

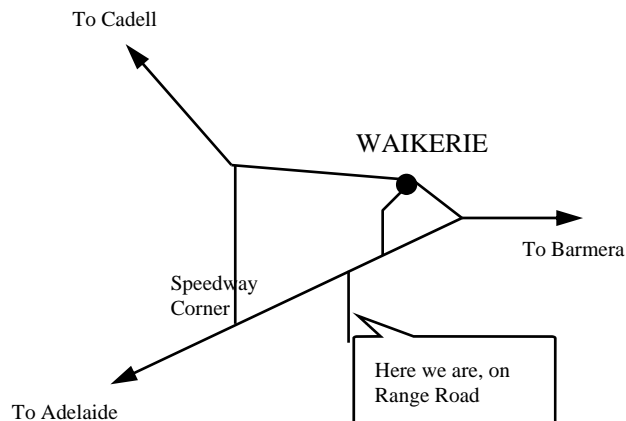
When:

Most Saturday or Sunday afternoons, with competition beginning at approximately 1:30pm. After Summer Day Light Saving begins we will change over to mornings and get under way by about 9:30am.

Get in touch with one of our contacts for more details or to confirm starting time as these can vary depending on time of year and season.

Where:

The Waikerie Rifle Club range is located on Range Road. This on the Sturt Highway approximately 5 kms west of the Waikerie township.



RIFLE CLUB INC. WAIKERIE

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Do You
Enjoy A
Challenge?

We Have The Sport For You



Waikerie Rifle Club invites you to try Target Rifle Shooting

It offers you –

- A perfect leisure time activity
- Opportunities to compete socially or at any level of your choice and skill to World Championship or Commonwealth level
- Compete in TR (Target Rifle) Class, Optical Class (TR with telescopic sight fitted) or F (Free) Class open to any commercially available rifle up to 8mm calibre with telescopic sight and fixed rifle support.
- A positive family sport, with equal opportunities for all ages of both sexes, in fact can be your sport for life
- A study of the effects of many and varied weather conditions on the projectile at all range distances from 200 to 900 yards
- Coaching that will enable you to meet all your needs of potential and precision marksmanship
- A chance to draw on the knowledge of members who have State and National coaching and teams experience

HISTORY OF FULLBORE

Fullbore is a form of target rifle shooting. Modern fullbore dates back to 1860 when Queen Victoria inaugurated the **Queen's Prize** in an attempt to raise the standard of marksmanship following the Crimean War. The prize was 250 pounds, enough to purchase a small estate in those days. Countries throughout the Commonwealth quickly followed suit, and patriotic fervor swelled the ranks of marksmen around the globe. In **Australia**, the States formed individual Rifle Associations soon afterwards, with each hosting their own Queen's Prize. International competition flourished, indeed the first national Australian sporting team ever to tour overseas was a Rifle Team in 1876.

FULLBORE TODAY



than 1/100th of an inch.

Things have changed a little since 1860. Today fullbore shooters fire modern 7.62 or 5.56mm **single-shot rifles** over distances of **300 to 1000 yards** (or metres). All shooting is from the prone position, at stationary **targets** consisting of a black circular aiming mark on a white square background. Magnifying telescopic sights are not permitted, nor is the rifle allowed to rest on anything, it must be held off the ground. **To score a bullseye** the firer must judge the wind strength and direction, aim, and release the trigger without moving the rifle more

IS IT SAFE?



similar importance to water and road safety education.

Contrary to popular belief, **rifle shooting is one of the safest sports available**; injuries are virtually unheard of. Whilst a firearm used improperly can be a dangerous weapon, safety is a paramount consideration on the rifle range. Participating in organised shooting is undoubtedly the best way to learn **firearms safety**. If you are a parent, regardless of your attitude towards firearms, your children are bound to come in contact with a firearm at some stage of their life. It is reasonable to expect that **firearms safety education** should assume a

WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE?



non-adversarial, you compete against yourself. There is nothing you can do to influence the performance of another shooter.

Most sports have a number of innate qualities that attract participants. **The desire to compete, mastery of a challenge, companionship**. Likewise with rifle shooting. Fullbore however offers a deeper level of involvement. Those with a practical or mechanical bent may find an extra challenge in the maintenance and tuning of equipment, while the scientific mind may prefer experimentation and analysis of technique and psychology. Indeed the **self control and discipline** required to become a marksmen differentiates fullbore from most other sports. An adrenaline surge or an attack of self doubt at the wrong time can be costly! Rifle shooting is also

WHO CAN COMPETE?

Rifle shooting is one of the few sports where **people can compete on an even basis regardless of age, sex, fitness, or physical disability**. In open competition, shooters are graded only on ability. In State and National team or individual events women compete alongside men, teenagers alongside octogenarians, and perfect physical specimens alongside those who have had triple cardiac bypass surgery.

CAN I REPRESENT AUSTRALIA?

Certainly, if you are good enough! You can represent Australia as an individual, or as a member of team. There are regular International matches, **World Championships**, and fullbore is a sport of the **Commonwealth Games**. Here is your chance to get an Australian Blazer, or a Gold Medal at the next Commonwealth Games! There is a gradual representative path that extends through Club and District teams, to State and National levels.