

# **Hervey's Range Shooting Complex**

## **Development Plan**

**2010 – 2014**



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### **Front Picture:**

*The photograph on the front page depicts a shooter on a concrete firing mound which was funded by the Queensland Government's Department of Sports & Recreation. On the shooter's left is an electronic target monitor, which records the fall of shots on the electronic target system. The electronic target system was funded by the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund*

# Hervey's Range Shooting Complex Development Plan

## PART 1 - PREAMBLE

### Introduction

Hervey's Range Shooting Complex (HRSC) is a multi-discipline range located 30km North West of Townsville on Hervey Range Road. The complex is owned by the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club Inc (TMRC) and is shared with its tenant the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) – Townsville Branch. Consequently a significant number of disciplines are shot at the complex, with many local and regional shooters attending regular competitions on weekends.

Since initial development at HRSC, there has been a continuing requirement to expand the range facilities to accommodate local and regional competitions. In the near future it is planned for HRSC to accommodate State and National level competitions. This planned increase in activity requires a further expansion of HRSC facilities. However, TMRC and its project partner the North Queensland Rifle Association (NQRA), which has obligations to other northern rifle clubs besides Townsville, does not have the financial capacity to fund this expansion without support. Accordingly, TMRC requires assistance provided through Government grants to expand the HRSC to national championship standard.

TMRC is cognizant of Government requirements of sporting clubs to furnish a development plan with funding applications. TMRC has found this requirement not only necessary in meeting Government requirements, but it has also been most useful in clearly identifying TMRC future needs and prioritising these needs. TMRC also notes the importance of completing and acquitting contractual agreements according to agreed timetables.

TMRC has also produced a companion document to its development plan in the form of an environmental plan. This document clearly identifies environmental issues at the HRSC and provides management strategies. Both documents can be found on the Internet at: [www.tmrc.com.au](http://www.tmrc.com.au)

**Guiding Reference.** The Australian Government through its agency the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has compiled guidelines for club management planning and these plans are presented in the form of notes for the guidance of sport clubs. The ASC document carries the title *Club/Association Management Program-Club Planning*.

### Aim

The aim of this HRSC Development Plan is to identify and prioritise range development works in the short to medium term. There is a requirement to have a well defined Development Plan so that both Federal and State Level Grants can be accessed to support these range development works.

## PART 2 – AGREED DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The TMRC Committee has agreed that the objective of the HRSC development works is to:

*Raise the standard of facilities at the HRSC to a national competition standard (NCS), thus ensuring that all North Queensland shooters have permanent access to a range of this standard, whilst also ensuring that TMRC and its partners NQRA and SSAA can host state, national and international events.*

## Development Planning

In order to articulate and prioritise the HRSC development work, two models have been used from the ASC document in compiling the HRSC Development Plan. They are the:

- SWOT analysis, and
- SMART objectives.

## PART 3 - SWOT ANALYSIS

The term SWOT relates to the strengths (S), weaknesses (W), opportunities (O) and threats (T) that an organisation might face. It is a useful model for organisations to use because it readily identifies issues they need to address in order to achieve their goals or objectives.

### Strengths

The Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club Inc (TMRC) is the freehold owner of the HRSC. It is developing the complex in association with its partner organisation the North Queensland Rifle Association (NQRA).

The strengths of the Club are several and varied. The strengths include:

- The Club and HRSC members are positive towards any range development.
- There is sufficient land at HRSC for further development to accommodate all shooting disciplines.
- TMRC is a debt free incorporated organisation.
- TMRC has a competent, energetic and dedicated membership.
- TMRC is committed towards ensuring that the HRSC remains a multi-disciplined shooting complex.
- TMRC has a good relationship with other rifle clubs/organisations throughout Australia.
- TMRC has a strong relationship with local and state authorities and as such is a well respected organisation.
- TMRC's range developments, through well defined and applied development and environmental plans, provides guidelines for other rifle clubs contemplating development programs.

### Weaknesses

The only significant weakness is that TMRC lacks the capital to develop the HRSC to National championship standard.

### Opportunities

The HRSC has a number of significant opportunities:

- HRSC is the only freehold full bore target shooting complex in North Queensland and as such can guarantee access to shooters in perpetuity. Furthermore, it is the only range in North Queensland that has a 900m range, which is essential for NCS events.
- The location of the HRSC is centralised for most North Queensland shooters, which will significantly reduce travelling costs and consequently make it a 'range of choice'.
- TMRC has the support of the entire North Queensland target rifle community in developing its freehold range to NCS on behalf of all northern full-bore target rifle shooters. In the long term the

complex should continue to be developed so that it can better accommodate other shooting disciplines such as pistols, shotguns, sporting shooters and black powder movements some of whom currently use the HRSC.

- HRSC is well removed from urban communities; consequently any development works are unlikely to attract negative community responses.
- The local government in Townsville is well aware of both the HRSC and the Club's desire to improve its current facilities. Consequently it is highly likely that any development work would be supported at the local government level.
- The development of the HRSC to NCS standard will attract a number of visitors to the Townsville region. It is assessed that the number of visitors attracted to the range is likely to have a positive impact on the local community.
- The HRSC complex lends itself to use by other sporting clubs such as Archery. TMRC will be actively seeking further use of the complex by other sporting bodies.

It should be noted that Townsville was the traditional location for North Queensland National Championship Standard (NCS) events from the inception of target rifle shooting in North Queensland in 1885. This situation changed when the Townsville range was closed in 1971 to make way for the expansion of the Australian Army's Lavarack Barracks. In the first instance the relocation of major shooting events from Townsville to Mackay was a temporary measure but it is now some decades since that relocation took place. However, shooters from Cairns, Townsville and Mt Isa have been lobbying for the return of major events to the HRSC since its establishment.

### Threats

There are two key threats to the development of the HRSC. Firstly, the possible lack of Government assisted finance to develop facilities at the HRSC to NCS is considered a major threat. Without Government assistance it is unlikely that any major facility work will continue due to financial constraints.

The second threat is that there is currently only one facility in North Queensland at Mt Vince Mackay with the capacity to host some NCS competitions. This is a military range, which is under threat of closure because it has been identified as being surplus to military requirements. Further, this range lacks a nine hundred-metre range, which is necessary in order to conduct international competitions. The time-line for development at HRSC is linked to likely cessation of the Mt Vince range complex. Should the Government decide to close the Mt Vince range early, then no suitable venue will exist for NCS competitions in the North Queensland region and it may jeopardise any future competitions being held in North Queensland.

## PART 4 – ANALYSIS USING THE SMART OBJECTIVES

A three-year Development Plan has been implemented to bring the HRSC up to NCS. The principles of the plan are based on SMART objectives, that is, they are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound.

### Specific

TMRC has a very clear plan of requirements so that it is able to bring the HRSC up to NCS. TMRC needs to:

- build a new ablution block (**completed**).
- extend the bullet stop, mantlet and firing mounds from eight to fourteen target positions (**completed**).

- replace eight target frames and increase the number from eight to fourteen (**completed**).
- construct shade equipment to protect shooters (**completed**).
- steps have been implemented to reduce erosion at HRSC including upgrading the road network and further work is required to complete the program (**part completed**)
- construct a new administrative facility.
- upgrade the capacity of the electrical network to provide for increasing load requirements including power to caravan sites, club house facilities and electronic targets.
- the installation of electronic targets (**part completed**).
- Concrete the range entrance gate area to reduce erosion and provide better access for disabled and elderly members (**completed**).
- Add a drainage system to the concrete mounds to reduce erosion during the wet season.
- Add additional flag poles to NCS standard.

Seven of the eleven projects were completed by December 2009. Expertise exists within the Club to design and cost the electrical work and gather the necessary information on the administration complex and erosion control methods.

There is an increasing interest in target rifle shooting on the part of youth. This increased interest has its foundations in TMRC's Web site. Many more young people are visiting the range accompanied by parents and grandparents. Some of these young people have elected to become TMRC members; thus youth is emerging as a very important area in growth of TMRC membership. Further, TMRC is implementing programs which are directed at maintaining youth interest.

Whilst the range work will directly benefit the target rifle community, the dining hall and camping facilities can be made available to the public. The HRSC is an ideal site for youth groups who want to enjoy a camping experience, and it should be noted that some youth/sports groups already use the complex for this purpose.

The HRSC also lends itself to being more widely used by other sporting and hobby clubs. Consequently, TMRC is in the process of actively seeking further use of the HRSC by other sporting groups.

### **Measurable**

The extent of the range Development plan can be measured in dollars, labour input and importantly outcomes.

**Completed Works.** The following works have been completed at the HRSC, well on time and within budget:

- **Ablution Block.** The new ablution block was completed in May 2007. It was costed by a registered building contractor/member of the NQRA. The facility, which caters for women, men and disabled persons in separate facilities, also contains a laundry. The cost of the facility was met entirely by NQRA and built with NQRA/TMRC voluntary labour.
- **Range Upgrade.** The range upgrade, that is, the development of the bullet stop, mantlet, firing mounds and target frames (See Fig 1 & 2) is the major component of HRSC's three year Development Plan which spans the period 2007/2010. The work has been carried out in three stages, the first in 2007/08, the second 2008/2009 and the third in 2009/2010. Major stages of the program were costed by quantity surveyors. The Queensland Government's Department of local Government, Planning, Sports and Recreation financed 66% of stages 1 and 2 with the remaining

third being funded by the North Queensland Target Rifle Community through TMRC and its project partner NQRA. Figures 1 and 2 show the completed mantlet, target frames and bullet stop.



Figure 1 - The New Bullet Stop (Left)



Figure 2 - New Target Frames and Mantlet

- **Shade Equipment.** Health authorities campaign to have people protect themselves from sun damage. To this end TMRC has successfully applied to Queensland Health through its Sun smart program for funding. Two portable shade units have been built which offers protection to about eight shooters at any one time. This equipment has proved very popular with shooters, and has increased safe range attendance (from sun burn and heat stress). Figures 3 and 4 provide an insight into how the equipment operates.



Figure 3 – Mound Shade Trailer



Figure 4 – Shooting in the Shade

- **Road Up-Grade.** The north Queensland monsoon season causes considerable damage to TMRC's road network. Sports and Recreation has provided a number of grants to repair and improve roads.
- **Electronic Targets.** In 2009 TMRC successfully sought funding from the Queensland Government Gambling Benefit Fund for the installation of three electronic targets. TMRC also contributed \$10,000 to this project. Since electronic targets have been introduced to the range, there has been a significant increase in shooter attendance (approximately 30%).



Figure 5 – Shooting with Electronic Targets

**Future Works.** The following works have been identified as significant development tasks, in both cost and effort, which are still required in order to raise the HRSC to NCS standard:

- **Club Administration Facilities.** Some 150 competitors from across Australia are likely to assemble at the HRSC as of 2012 for the North Queensland (Queens) Prize Shoot. Once this shoot is established at the HRSC it will be part of an annual program. The HRSC is some thirty kilometres from town and as a result on range facilities are required in order to cater for people. Three quotes have been obtained for the construction of a basic administration facility. This is a simple, robust cost effective type structure, which is well suited to the needs of rifle shooters. The Australian Government in support of the Sydney Commonwealth Games had a larger, but similar designed building constructed at Bendigo in support of the target rifle competition. The proposed Townsville building is modelled on the Bendigo building, which now serves as a model for the entire Australian target rifle community. The use of the administration facility would not be confined to TMRC members alone. The facility would be made available to all clubs who occupy the HRSC site. Importantly, the administration facility would be developed as a 'multi-user depot' allowing a wide range of activities to be conducted, such as:
  - ❖ a training facility, in particular for firearms safety courses, courses conducted by Government departments, community groups and schools;
  - ❖ an administrative centre for the rifle clubs on the range, including the TMRC;
  - ❖ an administrative centre for target shooting community in North Queensland( in particular the NQRA);
  - ❖ a venue for posting championship results;
  - ❖ a facility for use by other clubs and recreation groups;
  - ❖ a facility for use by the wider community (some youth groups already use the HRSC for camping purposes, however, it is expected that greater use of the HRSC would be realised with improved facilities); and
  - ❖ a facility for the sale of drinks and food, including a kitchen for the preparation of food.
- **Electrical System and Power Upgrade:** HRSC's upgrade requirements are well understood in this area, with the upgrade being costed. The upgrade will be used to ensure that suitable power infrastructure is provided to the range complex, ensuring that current and future power requirements can be sustained well in to the future. The development of a club house and

administrative facility will add significant strain on the current infrastructure. The HRSC development will also see the addition of articulated power sights for caravan campers. It should be noted that TMRC would seek to use environmentally friendly power solutions, namely solar energy equipment.

- Comment: The Qld Government is offering \$ through the GCBF and adding that line may help our cause
- **Electronic Targets.** The West Australian Rifle Association used electronic targets at their 2008 State Championships, a first for Australia. Electronic targets are seen to offer several advantages including:
  - ❖ the compilation of fast accurate scores, including spectator monitors;
  - ❖ shooter challenges are nonexistent because of the accuracy of the system;
  - ❖ markers are no longer required resulting in wage savings which will pay for targets over time;
  - ❖ the reduction in markers reduces Club and Government costs in the area of Workers Compensation, noting that there have been no accidents or incidents on this type of range;
  - ❖ equipment is easily transported and stored;
  - ❖ when all fourteen sets of equipment are not required at HRSC for championship events some could be used on other North Queensland ranges; and
  - ❖ the electronic target system is relatively new to full-bore shooting in Australia, consequently it is assessed that it will be a significant attraction for shooters to attend NCS level competitions.

### Achievable

In order to achieve its development objectives TMRC must identify suitably qualified personnel within and outside its own organisation. Within TMRC/NQRA there are three distinct groups of people with the necessary skills to bring the range development program to a successful conclusion and include people with various trade qualifications, project management skills and business skills. These people have indicated their willingness to make themselves available on a voluntary basis up to the conclusion of the work. They have already been involved in the planning and successful construction of the ablution block, target frames, bullet stop, shade equipment, road improvements and electronic targets. They have also been involved in the successful compilation and submission of TMRC's funding application. Importantly, because some people are active in both TMRC and other affiliated shooting clubs/organisations this will mean that the communication between the two partners should progress well leading to a clear understanding of development progress.

TMRC's project management group have also identified and engaged registered construction companies with qualified staff to carry out construction roles. In the case of the range work Civdec Pty Ltd a Townsville based engineering company has been engaged to construct the range additions/alterations. TMRC/NQRA will continue to engage professionally qualified people to undertake further range development. Given that there are suitably qualified people to undertake range developments, it is anticipated that the work will be brought to a successful conclusion, as has been previously demonstrated with the completed projects as outlined above, which were completed on time, on budget and with acquittals also submitted on time.

### Realistic

The planned developments are realistic given that they are designed to effectively meet the needs of the target rifle community while minimising cost. In order to achieve its objectives TMRC must discuss its proposed plan with a range of shooting clubs and associations in the sport. If the objectives of TMRC were unrealistic, then these clubs/associations would not support the HRSC Development plan. In reality there is strong support for HRSC development plan from NQRA and SSAA. This support finds expression in a series of letters from North Queensland Target Rifle Clubs. Copies of letters of support are attached.

The Townsville City Council (TCC) also perceived range developments as realistic. The Council gave formal approval for the extension of the range (see attachment). There is support from the Mayor of Townsville City Council for the range developments. Their letters are attached for perusal.

Based on its funding application the Queensland Government through its Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation (DLGPSR) perceives the development plan as realistic. This conclusion is reached through Sports and Recreation having financed Stage 1 of the project 2007/08 and Stage 2 in 2008/09.

### Timing

TRMC's development program covers the financial years from July 2010 to June 2014. Construction commenced in September 2007 on Stage 1 and finished May 2008. The Development Program has a time specific period for each stage of development. The timetable is presented in Table 1 for the reader's perusal.

**Table 1: HRSC Development Program Timetable**

Task	Completion Date	Comments
Ablution block construction	May 07	NQRA funded (Completed)
Range development – Stage 1	May 08	S&R/NQRA funded (Completed)
Target frames – Stage 1	May 08	S&R/NQRA funded (Completed)
Bullet stop – Stage 2	June 09	S&R/NQRA funded (Completed)
Electronic Targets (Stage 1)	Dec 09	Gambling Fund/TMRC funded (Completed)
Administration Facility Construction	December 10	Funding required
Concrete Range Entrance	December 10	Completed
Electrical upgrade & power installation	June 11	Funding Required
Electronic targets (Stage 2)	June 11	Funding Required
Erosion Control in waterways/roads	December 14	Part Completed
Erection of additional flag poles	March 2012	Funded Internally
Drainage for Mounds	September 2010	Funded Internally

There is sufficient flexibility in the program to cope with unforeseen events such as extended wet seasons. TMRC also considers the development program realistic and achievable because the Club's needs are well researched, it has been or will be carefully costed and connected to appropriately skilled labour sources.

## PART 5 – AGREED DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

A recent Meeting of the TMRC Committee, it was agreed to action the following development tasks (Table 2) in priority order:

**Table 2: Prioritised Development Tasks**

Task	Completion Date	Comments
Administration Facility Construction	December 09	Funding required
Concrete Range Entrance	December 10	Funding Required
Electrical upgrade & power installation	June 11	Funding Required
Electronic targets (Stage 2)	June 11	Funding Required
Erosion Control in waterways/roads	December 14	Funding Required
Erection of additional flag poles	March 2012	Funded Internally
Drainage for Mounds	September 2010	Funded Internally

**Site Map**

A map detailing the proposed locations of the prioritised development tasks is enclosed.

**Consultation**

Consultation with the following bodies has occurred:

- TMRC Committee and Development Working Group;
- HRSC Management Group;
- NQRA Council;
- Local Mayors, as well as local members of State and Federal Parliaments.

**Supporting Documentation**

The following supporting documentation is enclosed:

- Thuringowa Council Development Letter of Approval;
- Letters of support; and
- Proof of Ownership.

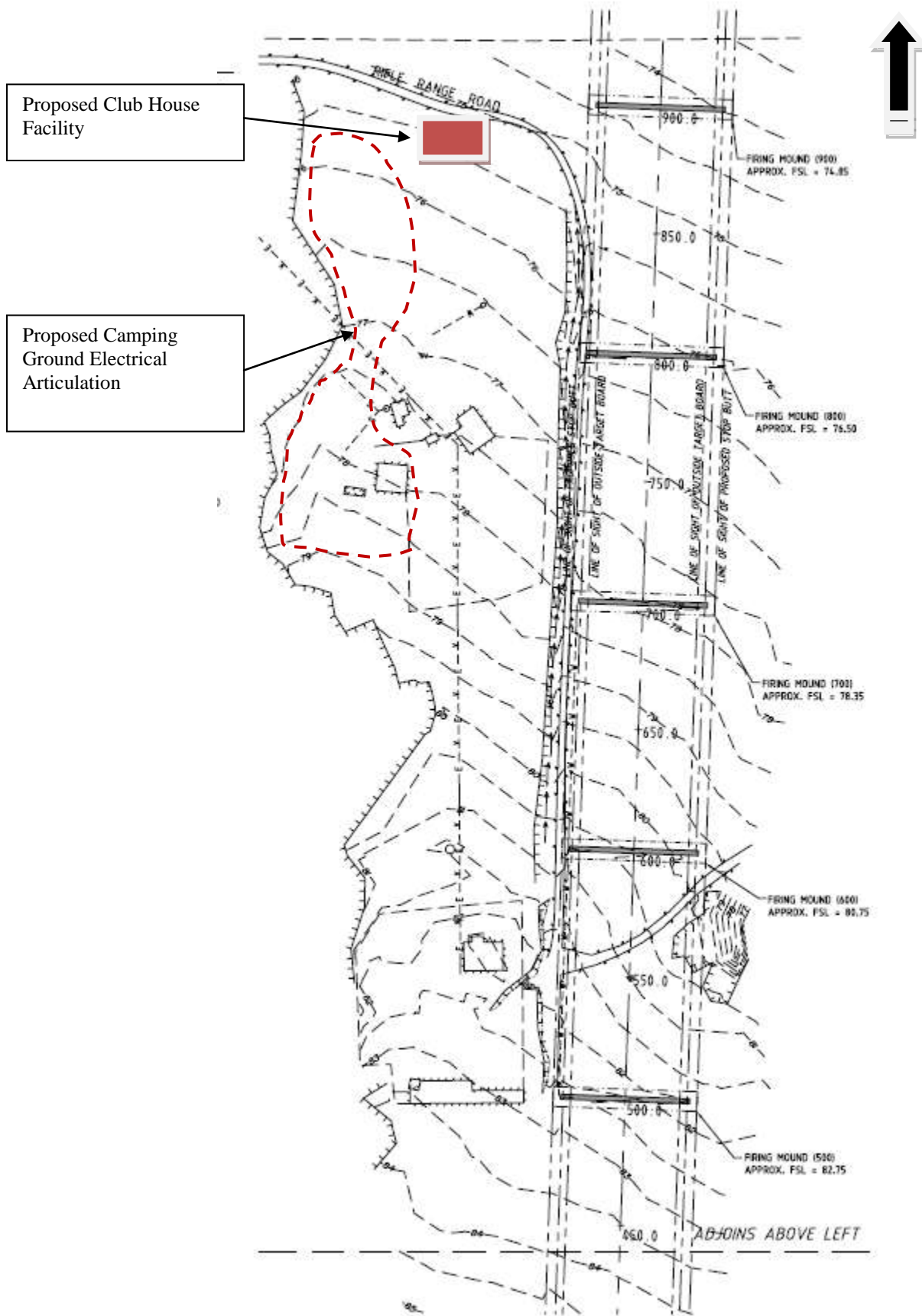
## **PART 5 –CONCLUSION**

This plan is critical to the successful development of the HRSC into a facility that is capable of hosting state, national and international level shooting competitions. Where possible, TMRC will continue to seek funding from both State and Federal Governments to ensure that this outcome is achieved. It has been demonstrated that the HRSC program has been well planned and costed. The project has strong regional shooting community, local authority and business group support. It also has the support of local Federal and State members of Parliament.



**Jason KUCHEL**  
Club Captain  
Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club

## Enclosure 1 – Proposed Range Layout



## Enclosure 2 – Letters of Support



Date >> 25 May 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

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### TOWNSVILLE MARKSMEN RIFLE CLUB INC – LETTER OF SUPPORT

It is my pleasure to offer support to the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club in their application to the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund to erect an administration centre at their grounds at Hervey Range Road. The structure will be of an industrial type building modelled on a similar building used for the shooting program associated with the 2007 Commonwealth Games in Sydney.

The sport of target rifle shooting has a long and safe history in North Queensland and Australia, and club members maintain that proud tradition. It is well known locally that the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club is one of the oldest sporting clubs in North Queensland and has produced some of Australia's finest international marksmen.

The club's range facility is the largest fine rifle shooting facility north of Rockhampton and plans to develop and improve facilities will benefit future generations. This is particularly important as it is forecasted that the population of Townsville will continue to grow strongly well into the future which will result in a demand to access high standard sporting facilities. The foresight of past club officials to establish a rifle range on club owned freehold land is significant and guarantees the longevity of the sport of target rifle shooting regionally.

The Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club will be hosting the National Ladies Teams Championship and the Field Class National Teams Championship in 2012, and having first class facilities will not only showcase the Club but also the city of Townsville.

I strongly support the club's application and wish them all the best in their endeavours in developing first class national and international facilities.

Yours faithfully

**Les Tyrell OAM**  
Mayor of Townsville



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9<sup>th</sup> July 2008

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am delighted to be able to provide a letter of support to the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club.

The Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club is the only freehold rifle range in North Queensland and the club has been in existence since 1885. This club is applying for funding to improve the facilities and bring the range up to State and National Championship level.

This club would certainly be one of the oldest sporting clubs in Townsville/Thuringowa. It is also the home club of Commonwealth Gold and Silver Medallist, Mr Bruce Scott. Such awards certainly prove the value of such a club for the local community.

The upgrading of the rifle range will help ensure that major championship events can be held locally. These events attract shooters from all over Australia and this will assist not only our local economy but it will also provide competitors, who will travel from all over Australia, with outstanding facilities.

I sincerely wish this club every success with this application. This club has been self sufficient for over 100 years and has a long history of service in the Townsville/Thuringowa community. The clubs contribution has not had a positive effect locally but also nationally by providing our country with Commonwealth Gold and Silver medals.

Yours sincerely

HON CRAIG WALLACE MP  
 MEMBER FOR THURINGOWA  
 MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER  
 MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND

A new voice. A fresh start for Thuringowa



**PETER LINDSAY MP**  
*Federal Member for Herbert*

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26 June 2008

**To Whom it May Concern**

I write in support of the **Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club** who is applying for funding through *Queensland Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation*.

The Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club was established over one hundred and twenty years ago in 1885 and has had an active membership since then to the present day. The club has in the past maintained its own range and premises without the need for outside funding, and is the only freehold range in North Queensland.

The club is now addressing the need to upgrade the range and its facilities to bring it up to State/National standard, and is working very hard to achieve this.

The Club now requires funding to complete Stage 2 of its three-year development program.

I am very pleased to support the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club in its application for funding for this second stage of its development program, and wish the Club every success in these endeavours.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Lindsay'.

**Peter Lindsay MP**  
**Federal Member for Herbert**



## *Thuringowa Chamber of Commerce*

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To Whom It May Concern:

### **Re: Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club – Funding Application**

The Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club has had a long association with Thuringowa and a Championship standard range would attract shooters from all over Australia to our region.

The clubs location is well removed from the urban community and as such does not cause noise pollution problems. The land that the club is located on is free hold land, which ensures that both present and future North Queensland residents would have access to a Championship standard range if the planned work progresses.

This is the first occasion on which the club has applied for funding, and whilst the club can make a financial contribution to bringing the facility up to a State/National standard, the total costs are beyond its financial capability.

We ask that the Club's application is considered favorably because of its past self sufficiency, its long history and for benefits that will flow to the community.

Yours sincerely

Thuringowa Chamber of Commerce



8 March 2007

Mr Bernie Davis  
Project Coordinator  
Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club  
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Dear Mr Davis

Thank you for your email dated 5 February and my apologies for the delay in responding.

Townsville Enterprise, as the peak economic development and marketing organisation for Townsville, Thuringowa and the North Queensland region, does undertake a number of projects to secure investment into our region and also attract tourists from key markets into our region.

While we are not usually actively involved in the development of local sports facilities, we encourage you in your endeavours to attract investment into your facilities to assist in hosting and attracting competitors from other regions.

From both economic and profiling perspectives, state, national and international sports events are welcomed into our cities and region. I attach a copy of a Tourism Queensland report as further background. Further statistics and information can also be found at [http://www.tq.com.au/fms/to\\_corporate/research/fact\\_sheets/sports\\_events\\_tourism.pdf](http://www.tq.com.au/fms/to_corporate/research/fact_sheets/sports_events_tourism.pdf)

I wish you success with your lobbying for financial support for your Club.

Yours Sincerely

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

This letter is provided in support of the Townsville Marksman Rifle Clubs' application for funding under the Minor Facilities Program for 2008.

For many years the North Queensland Championships have been held at the Mount Vince Rifle Range in Mackay. This rifle range is owned by the Department of Defence and advice has been recently received that the range is surplus to Defence needs. It is expected that the range could be sold off and therefore it is critical that another more secure facility be identified and developed as a focal point for shooting in the North.

The Townsville Marksman Rifle Club is the premier Club in North Queensland having been established in 1885. As such is critical to the development of shooting in the North of the State. Townsville is central to the North Queensland area and is therefore considered to be the best location for the conduct of Championships in the future. The range area is freehold providing secure tenure for future generations.

It is requested that favourable consideration be given to the Clubs' application.

Yours faithfully



**Rex A Wigney**  
Executive Officer



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Wednesday, 21 February 2007

Bruce Scott  
Secretary  
Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club Inc  
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Dear Bruce,

Thank you for updating the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of Australia (NRAA) on your club's plans to seek funding assistance to upgrade the Townsville Rifle Range to international standard. The Board is delighted to be able to provide a letter of support to the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club in pursuing this worthy goal.

The Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club is the only freehold rifle range in North Queensland and the club has been in existence since 1885. The club is important to the network of clubs in Australia and critical to the North Queensland Rifle Association as it is the largest club in the North. The Board notes this is the first time in the history of the club that they lodged a funding application however the need to improve the facilities to bring the range up to State and National Championship level has made the decision to now apply for financial assistance essential. Upgrading the Townsville Range and its facilities is timely as Mt Vince (Mackay), the other significant range in North Queensland, is controlled by the Department of Defence and ongoing access by civilian rifle shooter is not guaranteed.

The Townsville marksmen Rifle Club would certainly be one of the oldest sporting clubs in Townsville/Thuringowa. It is also the home club of Commonwealth Gold and Silver Medalist, Mr Bruce Scott. Such awards certainly prove the value of such a club for the local community.

The upgrading of the rifle range will help ensure that major championship events can be held in North Queensland. These events attract shooters from all over Australia and it is important that competitors are provided with outstanding facilities.

The Board wishes the club every success with this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Berry'.

Catherine Berry  
Executive Officer

For sent by : 879606557

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71 Broomeville Drive  
Beaconsfield Qld 4740

4<sup>th</sup> September 2007

The Administration Officer  
North Queensland Rifle Association Incorporated  
288 Boundary Street  
South Townsville Qld 4810

Dear Sir

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE HERVEY'S RANGE SHOOTING COMPLEX IN TOWNSVILLE**

I wish to confirm that the Mackay District Rifle Association supports the initiatives of the North Queensland Rifle Association and the Townsville Marksmen Rifle Club to develop the range and facilities on the Hervey's Range Shooting Complex in Townsville to the extent necessary to host National competitions.

Yours faithfully



Henry Minchewald  
President  
Mackay District Rifle Association Incorporated

## Enclosure 3 - Proof of Ownership

Thuringowa City Council  
PO Box 86  
THURINGOWA CENTRAL QLD 4817

Offices:  
Administration Building  
Thuringowa Drive  
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Monday to Friday

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INCORPORATED  
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### Rate Notice

Account No.	37093
Assessment No.	3709
Date of Issue	27/08/2007
1st Half Year 2007/2008 Commencing	1/07/2007
Payment Due By	28/09/2007
Total Amount Due	\$ -421.85
Discount	\$ 87.15
Net Amount	\$ -509.00

Property Location and Description  
RIFLE RANGE ROAD HERVEY RANGE QLD 4816  
LOT 1 RP 730808 PAR HERVEY

Description	Rate/Charge	Half Year Amount
Brought Forward Balance		\$ -1002.86
CATEGORY 5 RETAIL/BUSINESS	77000 @ 0.01509100 P.A.	\$ 581.01
	Total Current Charges	\$ 581.01
	Total Due	\$ -421.85
	Less Discount	\$ 87.15
	<b>NET AMOUNT PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE 28/09/2007</b>	<b>\$ -509.00</b>

Payments received after 28/08/2007 not included in this notice.

Record Transaction No Here



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## Enclosure 4 – Certificate of Incorporation

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Postal:  
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ALAN WILSON  
CNR WICKHAM ST & THE STRAND  
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

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**QUEENSLAND**  
Associations Incorporation Act 1981  
Section 17

Form 15

Incorporation Number: IA15833

### Certificate of Incorporation

This is to certify that

**TOWNSVILLE MARKSMEN RIFLE CLUB INCORPORATED**

is, on and from the thirteenth day of October 1995  
incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

Dated this thirteenth day of October 1995



Delegate of Director-General



## **Enclosure 5 – Auditors Report**

(Issued as a Separate Document)