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Australian Match Rifle Team Great Britain July 2019

The Australian Match Rifle Team has been invited by the National Rifle Association of Great Britain to compete against Great Britain for the Woomera Trophy in July 2019. The Woomera Trophy is the premier international sporting event for long range match rifle shooting and this will be the 8th International Competition for this trophy that Australia has competed in. The event will be held at the Bisley National Shooting Centre in Surrey, England, as part of the 2019 Imperial Meeting. Competitors from across the World will be in Bisley in 2019 to celebrate Great Britain's 150th Imperial Meeting.

National Rifle Association of Australia

On behalf of all of the rifle shooters in the National Rifle Association of Australia I am honoured to extend best wishes to the Australian Match Rifle Team travelling to Great Britain and Bisley to compete especially in the Woomera Match.



By all accounts the Team has shown great discipline, dedication and professionalism in the long period prior to it's preparation. Importantly, the team has the hallmarks of working as a dedicated group and whose cohesiveness will ride it to ultimate success.

I am confident that your team will represent us at the peak of your ability and, in so doing, will further enhance the reputation of Australian Teams.

Enjoy your time together as a team and let success be your ultimate reward.

Gordon Duncan

Chairman

National Rifle Association of Australia

The 2019 Australian Match Rifle Team would like to thank our many sponsors, supporters and friends who have helped in funding and organising the 2019 tour.

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As Chairman of the National Rifle Association of the UK, it is my great pleasure to bid a warm welcome to the Australian Match Rifle Team travelling to Bisley to compete in the 2019 Woomera Match. You come to Bisley not only to compete in this august fixture, but also to help us celebrate the 150th time we have held our annual prize meeting.

This is most fitting, since although this is only the 8th time the Woomera Match has been held, Match Rifle is one of our most venerable disciplines and has long-lived international competition at its heart. The annual match for the Elcho Shield was first contested in 1862 - at our 3rd annual prize meeting - and has the distinction of being the second oldest consistently held international team sporting rivalry anywhere in the world, behind only yachting's America's Cup.

To boot, we all know that any sporting clash between GB and Australia is no ordinary rivalry. Although this might be somewhat of a contrarian view, I think this speaks to a growing alignment of interests and sentiment between our nations that has become increasingly evident over recent years, rather than any long running friction. A genteel Match Rifle contest may not have the spice of a cricket or rugby clash, but national honour - as well as bragging rights – are still at stake.

So it is with the warm embrace of friendship and that sense of camaraderie that is so evident between shooters around the world who share the amateur's passion, that we welcome you to Bisley. Visits of this type are all about contact: between people the same age, between generations, between genders, and in the case of an event like the Woomera Match, between nations. We all need other people for competition. Sport is one of the ways we can fulfil our need for others; to do things together, to share things. And we're all the richer for it. Thank you for coming to Bisley and making it so.

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The Australian Match Rifle Team



I am honoured to have been appointed Captain of the 2019 Australian Match Rifle Team which will travel to Bisley in July 2019 to compete in the Woomera Match against Great Britain. I am delighted that Philip Bain has agreed to be Vice-Captain of the team and that Arna Dyson will be the team Manager.

Our team consists of a number of seasoned Woomera shooters, and I am pleased to say these are joined by seven new caps, which is a good indication of the health of Match Rifle shooting in Australia.

Our preparations began in early 2018 and one of the advantages that Match Rifle shooting has in Australia is the number of 1200 yard ranges; it is just a pity that they are all so far apart!

The trip to Great Britain to compete in the Woomera Match is a high point in the Australian Match Rifle calendar and the 2019 trip will be particularly special as it coincides with the National Rifle Association of Great Britain's celebrations of their 150th Imperial Meeting. We look forward to the competition and the chance to meet up with old friends.

Our trip relies on the hard work not only of the team officials, but a large number of people behind the scenes who contribute in many ways. The National Rifle Association of Australia has been most helpful and supportive of our team and I would like to acknowledge the support of the many sponsors of our team.

Paul Monaghan Captain 2019 Australian Woomera Team

2019 Australian Match Rifle Team

Captain: Paul Monaghan (Tasmania)

Vice-Captain: Philip Bain (New South Wales)

Manager: Arna Dyson (Victoria)

Coaches: David Rich (*Victoria*)

Shaun Wingrove (Australian Capital Territory)

Strategist Owen Henry (Victoria)

Shooters: Alan Blain (Victoria)

Stephen Clark (Tasmania)

Shane Courtney (Victoria)

Chris Halloran (New South Wales)

Lew Horwood (Victoria)

Peter Maher (Victoria)

Mike Samuels (Queensland)

Wayne Skinner (Victoria)

Tom Smith (Queensland)

Barry Southern (Victoria)

Gil Walker (Tasmania)

Mark Walters (Tasmania)



The Great Britain Match Rifle Team



As Captain of the Great Britain Team for the 2019 Woomera Match, I am very pleased to welcome the Australia Match Rifle Team to Bisley for the eighth Woomera Match between Great Britain and Australia. This year is also a special year for the National Rifle Association as it is the 150th Imperial Meeting since the first event took place at Wimbledon in 1860.

It is now 22 years since the first Woomera Match took place at the Campbell Town Rifle Range in Tasmania in 1997 and the match is always closely contested. To win the match requires the skills of the wind coaches as well as the shooters and as Match Rifle shooting continues to develop with improvements in equipment and ammunition leading to higher scores the difference between winning or losing can be very small.

The GB teams who have travelled on shooting tours to Australia have always received a very friendly welcome and many friendships have been established and this makes a big difference to the enjoyment of the sport. I hope that you will all enjoy your time at Bisley for the individual competitions as well as the Woomera Match.

Tim Kidner
Captain
Great Britain Match Rifle Team 2019

2019 Great Britain Match Rifle Squad



Captain: Tim Kidner

Vice Captain: Gary Alexander

Team Adjutant: Ronald Scaglione

Team Treasurer: Jon Sweet

Squad Members: Ashley Abrahams

Guy Blakeney Nick Brasier Mike Buchanan David Calvert

Alex Cargill Thompson

Fiona Day

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Michael Judge
Derek Lowe
Rob Lygoe
David Lindsay
John Lindsay
Angus McLeod
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Bill Richards
lain Thomson
Martin Townsend
Nick Tremlett

Si Whitby

Zoe Woodroffe

The Woomera Trophy



The Woomera Trophy is the premier shooting trophy for international Match Rifle competition. It was first competed for at the inaugural international Match Rifle competition held at Campbell Town in Tasmania in 1997.

The Woomera trophy was commissioned by South Australian, James Freebairn, and is fashioned after a sculpture located in the village of Woomera. Woomera is a town located in the far north region of South Australia approximately 446 kilometres north of Adelaide. It is a purpose-built town developed in 1947 to house personnel working at the Australian Government's nearby rocket range facility of the same name.

Woomera was also the site of the first Match Rifle range and competition in Australia

The name Woomera is an apt name for a rocket range and a long-range shooting trophy. Both are named after the tool crafted by Australian Aborigines to increase the distance that a spear could be thrown. Using a woomera, a spear can be thrown accurately out to distances of $^{\sim}$ 150 metres. This compares favourably to the world record javelin throw of 104.8m.

The central parts of the Woomera Trophy represent different facets of the work carried out at the Woomera Rocket Range. The orb represents a satellite; the crescent, a tracking dish; the arrow, a rocket and the supporting arm, a launcher (or woomera). The structure is mounted on a block of river red gum (Eucalyptus Camaldulensis). This timber is representative of Australia and can be found growing in most parts of the nation. The mounting block is adorned with the emblem of the National Rifle Association of Australia.



An Aboriginal Woomera

Woomera Competition

1997	Great Britain	1693 ¹²⁴	Australia	1667 ¹⁰²	Campbell Town
	Highest Scorer: Jo	ohn Carmichaei	l (GB) 217.23		Tasmania
2001	Great Britain Highest Scorer: D		Australia 3) 213.23	1616 ¹¹⁵	Bisley <i>England</i>
2004	Great Britain Highest Scorer: Jo		Australia B) 222.17	1721 ¹³⁹	Lower Light South Australia
2006	Great Britain Highest Scorer: G	_	Australia (GB) 223.29	1722 ¹⁶⁶	Bisley <i>England</i>
2010	Australia Highest Scorer: A		Great Britain Aus) 224.27	1759 ¹⁶³	Brisbane Queensland
2012	Great Britain <i>Highest Scorer: A</i>	_,	Australia GB) 223.30	1718 ¹⁴⁴	Bisley <i>England</i>
2016	Great Britain Highest Scorer: A		Australia <i>is (GB) 223.22</i>	1725 ¹⁶²	Campbell Town <i>Tasmania</i>



Australian Team Itinerary

Date	Location	Venue	Competition				
<u>Preliminary Tour</u>							
6 th July	Scotland	Blair Atholl	Individual Competition				
7 th July	Scotland	Blair Atholl	Australia v Scotland				
10 th July	England	Bisley	Heritage Trophy Australia, Scotland, Ireland				
11 th July	England	Bisley	Any Rifle (Individual Competition)				
12-15 th	England	Bisley	The Hopton				
July			(Individual Competition)				
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16 th July	England	Bisley	Townsend Trophy Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales				
17 th July	England	Bisley	Woomera Match Australia v Great Britain				



Meet The Team

Paul Monaghan



2004 2010 2012 2016 2019

Captain

Launceston, Tasmania

Launceston VDC

Having emigrated to Australia in 2009 and living first in Victoria and now Tasmania, Paul is Captaining the Australian Woomera team for the first time. As Chairman of the Australian Match Rifle Association,

Paul has taken an active role in fostering Match Rifle in Australia since his arrival. Now in his third Australian Woomera team, Paul is looking forward to renewing acquaintances with friends and the renowned Stickledown Range at Bisley.



Philip Bain

Vice-Captain

Wagga Wagga, New South Wales

Explorers Rifle Club

Born in Wagga Wagga, Philip spent time in his early twenties in Sydney where he took up target shooting and won the Victorian Queens Prize in in 1984 and The Prince of Wales at Bisley in 2001. He took up Match Rifle shooting in 1998 and is representing Australia in the Woomera match for the 7th time. He has been a member of the New South Wales Match Rifle Team 13 times including Captain/Coach of the team for the last 4 championships.



Georgianna (Arna) Dyson

2012 2019

Manager

Warrnambool, Victoria

Arna first became involved with match rifle managing the Australian team in 2012. Highlights of that trip were Black Caviar's win at Royal Ascot, Blair Atholl, Cambridge and the Pimm's and strawberries. She was manager of the Victorian TR team from 2001-2010 and toured with husband Graham and Australian Team to Barbados in 2006 and Bisley in 2010 where Graham won the Brigadier Trophy.



David Rich





2016 2019

Wind Coach

Kaniva, Victoria

Kaniva

David took up Match Rifle in 2011/12 and this will be his second Woomera as Wind Coach. David has previously represented Australian in the 2011 Palma Team and the 2010 Kolapore Team to Bisley. He won the New Zealand TR Championships (Belanger Belt) in 2009. In 2008 he won the American Long Range and placed second in the Grand Aggregate at Raton.



Shaun Wingrove



Wind Coach

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

Canberra

Our "Young Gun" Shaun only started shooting in 2010 and took up Match Rifle in 2017. In TR he has been a member of the NRAA team to Bisley in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and a member of the ACT TR team since 2012. He first started coaching in 2016 at Bisley when his rifle took a stop over in Dubai. Proving a success, he is now juggling both National & State coaching and shooting commitments



Owen Henry



Strategist

Melbourne, Victoria

Melbourne Cricket Club Rifle Club

A seasoned international, Owen was born in Ireland and lived in Zambia and Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) before coming to Australia in 2000. A regular at Bisley, Owen has competed there 21 times shooting TR. At an international level he has represented Ireland, Rhodesia, Zambia and Australia including 5 NRAA teams to Bisley and America. He was a member of the Australian Veterans team to Canada in 2007 and Camp Perry in 2011. In 1970 he shot the first ever 150/150 in the Kolapore.



Alan Blain



2006 2010 2012 2016 2019

Shooter

Cowley's Creek, Victoria

Port Campbell

Alan lives in Cowley's Creek, just outside Timboon in western Victoria — an area known for dairy farming and the production of fine cheeses and ice cream. This will be Alan's fifth representation in the Woomera team and his fifth trip to Bisley. A previous winner of the Whitehead Trophy at Bisley, Alan is looking forward to repeating his success on the Stickledown range.



Stephen Clark



Shooter

Perth, Tasmania Launceston VDC

Steve took up Short Range Benchrest Centrefire and Rimfire in 1970 and then decided to try his luck at Full Bore Field Range, shooting in F class before progressing to Match Rifle in 2016. He is a winner of the SSAA Tasmanian Benchrest State titles where he won 2 gold and 3 silver medals. A bit of a 'very long range' specialist, Steve was the highest scoring Australian in the 2016 1500 yd Merton Vale Competition and in 2018 came second in the 1500 yards Ultra Long Range Challenge at Coonabarabran.



Shane Courtney



2006 2010 2012 2016 2019

Shooter

Maryborough, Victoria

Maryborough

Shane has represented Australia five times in the Woomera competition including Captaining the team in 2016. He has been a member of the Victorian team since 2004 and has Captained the State Team since 2009. He holds the record for the best score at 1500 yards shooting a 72.5 in 2010 at Coonabarabran.



Chris Halloran



2016 2019

Shooter

Shellharbour, New South Wales

Junee Rifle Club

Another "Young Gun" Chris took up Match Rifle in 2012 and really started to come to the fore in 2013 when he built himself a "proper" match rifle. He was selected for his first New South Wales Team in 2014 with the team making a clean sweep of all the State Teams events that year. This is his second time representing Australia in the Woomera



Lew Horwood



1997 2001 2004 2006 2010 2019

Shooter

Great Western, Victoria

Stawell

A Match Rifle shooter since 1996, Lew was a member of the inaugural Australian Woomera Team. He has been the driving force behind the development of long-range shooting facilities at Stawell. A winner of the Western Australian Queens in TR in 1995, Lew has represented Victoria in the Match Rifle State Teams competitions fourteen times.



Peter Maher



2019

Shooter

Melbourne, Victoria

Lilydale Rifle Club

Peter took up TR in 1967 joining the Lilydale Rifle Club and made his first trip to UK in 1977. He followed up again in 1979 winning the Scottish Championship. This was the start of a very intense period of shooting both Victorian State Teams and Australian Teams. From 1981 to 1996 he shot in England, Canada and New Zealand including in the winning Palma Team in 1988 and the Kolapore team in 1985. A recent convert to Match Rifle, Peter still continues his TR commitments with representative Veterans and State TR Teams.



Mike Samuels



Shooter

Parkridge, Queensland

Beaudesert

Mike is a five-time representative in the Australian FTR team and was a member of the F Open Australian team to South Africa in 2013. Since taking up Match Rifle in 2016, Mike has represented Queensland three times in the State Teams event. His most memorable shooting moment is winning the silver medal at the F Class Championships in Canada in 2017.



Wayne Skinner



2019

Shooter

Donald, Victoria

Stawell Rifle Club

Wayne took up target shooting at school and can still remember his first big school team shoot at the old Williamstown Rifle Range (Melbourne), shooting TR at age 14. A recent convert to Match Rifle, Wayne is on his second trip to Bisley having competed in the Hopton there in 2018.



Tom Smith











Shooter

Toowoomba, Queensland

Crows Nest & Goombungee Rifle Club

Now a "true-blue" Aussie who knows how to "put another shrimp on the barbie", Tom is representing Australia in the Woomera for the second time (having previously twice represented Great Britain). Whilst looking forward to a trip back to the 'Old Country', he is not sure that the presentation speeches will match up to those you get in Australia.



Barry Southern

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2010 2012 2016 2019

Shooter

Hollands Landing, Victoria

Rosedale

Representing Australia in the Woomera Team for the fourth time, Barry has also been a member of the Victorian Match Rifle team six times since taking up Match Rifle in about 2007. He has also shot for Australia in the F Class team in 2013 and for Victoria in the FTR team in 2015. His most memorable shooting moment is coming off the 1200-yard mound at Belmont with a 74.8, helping the team to victory in the 2010 Woomera Match.



Gilbert Walker

1997 2001 2004 2006 2010 2012 2016 2019

Shooter

Carrick, Tasmania

Gil has represented Australia 9 times in the Palma Team and is representing Australia in the Woomera team for the 8th time. He began shooting at the age of 10 and his most memorable shooting moment was winning a stage of the World Championships in New Zealand and top scoring for Australia in the Australia Match in Hobart and the Palma match in New Zealand



Mark Walters



Shooter

Launceston, Tasmania

Launceston VDC

Mark is the 4th generation of shooters in his family and had an early introduction to rifle ranges marking targets when he was 3 years old. He began shooting in 1974 and took up Match Rifle in 2007. At age 19 he was a member of the Australian Goodwill Team to New Zealand and he has represented Tasmania in TR, MR and Small Bore State Teams.



Match Rifle In Australia

Great Britain and Australia are the leading exponents of Match Rifle shooting which was established in United Kingdom over 150 years ago. By comparison Match Rifle shooting in Australia is in its infancy only commencing in the mid-1990s.

Match Rifle shooting is long range target shooting conducted over the distances of 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards and more recently 1500 yards. Match Rifle shooting uses a .308W cartridge and hand loading of ammunition is allowed and recommended. Telescopic sights are permitted.

Any shooting position is permitted (including the supine) however the rifle must not contact the ground or anything other than the shooter's 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.

Australian Match Rifle Ranges & Competitions

There are six ranges in Australia that are currently active and cater for the longer distances of Match Rifle shooting. These ranges host both State and National competitions on a regular basis.





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New South Wales

There are two ranges in New South Wales, one at Ungarie in southern NSW and one at Coonabarabran in central NSW. The NSW Match Rifle Association was formed in 2003 and works with the local clubs at these ranges to maintain and develop the long range facilities and conduct events.

Ungarie

Located in the Bland Shire in southern NSW, Ungarie is approximately 40km north west of West Wyalong. Ungarie is a small community of only ~ 300 people with the town heavily

dependent on local agriculture and the nearby gold mine for employment. It is famous in Australian sporting lore for being the home of the "Daniher Brothers". The brothers played a combined total of 752 Australian Football matches for Essendon and the Sydney Swans. The family's contribution to Australian football and the Ungarie community is marked by a giant football erected in the town park in 2018.

The Ungarie range is located on the outskirts of the town and is a 4-target range providing shooting back to 1200 yards. It is the venue for the NSW Match Rifle and Long Range F Class championships held on the first weekend in May each year.

The Ungarie community provide a great welcome to shooters each year and highly recommended is the Community Breakfast held every Sunday morning at the Ungarie Bowling Club. The community provide markers each year for the Championships who donate their payments to a local cause, such as refurbishment of their Community Hall or maintenance of their local swimming pool.

Coonabarabran

Coonabarabran is a relatively new 6 target range in central NSW constructed by the Coonabarabran Civilian & Military Rifle Club.



Located at Box Ridge in the foothills of the beautiful Warrambungal Ranges, it provides a great venue for long range shooting. It is one of only two ranges in Australia that offers shooting back to 1500 yards and was officially opened on the ANZAC weekend in 2010 with some of the Great Britain team attending the opening event as an add-on to their 2010 tour of Australia.

Coonabarabran has twice hosted the Australian Match Rifle & Long Range F Class Championships (2013 & 2018) and

hosts the Ultra Long Range Challenge in October each year. This multi-day competition includes a number of stages at 1500 yards and is the ultimate test of marksmanship.



South Australia - Lower Light

Located approximately 40 kilometres north of Adelaide, the Lower Light range was established in 2003 and is the home of the South Australian Rifle Association. Match Rifle shooting at Lower Light is conducted over 900, 1000 and 1100 metres with 25 of the 30 targets on the range going to 1100 metres.

Prior to the establishment of the Lower Light range, Match Rifle shooting was conducted at Yanyarrie on the edge of the Flinders Ranges approximately 275 kilometres north of Adelaide.



Lower Light played host to the Woomera match in 2004.

The South Australian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships are held at Lower Light in August each year. In addition, the South Australian Long Range Club has regular competition days throughout the year.

Queensland - Raglan

Raglan is the site of the next Australian Match Rifle & Long Range F Class Championships to be held in July 2020. Raglan is in the beautiful central Queensland region of Capricornia with the range itself only 1.6km north west of the Raglan town centre. A metric range, it provides 900, 1000 and 1100 metre ranges for match rifle shooting as well as target ranges from 300 metres. The range has on-site accommodation as well as powered camping sites and is the venue for the Queensland Match Rifle & Long Range F Class championships in June/July each year.



Tasmania – Campbell Town

The Campbell Town Range is located 1.5km south of Campbell Town in central Tasmania - just off the Midland Highway which connects Launceston and Hobart. The range is a 10-target range which accommodates shooting back to 1500 yards.

Campbell Town was the venue for the inaugural Woomera match in 1997 and again hosted the Woomera Match in 2016.

The Tasmanian Match Rifle Championships are held in early March each year and this two-day event is followed by a day of 1500



yard shooting for the Merton Vale Trophy. Competitors can then stay on and shoot for the Tasmanian Queens Prize at the shorter distances from 500-1000 yards.

Victoria - Stawell

First built in 1886 as a 900-yard range, the Stawell Rifle Range was upgraded in 2002 to cater for Match Rifle shooting. This was done by moving the stop butts forward and creating new 1000, 1100 and 1200 yard mounds.

The Stawell Rifle Range is a 6-target range located on the outskirts of Stawell in the Wimmera district of Victoria – an area renowned for high quality cropping and sheep farming.

Stawell was a much-loved shooting venue on the tour of the Great Britain team in 2004 and also hosted the Scotland Goodwill MR Team in 2007 and Scotland Target Rifle team in 2010. It was also the venue for the Australian Championships in 2017.

The Victorian Match Rifle and Long Range F Class Championships are held annually in November at Stawell with local match rifle shooting days held monthly.













2010 Brisbane, Queensland



