



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the last newsletter for the year.

For us on Council it has been a busy year mainly consumed with trying to work with WISCI to find us a home for the State Range.

After having our Congress at the location, talks continued. Then there was a change of leadership at WISCI, and we then met with that new committee.

At that meeting, concerns from both sides were raised and WISCI advised us of their expectations of us to become a member.



Julie Holcombe, President TRV

They wanted TRV to contribute \$10,000.00 per year over a 10 year period as a buy-in. They also wanted us to cover all their legal costs to update the title of the land and cover the change to their constitution, and any other legal costs of having us join the group.

Council agreed to discuss this once the minutes of the meeting were provided to us.

On receiving the minutes, WISCI changed that to require TRV to pay \$100,000.00 per year over 20 years and we would not be considered a member of the group until the expiry of the 20 year period. That would have left us with no rights or say, and we could be asked to leave at any time within that 20 year period.

We approached them to ask how they could put that wording in the minutes, when those matters were not discussed during the meeting. Their response was that they forgot what they had decided in their previous meeting, and they misinformed us of the amount on the day.

This left us with no confidence in their committee and an untenable set of conditions that we could not afford, without putting TRV in an unacceptable financial position.

We advised WISCI we were no longer willing to join their group, and are now working with SRV to look at other locations closer to Melbourne. Again, we will keep everyone up to date as this progresses.

I will also stress that many think Council does not want a state range. This is totally incorrect. We are in the position of ensuring that if we can get land or a facility for ourselves, we can afford to do so and manage it correctly. Hence, we need to tread carefully to get it right because we are responsible for handling our member funds. This is a responsibility that cannot be taken lightly.

Emotionally wanting a State Range and balancing the practicalities of getting it right takes time and a lot is at stake.

With this in mind it is time for us to try a new approach. We wish to start a finance subcommittee to look at all aspects of fund raising to grow our prospects of funding a State Range.

It will be a committee of 5 and we need people skilled in the areas of business planning, accountancy and legal knowledge, or charitable / fund raising experience. Our editor is seeking expressions of interest later in this newsletter.

Next year will also be a big one for us as we will be hosting 2 TRA National Championships.

TRA have changed their National program from 2 to 3 events. These are an ISSF event, an all range event and the usual RBA event. Victoria will host the first 2. MISC will host the ISSF event and Warrnambool will host the All range event. The RBA event is yet to be announced.

Both flyers are on the website which you can see by [clicking here](#). We would love as many as possible to attend or volunteer their time to help make them run smoothly. Let the organiser know if you would like to be involved.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and even better shooting next year and hope to see as many of you around the traps in 2026.

KYABRAM LONG RANGE SHOOT



The Kyabram **47th Long Range Prize Meeting**, held in October, proved to be another resounding success.

The range was in great condition with fine weather perfect for achieving top scores.

The result was that participants enjoying ideal shooting conditions throughout the event.



The day saw some outstanding performances across multiple divisions:

- **James Daly** taking out first place in prone
- **Mike Jarad** winning the Veterans division in prone
- **Cooper Wright** shining through in Junior prone
- **David Garrat** taking out top honors in benchrest
- **Wayne Bastin** taking out both A Grade and in the Veterans category for benchrest

Well done, everyone!



AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

Ten Victorians ventured to Canberra for the Australian masters Games on the 19 and 20th of October.

It was, by all accounts, a very well run event hosted by the Canberra club. The events were brought back to 40 shot matches to accommodate all the entries in a timely manner.



The prone event was shot first over 2 squads on benches, with benchrest following with 3 squads. 20m was held on the Saturday and 50m on the Sunday. Air rifle was a walk up start over both days.

Here is an overall summary of results.

20m prone (Saturday):

1. Sean Finn
2. Richard Brodie
3. Brad Sneddon

20m bench (Saturday):

1. Liz Ayres,
2. Jaegen Peet
3. Suzane Bourke.

50m prone (Sunday)

1. Richard Brodie
2. Sean Finn
3. Brad Sneddon

The Victorian medal winners

50m bench (Sunday): 1. Liz Ayres, 2. Jaegen Peet, 3. Kyle Watts

10m air (both days): 1. Angela Lee, 2. Sean Finn, 3. Julie-Ann Mills

10m air supported (both days): 1. Liz Ayres, 2. Suzane Bourke, 3. Jaegen Peet

Congratulations to all who attended and for a wonderful catch up on shooters from other states we don't see all that often.



Hamilton's David Ball



Gold, silver, bronze....



Brad Sneddon - with his second medal



Dennis Peacock - someone you'll see at many TRV prize meetings.

GETTING GRANTS

Getting access to grants means your club can repair the roof, build something new, get some new equipment (electronic targets?) or even send your top shooters to national and international events.

What your club should consider is finding a member who can take on the role of grants officer to keep an eye on grants that may be coming up that may be of interest. This needs to be supported by the executive, especially as applications often require extensive information from the club such as recent financial statements and so on.

Some sites to keep tabs on for upcoming grants include:

- vicsport.com.au/grantsopportunities - (with the end hyphen)
- sport.vic.gov.au/funding (or sign up to their newsletters by [clicking here](#))
- bendigobank.com.au/community/foundation/community-grants

PLUS, some clubs will have local businesses and local councils who may support local clubs with grants for a range of different and useful purposes.

ONE resource we would recommend clubs sign up to is **CLUBMAP**. That's a business that supports clubs with free and online resources to help clubs navigate their way through grants. They also offer free advice on how to secure grants.

Their fortnightly webinar series is about to wind down for the year but we recommend you sign up to get information on everything from delegating club functions (so you don't rely on one person to do everything!) to how to use AI to deal with the many administrative tasks. This series is also free.

Interested? Sign up now at clubmap.com.au/learn/webinars

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 20 JANUARY

If you've got something you'd like to put into this newsletter, send it to us editor@trv.org.au by 20 January to be in time for first edition for 2026 (February issue).

You might have a **report on an event**, **buy** or **sell** some gear or have some tips particularly for the newer shooters who want to head out to more competitions next year.

We're particularly keen to get good stories and articles on **events your club** might be hosting on the TRV calendar. Whether it's a postal, online or prize meeting, we'd like to do our bit to help clubs keep those numbers up.

Sometimes shooters may not enter competitions because we haven't done enough to promote them - so here's your chance to let everyone know!



DECEMBER, 2025

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

As the President noted in her report, the difficulties around WISCI show the need for TRV to reassess how we fund what we do. That's because for decades, we have been reliant on membership fees to fund everything we do - which makes it difficult to plan for major items such as new infrastructure.

In order to augment our current funding sources, we are setting up a dedicated Finance Sub-Committee to secure additional funding to support those things we want to see TRV do.

This will take pressure off relying on funding from our membership and instead seeking additional funding through grants, advertising partnerships, sponsorship arrangements and bequests from across the shooting sports community.

In order to progress this, we'd love to hear from you if you have relevant expertise. This includes expertise in business planning, accounting, advertising, sponsorships, legal, and fundraising.

If you have the skills and dedication, please contact us at editor@trv.org.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you're relatively new to shooting, you might not realise just **how many competitions you can compete in** – both at other ranges, and at your own club (postal comps)!

Here's a look at what's coming up in January and February.

If you've **NEVER** competed in a TRV comp, then here's what is coming up - so make sure you put your name down for one!

To enter - and to get more information - check out these events on the TRV website (which you can do by [clicking here](#)).

<u>January</u>	Thursday 1 st	- Captains 1500 Benchrest Postal Competition starts - 20m Prone, Bench, and Air Bench State Postal Competition starts
	Tuesday 27 th	- Oakleigh Postal Competition starts
<u>February</u>	Sunday 1 st	- TRA Online Competition starts
	Monday 2 nd	- 50m Prone Pennant starts
	Sat 14 th / 15 th	- Frankston Peninsula & Mornington Peninsula Prone & Bench 50m Prize meet (check out the flyer on the next page!)

UPCOMING EVENT



SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY FROM 9AM

50M PRONE AND BENCHREST

*SEPARATE BENCH & PRONE FINAL TO DECIDE TOP8



SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY FROM 9AM

50M PRONE AND BENCHREST



14TH & 15TH FEBRUARY
10M AIR RIFLE STANDING
10M AIR RIFLE SUPPORTED



FRANKSTON PENINSULA TARGET RIFLE CLUB

- 60 shot* event for all matches on Megalink Electronic Targets
- 50m events will include 15mins Sight & Prep then 50mins match
50m Events eligible for BenchMaster & MasterMarksman points each day
- 10m Air events – walk up start
- Medals awarded for all grades, Veteran, Junior, Sub Junior & Female



Entry Fee per event \$30 (Senior) \$20 (Junior)
Pre-entries only to julieromanoff@romanoff.com.au



SHOOTING AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Shooting Australia (SA) is the pathway to international competitions for anyone in TRV with aspirations to compete at the top level.

SA is seeking now Expressions of Interest from individuals who are interested in further developing their officiating skills and experience in ISSF and WSPS.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER
SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY 19TH DECEMBER**

On the back of a very successful program in 2025, SA will include up to 9 individuals (3 pistol, 3 rifle and 3 shotgun) in the 2026 Officiating Scholarship Program.

The Officiating Scholarship Program (focussing on the development of officials) is a component of the strategic priority *"Building the Capacity and Capability of Olympic/Paralympic Shooting"* that is captured in the *Shooting Australia LA2028+ High Performance Strategy*.

It is also important to acknowledge SA's ability to deliver this program as part of the *Play Well* strategy and associated funding provided by the Australian Sports Commission. The *2026 Officiating Scholarship Program* information and eligibility for inclusion can be found by [clicking here](#).

2026 OFFICIATING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MENTORS

SA has also confirmed that Alex Maranik (Rifle and WSPS), Sharon Reynolds (Pistol), and Gleniss Lawrence (Shotgun) will be returning as **Mentors** in 2026.

Together, they bring extensive knowledge and experience to the officiating program and consistently demonstrate strong commitment, enthusiasm, and expertise in supporting the development of officials.

If you are interested in being considered for the 2026 Officiating Scholarship Program, please email jane@shootingaustralia.org with responses to the below questions by **Monday 8th December**:

- a) Why would you like to be considered for the 2026 Officiating Scholarship Program?
- b) Do you meet the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the Program?
- c) What is your preferred discipline?
- d) What State/Territory do you currently reside in?
- e) What level of officiating qualification do you have from your national body?
- f) What officiating experience do you have?
- g) What is your long-term officiating goal/objective?

Any questions on the 2026 Shooting Australia Officiating Scholarship Program can be directed to Jane Vella, Shooting Australia's Sport Development, Event and Communication Manager, via jane@shootingaustralia.org or 0407 859 197.

PROMOTE YOUR SHOOT!



Want more interest in your upcoming prize meeting?

Then **use this newsletter** for that. We can give member clubs a **half or full page** look at what you've got on offer - and help you point more barrels downrange!

We just need the content you want included (which can be dot points) along with any photos you might have (of the range, club, past competitions, area etc), and we'll do the rest.

It'll cost you nothing - and we'll be able to **give every TRV shooter a reason to front up!**

Let us help you keep your entry numbers strong. Drop us a line at editor@politicsreloaded.com



TRV CLOTHING

You can get TRV branded clothing available. If you wish to purchase any items please Email 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



Jacket **\$90.00**
Beanie **\$20.00**

Vest **\$75.00**
Polo Shirt **\$45.00**

FOR SALE

Here's your chance to sell or buy what you need!

If you'd like to put something in the **February newsletter**, let us know at editor@trv.org.au.

FOR SALE: Scope - for bench. \$250. Contact Kevin at kevin@kevinandmarycrough.id.au



FOR SALE: Air rifle -

FEINWERKBAU
single shot .177 calibre
side-lever action
air rifle.

Accurate, reliable and in
excellent condition



Comes with scope, rifle safe (w/ ammo box), ammo, tools and cleaning gear.

Offers around \$1,000 invited. Contact Liz at muggerzudzen@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Anschutz 1416 HDB shot class 1 fitted with Leopold 4.5-14 X with special fine cross hair reticle for target use. Bolt saver. \$1,500. Excellent condition. Rifle ser # 3116243de

AND: Equipment - Pelican case for shooting gear. Yamaha seat. Front micro adjustable stand belt drive. 2 rear leather holders, stands "heavy weight" choice. Anschutz torque wrench. \$850 .00 the lot.

Reason for sale - just age & health!

For the **above rifle** and **equipment**, phone Laurie 5523 5600 (Portland - licence # 87662830B)

The sale of firearms must be brokered through a licensed firearms dealer.

Further information on how to buy or sell a firearm can be obtained from Victoria Police by [clicking here](#).

TRV BLUE BOOK



TRV has reprinted **"The Blue Book"** which is a free publication for members to show them where the shooting journey can take them.

It's 20 pages of insightful information on what our sport offers, how it is structured and the opportunity for every shooter to excel to state, national and international level.

To get yours, simply email us at editor@trv.org.au and we can easily organised to get them to you, including at prize meetings.

TRV PINS



Get your lapel TRV badge - for just \$10!

These measure 3cm by 1.8cm - and have the pin clasp for ties, jackets - almost anything you can wear!

Order yours by emailing Julie Holcombe at president@trv.org.au

HAPPY SHOOTING IN 2026

There'll be no surprises in saying this is the last newsletter for 2025.

As covered earlier, check out the [**TRV calendar**](#) for upcoming competitions you can enter, especially if you have never competed outside your own club before.

Entering comps and travelling around to competitions is the best way to enjoy your sport.

You'll not only meet some great people, but pick up great tips along the way on how to improve your shooting - and the odd prize or two!

We're also keen for members and clubs alike to take advantage of this expanded newsletter, which will help get more rifles pointing downrange!

Editor

AMMUNITION

PRICES VALID AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025. ALL PRICES INCLUDE GST

				5000	500	50
.22 Cartridges						
Eley	Tenex			3,840.00	400.00	42.00
	Match			2,865.00	300.00	31.00
	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			3,820.00	400.00	42.00
	Special Match			2,155.00	225.00	24.00
	Rifle Match			1,755.00	183.00	20.00
	Geco	Out of stock				
Lapua	Midas Plus	Out of stock				
	Centre X	Out of stock				
SK	Long Range	Out of stock				
	Rifle Match	Out of stock				
	Standard Plus	Out of stock				
Air Pellets						
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			222.00/5000	23.00/500	
	Meisterkugeln			161.00 / 5000	17.00 / 500	
	Superdome				19.50 / 5000	
JSB	Match Blue 4.49, 4.50	Out of stock				
	Exact 7.33	Out of stock				

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