



Victorian Rifle Association

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VRA NEWSLETTER - March 2018



Message from the Chairman

A council meeting was held on the 11th February 2018 which included discussions regarding the need to increase and improve communication with members. This newsletter is the first of what will be a bi-monthly mail out to inform our members of current events. Whilst the format of the newsletter is still being refined/trialled we are hoping that DRA's, Clubs and Members will contribute articles and information on a regular basis.

The VRA is currently designing a Facebook page to also improve communication channels.



Major Grants Update

The Wellsford Major Grants sub-committee recently submitted the planning permits to Bendigo Council after a unanimous vote from Council members on the 22nd January 2018. Whilst planning permits may often take up to six weeks to approve, the sub-committee has been working vigorously with their Bendigo Council contact to speed up the process. The next step is for design of tender documents to be issued to enable quotations to be called for and submitted. Whilst no construction will commence prior to the 2018 Queens event in April, the committee is planning on having construction commence soon after the planning permit has been approved.

Victoria Police and Emergency Service Games 2018

The Large Bore Shooting event will be conducted at the Wellsford Range on Friday 16 March 2018.

Contacts for this event are Bob Herron, Secretary of the Vic Police Rifle Club and Geoffrey Wells, CFA Woodend.

State Champions .303 Rifles

A large contingent of the State's best .303 shooters converged on the Wellsford Rifle Range to compete in the State Championships for Classic .303 Range Rifles & Standard Military Rifles

Top honours for the day went to Frankie Griffo from the Military Rifle Club and Dave Rushbrook from Werribee Rifle Club. Dave, who also won the title, last year, proved that age is no barrier in shooting as he shoots in the super veteran category.

The 2 events, The Peter Hallett Aggregate and The Colonel Tom Price Aggregate ran simultaneously, with competitors shooting a program which included 300yd Rapid, 300yd Snap & 500yd Application.

The new Optical Match, where shooters attached old low magnification telescopes to their rifles was hotly contested with the winner, by a narrow margin being Harvey Bacon from the Military Rifle Club.

The blustery conditions made it extremely difficult to get a good score with only the best wind coaches being able to pick the wind changes.



David
Rushbrook

Standard
Military
Rifle State
Champion



Competitors relaxing
at the mound



Some of the winners
from the events



Frankie Griffo
Classic .303 State Champion

2018 Queens Update

The 2018 Queens competition is rapidly approaching. The VRA Office staff is currently working through their checklists to ensure that the Queens event will be well organised and enjoyable for all participants.

The VRA shop will be open the following hours during Queens:

- Mon 16th April and Tuesday 17th April 8am – 4.30
- Wednesday 18th April to Sunday 22nd April 8am – 3pm (or start of presentations)
- Monday 23rd April - Closed

Sponsors - We are currently seeking sponsors for the event. If you would like to sponsor an event, please call the office on 5449 3153.

Camping - We still have some unpowered sites available. Please email or call the office to book your site.

VRA QUEENS 2018

Syme 18-19 April

Queens 20-22 April

Wellsford Range Bendigo



This year the VRA is offering FREE ENTRY to all shooters under 21.

2017 Queens Winner

James Corbett

Prize Meetings

March 2018

- 17/18th Rosedale OPM (Rosedale)
- 11th Match 1 Vic Precision Services Rifle (Castlemaine)
- 31st Ovens & Murray PM (Glenrowan)

April 2018

- 1st Wangaratta PM (Glenrowan)
- 2nd ECDRA PM (Violet Town)
- 18/19th VRA Syme (Wellsford)
- 20/22nd VRA Queens (Wellsford)
- 25th Bacchus Marsh Anzac Day PM (Bacchus Marsh)

Councillor Profile – Michelle Fletcher



Michelle was elected to the VRA council in October 2017. She has extensive experience in sports administration and organisation of major international competitions. She has held roles in her professional life as State Administrator for QLD Rifle Association, Operations manager for the Sydney Olympic Games for shooting, and conducting the rifle and running target competitions for the Olympic and Paralympics' Games. Her current professional role is as a Senior Corporate Services Officer.

She has over 30 years experience within shooting and has been involved in the coordination of the QRA QLD Queens for the last 25 years, mainly in presentations and statistics. She is proudly born in QLD and has a strong loyalty to the Sunshine State. In 2016 Michelle received a Gold Medal for her contribution to the sport of shooting from the International Sport Shooting Federation.

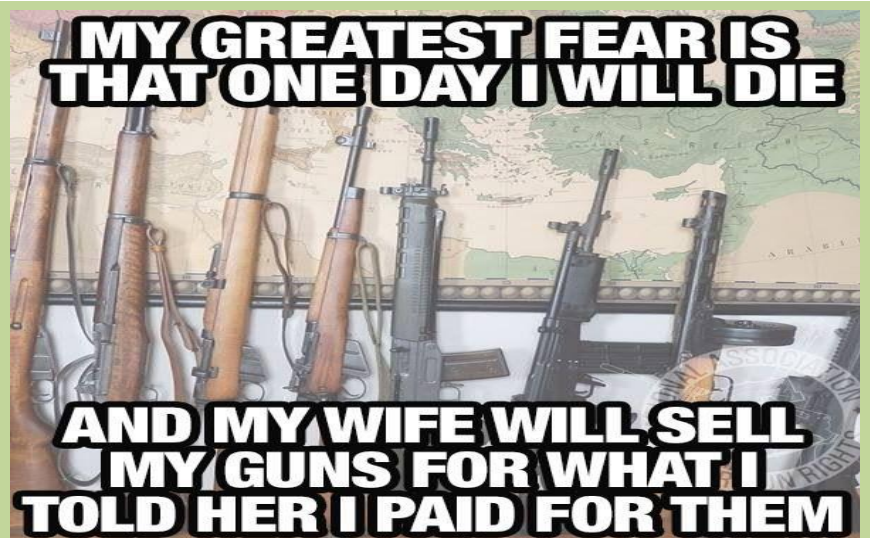
Michelle also has an extensive understanding of Federal and State Government legislation. She has a passion for shooting and has been involved from grass roots level to elite level organisation for over 30 years.

All of the above skills and attributes make Michelle a valuable resource and integral member of the VRA council

Vacancy for Council

An EOI was recently distributed for the vacant Council Position. . The appointed Councillor will fill the balance of the term which expires after the AGM in October 2019. Expression of interest must be lodged with the Executive Officer by close of business on Tuesday 6 March 2018. Your expression of interest should include a brief resume or profile outlining your experience and expertise that will allow you to provide a high level of service to our membership and Council.

**JOKE OF
THE
MONTH**



VRA Store Specials

For more information please phone Geoff
03 5449 3513



BERGARA

30 Cal Blank Stainless Steel Parallel

- 1.20" DIA
- 1.8 Twist
- 28" Overall Length

\$275.00



GRS KELBLY X_EATER STOCK

(No-Inlet)

- Adjustable Length of Pull
 - 35cm – 37.8cm
 - 13.78" – 14.88"
- Adjustable Cheek
- 0.5 Limbsaver Recoil Pad
- Weight 2.2Kg

\$750.00



The VRA strongly supports Shooting Australia's – National Come & Try May event. All members are urged to support this event and volunteer through your local club. This event is designed to encourage interest from the general public to increase participation in rifle shooting in Victoria. Please see Shooting Australia's website for more details.

NATIONAL
Come & Try
MAY

2018 TARGET:
increase participation
shootingaustralia.org/come-try-may

To submit articles or provide feedback on the newsletter, please email
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The next edition of the newsletter will be published
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