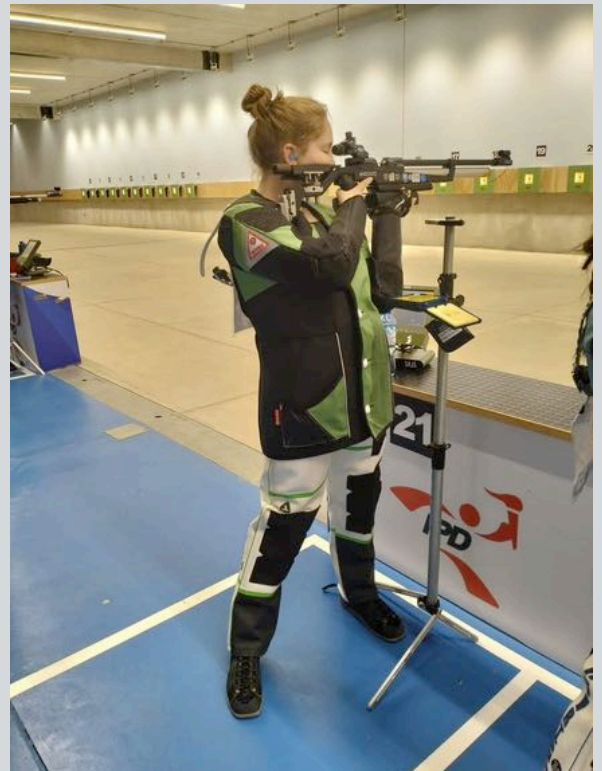
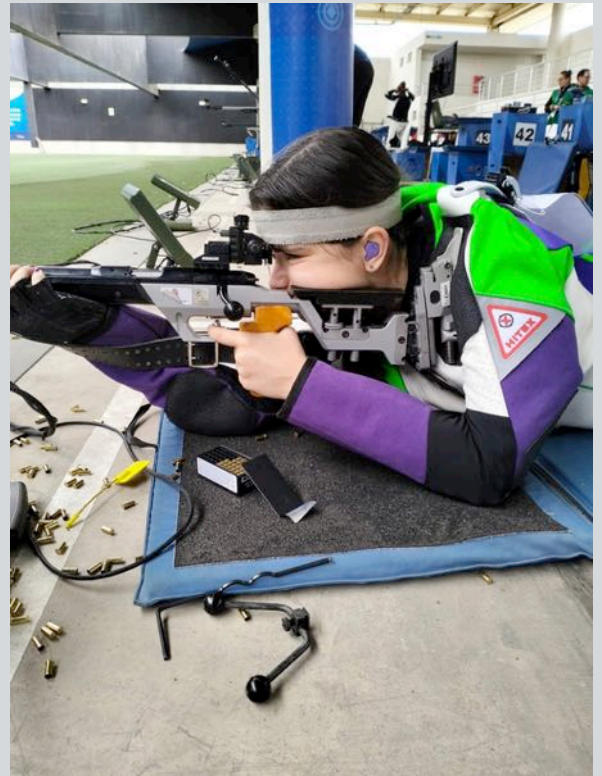
After the Air Rifle competition the girls started preparing for the 50m 3 Positions competition.



# JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to both Emily and Charlotte shooting a personal best at an international competition, with scores of 576 and 574 respectively and Olivia shooting a score of 577. Olivia and Charlotte both shot in the first elimination relay and despite shooting great scores, just missed out on the cut off for the qualification. However, the team congratulated Emily making it through to the qualification from the second elimination relay. Emily shot a fantastic score of 575 in the qualification backing up her PB placing her in 42nd overall.

Amongst the usual challenges of jet lag and a new environment associated with overseas competitions, the girls faced many more. Despite these challenges they all persisted and overcame these challenges with amazing performances! This could not have been done without the support from Carrie Quigley, Aurelie Gibson, Julian Urlings and family at home.





# NATIONAL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP

## National Junior Development Camp, Adelaide – December 2024

The second Junior Development Camp for the year 2024 has now finished, with 27 young athletes from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia attending with their coaches. We are very grateful for the support from Target Rifle Australia, Target Rifle SA, Queensland Target Sports and Target Rifle Victoria to ensure that the camp ran smoothly and that the athletes were supported appropriately, travelling with the coaches who support their training environments in their states.

Victoria had 5 juniors attend: Rachael Saitz, Olivia Cartwright, Jade McGill, Teeshita Ponipireddy, Darcee Young

The camp was attended by athletes who are very new to shooting, in their first year of the sport, through to others who are training regularly with coaches and attending competitions. This meant that everyone attending the camp had very different needs and goals for what they wanted to get out of their attendance. The camp was split into groups so we could better address these needs.

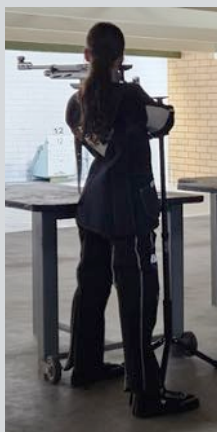
Group 1 worked on competition skills – each morning they shot a 60shot match with a 24 shot final. We used scatts and coaches were able to give feedback to athletes as they shot (not normal for a competition, but essential in helping young athletes get immediate feedback in a competition environment).

Group 2 worked on foundation skills – position, natural point of aim and balance. The 20m range at the Wingfield Range was set up with different “learning stations” to work on these different elements of the standing position. Without the distraction of live shooting, the importance of these skills was stressed, and time given to understanding. This was then reinforced by the results they were able to achieve on the range in the afternoon sessions. We had a few training PB's and a strong display of understanding of where shots went and why. This type of learning helps to create an understanding that their work and shot process ultimately impact their score. This can be hard to learn – especially with electronic targets making feedback so instant.

The afternoon training sessions also saw some work on the 50m range, with prone and three position training – thank you Dane Sampson for popping out to see us and working with us on one of the afternoons.

Thank you to all coaches involved – Catherine Rashford, Emma Adams, Mike Newell, Shane Bland, Drew Irvin-Speck, Jack Bale, Neil Davis, Julie Cane, Phil Martin, and Alyce Gallon.

The next Youth Development Camp will be in Brisbane 7th to 10th July. If you are interested in going, have a chat with the coaches in your state who are working with Juniors, or email [carrie@shootingaustralia.org](mailto:carrie@shootingaustralia.org)



## ATHLETE INSIGHT

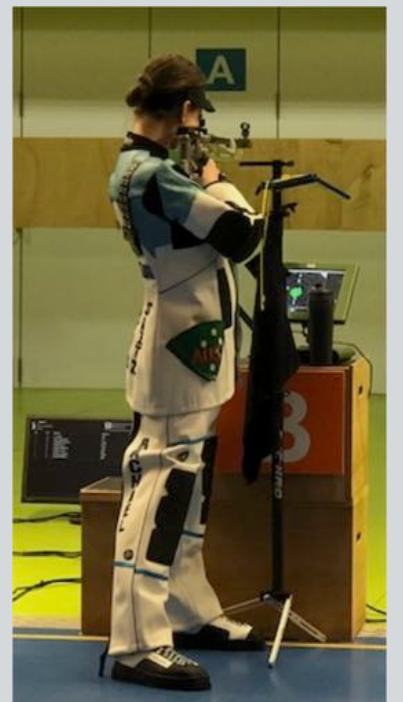
### Queensland State Championships - Rachael Saitz

I started shooting last year to follow my family tradition alongside my grandfather and dad. I love the sport, the mental concentration that is involved and setting goals to improve my skills. I look forward to training each week at MISC to hone my skills and continue my development with my coaches. In the weeks leading up to the Queensland State Titles, I worked particularly hard to improve my position and raise my scores.

I felt well prepared for the competition however I was not prepared for the change in temperature coming from Melbourne. I made sure to stay hydrated throughout the day and stay as cool as possible. The competition started in the morning, so the weather was pleasant for the qualification and the final. In the afternoon, I participated in the mixed pairs which I found more challenging as the heat had increased. I also enjoyed working as a team with Catherine Rashford, together we placed 5th and even though we didn't make the finals, we both worked hard. I then watched and supported the other athletes in the finals.

The scores that I have achieved were also my highest competition results at the time. I got a PB in the qualification with a 614.8, my final was a 246.8 and I shot a 307.9 in the mixed pairs. The biggest achievement out of the whole competition for me was winning the Queensland State Titles, as it was my first win in an endorsed event. I feel proud of the hard work that I have done in my training which has helped me accomplish this achievement.

I also want to thank Target Rifle Queensland and everyone who organised the event.



## INTERSTATE COMPETITIONS

### Queensland State Championships

On the 5th and 6th of October 2024, Queensland hosted its annual State Championships, an event that brought together top talent from across the region. Among the competitors was TRV member Rachael Saitz, who made the trip to the competition. Her decision proved to be a winning one, as she clinched the gold medal in the highly competitive 10m Air Rifle event.



### Adelaide Cup

The Adelaide Cup was held on 26th October 2024 with 3 Victorians making the journey to Adelaide and performing well.

Darcee Young finished 5th in 50m Prone and 4th 10m Air Rifle events

Rachael Saitz finished 3rd in 10m Air Rifle

Teeshita Ponipireddy finished 6th in 10m Air Rifle





## 2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership renewals have been sent out for 2025 calendar year. If you have not recieved yours yet please email [secretary@trv.org.au](mailto:secretary@trv.org.au)

Membership Type	Full Year 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2025	Half Year 1Jull - 31 Dec 2025 (New Members Only)
Senior	186.00	93.00
Family	316.00	158.00
Junior	128.00	64.00
Concession / Age Pensioner	130.00	65.00
Sub-Junior	108.00	54.00
Non-Shooter	96.00	48.00
School Program	10.00	

### Membership type definitions:

- Family membership is available for husband and wife or partners and their student children under 21 years of age
- Junior membership be available to those whose 21 birthday falls after the commencement of the membership year
- Sub Junior membership be available to those whose 16th birthday falls after the commencement of the financial year
- Age pensioner/Vic pensioner/Student concession be available to those holding one of the following: Centrelink pensioner card, Centrelink Health care card, DVA pensioner concession card for the holder of Gold, White or Orange cards and full time secondary or tertiary student cards.
- Non shooting membership be available to those that wish to join a small-bore club but do not shoot.
- 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 schools junior program (air rifle only)
- and all other members be senior members

### TARGET RIFLE VICTORIA EFT DETAILS:

BSB: 013-755

ACCT; 451 656 834

## COACHING

Jack Bale has been appointed our ISSF State Coach and is residing in Melbourne and doing the majority of his coaching from MISC.

TRV welcomes Jack, and TRV members can contact him via the state coach TRV email as shown on the website under admin. Clubs can contact Jack if they wish to organise any form of prone, air or 3P coaching.

## TRV CLOTHING

TRV now has branded clothing available. If you wish to purchase any items please eMail [secretary@trv.org.au](mailto:secretary@trv.org.au) with details of the items you want and the size.

Women's Sizes: 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22

Men's Sizes: S, M, L XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL



<b>Jacket</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Vest</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Beanie</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Polo Shirt</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

# AMMUNITION

PRICES VALID AT 22 OCT 2024. ALL PRICES INCLUDE GST

			5000	500	50
<b>.22 Cartridges</b>					
Eley	Tenex		3,000.00	320.00	33.00
	Match		2,350.00	245.00	26.00
	Pistol Plus		1,425.00	150.00	15.50
	Club		1,450.00	155.00	16.00
	Sport		1,230.00	130.00	14.00
	Standard		1,385.00	145.00	15.00
RWS	R50	Out of stock			
	Special Match	Out of stock			
	Rifle Match	Out of stock			
	Geco	Out of stock			
Lapua	Midas Plus	Out of stock			
	Centre X	Out of stock			
SK	Long Range		1,635.00	170.00	18.00
	Rifle Match		1,540.00	160.00	17.00
	Standard Plus		1,335.00	140.00	15.00
<b>Air Pellets</b>					
Eley	Tenex Air 4.49, 4.50			40.00 / 450	
Olympia	Domed Heavy 8.44			16.00 / 500	
	Domed Middle 7.87			16.00 / 500	
	Match Heavy 4.5			16.00 / 500	
	Match Middle 4.5			16.00 / 500	
	Pistol			16.00 / 500	
RWS	R10 – 4.48, 4.49 & 4.50	Out of stock			
	Meisterkugeln		155.00 / 5000	16.00 / 500	
	Superdome		190.00 / 5000	19.50 / 500	
JSB	Match Blue – 4.49 & 4.50			21.00 / 500	
	Exact 7.33,		205.00 / 5000	21.00 / 500	

ENQUIRIES AND ORDERS TO JULIE HOLCOMBE, TRV AMMUNITION STEWARD  
 PHONE: 5568 2291 OR 0423 140 804

DELIVERIES CAN BE ARRANGED TO MOST PRIZE MEETINGS, WARREN POTENT MATCHES  
 AND COUNCIL MEETINGS IF ORDERS ARE PLACED BY THE PRIOR WEDNESDAY EVENING



## BUY / SELL / SWAP

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

WE HAVE A NEW JUNIOR TO OUR CLUB LOOKING TO PURCHASE A PRONE RIFLE. HE IS ONLY 13 AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ADJUSTABLE STOCK TO ALLOW HIM TO ALTER IT AS HE GROWS.

PLEASE CONTACT MYSELF, JULIE HOLCOMBE 0423 140 804 OR [PRESIDENT@TRV.ORG.AU](mailto:PRESIDENT@TRV.ORG.AU) IF YOU CAN HELP.

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LOOKING FOR FRONT REST,

\* RANDOLPH

\* SINCLAIR

OR SIMILAR. WINDAGE ADJUSTABLE.

USING CLUB EQUIPMENT AND WISH TO STEP UP. ALSO WHILE ASKING, DOES ANYONE HAVE A REASONABLY PRICED R/H BENCH RIFLE.

PETER GALLUS

PH: 0412946535

EMAIL: [PETERGALLUS1@YAHOO.COM.AU](mailto:PETERGALLUS1@YAHOO.COM.AU)

## HOUSE KEEPING

Here's a little bit of housekeeping. If you do that old thing called 'writing cheques' to TRV, please write the full name of Target Rifle Victoria on the payee line.

It becomes very complicated to lodge or cash cheques that only TRV; the bank will no longer accept TRV, so please clearly specify the actual name "Target Rifle Victoria".

In the same vein, when our clubs or members make a deposit into a bank or banking agency, please email [treasurer@trv.org.au](mailto:treasurer@trv.org.au) with a quick note explaining what the deposit is for. Sometimes, a deposit is made without indicating who it is from and what it is for. This makes it very difficult to reconcile bank accounts.

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