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From The Australian Captain

The 2016 Woomera Match to be held in Campbell Town in Tasmania will be the seventh time Australia has competed against Great Britain for the trophy.

I extend a warm welcome to our shores to the Great Britain team. It is a lengthy and complex process for an elite rifle team to travel internationally and I sincerely appreciate the enormous effort they have made over the last eighteen months to bring this tour to fruition.



The Australian Team has also made a major commitment to representing their country. The team has members from five of the Australian States and they have travelled vast distances over the last year to attend team practices held in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. We are highly motivated to reclaim the Woomera Trophy on home soil.

My thanks go to the Tasmanian Rifle Association for hosting the 2016 Match Rifle competition. They have put together an extensive program of team and individual events to be shot over the ten days with the highlight being the Woomera Trophy.

I expect there will be spirited but friendly competition in all events as the top Match Rifle shooters in the world come together.

Shane Courtney

Captain – Australian Match Rifle Team

The Australian Match Rifle Team



Captain

Shane Courtney (*Victoria*)

Manager

John Kielly (*Queensland*)

Wind Coaches

Graham Dyson (*Victoria*)

David Rich (*Victoria*)

Gilbert Walker (*Tasmania*)

Shooters

Philip Bain (*New South Wales*)

Alan Blain (*Victoria*)

Chris Halloran (*New South Wales*)

Robert Halloran (*New South Wales*)

Lew Horwood (*Victoria*)

Paul Monaghan (*Tasmania*)

Doug Ratcliff (*Victoria*)

Peter Rix (*South Australia*)

Willy Schaffner (*South Australia*)

Tom Smith (*New South Wales*)

Barry Southern (*Victoria*)

Reserve

John Collis (*Tasmania*)

The Great Britain Match Rifle Team



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David Dashwood (*England*)

Rosanne Furniss (*England*)

Mike Judge (*England*)

Tim Kidner (*Scotland*)

Rob Kitson (*Ireland*)

Derek Lowe (*England*)

Angus McLeod (*Scotland*)

Julian Peck (*England*)

Michael Wentges (*Ireland*)

Simon Whitby (*England*)

Reserves

Hannah Fisher (*Scotland*)

John Lindsay (*England*)

Chris Law (*England*)

John Pugsley (*England*)

The Program Of Events

February 2016

27th – 29th February Team Practice

March 2016

1st Individual Practice Day

2nd Tasmanian Match Rifle Championships

3rd Day 1 Australian Match Rifle Championships

4th Day 2 Australian Match Rifle Championships

5th Day 3 Australian Match Rifle Championships
Day 1-3 Coolibah Pairs trophy shot concurrently

6th am Final 20 shot 1200 yard match of Australian
Championships

pm Maloney Match (State Teams) & Freebairn Teams

7th Rowlands Match (State Teams)
McEachran & Phil Cole Matches (International)

8th **Woomera Match – Australia v. Great Britain**

9th 1500 yards Open Prize meeting

*The Tasmanian Queens (target rifle) events follow on from
10th March.*

Explore Campbell Town

Campbell Town was established in 1821 by Governor Lachlan Macquarie as one of four garrison towns between Hobart and Launceston. The town was named after his wife, Elizabeth Campbell, as was the Elizabeth River which runs through the town (previously known as Relief Creek). The town is in an important wool growing district ~ 130 km from Hobart and 70km from Launceston.

Blackburn Park, beside the river, features **tree carvings** done by Eddie Freeman which depict prominent historical identities, aspects of convict heritage and local native wildlife.



The **Red Bridge** at Campbell Town crosses the Elizabeth River. Built in 1838 using penal labour, it is the oldest surviving brick arch bridge in Australia. The bridge contains three arch spans of 7.6 m (25 ft) each and is listed on the



Register of National Estate. It is believed to have been designed by James Blackburn an architect and former convict. It was constructed on dry land using 1,250,000 handmade bricks and the river was then diverted to flow under the bridge after completion.

Historian K.R. Von Stieglitz notes that *“nearly every bushranger recorded in Tasmanian history seems to have robbed, murdered or burned his way through Campbell Town at one time or another.”* This includes the notorious John Quigley who “bushwhacked” at least three different parties of visitors on their way to a steeplechase in Campbell Town in 1855. It was his downfall, however, with the ensuing police hunt resulting in him being shot in the buttocks and captured.

The Campbell Town Range

Location - 41° 56' 25"S, 147° 29' 06"E

The Campbell Town Range is located 1.5km south of Campbell Town centre on Torlesse Street

Ranges Match Rifle - 1000 yards, 1100 yards & 1200 yards plus a recently completed 1500 yard range.

The range also provides target rifle ranges from 300 yards

Number of Targets 10

Range Orientation Shooting South

Range Elevation 210m

Type of Mounds Grassed

Average Temps - Tasmania has four distinct seasons with the warmest months being December to March. The average maximum daily summer temperatures are between 17 and 23 degrees Celsius and winter daily temperatures sit between 3 and 11 degrees Celsius. *Early March expect anything!*



Shooting Program

Tasmanian Match Rifle Championships and Queen's (Target Rifle) Championships held in March each year



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The Australian Team Members

Phillip Bain

Australian Team: 2001, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2016

State Team: 1998- 2013, 2016

Occupation: Retired Design Manager, Roads & Maritime Services

Hometown: **Wagga Wagga, New South Wales**

Born in Wagga Wagga, Philip spent some of his childhood years and early working life in Sydney. Secondments at work also took him to Brisbane (QLD) and Grafton (NSW) for extended periods. He has travelled extensively through Australia and overseas including Germany, Ireland, France, Canada, UK and some of the Pacific Islands



Alan Blain

Australian Team: 2006, 2010, 2012, 2016

State Team: Represented Victoria since 2003

Occupation: Dairy Farmer

Hometown: **Timboon, Victoria**

Alan lives in Cowley's Creek just outside of Timboon which is known for dairy farming and in particular the products of dairying - including ice cream and fine cheeses. Alan has had 4 trips to Bisley as well as holidaying in the USA and is a regular traveller to Cook Islands. This will be the 4th time Alan has represented his country including as a member of the winning 2010 Woomera team.

The Australian Team Members



John Collis

Australian Team: 2012, 2016

State Team: Represented Tasmania from 2006 onwards

Occupation: Builder

Hometown: **Smithton, Tasmania**

As a youngster, John lived in various areas on the mainland until his parents settled in Smithton. He has travelled to the mainland (also known as ‘the big island’) for shooting as well as travelling with the Australian team to Great Britain in 2012.

Shane Courtney

Australian Team: 2006, 2010, 2012, 2016

State Team: All Victorian teams since 2003

Occupation: Semi Retired

Hometown: **Maryborough, Victoria**

Living in Maryborough, the region gives access to many wineries, good fishing and gold (if you can find it). This is Shane’s first appointment as Captain of the Australian team and the 4th time he has represented Australia including 2 tours of Great Britain. Shane is a keen match rifle shooter and the inaugural winner of the first ever 1500 yard event held in Australia at Coonabarabran in 2010. Shane has travelled most of Australia (except Western Australia) as well as to Bali and the UK.



The Australian Team Members

Graham Dyson



Australian Team: 2012, 2016

State Team: 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014

Occupation: Real Estate

Hometown: **Warrnambool, Victoria**

Graham is an experienced wind coach having coached the Victorian State Target Rifle team to numerous victories. He was lured into Match Rifle in 2008, coaching the Victorian match rifle team to victory in 2010 and 2011 as well as coaching in the Australian team in the UK in 2012. Graham and his wife Arna (a motel proprietor) live on the coast in south west Victoria at the end of the Great Ocean Road.

Chris Halloran

Australian Team: 2016

State Team: 2014, 2016

Occupation: Electrician/Instrument Fitter

Hometown: **Shellharbour, New South Wales**

Born and raised in Tarcutta NSW, Chris has travelled through South East Asia (Borneo, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines), and the USA. He took up Match Rifle in 2012 with a bit of family 'encouragement' and, work permitting, is now a regular at Match Rifle events.



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The Australian Team Members

Robert Halloran



Australian Team: 2006, 2010, 2012, 2016

State Team: All NSW Teams since 2005

Occupation: Retired Farmer

Hometown: **Wagga Wagga, New South Wales**

Born in Tumut (NSW), Rob was a sheep farmer at Wantabadgery before retiring to Wagga Wagga. He has seen most of Australia including some of the remotest places 'off the beaten track'. His travels have also taken him to New Zealand, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland & France.

Lew Horwood

Australian Team: 1997, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2016

State Team: All Victorian teams since 1997

Occupation: Semi-Retired

Hometown: **Great Western, Victoria**

Lew was born and raised in Melbourne with the family moving to Stawell in 1977 to run a farm - sheep for wool and chooks for fertile eggs. Lew got a job at the local gold mine, starting as a truck driver and did all jobs up to shift supervisor. In 1993 a large rock crushed him which slowed him down somewhat! Since then he has worked at the Costerfield mine as a supervisor and trainer, mining gold and antimony (stibnite) and at the Bendigo gold mine.



The Australian Team Members

John Kielly

Australian Team: 2004, 2006, 2010, 2016

State Team: All QLD teams since 2002

Occupation: Retired

Hometown: **Brisbane, Queensland**

John has always lived in Brisbane, but the distances haven't stopped him from hitting every match rifle range in Eastern Australia - even Lower Light! John and his wife Helen regularly travel to Europe & Britain. Good food, wine & real ale keeps them happy. They have one son, Rowan, and one lumbering 40 kg dog, Rajah.



Paul Monaghan

Australian Team: 2012, 2016

State Team: 2016

Occupation: Retired Research Scientist

Hometown: **Launceston, Tasmania**

Paul says that although it was the offer of a job with CSIRO that lured him from the shores of Great Britain, it was the promise of shooting in sunshine rather than rain that was the deciding factor. Living first near Geelong, Paul and his wife Chris, have now found their dream retirement home in Tasmania which they share with abundant wildlife including countless unnamed wallabies and Eric the echidna.

The Australian Team Members

Doug Ratcliff



Australian Team: 2016

State Team: 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016

Occupation: Master Plumber

Hometown: **Maryborough Victoria**

Doug and his wife Cheryl (also a shooter) live in central Victoria with their three children, Daniel, Lochie and Sheree. Doug is a keen target rifle shooter who took up Match Rifle about 6 years ago. He is looking forward to again competing in Match Rifle at Campbell Town as it is a range on which he has had notable success in the past.

David Rich

Australian Team: 2016

State Team: 2013, 2014

Occupation: Famer

Hometown: **Serviceton, Victoria**

David and his wife Joylene, have raised three children on their farm which straddles the Victorian and South Australian border. David has explored all parts of Australia having driven trucks for a time in south east Australia, hit all of the capital cities and enjoyed camping under the stars in the outback. Shooting has also taken him to New Zealand, USA and England





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The Australian Team Members

Peter Rix



Australian Team: 2016

Occupation: RAA and RACV Road Service and Towing

Hometown: **Bordertown South Australia**

Bordertown is a small town in South Australia near the Victorian border, famed as the birthplace of Australian Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, and for the breeding of white kangaroos. Much travelled Peter has also lived and worked in Darwin, Adelaide and Mundulla (look it up!).

Willy Schaffner

Australian Team: 2012, 2016

State Team: Represented South Australia over the last 10 years

Occupation: Retired

Hometown: **Stone Hut, Laura, South Australia**

Born and raised in Switzerland, Willy trained as a civil draftsman and worked in Switzerland for a time before moving to Australia in 1967. Originally living in Sydney he and his family finally settled in South Australia. Willy returns regularly to Switzerland and has travelled extensively in Europe, Australia and Asia.



The Australian Team Members

Tom Smith



Australian National Team: Previous appearances in the Woomera include 2004 & 2010, just not for Australia! For 2016 he now proudly represents his adopted home.

State Team: NSW 2013, 2014 & 2016

Occupation: Veterinary Surgeon

Hometown: **Tamworth, New South Wales**

Born in the UK, Tom lived and worked in the UK and the USA before moving to Australia. In previous Woomera matches Tom has been representing the opposition. Whilst Tom has changed allegiances to now represent Australia, it appears his dog Paddy has turned and gone with the GB team!

Barry Southern

Australian Team: 2010, 2012, 2016

State Team: 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014

Occupation: Retired

Hometown: **Holland's Landing, Victoria**

Born and raised in Melbourne. Barry worked for the Bureau of Meteorology and as a consequence lived in Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Antarctica and Woomera (although he didn't shoot at that time). He then settled in Kinglake, 65km NE of Melbourne, which was as far away from the city as he could live while still holding down a job there. He moved to Hollands Landing in retirement.



The Australian Team Members

Gilbert Walker

Australian Team: 1997, 2001, 2004,
2006, 2010, 2012, 2016

State Team: 1998 through to 2010

Occupation: Grazier (Polworth Sheep)

Hometown: Carrick, Tasmania

Gilbert has travelled all over Oz (mostly to shoot) as well as to UK, NZ, Canada, South Africa, Ireland and France.

However, nothing beats Tasmania! As he says *“everything is here; world's best scenery, finest food, climate, friendliest people, best beer, and now the best single malt whiskies.”*

Gilbert is fortunate to have a cheer squad of four daughters and a very understanding wife, Dawne.





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Competition Trophies

Woomera Trophy

16 person International team event with 8 of the team shooting with wind coaches.
15 shots over 1000, 1100 & 1200 yards
Possible score: 1800
Current Holder: Great Britain (2012)

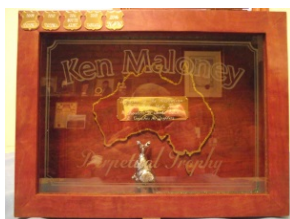


Australian Championship Trophy

Individual event conducted over 3 ½ days with 3 ranges each of 15 shots at 1000, 1100 & 1200 yards and a final 20 shot match at 1200 yards.
Possible score: 775
Current Holder: Philip Bain, NSW (2014)

Rowlands Match

Australian State teams event. Teams of up to 6 people with 4 of the team shooting with wind coach.
15 shots over 1000, 1100 & 1200 yards
Possible score: 900
Current Holder: New South Wales (2014)



Maloney Match

Australian State teams event. Teams of up to 6 people with 4 of the team shooting with wind coach
16 shots, no sighters at 1100 yards
Possible score: 320
Current Holder: New South Wales (2014)

Competition Trophies

Mincham Trophy

Grand Aggregate trophy of the two Australian State teams' event with scores from Maloney and Rowlands Matches totalled.

Possible score: 1220

Current Holder: New South Wales (2014)



President's Trophy

Presented to the highest scoring shooter and wind coach in the Rowlands Match

Possible score: 225

Current Holders: N. Paul & G. Walker, Tasmania (2014)

Phil Cole Trophy

Team competition between the Australian States and any overseas team *e.g. England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland*. To be shot in conjunction with the Rowlands Match

Possible score: 900

Current Holder: Victoria (2010)



McEachran Qualch

Team competition between Scotland and the Australian States. To be shot in conjunction with the Rowlands Match

Possible score: 900

Current Holder: Victoria (2010)

Competition Trophies

Coolibah Trophy

Pairs competition - 1 x International and 1 x Australian shooter selected by a draw.

15 shots at 1000, 1100 & 1200 yards held concurrent with the Australian Championships.

Possible score: 450

Current Holders: S. Whitby (GB) & L. Horwood (Aus) 2010



Freebairn Teams Match



Coached teams of 4 with teams selected from placings in the Australian Championships

15 shots at 1200 yards

Possible score: 300

Current Holders: D. Rich, V. Hunt, B. Southern, R. Atherton (2014)



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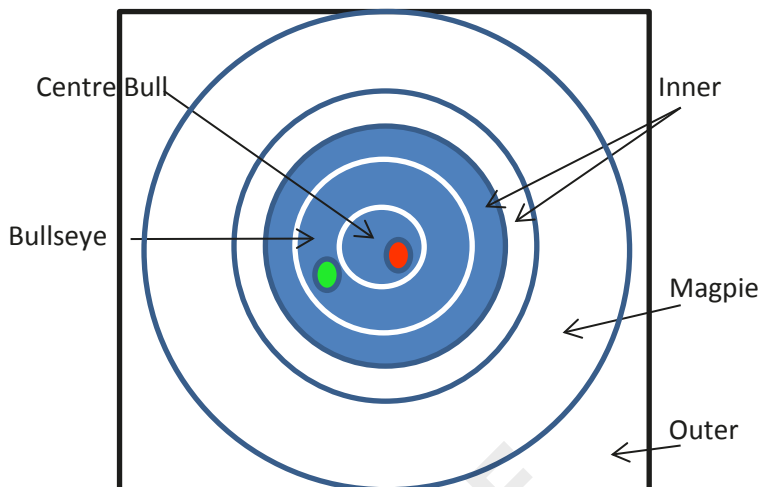
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The Target and Scoring

The colour and location of the spotter on the target indicates the score of the shot.

<i>Ring</i>	<i>Diameter</i>	<i>Spotter</i>	<i>Scores</i>
Centre	305mm	Red	5 & 1 to the "V" bull count
Bullseye	610mm	Green	5
Inner	1220mm	Red	4
Magpie	1800mm	Green	3
Outer	Rest of target	Red	2

The black ring (1020mm diameter) can be used as an aiming mark but is not itself a scoring ring.

For a 15 shot match the score is out of 75 and for a 20 shot match, 100. The number of 'V' bulls are separately counted and used to determine placings for competitors on equal score. *A score of 75.8 therefore represents all shots were in*

For The Spectator

the Bull rings with 8 of them being in the Centre Bull. A competitor on this score would beat a 75.4 or a 74.13.

Competitors generally have 2 'convertible' sighters at the start of each range to get on target. They can elect to keep both sighters, delete them, or keep the second sighter only - depending on how they scored. There are some events with only 1 or No Sighters which increases the complexity.

Wind Reading

A change in wind speed of 5mph will take a shot off the target at distances above 1000 yards. Competitors use the angle and streaming strength of the flags lining the range to judge both wind speed and direction. On warmer days, mirage and the strength and direction of its flow is also used. Flags in different parts of the ranges can be showing different wind and in gusty conditions wind can change both angle and speed in seconds. Competitors have to mentally recalculate and adjust for wind changes throughout their shoot.

In team events, Coaches have the role of judging the wind and instructing the shooter.

Match Rifle

Match rifle shooting uses a .308W cartridge. Hand loading of ammunition is allowed and recommended. Telescopic sights or any other sight system is permitted. Any shooting position is permitted (including the supine) however the rifle must not contact the ground or anything other than the body. The front hand or forearm is allowed to be supported but this hand rest must not touch the rifle and the rifle butt may not contact the ground.

Explore Australia

Tassie Locals Recommend:

- Take a Tamar River Cruise through the **Cataract Gorge** – Launceston’s own piece of wilderness within 15 minutes of the city centre!



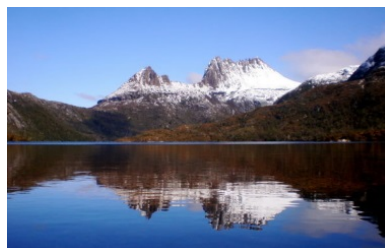
- Have lunch at the award winning **Moresco Restaurant** at Binalong Bay, Bay of Fires in north east Tasmania or try the **Pub in the Paddock** at Pyengara (30km inland from St Helens, NE Tas).



- Experience the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** at Strahan which is a reconstruction of the Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company railway between Queenstown and Regatta Point, Strahan. The railway is significant because of its Abt rack & pinion system to conquer the mountainous terrain through rainforest, with original locomotives still operating on the railway

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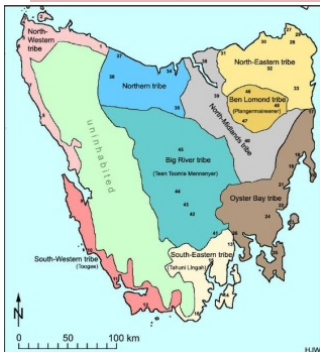
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The first reported sighting of Tasmania by a European was Abel Tasman in 1642 who named the island Anthoonij van Diemenslandt after the Governor of the Dutch East Indies, his sponsor. This name was later shortened to Van Diemen's Land and then changed to Tasmania in 1856 after being granted self-government. At the time of European settlement there were thought to be nine Aboriginal tribes who were primarily nomadic, moving according to seasonal changes in food supplies.

Explore Australia

With team members from all over the country, these are a few of their recommended places for those wanting to explore Australia

- 🦘 Go fishing on **Fraser Island** (QLD) when the tairor are running.



It is one of the best fishing experiences you will ever have. The beach is a designated highway with all the road rules applicable. It is also an airstrip in several places where cars have to give way to aircraft!

- 🦘 Whilst you are up that way go snorkelling or diving on the World Heritage **Great Barrier Reef**.
- 🦘 Two of the greatest railway journeys in the world would have to be **The Indian Pacific** (from Sydney to Perth) and **The Ghan** (from Adelaide to Darwin).
- 🦘 Visit the Undara Lava Tubes in Undara National Park (Nth QLD), 'Undara' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'long way'. It is one of the longest lava tube cave systems in the world. About 190,000 years ago, a large volcano spewed molten lava down a dry riverbed. The top, outer-layer cooled and formed a crust, while the molten lava below drained outwards, leaving behind a series of hollow tubes.



- 🦘 Have a round of golf at **Cooper Pedy Golf Club**. It has Reciprocal Rights with the Royal and Ancient St Andrews Golf Club. Where else can you play at night with luminous balls?



- 🦘 Take a fishing charter from **Cairns** (QLD). Amazing fishing.

- 🦘 Visit **Rutherglen** (in Australia not Scotland). It has some of the best fortified wines in the World – just ask the Scots!

Explore Australia

- 🦘 Drive the 90 mile straight across the Nullarbor Plain – you get such a surprise when you finally have to negotiate a curve!
- 🦘 Visit The Outback and Uluru (NT). The Outback looks different, and is different, to anywhere else in the world. Start your trip in SA going up through the Flinders Ranges and Wilpena Pound.



🦘 A “must see” is the Golden Guitar at Tamworth – it is simply gold.

🦘 Visit Kimberly country (WA) where you can enjoy the outback without freezing to death.

- 🦘 Spend time in Canberra (ACT) – the National Capital and home of the Australian War Memorial which commemorates the sacrifices made to keep us free.
- 🦘 Travel the Great Ocean Road (VIC) –spectacular coastal scenery and then visit The Grampians in winter –fantastic bush walks and scenery

The NSW Match Rifle Association wishes the
NSW Match Rifle Team
Good Shooting
for the State Teams events



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in the Woomera Match against Great Britain

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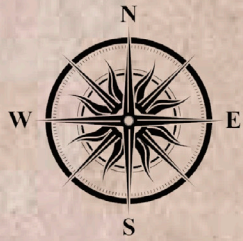
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