

## **Woomera Match Rifle Team - Bisley 2019**

I am honoured to have been appointed Captain of the Australian Match Rifle Team to Bisley in July 2019 to contest the Woomera Match. It is my intention to form a Woomera Training Squad with the Team to be selected from the Squad in early 2018. Nominations have been called for shooters and coaches, and nominations must be with the NRAA by Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

As in the past, Woomera training days will be scheduled just prior to, or immediately after State MR Championships. These training days will include, in addition to coached shooting, a number of development discussions which will cover a range of topics including wind-reading and wind-coaching, fine-tuning equipment and ammunition, shooting 'Bisley-style', and Team psychology. The timetable for 2017 will available shortly.

I am aware of the cost of travelling to Squad and then Team practice days and I intend to organise a small number of more 'regional' sessions based around shooters in either SA, VIC and TAS or NSW and QLD.

I have asked Phil Bain to act as Vice-Captain and I am pleased to say he has accepted the position. I will also be appointing a Team Manager by mid-2017 at the latest, and welcome expressions of interest for this important position.

The trip to Bisley will be focussed on the Woomera Match. Team travel will be organised for arrival in time for jet-lag recovery, sorting equipment and some local sightseeing. Range practice will be followed by the Imperial Meeting MR individual competition (the Hopton) followed by the Woomera Match. Partners will be welcome to travel with the Team and Team members may extend their stay either before or after the shooting timetable as outlined above.

Following the difficulties experienced by the GB Team shipping rifles and ammunition to and from Tasmania in 2016 and resultant huge costs, I am considering the options of loading at Bisley or having ammunition prepared to our individual specification in GB. Team members would travel with their rifles with heavy kit shipped beforehand.

I will be happy to answer any further questions you may have and can be contacted by email at [monaghan308@gmail.com](mailto:monaghan308@gmail.com) or mobile 0450562896.