



Tamworth & Peel Valley Rifle Club

“Snap Shot”

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Report

It was an overwhelming and outstanding response by the members last Saturday the 13th of April where one of the biggest turn outs to a working bee was seen for some time.

The TPVRC committee is humbled by the response and effort that has gone into not only preparing for the bee but also for the effort and drive on the day, the lending of tooling and equipment and the willingness to get stuck in, get dirty and get the work completed.

Club President; Peter Barnier, has said that this effort displays the depth and dedication that we have in the club. Club Secretary; Dave Gulliford, said that it reflects the spirit that we have within the club.

The bee was in aid of improvements to the range and its infrastructure for operational and safety requirements as well as preparation for the upcoming ANZAC Memorial Matches, the TPVRC Field and Service Rifle Shoot as well as a pending and periodic range inspection.

*A **MASSIVE** amount of work was carried out which included repairs to the under section of the target mantle. This alone was a huge task where pine sleepers had to be cut to suit and installed between the existing framing of the mantle area. The finished product is excellent and due to its success, plans are already in motion to source materials to complete the remaining mantle sections. The mantle at the entry point to the target area was also repaired and reinforced.*

Along with this work there was also the re dressing of the target backstop and the re shaping of both the 300 and 200m mounds which is addressing AGM raised concerns and those of the members and guests that have found these mounds difficult to shoot from. It would be great to have a bit of rain to settle down the disturbed earth, but we all know the short answer to that one.





Also, the range now has flag poles at ALL range distances with the replacement of the tired and old 100m pole, the addition of poles at the 200 and 300 and 500m ranges and the replacement of the pole and safety flag on top of the target backstop. New wind flags are also being purchased to come up to speed with flag numbers.

Targets and marking boxes for the ANZAC Memorial Matches

were prepared, and this included new Figure 11 targets which will be used for the Inaugural Long Tan Shoot.

Special thanks must go to Kevin Tongue for the lone of his dozer and also to John Barnier for his operation skills in driving it for all the earth works.

Thanks to Ray Hammond for the lone of his equipment and his expertise in driving the foundation poles into the ground as well as the supporting posts for the flag poles. As for everyone else, a huge thank you. It is very much appreciated.

A 200m Field Class Practice was run at the conclusion of the bee. Due to this being a practice no scores are available.

This Saturday the 20th of April the range will be open as normal where a 300m service practice is on the program to give all members the chance to finalize their rifles and equipment for the ANZAC Memorial Matches which are set to be held the following Saturday the 27th of April.

The range will be open from 12.30pm for sign in with the practice to get under way shortly after. Standard range fees will apply.

The flyer for the ANZAC Matches is in circulation and all members are encouraged to read the program carefully so to be fully prepped for the day's events. If there is anything unclear, then please ask.

This years Matches has been the biggest build up for several years with the inclusion of the new Long Tan Shoot. I can happily announce that the new trophy has been completed and has exceeded expectations as far as the end product is concerned. It has a presence, has been constructed with respect and input from a number of sources and will definitely be a trophy that all members will want to have their name on.

The Long Tan trophy for the first year only is accompanied by a smaller "little brother" trophy which has been named the "three shot burst". This is the winners to take home to keep and will be an awesome prize to sit in anyone's home.

There is also a different prize pool for the shoot this year with prizes relating to the spirit of the day. Prizes are only being awarded for 1st to 3rd in each class. The Long Tan is a winner takes all shoot.

Hope to see you at the range.

