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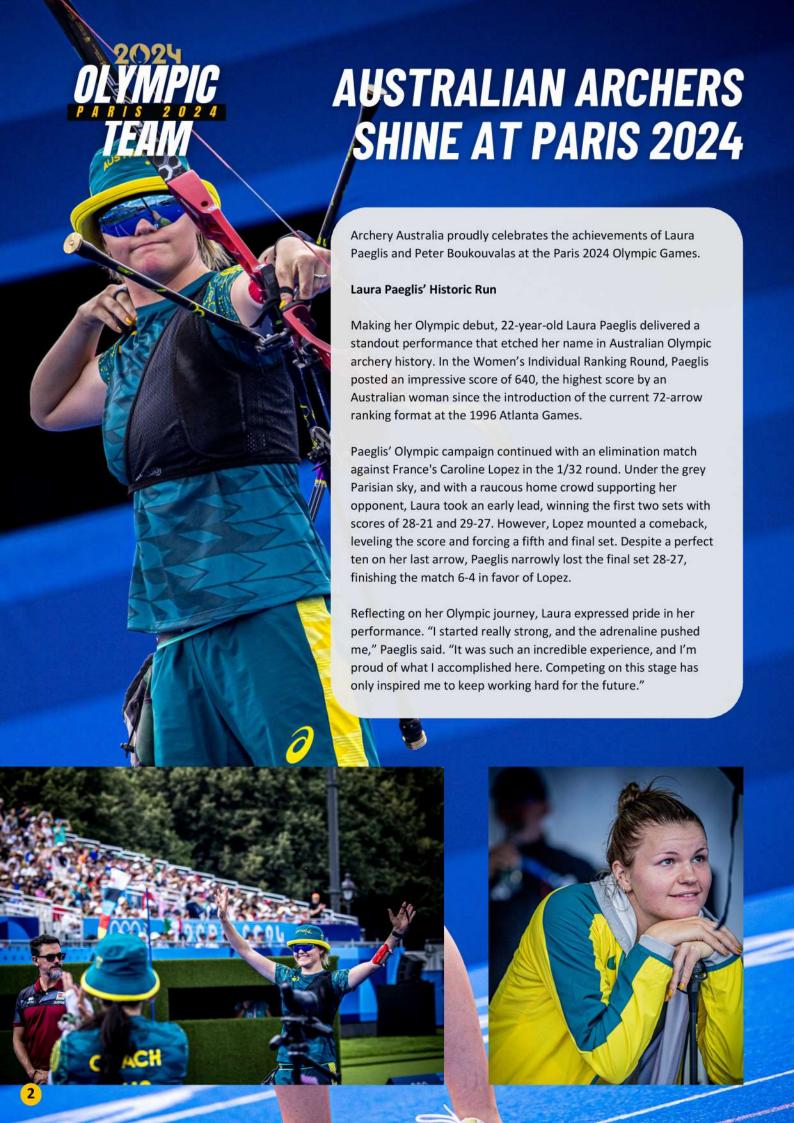


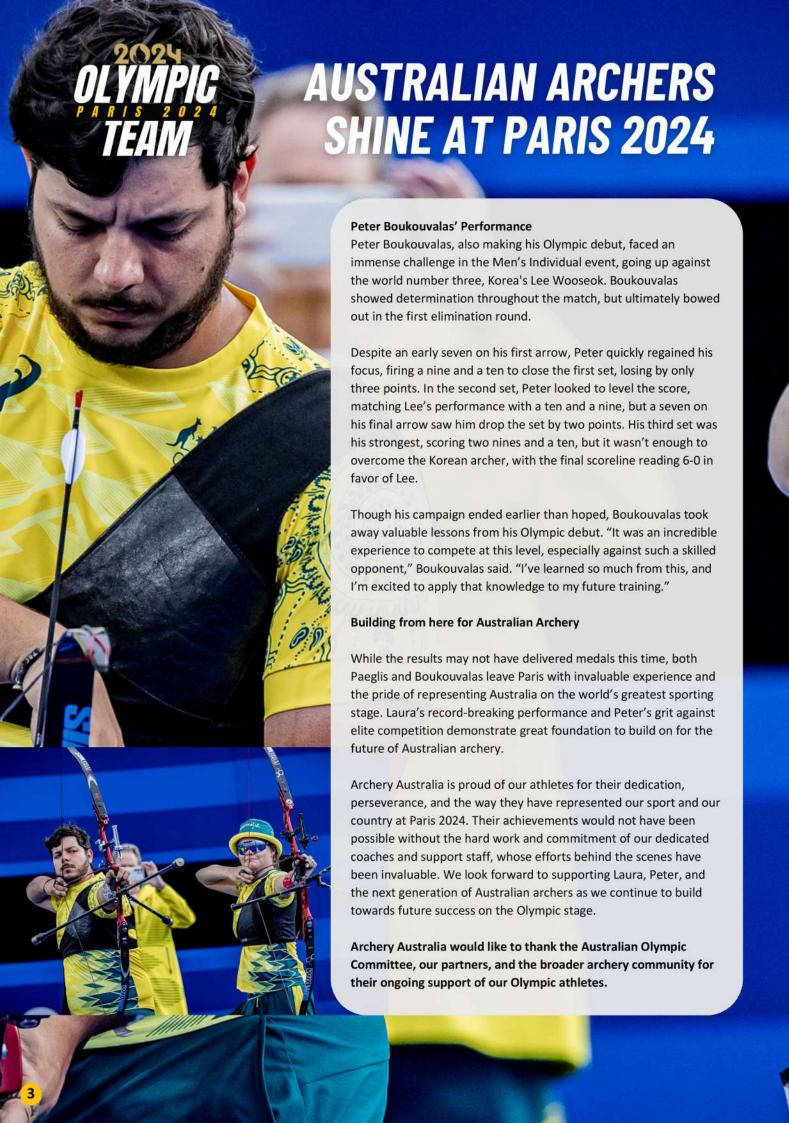
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## PARALYMPIC TEAM

# ARCHERS ON TARGET: AUSTRALIA'S PARA STARS HIT NEW HEIGHTS

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games witnessed Australia's Para-archers delivering next level performances, representing our nation with determination, skill, and sportsmanship. The Australian team, featuring Taymon Kenton-Smith, Patrick French, Melissa-Anne Tanner, Amanda Jennings, Jonathon Milne, and Ameera Lee, gave their all on the global stage, making Australia proud.

### Taymon Kenton-Smith – Pushing Boundaries in the Men's Recurve Open

Taymon Kenton-Smith, known for his vibrant personality and competitive spirit, provided an electrifying presence in the Men's Recurve Open. Ranked 23rd after the ranking round, Kenton-Smith faced some of the world's best. His victories over higher-ranked opponents, including a stunning defeat of the world number one, demonstrated his ability to perform under immense pressure. Although he narrowly missed out on a podium finish, his journey captured the hearts of many, proving that his resilience and talent make him a standout on the world stage.

#### Patrick French - Battling Through the Elements

In the Men's Compound Open, Patrick French faced unpredictable weather conditions in his 1/16 elimination round against Indonesia's Ken Swagumilang. Despite torrential rain and narrow margins, French showcased his focus and ability to shoot consistently under pressure. His loss by just two points was a testament to the tight competition, but French remained upbeat, emphasising his pride in his performance and his role in supporting his teammates throughout the competition.





## ARCHERS ON TARGET: PARALYMPIC TEAM AUSTRALIA'S PARA STARS HIT NEW HEIGHTS Melissa-Anne Tanner - Rising to the Challenge Melissa-Anne Tanner, ranked 23rd after the ranking round, pulled off a significant win against Costa Rica's Maria del Pilar Riveros, ranked 10th, in the 1/16 elimination round. Her victory, secured with a 137-133 score, highlighted her ability to rise to the occasion. Although she was eventually edged out in the 1/8 elimination round by Phoebe Paterson Pine of Great Britain, Tanner's performances were a highlight of the Games. Amanda Jennings - A Journey of Growth Amanda Jennings' participation in the Women's Recurve Open demonstrated her growth as a competitor. Jennings ranked 16th in the ranking round, and while she faced tough competition in the elimination stages, her commitment to following her process shone through. Her partnership with Taymon Kenton-Smith in the Mixed Team Recurve event was a showcase of teamwork and determination, with both archers putting forth great efforts against higher-ranked opponents.





#### Whats it like to be an Australian judge at the Paralympics?

Alison's first Paralympic Games as a judge was an unforgettable experience, filled with unique challenges and opportunities. The atmosphere at the Games was unlike anything she had encountered before. The alternating matchplay format, which differs from the process at the World Championships, kept the competition dynamic and fast-paced, with a total of 184 matches. For Alison, the experience of being part of such a prestigious event was not just about the technicalities of judging but also about witnessing the determination and resilience of the athletes, which made the Games truly special.

Reflecting on her journey, Alison acknowledges the honor and privilege of being a Paralympic judge, a role she never imagined when she first started archery. Her dedication to the sport has taken her around the world, allowing her to see some of the best archers compete on the global stage. Through her travels, she has built lifelong friendships and visited remarkable places. Alison's contributions to archery have been invaluable, and her passion for the sport continues to inspire those around her. Her journey stands as a testament to the opportunities that archery provides, and the pathways that can unfold for those who dedicate themselves to the sport.

In addition to Alison's experience at the Paralympic Games, Susanne Womersley represented Australia as a judge at the 2024 Olympic Games. With her extensive background in officiating at international competitions, it is fantastic to see both judges representing Australia at the highest level of our sport.

### AUSTRALIA'S BEST-EVER PERFORMANCE AT THE WA FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAC LA BICHE

The 2024 World Archery Field Championships in Lac La Biche, Alberta, Canada, saw Australia's finest field archers take on some of the world's most challenging terrain and come away with **1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals**—the best results an Australian team has ever achieved at this event.

The championships, held from September 16 to 22, brought together the world's top field archers. The Australian team entered the competition well-prepared and determined, and their hard work in the days leading up to the medal matches played a crucial role in the team's overall success.



#### **Days of Competition and Preparation**

In the early rounds of the competition, the Australians faced tough conditions across varied and challenging field courses. The archers had to navigate uneven terrain, shoot over unmarked distances, and adapt to unpredictable weather, which is the nature of field archery. Despite these hurdles, the Australian team remained focused, with many of our archers posting personal bests and breaking national records.

**Lexie Feeney** set a new personal best in the **Open Female Recurve** division and smashed the national tournament record for the unmarked field with a score of 350. **Alban Thornycroft** fought through illness to break the national tournament record in the **Under 21 Male** Compound with a **399**. Performances like these highlighted the team's resilience and determination, setting the stage for the later rounds.

In the **U21 Male Barebow** division, **Hugo Lobb** and **Judah Holmes** advanced to the quarterfinals with strong performances, while **Christopher Jackson** in the **U21 Recurve** division pushed through the 1/8 round to make it to the **semifinals**. The Open Male Recurve category saw **Ryan Tyack** battle his way through to the **gold medal match** after a series of tight eliminations. Team events also played a key role in Australia's success. The Women's Team of **Alyssa Mollema, Lexie Feeney**, and **Nicky Fairweather** put up a strong fight in their quarterfinals, defeating France to move into the semifinals before being narrowly defeated by the top-seeded Italian team. Similarly, the **U21 Male Team** of **Alban Thornycroft, Christopher Jackson**, and **Hugo Lobb** advanced to the finals after a commanding victory against Romania in the semifinals.

#### **Medal Performances**

As the competition moved into the final days, the Australians were well-positioned across multiple divisions for medal success.

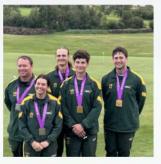
The **U21 Male Team** faced Czechia in the Gold medal match, where they delivered a standout performance to secure a decisive victory, becoming **World Champions**. This **gold** added to Hugo's personal tally, as he also secured a **Bronze** in the **U21 Barebow** division after a close match against teammate **Judah Holmes**.

In the individual events, **Christopher Jackson** took home **Bronze** in the **U21 Recurve** division after a strong start and a steady performance throughout the match against an opponent from Czechia. His consistent shooting in tough conditions was a credit to his preparation and focus.

In the **Open Male Recurve** division, **Ryan Tyack** faced off against Paris Olympics Silver medalist Brady Ellison from the USA in the Gold medal match. Despite a strong challenge, Ryan secured a **Silver medal** after a closely contested final. He also teamed up with **Lexie Feeney** in the **Mixed Recurve Team** event, where the pair defeated several higher-ranked teams on their way to a **Silver**.

**May Hu** represented Australia in the Barebow Women's division, competing in her first international event. May's incredible rise in the sport, having only started archery two years ago, culminated in a strong performance throughout the week, and she finished a commendable **4th place** in the world after a hard-fought Bronze medal match against an Italian competitor.









#### A Historic Achievement for Australian Archery

The final results of **1** Gold, **3** Silver, and **2** Bronze medals at the World Archery Field Championships represent the best-ever performance by an Australian team at this event. The team's hard work in the lead-up to the championships, combined with their perseverance during the competition, has set a new benchmark for Australian field archery.

In addition to the medals, the Australian team has also secured multiple quota spots for the World Games, ensuring that Australia will continue to compete on the world stage in future events.

#### **Moving Forward**

The results in Lac La Biche reflect the growing strength and depth of talent in Australian archery.

We would like to extend our **congratulations** to all the athletes, coaches, and support staff for their efforts and achievements. The Australian Archery Team's success at the World Archery Field Championships is a testament to the dedication and commitment of everyone involved.

Stay tuned for further updates as we continue to follow the journey of our athletes on the international stage.





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## NATIONAL PATHWAYS SQUAD COMPLETES INTENSIVE CAMP AT QAS

The National Pathways Squad (NPS) recently wrapped up an intensive training camp, with 27 athletes and 8 coaches from across Australia converging at the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) for a week focused on sharpening competition preparation skills. With a heavy emphasis on development and readiness for the upcoming international season, this camp was crucial for athletes aspiring to represent Australia on the global archery stage.

The camp provided a comprehensive program covering essential areas such as goal-setting, competition planning, equipment management, and recovery strategies. Each session was designed to push the athletes beyond their comfort zones and help them fine-tune their skills under the guidance of highly experienced coaches.

A standout feature of the camp was the opportunity for athletes to compete in a Qualifying and Ranking Event (QRE). This event served as a practical application of the techniques and strategies learned throughout the camp, simulating real-world competition pressure. Athletes were encouraged to utilize the mental and physical skills developed during the training sessions to perform at their best.

The NPS camp allowed athletes to refine their technical abilities and also strengthen their mental approach to competition, setting them up for success in the upcoming season. The camp fostered camaraderie among athletes and coaches, reinforcing a supportive and high-performance environment.

This camp marks another important milestone in the progression of our pathway athletes, with many showing promising signs of growth and readiness for international competition.













Check out archeryauschampionships.com for all the latest updates and information about the event, including:

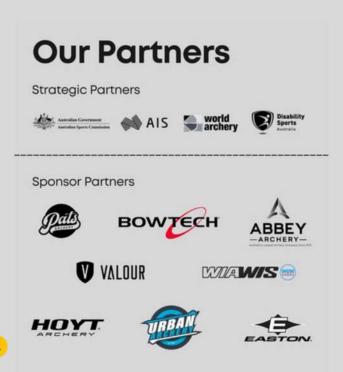
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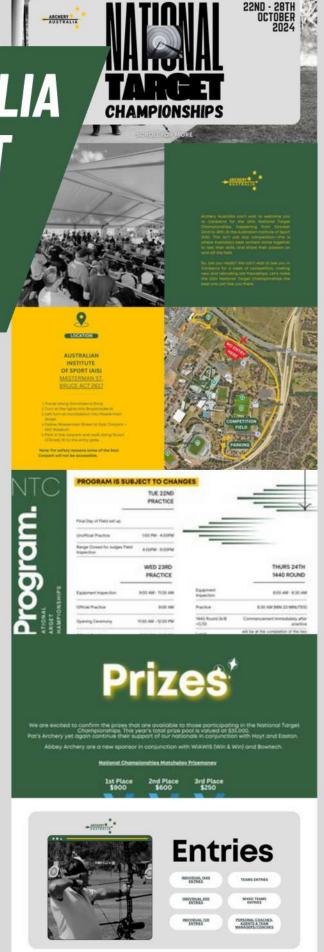
- Starting Lists
- **RGB Teams**
- Field Location Map
- **Our Amazing Sponsors**

#### Stay tuned for upcoming updates, including:

- **Target Allocations**
- **New Sponsors**
- Complete List of Prizes & Awards
- **Best All-Round Archer Standings**
- **Lunch Orders**

We'll keep you posted as we track closer to the tournament!











## 불GREEN AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST EVER TALENT SEARCH

#### Archery Australia Joins the Australian Sports Commission's Future Green and Gold Campaign

Archery Australia is part of the Australian Sports Commission's Future Green and Gold campaign, an exciting national initiative designed to discover and nurture the next generation of Australian athletes with the potential to represent the nation in future Olympic and Paralympic Games. The campaign is a nationwide talent identification program, calling on young athletes to submit their details online for consideration in state-based testing. As part of this campaign, the Australian Sports Commission is helping to identify athletes with the talent, drive, and determination to succeed in archery, focusing on identifying future Olympic and Paralympic representatives. After submissions close, selected athletes will be invited to attend state-based testing sessions.

#### How to Get Involved:

Athletes interested in participating in the Future Green and Gold campaign can complete the online form available on the ASC website. Form: <a href="https://www.ausport.gov.au/talent">https://www.ausport.gov.au/talent</a>

This is a unique opportunity to become part of Australia's future Olympic and Paralympic archery teams. If you or someone you know has the potential to compete on the world stage, now is the time to step forward. For further details, including updates on testing dates and the submission process, visit the Future Green and Gold page on ASC's website.

State	Testing dates	Campaign dates (note: these may move slightly)
SA	Olympic – 1 Oct Paralympic – TBC	11 Sep – 29 Sep
QLD	Olympic - 17 Oct Paralympic - TBC	12 Sep - 9 Nov
TAS	Olympic – 7 Dec Paralympic – 23 Nov	1 Oct – 16 Nov
VIC	Olympic – 1 Dec	14 Oct – 24 Nov
NSW	Olympic - TBC  Paralympic - TBC	TBC – waiting on dates of testing to determine campaign start date
ACT	Olympic – 9 Nov Paralympic – 30 Nov	5 Oct – 23 Nov
WA	Olympic - TBC  Paralympic - TBC	16 Sep – 24 Oct
NT	Olympic – 14 Oct Paralympic – 26 Oct	11 Sep – 19 Oct



# VOLUNTEER SUPPORTERS UPDATE

Archery Australia is thrilled to promote the 2024 Sport Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by <u>Volunteering Australia</u>. This prestigious award recognises volunteers who have gone above and beyond to make an outstanding contribution to their sporting club, team, or organisation over the past year, selflessly dedicating their time and effort without financial gain.

Now in its third year, the award will once again be presented at the annual AIS Sport Performance Awards (ASPAs) in Melbourne, celebrating our nation's most dedicated volunteers alongside Australia's top high-performance athletes.

#### **Nominations Now Open**

This year, the nomination process has expanded, allowing local sporting clubs, State and National Sporting Organisations, National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability, and Community Sport Australia Sports Federations to participate. We encourage all archery clubs and RGBs to nominate their outstanding volunteers and recognise the incredible work they do!

Nominate a volunteer today and be part of the movement that celebrates these heroes that forms the foundation of our sport of Archery!

Nominate now!

**LINK HERE:** 

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SPORT PERFORMANCE AWARDS

2024 SPORT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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#### Keeping Integrity at the Forefront with Sport Integrity Australia

At Archery Australia, we are committed to promoting a culture of integrity across all levels of our sport. To support this, we are introducing a regular section in our newsletters to highlight key resources and updates from Sport Integrity Australia (SIA). These resources are designed to assist athletes, volunteers, and club members in maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct and safeguarding within sport.

SIA provides a comprehensive suite of educational tools, including e-learning courses, videos, webinars, and mobile apps. These resources cover a wide range of important topics, such as anti-doping, child safeguarding, whistleblowing, and complaint handling. All of these are freely available and easily accessible on the SIA website, and we strongly encourage all members of the Archery Australia community to take advantage of these valuable tools.

One of SIA's regular initiatives is their monthly webinars, which are open to anyone interested in learning more about maintaining integrity in sport. The upcoming webinars include:

- · Safer Recruitment in Sport Thursday, 17 October
- Identifying and Addressing Inappropriate Behaviour Thursday, 7 November

These webinars provide a great opportunity to gain deeper insights into these critical topics. Registration is free, and recordings of past webinars are also available for those who may have missed earlier sessions.

We believe that by engaging with these resources, our members can actively contribute to fostering a safe and fair sporting environment. For more information on specific topics or to discuss any integrity-related concerns, please reach out to Donna at <a href="mailto:integrity@archery.org.au">integrity@archery.org.au</a>.

Let's continue to work together to uphold the values of integrity in our sport!



For those who have an interest in podcasts, feel free to head onto the link below for SIA's "On Side Podcast".

#### On Side Podcast | Sport Integrity Australia

On Side podcast - hosted by sports broadcaster Tim Gavel. Athletes, coaches, sports executives, administrators & sport scientists discuss issues in sport.

o sportintegrity.gov.au

## DID YOU KNOW?

#### A SNAPSHOT OF ARCHERY AUSTRALIA BY EACH DECADE

From pioneering athletes in the 1960s to the rising stars of today, Archery Australia's journey has been filled with historic moments and achievements. Each decade has its defining stories—Olympic triumphs, Paralympic breakthroughs, and world championship victories. In this special feature, we take you through the highlights of each decade, sharing key milestones that have shaped Archery Australia into what it is today. Follow along in each edition of the newsletter as we highlight a different decade of our rich history

## The 60s

1960s: The Pioneering Years

Australia Takes Aim at the World Stage The 1960s marked the beginning of Australia's rise in archery, with trailblazers breaking through at international competitions.

- 1960 Rome Paralympics: Ross Sutton brings home Australia's first gold in archery
- 1964 Tokyo Paralympics: Roy Fowler and Daphne Ceeney shine, with Fowler taking silver and Ceeney earning a bronze.
- 1969 World Archery Championships: Graeme Telford wins Australia's first-ever World Championship medal, a bronze in recurve.

Spotlight: Ross Sutton

#### Australia's First Paralympic Gold Medalist in Archery

In 1960, Ross Sutton made history as Australia's first Paralympic gold medalist at the Rome Paralympics, paving the way for a legacy of excellence in archery and para-sport. His achievement wasn't just a milestone for Archery Australia; it marked a defining moment for the entire Australian Paralympic movement. Sutton's victory demonstrated the power of perseverance, setting a standard that would inspire generations of athletes.

His contributions live on beyond the archery range. Sutton's family donated his gold medal, along with his bows, arrows, and archery gear, to the Australian Paralympic Committee. This collection is celebrated as one of the most significant pieces in the APC's history, symbolizing the roots of Australia's proud Paralympic heritage.

Stay tuned for more stories from our rich history, as we celebrate each decade in upcoming editions of the newsletter.



## <del>--</del> Win Well awards

## Win Well Award OCTOBER 2024

## Play Well STEVE SLACK

Steve Slack from Tuggeranong Archery Club is our second recipient of the Win Well award, for championing archery as a sport for all.

As a former serving member of the Defence, Steve has been involved with Invictus assisting organising open days in the ACT for 3 years, and has attended Invictus Games as both an athlete and a coach. He always makes an effort to connect new Invictus archers in other states to their local clubs for training and support.

Steve was the engine behind the team that represented at this year's Warriors Games, Which brings together hundreds of military wounded warriors to compete in adaptive sports as part of their recovery journey.

Most importantly for this event he encouraged people who thought that they could not do this to give it a go. Steve champions adaptive archery, creating and modifying equipment, including mouth tabs. He spends countless hours ensuring every archer is able to shoot to their potential.

Steve is also a national judge and is always available to support events - Para and Youth Nationals, and countless trial and camp events at the AIS.

The time and dedication to our sport and in particular to our growing para-community that Steve shows is recognised and celebrated - thank you Steve!

If you want to nominate someone for the Win Well award, email the Athletes Committee at AthletesCommittee@archery.org.au

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## WANT TO HOST AN UPCOMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS?

National Championships	Location			
2025				
National Field Championships	Twin City Archers - Gippsland VIC			
National Youth Championships	Tuggeranong Archery Club – ACT			
National Target Championships	Vacant			
National Para Championships	SOPA – Homebush NSW			
2026				
Open Field Championships	Vacant			
National Youth Championships	Vacant			
National Target Championships	Vacant			
National Para Championships and WAO Para Grand Prix	Vacant			
2027				
National Field Championships	Vacant			
National Youth Championships	Vacant			
National Target Championships	Vacant			
National Para Championships	Vacant			

Please share the following with your clubs and seek their interest in hosting the above.

EOI's will close on the 15th November 2024 and should be sent to

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