



# ON TARGET

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## No work, all Play at Cooyal this time

Our Working Bee was postponed until the New Year—unfortunately the only person with the skills needed to fix the toilets and water systems at Cooyal was crook—so at the moment it looks as if we will do it before the March shoot.

PLENTY OF TIME TO GET IT IN YOUR DIARY!

While thoroughly disappointed at not being able to replace toilet cisterns (hah) Members had to take up their rifles and shoot 200/400/600 and 800 at the buffalo target. Conditions were near perfect; not too hot and a decent breeze.

We scored one point for a hit and two for a heart at all targets except the 800 and some top scores were recorded.

Winner with 46 points, inc 9 hearts, was Gavin Dignam with Ken Hiley 2nd on 37 and seven hearts. Paul McCarthy was third with 33 and 10.

Only one possible was recorded (Gavin on the 400) but Paul put up a nice 15 on the 200 offhand with 15 points (9 hits and six hearts).

The four stages were all shot on the Saturday, leaving Sunday for a one off 500 yard match won by Ken Hiley. Ken managed a clean sweep plus three hearts for a total of 13.

Very enjoyable weekend for all shooters.

**Top: Ken Hiley, who came 2nd in the main shoot and won the Sunday single stage, gets his prize from Bill Sherman. Centre: Gavin Dignam on his way to victory in the main match. Bottom: The Buff target took a beating but 'heart' shots are easy to pick. Good spotters and painting between 'posses' is essential**



WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2018. GOOD SHOOTING

*It is with sadness that we report the death of Club Member Andrew Tuft on 10 November after a long battle with Cancer.*

## **ANDREW TUFT** OAM

Andrew consumed life with Zeal, working in many business ventures and community service through the Berowra Bendigo Bank helping the Berowra community with dozens of projects. Andrew also travelled in 2011 to the cyclone ravished Philippines to help with food relief.

He received an OAM in 1994 for his work training and developing Navy Cadet recruits. Andrew lived life to the maximum with various interests and hobbies such as cooking, shooting, model ship building and astronomy which he learnt as a young seaman. He enjoyed dressing up in military and colonial costumes. Andrew was very generous with his time and ideas in organising and setting up the range for shooting club matches.

He loved getting involved in cooking and one of his signature dishes was corned beef with cauliflower and white sauce which we all enjoyed on several occasions. Andrew was a fearsome and competitive Shooter on the range and enjoyed the sport he loved so much. He never gave up through his 10 year battle with various illnesses and continue with his positive outlook on life and committed himself to all activities. He was larger than life. Andrew will be truly missed.

*Ken Hiley*

## **For the Diary**

**There will be no match in December**

**January is scheduled as a practice weekend at Cooyal. Details later, but the basic plan is that any Member who wishes to do so can practice at the Cooyal Range over the weekend of 27/28 January 2018. The weekend will be self catered . It will be necessary to advise if you intend going as keys etc will be needed to get in. And, as always, at least two people must be on the Range while shooting is underway.**

**The weekend of 24/25 February is the date for next full Cooyal shoot**



**Top: Andrew getting his prize at the 2011 Billy Dixon. Below: BRAA Members at the November Cooyal Shoot held a minutes silence and fired a volley in Andrew's memory**