



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. **ENTRIES CLOSE 5 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>



A PRIZE MEETING TO WATCH – MILDURA!

Our pick of the bunch of upcoming prize meetings to support is the one in Mildura starting on Friday 5th of June, through to Sunday 7th.

While it's a five hour drive from Melbourne, the fact is, it is the perfect excuse for the family to enjoy a long weekend away from the traffic jams! We cover this in more detail on the next page - but wanted to highlight this particular shoot for serious consideration - because it's a golden opportunity to **turn a shoot** into a **top weekend**.

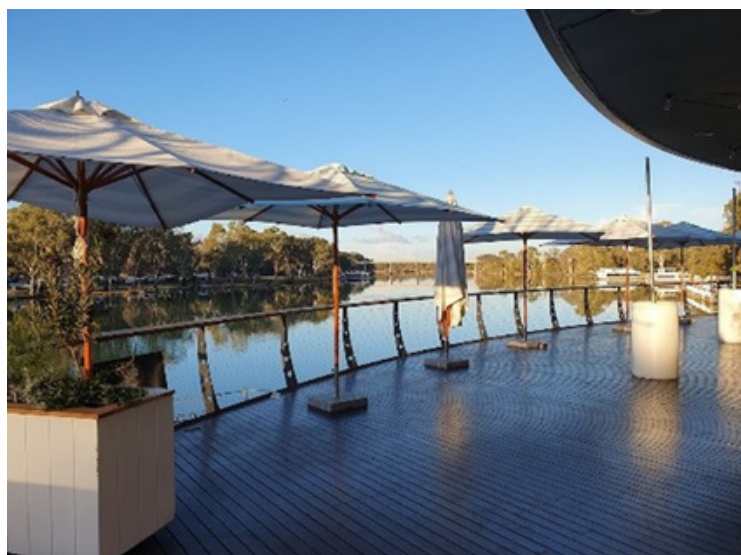
Mildura is a lovely town, and if you haven't been there, I urge you to mark this one in your diary. You can book your spot using the flyer on the TRV website by [clicking here](#).

NORTH WEST VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – MILDURA

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 are now available on TRV's website – so **block this out in your diary** to make it 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!

ALL RANGE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's all range championships were held at Lake Gilllear, which is the home range for the Warrnambool Smallbore Rifle Club, just a few kms east of the town. The all range event comprises of 60 shots each at 20m, 50m and 90m for prone, and 75 for benchrest.

It was another great weekend away for many, while the club put on a great event. A huge thank you to the Warrnambool club for running the event, and the cheery staff at the kitchen!

Lake Gilllear again managed to turn the wind on for us (as it's in a coastal area), although the wind did say steady through much of the weekend.



The top aggregate prone results were taken out by Ken Hart with a 1732 x42, and the benchrest by Dennis Peacock with a 1933 x67.

The event also included the "Champion of Champions", which is an annual shoot for the nominated top shooters of clubs in attendance, across prone and benchrest.

The prone Champion of Champions was won by Ben Holko and benchrest Champion of Champions by Dean Romanoff. The Junior events were taken out by Cooper Wright (prone) and Darcie George (benchrest).

The weather for the event held up quite nicely, until some rain decided to pay us a visit on day two, during the 50m shoot.

Wet cards can tear when you're scoring them.

That's when the markers quickly took over the clubroom to lay the cards out to dry - even using a fan to speed up the process.





The impressive array of awards from the event include the perpetual trophies for prone and benchrest shown on the left.

The two on the far right are the TRV Junior Champion of Champions for prone and benchrest.



One odd sighting at the event was with the black thing adorning the top of Danny Croatto's spotting scope that was swinging in the breeze.

To us, it looked like a can inverted - as some sort of additional wind flag. Was it something Danny set up to watch to one side rather than try to spot the range flags?

Was it some stroke of wind-monitoring genius that others hadn't caught onto yet?

No. The black object is in fact the cover of the scope eyepiece.

Why was it on top of his scope stand? To stop it rolling around in the breeze. Ahh - we prefer the first story ...

As Danny said, his best wind flag is the breeze he can feel on his beard.

TRV PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS



Over the past few months, we've been busy lining up the filming of shooters for promotional videos to support what TRV does, courtesy of a government grant secured some time ago.

Clubs will recall being invited last year to support this by holding an event for that purpose.

After some modifications, we settled on two filming stages at MISC in November and February. This involved filming at the 50m range and in the air shed, with hours of filming and interviews.

The final videos have just been delivered, and will feature in the upcoming newsletters - plus we will send you links by email shortly.

They will be short-form videos for use on TRV's website, in the newsletter and on our social media channels.

They will be used to promote the sport for new shooters, and others who have never stepped foot on a range.

The outcome of this will not only be to promote what we do, but put a fresher and more positive 'look and feel' to what we do.

While we already promote what we do from local shoots, the content we put out doesn't really tell the whole story in terms of where someone can go with the sport.

These videos look at not only how people got into the sport but where their shooting journey has taken them.

We're also expecting that TRA and our sister organisations will want to use the footage to



promote what they do - which is something we're more than happy to help with.

We're very happy with what we have seen.

It shows youth, diversity, and all of the three main disciplines we offer - plus the videographer has provided over 100 related photos which you will see more of in the coming months, and added to our website.

Huge "thank you(s)" to go Olivia Cartwright, Darcee Young, Rachael Saitz, Keyanna Chandarana, Veeraputhiran Bethuraj, Darcie George and Henry Lieng for their participation in the filming and interviews.

Thank you also to Sean Finn, Mike Jarrad, Neil Davis - and the executive - for their guidance and assistance right through the process.

Finally, we'd like to thank the Victorian State Government for supporting this project through Sport & Recreation Victoria.



LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION – FOR WIND FLAGS ...

Not wanting to miss the action, the wind flags at Frankston now have their own TV channel!

Well, almost. One of TRV's great success stories has been how much Frankston Peninsula Target Rifle Club has turned around over the past 20 to 25 years.

From a run down club with barely a handful of members, it is now a much, much more inviting club with an updated range, electronic targets, beefed up security and bursting at the seams with new membership.

This has been all of its own doing, to the full credit of those running the club.

To add to this, Frankston have now added something we've never seen before. **Wind flag cameras.**

The two cameras, which are just forward of the firing point, enable shooters who might be waiting for their detail, to see what's happening on the range before they gear up.



Ye olde Frankston range



This is in addition to the several monitors around the club where you can watch scores live, either from within the club room, or on the range.

From our point of view, this is *Innovation 101*.

In fact when we asked around, we could find no-one that had seen this exist anywhere around the world.

Well done yet again to the Frankston club.

It's easy to see why this club has turn things around to being the top club it is today.



TRV BADGES



Get your lapel TRV badge - for just \$10!

These measure 3cm by 1.8cm - and have the pin clasp for ties, jackets - and almost anything else you can wear!

Order yours by emailing Julie Holcombe at president@trv.org.au

CHECK YOUR ENTRY DETAILS!

When entering competitions, it is critical to **read the flyers** and **conditions of entry**.

That is because they set the rules of the competitions you are entering. This includes dates to enter, what to do with shot targets - and making sure you pay for the event when you enter.

This is especially important when entering events you haven't entered in before - because there can be differences in how some competitions are run. So please, help avoid frustrations for all by taking a couple of minutes to read the information before you enter.

RBA 25M AND 50M TARGETS

TRV now has WRABF compliant 25 & 50 metre targets for sale.

These targets meet the 2023-2027 WRABF rules and are offered in packs of 125 for \$60 including GST.

Freight can be arranged at cost or pre-ordered collection at selected TRV events can be offered.

Order contacts:

- targets@trv.org.au
- treasurer@trv.org.au



BRUNSWICK'S NEW LIFE MEMBER – JOHN HANNIGAN



Brunswick SBRC's John Hannigan has just received the club's life member award.

John first started his shooting career with Northcote in 1983, before joining Brunswick in 1993.

His shooting journey included shooting clay targets, prone smallbore rifle and later bench rest.

John's journey included shooting in the Commonwealth Cities postal competition.

His career highlight is taking out 2nd place in the 1988 Nationals in A grade.



More recently, in 2024, John took out the State Champion Veteran title in 50m benchrest at the TRV State Championships.

Currently John utilises most of his time with new members in bench with two of his team shooting over 200 in bench in their first competition.



John is currently shooting in the TRA online competition which is open to all States and territories as well as international shooters.

Details on how to enter the TRA competition are on the calendar page on TRV's website.

John is an invaluable asset to the Brunswick smallbore rifle club.

He is happy to improve both the performance of rifles and most importantly shooter skills with his knowledge and encouragement

Well deserved, John.

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 are keen to put back into the sport, please contact us at **editor@trv.org.au**.

PORTLAND PRIZE SHOOT – ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND

TRV has several great weekend opportunities - from the avid shooter wanting to take out A grade to the novice who just wants to get out and about to learn more about their sport.

Make sure you get out to some of them this year!

On the next page, you'll see the flyer for the shoot at Portland at the end of July.

More details will be provided later, but make sure you book this into your diary! By entering early, you're helping the club plan for the event by confirming you'll be there. Send your pre-entries to Stewart or Darren on the numbers below.

Like the shoot at Mildura, Portland offers the opportunity to check out part of the state you might have never seen before!

It's a beautiful town definitely worth the visit - and even the drive there and back is worth the effort, as you head along the fantastic Victorian coast (just make sure you go through Warrnambool if coming from Melbourne).





There's a lot to see and do in Portland – so why not take the family there to make it a long weekend?

Plus they've got a spacious club room to mingle in and a kitchen to get something to eat and drink while you're there.

The flyer for Portland is below.

More details will be provided later, but make sure you book this into your diary! By entering early, you're helping the club plan for the event by confirming you'll be there.

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Portland Small Bore Rifle Club Inc.
Prone and Benchrest
***** MM & BM Event for Each Day *****
Annual 50 Metre Saturday Prize Shoot
Saturday 25th July 2026
Squad Times 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm
 3 x 20 Prone & 3 x 25 Benchrest Shot Match at 50 metres
Merv Friend 50 Metre Sunday Shoot
Sunday 26th July 2026
Squad Times 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm
 3 x 20 Prone & 3 x 25 Benchrest Shot Match at 50 metres
CAMPING AVAILABLE ON RANGE
Pre entries to:
 Stewart Bailey: 0409 006 014 / Darren Hudson: 0419 828 017
 Call or SMS
30 Thistle Road (PO Box 419) Portland VIC 3305
03838343574667971.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out these upcoming events on the TRV website (which you can do by [clicking here](#)).

- April**
- Wed 1st - TRA Online Competition continues
 - Monday 6th - Presidents 1200 Air Rifle Postal Competition starts
 - 50m Benchrest Pennant starts
 - Wed 15th - 19th - TRA National Championship - ISSF
- May**
- Fri 1st - 3rd - MISC Anniversary Shoot
 - TRA Online Competition - May
 - Shepparton Postal Competition
 - Sat 16th - 17th - TRV ISSF Championships

NEW WAY TO VIEW RESULTS

Our webmaster has done it again!

No longer will you need to download PDFs to see scores. Instead our webmaster, James Daly, has developed the backend so that event scores can now be viewed in a web-friendly format. You will still be able to download as PDF if you wish.

Here's what they look like.

TRV State Championships

[Download Results](#)

- 50m Prone Rifle**
50m Prone (Decimal)
- 50m Rifle Prone SH1**
50m Rifle Prone SH1
- 50m Rifle Prone SH2**
50m Rifle Prone SH2
- 10m Supported Air Rifle**
10m Air Rifle Supported (Decimal)
- 10m Air Rifle**
10m Air Rifle (Decimal)

50m Prone Rifle

Match Results

P	Competitor	B	A	G	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1 st	James Cane <small>QLD QLD</small>	A22	J	A	102.7 x5	103.3 x5	104.3 x7	100.5 x3	102.9 x5	102.6 x5	616.3 x30 <small>654.0017</small>
2 nd	James Daly <small>Kyneton SBRC VIC</small>	A25	S	A	103.9 x5	103.7 x6	102.3 x3	103.5 x6	100.8 x3	101.8 x6	616.0 x29 <small>652.9648</small>
3 rd	Olivia Cartwright <small>M.I.S.C. VIC</small>	A34	J	A	102.4 x5	104.4 x7	103.5 x7	99.1 x3	102.7 x5	101.9 x5	614.0 x32 <small>654.0410</small>
4 th	John Dimitropoulos <small>SA SA</small>	A30	S	A	102.3 x4	102.1 x6	102.4 x4	102.3 x5	102.6 x5	101.4 x3	613.1 x27 <small>652.9902</small>
5 th	Emily Cane <small>QLD QLD</small>	A28	J	A	102.1 x5	102.6 x4	101.7 x5	100.0 x2	103.2 x8	102.3 x4	611.9 x28 <small>654.0247</small>
6 th	Andrew Lawler <small>NSW NSW</small>	A24	S	A	101.8 x4	100.3 x4	103.3 x6	101.2 x5	104.2 x7	99.2 x3	610.0 x29 <small>654.0010</small>
7 th	Charlotte Bland <small>CA CA</small>	A31	J	A	102.7 x6	105.3 x10	100.8 x4	100.6 x4	102.8 x6	97.7 x1	609.9 x31 <small>653.4706</small>

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 20 MAY

If you've got something you'd like to put into this newsletter, send it to us editor@trv.org.au by **20 May** to be in time for the June edition.

The remaining editions for 2026 will be in 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 **next 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)

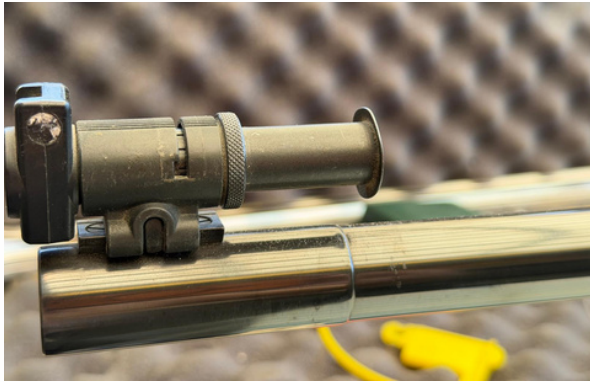
Comes with scope, rifle safe (w/ ammo box), ammo, tools and cleaning gear.

Offers around \$1,000 invited. Contact Liz at muggerzudzen@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 0.22 cal rifle
 ANSCHUTZ Match 54 Target Rifle



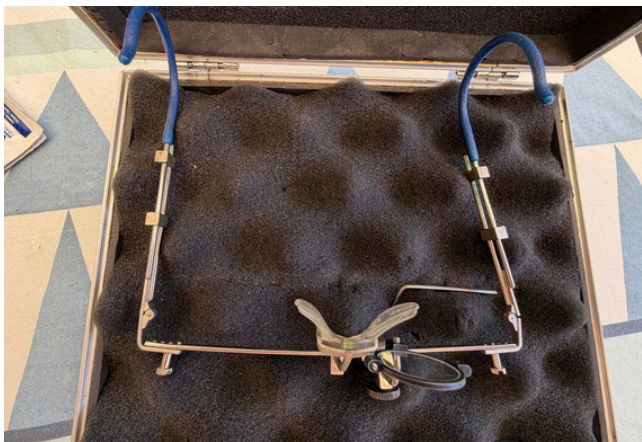
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Shooting glasses \$80.00

Selected from the Anschutz factory in Ulm, Germany by Neil Peterson for the seller.

\$1,000. Seller's shooters licence no 454214118. Serial no 130568



Norm cinncotta pattern scope stand \$60.00.

For any of the above, Ian Milton, 0419 590 015 (and leave a message if not answered)



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](#).

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

If you know club members who may not be familiar with the renewal process, please make sure they have as well. They should have their TRV cards by now.

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.

It is very easy to use - and will provide decimal scores as well.

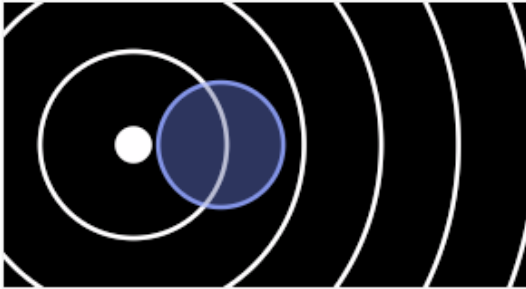
All you need to do is select the target you want to learn how to score - and move a slider from left to right to see how each shot may be scored.

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



Drag slider to move shot →

Score 9

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

TRV BLUE BOOK



We have stock of "**The Blue Book**" which is a free publication for members to show them where the shooting journey can take them.

It's 20 pages of insightful information on what our sport offers.

It shows how our sport is structured and the opportunity for every shooter to excel to state, national and international level.

To get yours, simply email us at editor@trv.org.au and we can easily organised to get them to you, including at prize meetings.

AMMUNITION

PRICES VALID AT 12 FEBRUARY 2026. ALL PRICES INCLUDE GST

		5000	500	50
.22 Cartridges				
Eley	Tenex	3,2040	340.00	35.00
	Match	2,400.00	250.00	26.00
	Pistol Plus	1,425.00	150.00	15.50
	Club	1,450.00	155.00	16.00
	Sport	1,320.00	140.00	15.00
	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	<i>Out of stock</i>		
Lapua	Midas Plus	3,780.00	400.00	41.00
	Centre X	2,850.00	300.00	31.00
SK	Long Range	<i>Out of stock</i>		
	Rifle Match	1,630.00	170.00	18.00
	Standard Plus	1,415.00	150.00	16.00
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	
	Hobby	100.00 / 5000	19.50 / 5000	

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