



Australian Match Rifle Association

# Newsletter

May 2026



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## Introduction

This newsletter comes at a time when the world situation in general and petrol and diesel availability is still looking somewhat grim. Long distance travel to the various state championships has now become a serious part of the cost of competing at a national level.

Nonetheless, plans for the Nationals and State Championships during 2026 and through to early 2027 are being made on the assumption that things will not go completely upside down (to put it politely). These Match Rifle and Long-Range F class competitions need you so try to make your plans on the basis that things will be OK.

On a more positive note, we have news from the NRAA about the opportunity to form a MR committee. See the details below.

## NRAA News

The NRAA has recently agreed to the formation of a Match Rifle (as well as TR and F class committees). The NRAA does not operate in a vacuum and this is the chance for the MR community to have a forum to discuss Match Rifle matters and to provide recommendations to the NRAA board.

The committee will consist of up to 6 members and ideally will have members with Match Rifle experience from a broad geographical range.

More information can be found on the NRAA website: <https://nraa.com.au/nraa-news/nominations-call/call-for-nominations-nraa-match-rifle-committee/>

The deadline for nominations is the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## Recent Events

The NSW State Championships were held in early May at Ungarie with 31 competitors across the three disciplines. Congratulations to the 2026 champions Bill Naismith (MR), John Weigel (FO) and Darren Bradley (FTR).

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**NOMINATION \$275.00**

**Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships**  
**31 August - 6 September 2026**

Hosted by - Raglan Central Queensland Target Sports

**Monday 31st August – MR Team Practice 900, 1000, 1100m - \$15.00**  
*Range open for individual sighting in conjunction with above ranges*

**DAY 1 Tuesday 1st September**  
Day 1 – Individual 3 + 15 shots 900, 1000, 1100m

**DAY 2 Wednesday 2nd September**  
Day 2 – Individual 2 + 15 shots 1100, 1000, 900m

**DAY 3 Thursday 3rd September**  
Individual 2 + 15 shots 900, 1000, 1100m

**DAY 4 Friday 4th September**  
Day 4 – Individual 2 + 20 shots - 1100m  
Freebairn Teams – 2 + 15 per shooter - 1100m  
F Class drawn Pairs – 25 shots no sighters - 1100m

Lunch and AMRA Annual General Meeting

**MR State Teams**  
Moloney Match 16 shots no sighters - 1100m

**DAY 5 Saturday 5th September**  
Day 5 – MR State Teams Rowlands Match 2 + 15 shots 900, 1000, 1100m  
FO / FTR State Teams - 16 shots no sighters - 1100m

**DAY 6 Sunday 6th September**  
Day 6 - FO and FTR National F Class Teams 3 + 15 shots – 900, 1000, 1100m

**Presentation Dinner \$55.00 to be held on the Range.**

Winners of 1st day 900, 2nd day 1000m and 3rd day 1100m of the Individual Competition will be combined and used for this year's 2026 Qld Match Rifle Championships

Camping on Range – 10 Powered Caravan Sites and 15 rooms available - allocation on first in basis.  
All meals available on the range.

Phone Ross Atherton for bookings 0407 037 003 email [r.atherton1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:r.atherton1@optusnet.com.au).  
Accommodation also available at The Mt Larcom Tourist Park, 15 mins from the range.

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## Victoria State Championships

The Victoria State Championships will be held at Stawell on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Practice on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## South Australia Championships

These will be held at Lower Light Range on the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## Woomera 2028 update

The Woomera Match will be held in South Australia on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2028.

There will be a call for nominations for the Captain from the NRAA soon. This will be followed by a call for team members.

None of us are getting any younger. This is a good time to think about bringing new (younger, perhaps?) shooters into the Match Rifle community. New shooters rarely come to find us – we need to actively recruit new shooters. Once they start, there are few who don't get hooked.

## AMRA UPDATE

**The** AMRA AGM will be held during the Nationals at Raglan in September this year. Remember you will need to be a financial member of AMRA to vote at the meeting.

AMRA Memberships fees are due at the end of June

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## **AMRA Membership & Payment of Fees**

AMRA Membership Fees become due on 1 July 2026. Under the Rules of the Association, fees are required to be paid within 3 months of the due date or you cease to be an active member.

If you have not paid your fees or you are a new member looking to join AMRA, please complete the application form available on the website and submit to the Secretary. Membership is currently \$20 per annum and once your application is approved, fees can be paid by direct deposit to the Australian Match Rifle Association's Account as below:

Account Name: Australian Match Rifle Association Inc  
Bank: Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633 000  
Account Number: 140420423  
Reference: ***FEES and then Your Initial & Surname***

***Please email your payment receipt to [info@matchrifle.org](mailto:info@matchrifle.org)***