



# PARTICIPATION CONCENTRATION & CELEBRATION



Take aim, join and  
support a special  
community.





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# Precision Inclusion Safety

When it comes to the sport of target rifle shooting there are almost no bounds to what can be achieved by the individual within the most trusted and tested safety regime in the world of sport.

We value and promote diversity and inclusion in every other aspect of social activity and membership.

Target rifle shooting is a precise art that calls for a keen eye, cool nerves and amazing levels of concentration and dedication to self improvement. There is no greater triumph of mind over matter than pin point accuracy achieved in stance and distance.

The companionship of like minded Athletes within our community is one of constant achievement and friendship that spans all ages and personalities.





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## Our DNA

The history of Target Rifle Shooting in Victoria dates back to the years following the Eureka Rebellion and the early 1860's when Militia were formed to offset the perceived threats of France and Russia and, through time, the backdrop of the American Civil War, Crimean War, Boer War and later the First world War.

Over the years our genetic code has evolved the sport into a much respected, sophisticated, challenging, inclusive and safe family sport, practiced by thousands of Australian men and women.

Target Rifle Victoria has had several name changes through the decades, beginning at the turn of the century as Victorian Smallbore Rifle Union.

Today we are known as Target Rifle Victoria and are the State Body which governs competitive Smallbore Rifle Target Shooting in both .22 calibre and Air rifle.

Like many sports, club membership has suffered as a result of Covid restrictions on travel and social interaction.

As we address the reality of living with Covid now is the time to fanfare the sport and to sound the bell for increased membership, active participation and greater confidence in our plans for the future.



Commonwealth Ladies Rifle Club circa 1930



# From the President

It is with pleasure, as President of Target Rifle Victoria to introduce you to our sport.

Here we showcase what we do and the different disciplines we can offer members, our sense of community, atmosphere and most important our non negotiable safety standards.

We take pride in the fact that we offer our sport to everyone, as we are not defined or divided by age, gender or physical abilities. Target rifle shooting is where 13 year olds can compete against 93 year old veterans on an equal footing! With everyone being supportive of each other.

I personally started at the age of 16 and now compete with or against children and grandchildren of shooters I first met way back in the seventies. (Please don't do the maths.) It is, to me, a sport that can be a family affair and a very sociable one.

It is also a sport that can be taken to any level that suits the ambitions of the individual.

Participation can be at club level and include social practice as well local competitions, State, National or International Championships with participation at World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympics being the pinnacle.

For me it is a very personal sport. Once the basics are achieved in position or hold, the rest is up to you and your concentration level. I find this challenging in developing your own ability to improve and refine what you do, whether it be at club level or to aim for something higher.

We also pride ourselves in being one of the safest sports in the world. Despite the way media and others portray shooting we are extremely responsible in teaching and maintaining safety on and around ranges and using the sport for target shooting only, which is considered the second highest mental sport behind weight lifting in the world. Cricketers have bats, footballers a ball, Javelin throwers a spear, ours happens to be a rifle, and that's how we see it, a piece of sporting equipment that does NOT get used for any other purpose.

I hope the following pages can ignite passion for our sport and get you interested in coming to one of our many clubs to try us out and see what we have been enjoying for many years.

Best Regards,  
Julie Holcombe  
President  
Target Rifle Victoria



# TRV Affiliations & International Events



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There are currently 38 affiliated Smallbore Target Rifle Shooting Clubs currently operating in Metropolitan and Regional Victoria with approx. 600 practising members.



TRV is the state body controlling Smallbore Target Shooting in Victoria on behalf of its member clubs.



TRA is the National Body controlling Smallbore Target Shooting and World Rimfire and Air Rifle Benchrest Shooting in alignment with WRABF, conducting National Competitions and controlling aspects such as insurance.



Shooting Australia is the National Body controlling all shooting disciplines in Australia.



Disability Sports Australia (DSA) control disability sports throughout Australia including Target Rifle Shooting.



International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) is the global body controlling the Rules and Conduct of all Shooting Competitions across all disciplines, Worldwide.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

### International Titles

Are conducted by numerous countries around the world under the control of their own National bodies.

### World Championships

Generally held annually in a different country each year with overall regulatory control by the ISSF.

### Commonwealth Games

Involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations, this event is held every four years. The next Commonwealth Games to be hosted in Australia will be held in 2026 across Victoria.



### Olympic Games

Held every four years, Australia is one of only 2 countries to have competed in all of the Modern Olympic Games. The next Olympics to be held in Australia will be Brisbane 2032.

### Paralympics

The first Paralympics competition was held in 1988 in Seoul, Korea and has a fast growing public following.

# Our Mission, Vision and Values

## OUR MISSION

To deliver a comprehensive training and competition program of the highest professional standard to enable Victorian Athletes of all abilities, Coaches and Officials to aspire to maximising their performance.

## OUR VISION

To ensure all Victorians have the opportunity to participate in our sport at whatever level they choose while offering our members well managed and World Class equipment, processes and facilities.



## INTEGRITY INCLUSION INNOVATION SAFETY

### OUR VALUES

#### Integrity in everything

We are transparent, honest and ethical. Integrity underpins our high standard of professionalism and is paramount to building trusted and collaborative relationships with our Members, Supporters and Affiliates.

#### Developing and valuing everyone

We provide a welcoming environment which embraces diversity and provides a supportive community to inspire and develop Member potential.

#### Innovation for the future

We embrace technology and best practice processes to build a compliant and sustainable legacy for Victorian Smallbore Target Rifle Shooting in the future.

#### Safety is paramount

We work together to ensure everyone stays safe. Our focus is to teach, maintain and advocate safety on and around ranges. Safety is built into every process, program and decision we make.

Our core values are the principles which guide and direct our organisation and culture. Our values guide decision making and establish the standards against which Management's actions will be assessed.

**“TRV believes behaviour is driven from the top.”**







**Shooting Sports**  
are one of the most  
highly regulated and  
safe sports available  
to Victorians.

For this reason it is  
considered to be a  
Family Sport.

**SAFETY IS  
PRIORITY  
NUMBER 1**



# Safety and Governance

## VICTORIAN FIREARM SAFETY CODE:

Prepared in 2011 by the Victorian Firearms Safety Foundation Inc., this code is a guide containing a range of material including the “10 Basic Rules” which are relied upon by shooters, Victoria Police and Safety Instructors who conduct firearm safety courses for new firearm Licence Applicants and those maintaining their firearm safety knowledge.

## EQUIPMENT:

Firearm ownership is tightly regulated over the whole of a firearms useful life. From the mandatory Safety Course prior to applying for a licence, the Licencing application, processes of purchasing, owning, using, carrying, storing, transporting, selling or disposal - there are Regulatory processes controlling all aspects of firearm handling and movement.

## STORAGE:

There are stringent requirements covering the permanent and temporary storage of firearms and their movement by private and public transport. This ranges from separate storage of firearms from ammunition, the thickness of plate for a Safe, to the locking of containers during transport, to name a few.

## LICENCING:

Licencing by Victoria Police is stringent and requires, amongst other things, the attendance at a Safety Course, meeting minimum age requirements, a “Police Check”, an approved reason for acquiring a firearm and a declaration that the applicant is not a “Prohibited Person”.

## RANGE DESIGN:

The design of any range is governed by Victoria Police who can run checks to ensure that safety baffling is adequate to prevent the “escape” of a bullet from the range.

## RANGE PROCEDURES:

During operation, every range has an appointed “Range Officer” controlling the activities of all shooters and observers in the Complex.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY:

A strong moral ethic covers Community Health and Safety in and around Ranges. Community safety covers aspects such as:

- the design of Safety Baffles preventing the accidental escape of bullets from a range
- the operation of Child Safety Protocols
- EPA requirements covering any discharges to air or water
- noise mitigation infrastructure in building design
- personal hearing and eye protection for participants and observers.



# What is Smallbore?

There are a number of Smallbore rifle shooting positions and disciplines to accommodate physical preferences of all ages and abilities:



## 10 metre Air Rifle match

This is shot in a standing position and is an Olympic event.

There is also a discipline called Supported Air Rifle. In Supported Air Rifle the fore end of the rifle is supported on a rest to give additional stability. The use of a rest makes it possible for new shooters to quickly learn the skills needed to compete.



## Prone Shooting

Shot over 20m, 50m or 90m distances while lying on the ground. Can be shot indoors or outdoors.

Prone is a World Championship and Commonwealth Games event and is the mainstay of shooting clubs throughout Australia.



## Benchrest Shooting

Shot over 20m, 50m or 90m distances while sitting at a bench with the rifle resting on "sandbags".

Benchrest is favoured by younger shooters developing their skills and concentration and also less agile or older shooters.



## 3 Position competition

Shot over 50m while the shooter is in one of three stances - standing, kneeling and prone.

This competition is most demanding and is regarded as the premier event on the Olympic shooting program.



## Target Sprint

A more recent discipline which involves shooting at targets in the standing position before running 400 metres to return and shoot another series of targets before repeating the process once more.

Similar to the Biathlon practiced by snow skiers, Target Sprint is gaining popularity in warmer countries such as Australia which has a short snow season.

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● Image source [www.target-sprint.co.uk](http://www.target-sprint.co.uk)



# How do I join a Smallbore Club?

There are currently 38 Smallbore Rifle Clubs around Victoria in both Metropolitan and Regional Areas.

All clubs will be pleased to hear from potential members and offer the opportunity of a visit on “Come and Try Days” where you can bring your family and friends to meet other members, get a feel for the sport and try out your skills under the supervision of a Safety Officer.

## WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?

As a beginner you can use club equipment.

Most clubs have rifles, jackets, gloves and slings available for shooters new to the sport. Some clubs also have bench equipment.

Once you become more involved in the sport you will probably want to purchase your own gear.

## HOW TO FIND YOUR LOCAL CLUB

For more information and contact details for your local Club visit [trv.org.au](http://trv.org.au)

## WHAT COMPETITIONS CAN I ENTER?

Competitions vary from Club to Olympic level.

Clubs run internal events for ‘Members Only’ and some conduct open competitions for all comers.

Other competitions include:

- Interclub competitions
- State Championships
- National Championships
- International Titles
- World Championships
- Commonwealth Games
- Olympic Games
- Paralympics



Competition is not always against another shooter. As you strive to improve your concentration and technique, the competition becomes one of self improvement by competing against yourself.



# Australia's Performances are impressive

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

Since the start of the Modern Era of the Summer Olympic Games, Australia has been represented by 39 Female Olympians and 84 Male Olympians in all Shooting categories:

- Smallbore Rifle
- Shotgun
- Pistol

Some of these competitors are household names today.

**Michael Diamond** (6 Olympic Games)

**Russell Mark** (6 Olympic Games)

**Warren Potent** (5 Olympic Games)

**Daniel Repacholi** (5 Olympic Games)

And the list from the Paralympics is led by **Libby Kosmala** from South Australia, one of the greatest of them all.

One of Australia's premier Smallbore Competitions carries the name of **Warren Potent** who started his Olympic bid in 1988. After participating in 5 Summer Olympics he retired in 2016 as World Champion.

## NOTABLE VICTORIANS

There is an even longer list of local Victorian shooters who have also performed well Nationally and Internationally, including:

**Sue Lott (McCready)** Olympian and Commonwealth Gold Medal Winner 1998 Women's 3 Position.

**Sylvia Purdie** Commonwealth Games Gold and Silver 1994 Women's Prone.

**Kim Frazer** Olympian and Gold medallist at the 1994, 1998 and 2002 Commonwealth Games Women's 50m Prone Pairs and single Prone.

**Benjamin Burge** Bronze and Silver at the 2006 Commonwealth Games Men's 3 Position.

**Aletha Sedgman** Commonwealth Gold Medal Winner 2010 Women's 3 Position (at the age of 16).

**Richard Lightfoot** 2010 World Cup Rimfire HV 50m Individual Bronze.

**Annette Rowe** 2013 World Cup Sporter 50m Individual Bronze.

**Michael Di Pasquale (Jr)** 2015 World Championships Junior Sporter Individual Gold, Junior LV Air Individual Bronze, Junior LV Rimfire Individual Bronze.

**Scott Kiddle** 2015 World Championships Bronze.

The foundations are being laid to have a range recognised by ISSF so in the future Victorians will not have to travel interstate to qualify.



Image S. Lott courtesy TRV



Image W. Potent (middle) courtesy ISSF





*Image M. Davis courtesy D. Wright, TRA*

# Young and Upcoming Talent



**Elise Collier** is Victoria's latest rising star. After commencing her shooting career in 2017, Elise competed in four Olympic Eliminations in Adelaide and went on to represent Australia at the Tokyo Summer Olympics.

In recent times Elise has shot two new Australian records, a new Victorian record and exceeded the current World record as well as the current Olympic record.

One score of 253.6, is the highest recorded score for any competition anywhere, including any Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Championships or any other recorded event in the World, by either a male or female.

See Elise's article next page.

## The future of the sport is in good hands!

Australia has a fantastic list of young shooters who are maintaining the traditions set by our older household names.

At the recent Tokyo Olympics, Australia had 15 representatives (8 male and 7 female) in the Shooting categories. Of these 3 shot Smallbore Rifle.

From South Australia: **Jack Rossiter** who by the age of 24 had shot at both the Rio and Tokyo Olympics.

**Dane Sampson** has shot a range of different disciplines at London, Rio and Tokyo Olympics.

From Victoria: **Darren Morgan** has attained Gold Medal status in Benchrest at the World Cup in South Africa.

**Michael Davis**, a TRV Junior Member has represented Australia in a number of International competitions.

Michael currently holds 3 State Records, shot for Australia at the ISSF World Junior Cup, came 5th at the 2018 Grand Prix of Pilsen in the Czech Republic and did extremely well in the recent Olympic selection trials ... taking fourth place for the Air Rifle and 3 Position events.



# Elise Collier



## A story to inspire all Sports personnel !

“I first started shooting with TRV in 2017. At the time I had been shooting for less than three years doing completely different disciplines. I met my coach Mike Jarrad and joined Oakleigh Rifle Club and Frankston Peninsula Target Rifle Club soon after. Mike ran a “girls night” at Frankston, to encourage girls to get into the sport.

I trained with him once a week and started doing competitions around the state. We then started training twice a week, when I went to the nationals and some interstate competitions. Some of the interstate competitions I went to happened to be selection events for the Oceania Championship Australian team. I made the A team for all three rifle disciplines.

At the Oceania’s I attained a minimum qualifying score for the Olympics, which meant I was eligible to compete for selection for the Olympic team.

At the time I was only training a couple of times a week, and it really was an accident that I’d even qualified for the Oceania’s. After the Oceania’s, Mike and I decided to focus on Air Rifle. We were training 4-5 times a week plus some at home dry firing. I got incredible support from TRV and all the members, which led to me winning the Air Rifle Olympic selection. After my selection the Olympics got delayed for 12 months which allowed more time for training.

Unfortunately things didn’t go my way in Tokyo. I was quite sick while over there, but the experience and the journey to get there was amazing. It made me realise that despite being in different clubs, TRV and all their members will always get behind and support anyone, anyway they can.

I’m extremely grateful for my coach Mike, the TRV Council and all of their members for all of the help they’ve given me, even before I started competing at a high level.”

*Written by Elise Collier, Jan 2022*





# Libby Kosmala

The 2021 Sport Australia Hall of Fame inductees were announced in November 2021.

The inductees included six Olympians, former Australian soccer and cricket captains, and one of the nations greatest ever Paralympians, LIBBY KOSMALA.

Libby, a Para-shooting air rifle competitor, attended a phenomenal 12 consecutive summer Paralympic games between 1972 and 2016, earning her a total of 13 medals, including 9 gold.

Induction into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame is reserved for the best of the best and this is something Libby is truly deserving of.

Shooting Australia President Cath Fettell acknowledged Libby's achievements as an Australian smallbore and air rifle target competitor, as second to none.

"Libby has inspired many athletes to participate in the sport and to pursue their dream of one day competing at the Paralympics. Her ongoing contribution to the sport of target shooting and as an Administrator, Coach and Mentor and overall Ambassador has been extremely significant."



# Up to the Challenge

Apart from the challenges presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic, TRV have identified some immediate and major challenges on the road ahead.

- To develop Range Facilities in Victoria that are to International Standard and will attract Competitors from across the globe
- To increase the awareness of our sport and our Mission with stakeholders and the General Public
- To attract a new generation of Participants and Members into a steadily growing body of competitors.



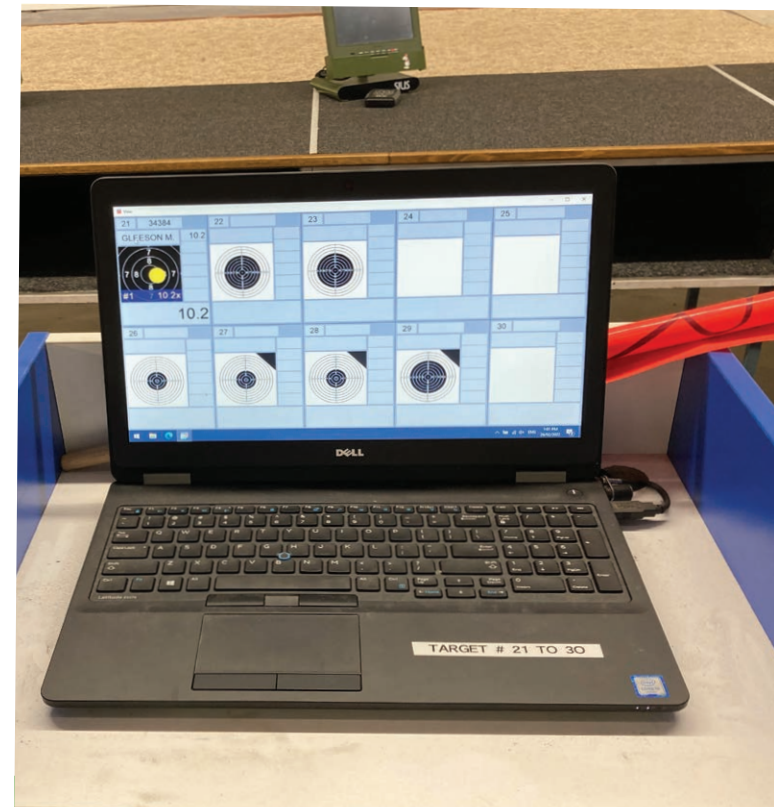


# Competing on the World Stage

Facilities similar to those used in Tokyo for the 2020 Olympics are not uncommon across Europe, UK, South Africa and USA.

International complexes include not only ranges for the different disciplines but also facilities that support Athletes in their quest for success as well as viewing galleries for the public to watch athletes perform.

Features of world class facilities include electronic target infrastructure to display results to athletes, press and the public in real-time, secure Armoury for safe storage of equipment and ammunition, Conference Facilities, Jury Room, Medical Room, Anti-Doping Screening facilities, Press, Radio & TV Interview Rooms and kiosks for refreshments.



World class facilities  
inspiring potential  
champions.



# TRV and Victoria. A Vision for the Future

As the state body responsible for managing the Victorian shooting competition program and growing participation in the sport, it is important for TRV to develop and operate a State Range from one central site.

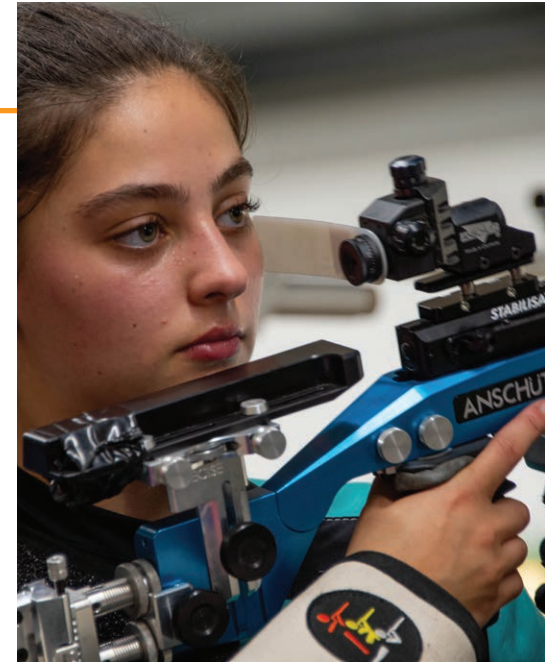
Fitted out with facilities of international standard, it is anticipated that the site will be accessible 7 days a week, day and night, for use by local Club members and High Performance Shooters.

The opportunity for local and high performance shooters to interact with each other in such an environment creates a strong community where there is a free flow of valuable advice and encouragement for all.

For TRV to achieve our vision for the sport in Victoria, it is our responsibility to ensure we develop locally accessible Range facilities, to International Standard, to support Victorian athletes as they prepare for national and international competitions.

Now is the time to establish our thoughts and plans on range facilities that can attract organisers and competitors from across the globe.

The facilities will become a lasting legacy and an immeasurable benefit for Victorian Target Rifle shooters in the lead up to the Brisbane Olympic Games in 2032.



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*Image M. Gleeson courtesy TRV*



# Building a State Range of International Standard

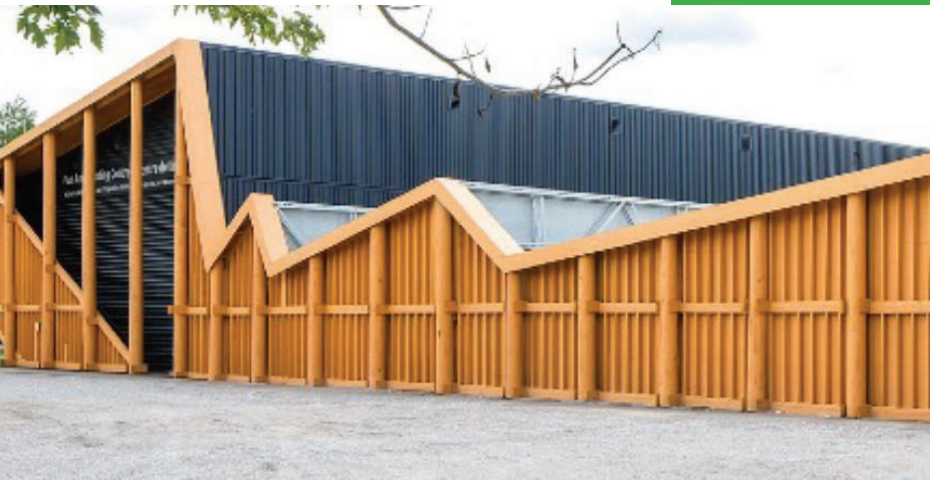


It is proposed to build a state-of-the-art TRV State Range Complex designed and built to ISSF (Olympic) standards.

Facilities will include:

- A 10 bay indoor 50metre Finals range
- A 30 bay 10metre air rifle range
- A 44 bay outdoor electronically targeted 20 / 50metre range with carefully surveyed and located baffling to prevent bullets leaving the range
- Built-in lead collection equipment to reclaim lead for recycling offsite
- Public gallery seating
- Club room facilities including kitchen, toilets, showers, meeting room and offices
- Medical Room for First Aid and Drug Testing
- Secure Firearm and Ammunition storage area to meet VicPol statutory requirements.

Technology will drive the state-of-the-art facility with the inclusion of Electronic Targets, as used in international competitions, TV monitors to transmit real-time scores to the public gallery plus advanced lighting and security systems to maximise performance and safety.



*Images above Architects impression for proposed State Range*



# With help from our friends and supporters we can achieve our vision

For the Victorian Target Rifle community a new home for state, national and international events will be an opportunity to take the sport to a new level of excellence and presentation.

For our business partners it will be a great opportunity for their brand to be associated with a unique sport that embraces precision, inclusion and safety.

For future champions we will support and encourage them as they pick up a target rifle for the first time at a local Club and progress through the ranks of competition.

Embrace our representatives at national and international events around Australia and around the world. Be proud as our Paralympians and Olympians compete for gold and country.

**If you are interested in supporting the Victorian target rifle community and helping TRV to achieve our vision contact us at:**

**[secretary@trv.org.au](mailto:secretary@trv.org.au)**



*Image N. Smith, source Agence France Presse*

**“Give us the tools and we will finish the job”**  
*Winston Churchill 1944*

**TRV is committed to the pursuit of excellence and upholding their values as signatories to a number of ethical codes including:**

**Code of Fair Play, Women in Sport Code and Child Safety Code**

TRV acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.

