



NEWSLETTER

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TRA NATIONALS

Entries are now open for the **2026 TRA ISSF National Championships**. The competition will be held at MISC between the 15th and 19th of April.

Full details on the location, the flyer and entries are available on the front page of the TRV website at trv.org.au.

Date	Event	Time	Range
Wednesday 15th	Arrival, Practice All Ranges, Registration, Equipment Checks	10:00 – 16:00	10m & E50
Thursday 16th	50m Rifle 3 Positions Men, Women, Open, Junior, WSPS R7 & R8	09:00	E50
	50m Rifle 3 Position Open Final	11:30	E50
	Practice 10m Range, Registration, Equipment Checks	10:00 – 16:00	10m
Friday 17th	WSPS R3 & R5, VIP	09:30	10m
	WSPS R3 & R5 Final(s) ^{*2}	11:30	10m
	Air Rifle Mixed Teams - Qualification	13:00	10m
	Air Rifle Mixed Teams – Medal Matches	14:30	10m
	Practice 50m Range, Registration, Equipment Checks	10:00 – 16:00	E50
Saturday 18th	10m Supported Air Rifle ^{*1}	09:00	10m
	50m Prone Rifle, WSPS R6 & R9 ^{*1}	08:30	E50
	10m Open Air Rifle inc. R1/R2/VIS	12:40	10m
	10m Open Air Rifle Final inc. R1/R2/VIS	16:30 ^{*3}	10m
	Practice 50m Range, Registration, Equipment Checks	13:00 – 16:00	E50
Sunday 19th	10m Air Rifle Men's Match	09:00	10m
	10m Air Rifle Women's Match	10:50	10m
	10m Air Rifle Men's Match – Final ^{*4}	12:50	10m
	10m Air Rifle Women's Match – Final ^{*4}	14:00 ^{*3}	10m
	WSPS R4 Match	09:00	10m
	WSPS R1/R2/VIS Match	10:50	10m
	WSPS R1/R2/VIS Match – Final ^{*4}	15:10 ^{*3}	10m
	WSPS R4 Match – Final ^{*4}	16:20 ^{*3}	10m
	50m Benchrest (Decimal) ^{*1}	08:30	E50

TRV STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are also open for the 2026 TRV State Championships.

The competition will be held at MISC between the 16th - 17th of May

Full details on the location, the flyer and entries are available on the front page of the TRV website at trv.org.au

Saturday 16th May

Match	Match Start Time
50m Prone Rifle, R6, R9	09:00am
10m Air Rifle + Finals, R1, R2, R4, VIP	12:30pm
10m Supported Air Rifle	10:30am

** Additional Squads will be added if there are sufficient entries.*

Sunday 17th May

Match	Match Start Time
50m Three Position (3x20) ISSF + Finals, R7, R8	9:00am
50m TRA Benchrest (60 Shots on Electronic Targets- Decimal Scoring)	9:00am**
R3, R5, VIP	2:00pm

** Additional Squads will be added if there are sufficient entries.*

For Online Entry: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHSQY>



TRV BADGES



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

JUDGING CONVENOR'S REPORT

On the recommendation of the competition convenors and in the interests of transparency and consistency of marking, a **review of the targets** from the recently completed **20m bench rest pennant** was undertaken.

I have reviewed all targets from the teams in first and second place in each section and a selection of the targets from each of the remaining teams.

In general the scoring is consistent across the whole of the sample but there are areas of concern. In many cases there is not enough use of the gauge, and in a number of cases where the gauge has been used the correct notations procedures have not been followed.

All gauged shots must be indicated as **IN** or **OUT** and signed with the initials of the scorer/s.

There were also a small number of shots where the incorrect score was written, nines written as eights and eights written as nines etc, and some arithmetic errors in the totals. These arithmetical errors did not affect the results published for those rounds.

Having placed a gauge into shots not correctly notated as gauged, I found that the main scoring issue appears to be in scoring the "X". This leads me to the view that many targets are being scored in poor light conditions. Targets should be scored in a well-lit area and gauged shots viewed from directly above.

Either a board with suitably placed holes or a foam pad should be used so the gauge can be freely inserted. I would also suggest that targets are scored by a team and not by one person, so close shots are confirmed by more than one person.

If anyone has concerns or would like guidance or assistance, please email me at **judging@trv.org.au**

Dennis Peacock
Judging Convenor

VALE HERB AND TREVOR

It is with great sadness that we recently lost **Herb Thomas** and former TRV President, **Trevor Drage**, during 2025.

Both will be remembered with fondness for the great competitors they were, and simply great people to have around the range.

We're gonna miss you both.

Oakleigh Rifle Club Inc. Postal Competition 2026



- Match 1:** 10m Air Rifle 60 shots*
- Match 2:** 10m Air Rifle Supported 60 shots*
- Match 3:** 20m Prone 60 shots
- Match 4:** 20m Benchrest 60 shots using 2017 TRV Benchrest Cards
- Match 5:** 50m Prone 60 shots
- Match 6:** 50m Benchrest 75 shots using 2017 TRV 50m Benchrest Cards

* 10 shot strips or electronic targets to be used.

- Trophies for each discipline: 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each grade, 1st Junior.
- Trophies for IPC disciplines: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Categories SH1, SH2.

Shooting commences on 27th January 2026 and cards to be returned post marked no later than 25nd May 2026.

Stickers will be issued on receipt of entry.

- Entries are open to shooters who are members of TRV or other TRA Affiliated Associations.
- Grading's will be used as from date of commencement of competition as posted on TRV website.
 - If no grading please supply last 6 club scores certified by a Club Official.
- Cards to be returned ungauged and unmarked. All cards to be signed, witnessed and dated.
- ISSF, Australian Supplementary Rifle rules and IPC Rules will apply. 20m & 50m Benchrest as per TRV Competitions Policy.
- ORC reserves the right to amend the prize list if necessary.

Entry Fees (Same as the last 6 years)

\$15 for 1 match or 2 events \$25; 3 to 4 events \$30; 5 to 6 events \$35.

Inquiries

Dennis – Tel. 0409 978 437 after 7.30pm or Email: oakleighrifleclub@gmail.com or [f Oakleigh rifle club](https://www.facebook.com/Oakleighrifleclub)

Submitting your entry and payment

By Post	PO Box 2108 Oakleigh 3166.	Cheque payable to "Oakleigh Rifle Club"
		Enclosed cheque for \$_____, being payment in full for the participants named in the table
By Email	oakleighrifleclub@gmail.com	Banking details: Oakleigh Rifle Club Westpac BSB: 033-070 Acct: 700994 Ref: Club Name
		Please transfer payment to the Club's bank account and advise payment by EFT when submitting entry form.

Club Name	
Postal Address	
Email:	

Participants

Please enter participant details in the table on the back of this notice.

Signature on behalf of club

Club Captain/Secretary Signature_____

Click here to download this flyer and complete the participant details on the back of the notice. Alternatively, ***click here*** to enter online.

MILDURA – FOR A GREAT WEEKEND AWAY

One of the great things about shooting is the ability to make an excuse to go away for a great weekend.

The North West Victorian Championships offers exactly that. The event, which will be shot at our Mildura range from June 5th – 7th 2026, offers the ability to explore a corner of the state many may never have been to.

The event is well run and in a family friendly atmosphere. This year's programme includes 20 & 50m Class 1 and 3 Benchrest and prone and air rifle, including supported and bench.



The Boathouse Cafe is one of plenty of eateries and cafes around town.

The event will also be a great opportunity to meet and compete against interstate competitors, given Mildura is “just over the border” from many of your colleagues in NSW and SA.

Entry details for the shoot will be made available on TRV's website during the year – but **block this out in your diary** now, so you can make a weekend away.

Don't forget to book any accommodation you might need well in advance.



Woodsies Gem Shop, which the family will enjoy!

You'll also have plenty of options on where to stay.

You can camp at, or take your caravan to, the range with toilets, showers and power facilities.

Or you stay at any of the many caravan parks and motels around Mildura.

While Melbourne will be dark and freezing in June, staying up north will mean you'll be enjoying lovely and sunny weather with cool (but not freezing) nights.



Don't forget the wineries while you're there!

TRV MARATHON MATCH

The **TRV Marathon Match** rounded up the end of 2025 with a bunch of great results.

The key results include:

- 1st in 50m benchrest – Dennis Peacock with a 1864.4.
- 1st in 50m Prone – Darcee Young with a 1804.8

The match was followed by the annual **TRV Presentation Dinner** – and again a big thank you to everyone who helped organise it, attended it – and congrats to the teams and individuals who took out the major prizes!

FILL YOUR DIARY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Now is the time to make sure you get all the **TRV postal and online competitions and prize meetings** in your diary for this year, so you don't miss out!

Not only can you do that by going to the calendar on the TRV website, but you can import **ICS files** containing all of this year's events if you use a computer-based diary!

That way, you won't miss anything.

Not sure how to do it? Ask your kids or other half.

STAY SAFE – GET YOUR DLEAD HERE!

TRV has 19 bottles of **DLead** available to buy.

DLead is a type of handwash designed to remove lead from your hands, which avoids the risk of lead then being ingested.

This is especially helpful for anyone who handles ammo (both competitors and visitors). It is especially important to use a product like this when cleaning bullet traps and cleaning downrange – because ordinary soap won't remove lead. That's why this is a '**must have**' for every club!

The price is **\$9.00** (incl GST) ea, plus postage if required.

To get yours, email **treasurer@trv.org.au** and we'll organise delivery at a competition or via Australia Post.

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



VALE JOHN BAUDEWYNS



Vale John Baudewyns

When it was time to have a sign at the Koorlong Range, John was again there helping to dig the holes and concrete in the sign.

John was a team competitor, for many years shooting in the TRV pennants as well as open shoots in both Victoria and South Australia.

He shared his years of shooting experience freely, often mentoring new members and was always up for a chat. He would attend the range on Sundays to help and chat, even when he was not as actively competing.

If any club member (or friend) was unwell, John would be the first to go and visit them and ensure they had everything they needed, or just cheer them up. He was selfless with this, even over the last few months as his own health deteriorated.

John will be missed as a club member and as a friend.

(supplied by MSBRC)

Also from Mildura is the sad news of the recent passing of John Baudewyns. John had a long battle with cancer and passed away peacefully just before the new year surrounded by his family.

Those of you who have attended the Mildura Championship shoot in the past would know that John would strictly and efficiently run range 5, the Class 3 Benchrest Range.

John was an active member of the club for approximately 40 years, holding many of the committee roles, including Secretary and Vice President. He also earned his well-deserved life membership of the Mildura Small Bore Rifle Club.

When the Red Cliffs Range became an annexe of the MSBRC, it was John who almost single handedly repainted the range from floor to ceiling.



The Mildura sign goes up

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

As the President noted in November's newsletter, 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)!

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](#)).

February

- Sunday 1st - TRA Online Competition starts - February
- Monday 2nd - 50m Prone Pennant starts
- Sat 14th / 15th - Frankston Peninsula & Mornington Peninsula Prone & Bench 50m Prize meet
- Sat 28th - TRV All Range State Championships

March

- Sunday 1st - TRA Online Competition starts - March
- Numurkah Postal Competition starts
- Friday 6th / 8th - Canberra Open Championship
- 20m Prone, Bench, and Air Bench State Postal Competition starts
- Sat 14th / 15th - Coastal Classic and Warrnambool 600
- Sat 21st / 22nd - Wangaratta Prone, Bench & Air Rifle Prize Shoot

MANAGING SCRAP METAL

– by Oakleigh Rifle Club

The Oakleigh Rifle Club was successful in obtaining a government grant in 2023 to manage its scrap metal.

A condition of the grant was that the club had to prepare and submit an **Environmental Management Plan** (EMP). An EMP is also required under the terms of the club's lease with VicTrack.

The EMP sets out how the club must manage and dispose of "hazardous" materials – namely spent bullet casings and lead residue. Spent casing must be collected, checked for any live rounds and placed in marked containers.

Gloves and masks must be worn when removing lead residue from bullet catchers. Lead residue must be placed in sealed and labelled containers. A log must also be kept of when these functions are carried out.

The plans also stipulate that the bullet casings and lead residue must be disposed of through an approved source with documentation, such as receipts. It has been verbally suggested that lead residue may require an EPA permit for disposal.

Now comes the crunch. We **have significant quantities of both on hand**. The club has approached numerous scrap metal dealers, who for various reasons will not accept the casings or the lead.

So, are there alternative ways to dispose of the scrap? Foundries and casting sculptors have said they don't use lead – only use copper or bronze.

So now comes the part where other rifle clubs may be able to help. Just how does your club dispose of your brass bullet casing and residue lead in an environmentally friendly way?

Any suggestions most welcome. Please email your suggestions to oakleighrifleclub@gmail.com

P.S. don't forget to enter our 2026 postal competition which is now open. At least your spent casings and lead won't wind up on our range. See the flyer earlier in this newsletter.

ARE YOUR MEMBERS GETTING OUR NEWSLETTERS?

Do you know any members not receiving this newsletter? Let us know at editor@trv.org.au.

If they use Gmail, then ask them to check their spam folders – because Gmail is pretty finnick and it may be necessary to 'whitelist' the TRV emails.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 20 MARCH

If you've got something you'd like to put into this newsletter, send it to us editor@trv.org.au by **20 March** to be in time for the April edition. The remaining editions for 2026 will be in June, August, October and December – so please take advantage of this to get whatever you want into these remaining editions.

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.

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!

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**

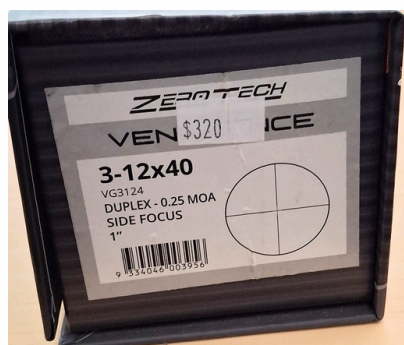
Vest **\$75.00**
Polo Shirt **\$45.00**

FOR SALE

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

If you'd like to put something in the **April 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



(Firearm serial # 3149450, Licence # 84282910B)

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](#).



FOR SALE: Barrel tuner Just the thing you need if you're a stickler for ironing out troublesome groups, especially when you change your ammo.

Reason for sale? I just got something bigger!

\$100 - Neil Jenkins - 0425 746 066 /
editor@trv.org.au

NOT SURE HOW TO SCORE CARDS?

If you're not quite sure how to score any of the cards used for TRV competitions - or even for club use, then our talented webmaster has come up with the solution.

He's now added a tool on our website that will **show you how to score all of the cards we use**.

The tool, called **"How to Score your Target"**, covers air, prone and benchrest targets - and is very easy to use. It'll even provide decimal scores as well.

All you need to do is select the target you want to learn how to score - and move a slider from left to right to see how each shot may be scored.

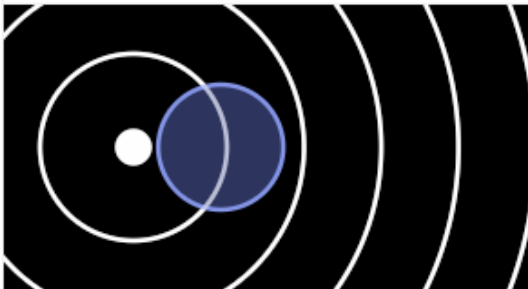
You'll also notice the colour of the shot circle changing as it moves from one scoring zone to another.

Try it by [clicking here](#).

Interactive Target

Target

TRA 20m Prone



Drag slider to move shot →

Score

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Shot Details

Inner: 0.970mm
Centre: 3.770mm
Outer: 6.570mm

HAVE YOU RENEWED?

With the new year now well under way, don't forget to renew your TRV membership.

Renewing is not only important to enable TRV to continue what it does, but it provides insurance coverage should something unfortunate happen.

If you haven't renewed, just ask your club secretary how to do it - or email our membership officer at membership@trv.org.au

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