



FCGRC welcomes those wanting to take up long range shooting to come and try their hand at Target Rifle or F – Class Rifle shooting on our allocated *Come and Try* days.

Bookings are essential, allowing us to prepare for and provide the best experience possible for you. Ultimately, our goal is to introduce and encourage new people to the sport that will become enthusiastic long range shooters and potentially long term club members.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact Ben on 0488 652 790 or [bookingsfcgrc@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsfcgrc@gmail.com) to book a spot.

*Come and Try* costs \$54 per person and includes 12 rounds of ammunition, equipment use and range fee for the use of a .308 and \$48 per person for the use of a .223. Additional ammunitions options are available – refer to Appendix B.

**Welcome**  
**As a member of the**  
**Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club**

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to you, a new member of one of the best and family friendly rifle clubs in Victoria.

This is an exciting sport and allows you to pursue the Queens Prize, Prize meetings, Club Championships, Pennant and club shoots around Victoria and Australia.

The social aspect is great too, after the completion of weekly meets enjoy a social Beveridge, BBQ at pennant matches and Xmas get together. This is great way to meet other members and learn things about the sport, gain useful information on equipment, reloading and even some coaching tips.

FCGRC consists of 6 shooting mounds 300, 400, 500 & 600 (under cover) yards all of which are shot at national competition. FCGRC also has a 100 & 200yard mounds for the sighting of rifles. Note, all firearms must be zeroed before shooting on the electronic targets.

The maximum calibre must not exceed 8mm / Energy 3500 ft-lb.

Your club recently purchased 5 state of the art electronic targets to ensure the club provides the most up to date equipment to its members. Your club also offers club rifles (.308 & .223) for your use at a small cost.

Initially, as you proceed through the licensing, it is advised that you spend time on the range watching matches in action. This will make things easier once the time comes to try a match yourself, as you will have a bit of an understanding of how things work.

Our club also supplies projectiles and other associated reloading equipment.

In this package there is loads of information about matches, scoring, events, reloading, grading, rules and By-laws. Please take the time to read this information.

FCGRC & MDRA 19 is the most successful club in recent history winning 8 of the past 10 (& current) State Team Championships, 2021 F Class Queens winner and lady shooters who won the Australian Ladies team event representing Victoria.

If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Committee members or club mentor.

Please refer to these websites for the events calendar and weekly information;

[www.grantvillerc.com.au](http://www.grantvillerc.com.au)

[www.shoot4autism.com](http://www.shoot4autism.com)

[www.vra.asn.au](http://www.vra.asn.au)

## Your 2021 – 22 Committee Members.

**Captain:** Brad Steer

**Vice-Captain:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Hayley Steer

**Secretary:** Rolf Carpeggiani

**Handicapper:** Graham Eldred

**Ordinary Committee Members:** Kay Eland, John Eland & Ben Carpeggiani.

**Chief Range Officer:** Peter Marum

**Range Officers:** Brad Steer, John Eland, Kay Eland & Max Hardie

## Range Hours

Saturdays 10am – 5.30pm

(Unless subject to a Fire Ban or State Competition)

## Coaches / Mentors

1. John ELAND
2. Peter MARUM
3. Brad STEER

## Suppliers / Dealers

1. VRA
2. Master AFC (Gunsmith Chris Winterhalter)
3. QRA

## Range Etiquette

1. Treat everyone with respect
2. Refrain from using obscene language
3. Remain quiet when competitors are shooting
4. Perform duties as scorer / check scorer
5. Help others in need
6. Help with range equipment set up & closure.
7. Be friendly and enjoy the company of others

## Firearm Safety

As you have passed your firearm licence, you will have passed the required safety test. Adherence to “safety” is non-negotiable and assumed that you have the required safe attitude to own a rifle.

There is one word that FCGRC members must adhere to **“Respect”**

Respect for yourself, your rifle, your fellow competitors and other patrons of the club.

- Never point a firearm at any person
- Only point your firearm at your target in which you’re directed to engage
- Treat every firearm as loaded
- If your firearm is unattended on the firing line, ensure the bolt is removed and the blue chamber flag is inserted.
- Always obey the instructions of the Range Officer
- If your firearm has a malfunction raise your hand & wait for the Range Officer
- Safety is paramount
- If in doubt, **ask!!!**

For further Firearm and Range refer to the NRA and FCGRC SSR’s.

## Range Safety Checklist

- **Range Officers control all Member shooting events**
- **Scorers ensure all shooters only close the bolt when the rifle is aimed at the target**
- **Safety flags are flown on the stop butt and Range entrance whilst live firing is taking place**
- **Safety flag is flown at firing point**
- **Ensure shooters possess a current and valid shooters license for the rifle being used.**
- **All rifles made secure when on Range and not in use and secured properly when in transit**
- **Follow procedures in dealing with misses on the target**
- **Follow procedures in dealing with mis-fires**

## Fee Structure (subject to yearly change)

Our annual membership fees are almost due. The fees for the year 2022/2023 are as follows;

CODE	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	CLUB FEE	No 19 FEE
102	FULL MEMBER	FULL VRA MEMBER	\$220 +	\$50 +	\$10
104	UNDER 21	FULL VRA U21	\$132 +	\$50 +	\$10
108	CLUB MEMBER	SHOOTS ONLY AT HOME CLUB RANGE	\$208 +	\$50 +	\$10
102	FAMILY MEMBER DISCOUNT	PART OF FAMILY, LIVING AT SAME ADDRESS AS FULL MEMBER	\$185 +	\$50	\$10
102	SUPER VETS DISCOUNT	OVER 70 YEARS	\$190 +	\$50 +	\$10
110	SOCIAL CLUB MEMBER	NON-SHOOTING MEMBER. NOT VALID FOR FIREARMS LICENCE	\$55 +	\$50 +	\$10
OLMN	LIFE MEMBER	ACTIVELY SHOOTING	\$75 +	\$50 +	\$10
OLMN	LIFE MEMBER	NOT ACTIVELY SHOOTING	NIL +	\$50 +	\$10

## The History of Full bore Target Rifle Competition in Victoria

**The Association was formed in 1860** and held its first individual competition at the end of that year. The first intercolonial teams match, Vic vs NSW, was held at Sandridge Range (Port Melbourne) in 1862. The first "Queen's Trophy" competition was held in 1881 on a range at Emerald Hill in the Albert-Middle Park area. In 1876 an Australian Rifle Team, consisting of shooters from NSW and Victoria, was the first team ever to officially represent Australia in any sport in international competition. They toured Britain and the USA competing in various shooting competitions including the USA Centenary Celebrations and the inaugural Palma trophy. This tour was so successful that it was decided to send an official cricket team overseas the following year.

**By 1876 the early Melbourne ranges at Emerald Hill, Sandridge and elsewhere had been closed and a new range at Williamstown was opened in July 1876.** This became the focal point for target rifle competition in Victoria for over a hundred years.

**In 1885, the first civilian Rifle Club (Melbourne R.C.)** was formed with the blessing of the VRA. Many others soon followed. After Federation in 1901, Rifle Clubs came under army control, but in 1921 they were reconstituted as a purely civilian organisation, where they have remained ever since.

**In 1901 a new range at Port Melbourne** was opened particularly for the use of civilian Rifle Clubs. It functioned until 1937, when all activity concentrated on the 220 target range at Williamstown.

**The Age of 17 August 1914 reports:**

"Although the ordinary course of rifle shooting competitions has been suspended for the time being, members of rifle clubs are kept busy in one way or another in connection with matters associated with the war. The latest, and perhaps the most important function they are called upon to perform is the giving of instruction in rifle shooting to the many members of the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force, who are recruits or neophytes, in the use of the service weapon. The Williamstown ranges will practically be a school of musketry instruction as long as the Expeditionary Force is in camp. As near as possible there should be an instructor to each man, so that no one of the force who requires initiating shall go away without being given a well-defined and well-grounded idea of how to use his rifle to the best advantage whenever it comes to being face to face with the enemy."

**After the Great War**, a system of national training was embodied in the Defence Act and the Rifle Clubs reverted to their purely sporting role. Nevertheless by 1939 Victoria had 313 Rifle Clubs and 12232 members.

**Until 1933 the standard competition rifle** was the standard military issue (long Magazine Lee Enfield). As military requirements changed, the target rifle diverged from the MLE, first with "heavy" barrels and vernier sights, evolving to today's single shot, Mauser (bolt) action, precision barrel, custom stock which eliminates the element of luck.

## FULLBORE TARGET SHOOTING

**The sport of Fullbore target rifle shooting** was originally designed to encourage skill development and knowledge of shooting in general. Today we use single-shot, bolt action centre-fire rifles which are very accurate.

**Today's participants include** both men and women of all ages from all walks of life and allows both purpose-built target rifles, 'scoped rifles, "free" class rifles and "match" rifles.



**Individual competitions** are held at all levels in each class, from the Saturday afternoon Club shoot, to local prize meetings to state "Queens" and overseas events.

**Team competitions** are held for Club pennant teams, district, state and national teams.

**The most popular calibre** is .308 ( 7.62mm ) which in the hands of the best shots can achieve group sizes of less than 2 minutes of angle over distances between 300 and 900 metres, but the 5.56mm calibre is also competitive and is preferred by some shooters.

**Once the fundamentals are learned**, much of the challenge is mental discipline and "reading" the effects of wind and light. At distances up to 900 metres, this can be quite a challenge!

**Shooting is carried out under national standard rules** which ensure safety on the range and fair competition.

*"As with any sport you cannot be sure if you like it until you try it a few times*

### F Class Standard

An F Class Standard rifle will be chambered in either 308 Winchester or 223 Remington. Maximum weight of the rifle is 8kg, including sight and all attachments, but excluding the front rest. With the front rest attached, the overall maximum weight must not exceed 10kg. Ammunition is restricted to NRAA rules. - Section 3.4

### F Class Open

An F Class Open rifle may be of any calibre up to and including 8mm. The overall weight must not exceed 10kg including all attachments.

### F/TR

An F/TR Class rifle is limited to .223 Remington or .308 Winchester calibre chambers. Ammunition may be commercially made or hand-loaded as defined in Rule F2.24. There is no restriction on bullet weight. The F/TR rifle class is limited to the use of an attached bipod and/or a sling as front supports, optionally together with a rear bag none of which provide a positive mechanical means of returning the rifle to its precise point of aim for the next shot . The overall weight must not exceed 8.25kg including all attachments (such as, but not limited to, its sights and bipod, if any). See the ICFRA Rules for more detail. - [ICFRA Rules for F-Class Rifle Shooting](#)

### Sporter Hunter Class

This discipline was introduced to cater for shooters who have off-the-shelf sporting/hunting rifles, and to offer them a venue at which to participate in the sport. Its prime purpose is to attract new members and to encourage participation.

Below is a link to an example of a suitable rifle. Also has a tour of the Lithgow factory.

## [Lithgow "LA105" 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle Launch \(with shooting to 800m\)](#)

For further information refer to the National Rifle Association of Australia Rules

### **CHAPTER 23 - Sporting/Hunting Discipline**

#### [FCGRC / VRA Blue Ribbon Events](#)

- Australia & ANZAC Day (Club Match)
- Queens Prize (Bendigo April)
- Shoot4Autims (Charity Events @ FCGRC)
- Pennant Matches
- DRA Team Championship (Bendigo Oct)
- Club Championship X 8

#### [F Class Target Shooting Techniques](#)

This is an excellent training document designed for the new shooter, authored by Rod Dolman.

The information contained has value for all F Class members. See attached.

#### [What does it cost?](#)

At Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club, Saturday club shoots cost \$10 in range fees and \$1.50 per round (.223) or \$2.00 per round (.308) for ammunition. Nearly all shooters eventually decide to reload their own ammunition which reduces ammunition cost significantly and also increases accuracy.

Fitzroy Caulfield Grantville Rifle Club owns several club rifles and equipment that new shooters can use indefinitely. Longer term most shooters choose to purchase all of their own equipment.

A basic setup of second hand gear including a second hand rifle can cost around \$2,000. At the other end of the spectrum one could spend \$15,000 on their equipment if they were really keen. To be competitive in this sport, top end equipment is not required. There are numerous factors that affect scores other than the cost of the equipment.

#### [When do you shoot?](#)

Fitzroy Caulfield Rifle Club shoots takes place on most Saturdays commencing at 10.00am unless it is a declared a **FIRE BAN** or closed for some other reason. When this is the case,



notice will be published on the website. We then return to our clubhouse for a couple of cool drinks, a snack and a whinge about the one that got away.

## Scoring

Refer to appendix A

## Grading

*Competitors will be graded using their final calculated averages according to the tables below.*

Target Rifle:

'A' grade 97.0 or greater  
'B' grade 92.0 and under 97.0  
'C' grade Under 92.0

F Class Standard:

"A" Grade 94.5% and over  
"B" Grade Under 94.5%

### [NRAA National Grading System](#)

*Put your SID number into the search bar and when your name comes up, click on it to show your gradings. You can then click on your average to see your scores used to calculate your average.*

## NRAA National Ranking System

The Ranking System is calculated using result percentages from the National Grading System.

Shooters who have registered a minimum of 5 scores are included in calculations, with the maximum being the most recent 8 scores.

Each time a competition is entered into the National Grading System, the Rankings pages are updated, so the system will always remain reasonably up-to-date.

## Licence Eligibility

Individuals, organisations and government departments can hold a firearm licence for a range of employment and leisure purposes. To be eligible for a licence, you must be:

- A resident of Victoria (or work with firearms in Victoria)

- A 'fit and proper person'
- Between 12 and 18 years of age (junior licence) or 18 years and over (adult licence)
- A 'non-prohibited' person (or have been deemed not to be 'prohibited' by a court)
- Able to demonstrate and maintain a 'genuine reason' for needing a particular licence type
- Peter Marum conducts Firearm Safety Courses at the club.

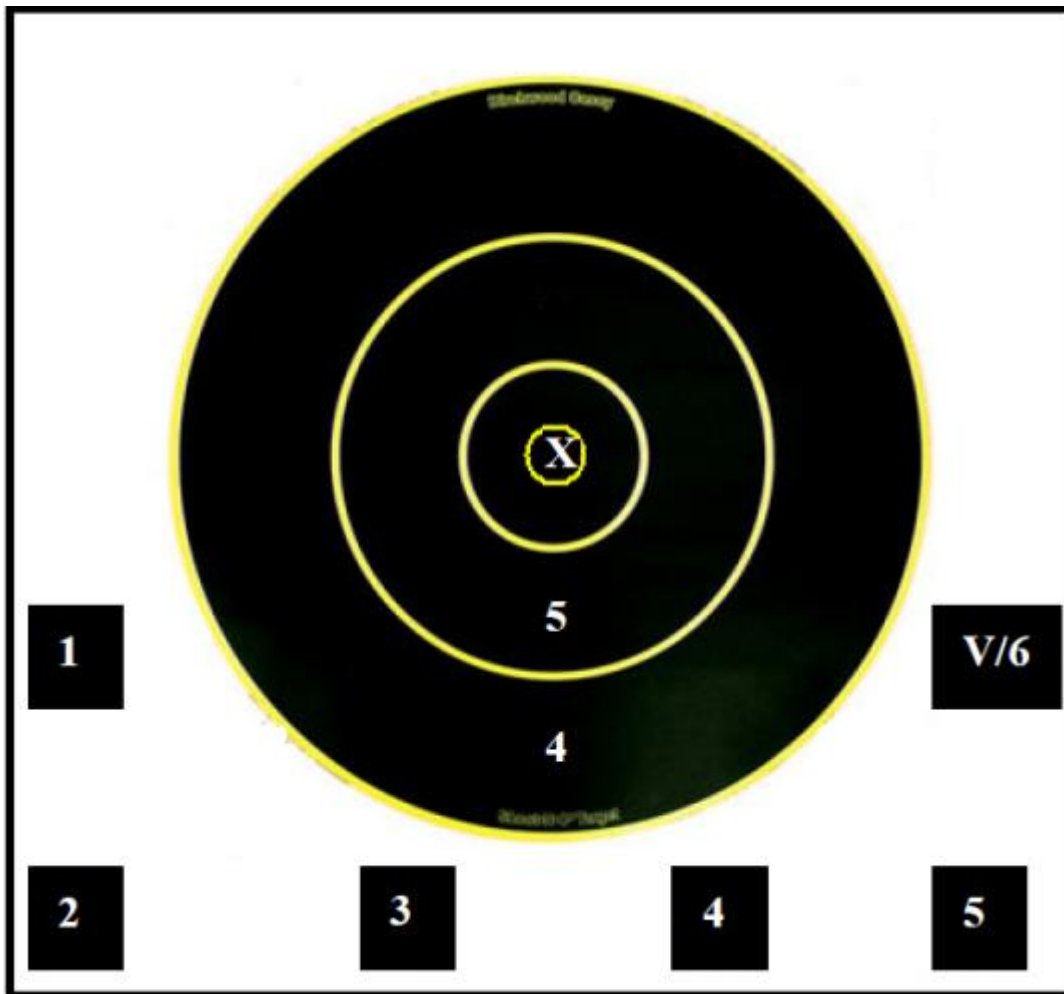
You must also successfully complete the relevant [Victorian Firearm Safety Course](#) if the licence you are applying for requires this.

Refer to attached link for further information in relation licencing, firearms, transport & storage.

[http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document\\_ID=34098](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=34098)

Details	
1.	The <b>Range Officer</b> for today is:  .....
2.	<b>Primary first aid</b> person is:  .....
3.	The <b>First Aid Kit &amp; Defibrillator</b> are located on the designated firing line.  The basic treatment for a gunshot injury is? (elicit response from participants, i.e. apply firm bandage and elevate area if possible)
4.	<b>Communication for an emergency</b> is a mobile phone, either your own, or one from the RO. Call 000 or 112 for emergency.
5.	The nearest <b>medical facility</b> is Wonthaggi Hospital Located at 235 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. Ph: <b>5671 3333</b>
6.	Face down range, your <b>Arcs of fire</b> are the furthest left hand side (indicate marker or object) and furthest right hand side (indicate marker or object) of the range. Your individual arcs of fire are no further than the left hand side of the target and the right hand side of the target you are engaging. No firing outside these arcs of fire at anytime. (Show Arcs of fire)
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RO to ensure <b>Red Flags</b> are displayed (entry &amp; butts).</li> <li>• No vehicle access signs to be displayed.</li> <li>• RO to provide Safety Briefing.</li> <li>• Loading/unloading is only to be <u>undertaken on firing line</u>.</li> <li>• Firearms are only to be pointed down range. (eg. towards the target)</li> <li>• Firearms <b>must be cleared by scorer or check scorer</b> prior to leaving the mound (ensure the bolt is removed prior).</li> <li>• Any person may make a '<b>cease fire call</b>' if they become aware of a breach of safety or any danger is observed, for example trial bike rider or bush walker.</li> <li>• Any persons can immediately cease all firing by verbal command ie. <b>STOP!</b></li> <li>• Upon a <b>cease fire</b>, firearms are to be unloaded and bolt removed.</li> <li>• <b>Safety is to be emphasised.</b></li> </ul>
8.	If any <b>weapon misfires</b> , jams or malfunctions, do not turn around, maintain muzzle safety and carry out the appropriate action to rectify the problem.  If unable to rectify, raise your reaction hand to gain the attention of RO.
9.	<b>Toilets</b> are located at the 600 yard mound.
10.	<b>No smoking</b> allowed in any area of the range.
11.	<b>Ear protection</b> will to be worn by all personnel on this range.
12.	Are there any <b>questions</b> ?

## Appendix A



From NRAA of Australia member update No. 32, March 2011 ICFRA scoring system The NRAA has approved the adoption of a modified version of indicating scores on ICFRA targets.

ICFRA Targets have been now universally adopted and approved, and a modified version of indicating scores which incorporates Super V's has been approved.

For a full description of the system please see NRAA Standard Shooting Rules at the NRAA website.

SCORING WITH THE SUPER V FOR TR/FS/FO The Super V is marked with a WHITE spotter & the V/6 Marking Disk will be Red for a Super V and Black for a Normal V (Other Colour: V/6—Red spotter; 5—White spotter; 4—Red spotter)

SCORING For TR: Mark the Super V as a "V". (The Same as a Normal V Bull For FS and FO mark the Super V as an "X".

Mark the normal Centre Bull as a "6" POSSIBLE SCORES: TR: 50.10 (Super V marked as a "V" and scored as a Centre Bull) FS & FO: 60.10 (Super V = 6.1) FO: 60.10 (Super V = 6.1)

## Come & Try Information (Appendix B)

[bookingsfcgrc@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsfcgrc@gmail.com)

Phone hours are Monday to Friday 6PM to 8PM

Phone 0488 652 790

RANGE FEES FOR NON VRA MEMBERS	
Discription	
Range fee	\$20.00
Rifle hire	\$10.00
Ammunition	
Cal .223 per round	\$1.50
Cal .308 per round	\$2.00

One detail all inc	
Cal .223	\$48.00
Cal .308	\$54.00

Two details all inc	
Cal .223	\$66.00
Cal .308	\$78.00

Three details all inc	
Cal .223	\$84.00
Cal .308	\$102.00

- Club ammunition must be used in Club rifles.
- A round is one shot
- A detail is 12 rounds
- Detail prices include range fee and rifle hire.
- Only one range fee and one rifle hire is charged per day no matter how many details shot.