

**Nowra Rifle Club will be hosting the following
Events**



“THE LAST POSSE” 2024

THE SOUTH WILL RISE AGAIN

12th 13th & 14th April 2024



33rd ANNUAL BLACK POWDER RENDEZVOUS

17th 18th & 19th May, 2024

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SUPPORT YOUR CLUB - SIMPLY TURN UP AND HAVE FUN

~ President's Report ~

Please keep watching our Web site and our Facebook page as all announcements will be posted.

BREAKING NEWS – GOOD NEWS

Firearms Registry have finally issued our Renewed Range Operating Approval Certificate. This is valid to January 2029 (5 years).

At that time, we will undergo another inspection for recertification.

SURVEY OF RANGE

In obtaining the above Range Approval questions were raised by Firearms Registry, as to the boundaries of our Safety Template. We believe Registry used Google Maps and applied the Safety Template overlay. Google Maps is not all that accurate, so we employed a professional surveying company to accurately map our area.

We are totally contained on NSW Government land. Our Safety Template does not go over private property.

RANGE BOOKINGS

Code Captains, Range Officers and Members please note that the BOOKING OF THE RANGE is done through the SECRETARY, Garry Nosworthy 0428 863 428. Nobody else, just the Secretary. Members must arrange the booking through a Range Officer who must make the booking for them.

No single person is to use the Range. There must always be two people, one of those persons must be a Range Officer. This is in the best interest of Safety.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHOOTING

This is being shot every second week, SEE YOUR CALENDAR. This is open to ALL Club Members. It is not a competition shoot. It is a fun shoot with 22cal rifles using Standard Velocity Ammunition. (High Velocity Ammunition is not permitted on our Smallbore Range) It is a great opportunity for practice, testing 22cal ammunition, make up shoots when you cannot get to the range on weekends and for just having fun.

Club Rifles are available. This event is run by Daniel Galea. 0477 749 123

RANGE ROAD SPEED

Remember KEEP YOUR SPEED DOWN. All those in favour of reducing wear and tear on our road, raise your right foot. Yes! It's unanimous!

Let common sense and courtesy prevail.

SAFETY

Remember that safety is everyone's responsibility. Always treat your firearm as if it is loaded. SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, NOBODY ELSE. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR EYE AND EAR PROTECTION.

MUZZLE BREAKS

Muzzle Brakes can only be used on the General Practice Range during General Practice sessions *at the discretion of the Range Officer*. There must be a four (4) target bay gap between the person using a muzzle break and other shooters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Single Action Last Posse. 12th, 13th and 14th April 2024

Rendezvous. 17th, 18th and 19th May 2024

All Club Members are welcome to visit. Saturday being the best day for both events.

COLLECTORS CLUB SWAP MEET

Saturday Morning 25th May 2024, 8am to 12pm. ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME.

PISTOL MEMBERS

A reminder to ALL PISTOL SHOOTERS. For the Secretary to sign off on your PTA you MUST have a current COPS Event Number for Safe Storage. You should be having a safe storage inspection every 5 years. To avoid problems, make sure that your documentation is up to date.

TRY PISTOL DAY

The pistol club will be conducting a 'Try Pistol Day' on Sunday 31st March at the 50M pistol range. Any members of NRC, their spouse and children over 12 are eligible to have a go.

Pistol range officers will be present to supervise on a one-on-one basis. All people who wish to give it a go will be required to fill out a P650 form and will receive basic pistol safe handling instruction prior to handling & shooting a handgun. There will be a charge of \$7.00 to cover the cost of ammunition.

Attendances must be advised beforehand no later than Sunday 24th March.

Phone or SMS The Pistol Club Captain 0428 863428.

P650 forms will be sent to interested members by email for them to be filled out before the day.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Nowra Rifle Club's membership year starts on the 1st May and ends on the 30th of April the following year. Towards the end of March each year current members will be notified by electronic mail to their registered email address that their current membership is about to expire. The notification will include a pro-forma invoice for the amount due based on their current membership status. The pro-forma invoice will give details of the club's bank account number and BSB number so that members can EFT their membership dues direct to the club's bank account. It is imperative that when making EFT payments to the club's bank account, you include a 'message to recipient' quoting your membership number. If you do not include this identifying number, we have no way of knowing who the funds are from and your membership will NOT be renewed. Members can also lodge their membership dues to the club's PO Box or to the mailbox at the main clubhouse and members who wish to renew using these methods MUST include a hard copy of the pro-forma invoice that they received from the club.

Members should make sure they have provided the club with their current email address and that they can receive emails to their 'inbox'. We have noted that some of the club's members can receive emails but for some reason clubs' emails are being placed into 'spam' folders. Members should make sure that emails from office@nowrarifleclub.onmicrosoft.com or nowrarifleclub@shoalhaven.net.au are not being routed to mailboxes other than your 'inbox' where you may not know you have mail. Members who wish to make sure that they can get club emails to their 'in box' can send a request to office@nowrarifleclub.onmicrosoft.com with the words 'email test and your full name' in the subject line and we will reply with a confirmation thus confirming that you are getting emails from us.

If you fail to act upon the renewal notice and do not pay your membership fee by the due date your membership will lapse, and as a result, you may not have the genuine reasons required to hold a firearms license. If your membership lapses you will be inconvenienced by having to go through the membership application process again.

Members should be aware that the club IS REQUIRED to notify NSW Firearms Registry of the names and firearms license numbers of members who become 'non-financial' Members who do not have an email address or who don't have a device that can receive emails can contact the Secretary on 0428 863428 so that alternative arrangements can be made.

MINIMUM SHOOT REQUIREMENTS

Nowra Rifle Club is an NSW Firearms Registry licensed shooting range for ABH target, AB hunting & collecting membership of Nowra Rifle Club which provides shooters with the genuine reason to hold a NSW Firearms License for the categories described above. It is the license holder's sole responsibility to meet the minimum shoot requirements for their license categories. After the end of August each year Nowra Rifle Club is required to report to NSW Firearms Registry, the names & license numbers of all our members who have failed to meet their minimum shoot requirements as per their Blue & or Yellow cards which MUST be lodged with the club no later than the end of August each year.

Shooters who fail to lodge their cards, who lodge their cards late or who do not meet the minimum requirements **WILL** be reported to NSW Firearms Registry as non-compliant. The club's administration has a legal obligation under our license conditions to make the non-compliance report. Nowra Rifle Club Inc has no power under the firearms legislation to 'forgive' any shooter who does not meet their license obligations.

If, during the reporting year to the end of August you come to the realization that you will not meet your license requirements you should promptly contact NSW Firearms Registry and provide them with the reason/s, i.e. doctors certificates, etc. **DO NOT SEND THIS INFORMATION TO THE CLUB.**

DANIEL GALEA A NATIONAL CHAMPION



Daniel Galea is a Nation Champion in FT-R and he is ours.

Above is Daniel with his final winning target, after he won the Trans-Tasman Championships' in Trentham New Zealand back in January 2024.

He won teams event convincingly and came first in the individual event over five days of shooting from 300 metres to 1000 yards.



After returning from New Zealand he entered the Sydney King's (previously Queen's) NSW State Championships winning the lead up, The MacIntosh, and then the King's, shooting over five days from 300 metres to 800 metres at Malabar in Sydney.

Above you can see the spoils of Daniel's efforts and he is just getting warmed up.

Well done Daniel, such outstanding results. In my thirty-five years with Nowra Rifle Club I have never seen results such as this.

IT'S YOUR CLUB, USE IT

Your Club has a lot to offer. Look at the Committee list below. See what else you would like to try. You do not have to be an Olympic grade marksman to enjoy yourself. There are a lot of other activities outside General Practice.

In the Upcoming Events listed above you will see the Single Action Last Posse and the Black Powder Rendezvous listed. All members are welcome to call in and see these events in action. So, if you haven't seen this style of shooting before, come in and take a look. Saturday, particularly morning, is the best time. Don't forget to bring your ear and eye protection.

Cliff Austen OAM
President

THE COMMITTEE

- *President:* Cliff A. (OAM)
- *Vice President:* Garry N.
- *Secretary:* Garry N.
- *Treasurer:* Marnie P.
- *Membership Secretary:* Julius K.
- *Safety Coordinator:* Daniel G.
- *Works Coordinator:* Gary Mc
- *Pistol Secretary:* Garry N
- *Public Officer:* Garry N

Club Captains

Target Club - Geoff S.
Pistol Club - Garry N.
Hunting Club - Jackson B.
Collectors Club - Bob S.

Code Captains

Air Rifle - Stan B
Black Powder Breech-loading - Cliff L
Black Powder Rifle - Cliff L
Black Powder Long Range Rifle - Cliff L
Black Powder Shotgun - Charlie M
Shotgun Nitro - Charlie M
Centrefire - Paul B
Collecting - Bob S.
Hunting - Jackson B
Long Range Rifle - Les R
Service Rifle - Simon D
Smallbore - Rob C.
Smallbore Benchrest - Geoff S
Smallbore Metallic Silhouette - Alex E
Smallbore Wednesday Night - Daniel G.
Single Action - Larry D

Pistol - see relevant specialities:

25 Metre - Troy S
50 Metre - Garry N
Air Pistol - Charlie M
Blackpowder - Dennis M
Metallic Silhouette - Julius K.
Rapid Fire - Julius K.
Standard - Steve S
Service - Bill B
Centrefire - Troy S

