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with Beretta Australia

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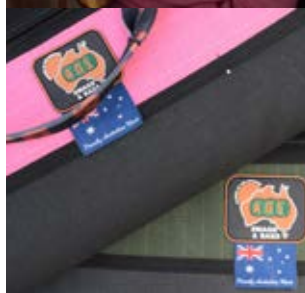
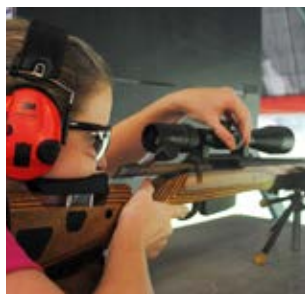
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# Editorial

## Gemma Dunn



We're excited our first edition for the year features our finished custom-made rifle with Beretta Australia. The Tikka .243 WIN shoots as good as it looks and opens up a whole new world in getting a rifle just right for every shooter.

And what good is a rifle if it isn't looked after properly? Aussie Outback Supplies stepped up to provide exactly what a father and daughter wanted in her first cover bag, ticking all of their boxes.

We take you to the most recent SSAA South Australia Girls with Guns – Try Shooting Day, which was an outstanding success that saw many joyously join our Association to get more involved in our sport. And we highlight the 2022 schedule for Victoria's fantastic Women on Target events.

The highest sporting accolade was recently awarded to Paralympic shooter Libby Kosmala OAM so we touched base with her, while Laetisha Scanlan discusses the other end of the spectrum and whether shooting is a dying sport at international level.

*Gemma*

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# Taking aim with Laetisha Scanlan

## Is shooting a dying sport?

Shooting was one of the nine events at the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896. Despite having a rich history from the beginning, the continued cancelling of Olympic shooting events and the introduction of 'modern' sports may lead to the demise of the one we know and love.

I have come across many new faces and members joining gun clubs, seen an increase in junior and women participation and a steady stream of Firearms Licence applications in Australia. However, I can't help but wonder on an international stage, are we seeing the removal of shooting as a recognised sport to make way for less 'controversial' and more visually entertaining options?

Some of you may not know that for the first time in history, shooting sports (rifle, pistol and shotgun), will not be appearing in the (2022 Birmingham) Commonwealth Games program. Up roar from our sporting community, protests

by several Commonwealth nations as well as the governing body (ISSF) fighting for reinstatement, was to no avail. And this is despite the host country sharing a rich history of firearms and success in this area.

Selfishly, I am disappointed by the cancellation, as I would have loved the opportunity to defend my title. More concerning from a bigger picture perspective, the removal of our sport from the Games seems like the beginning of the end for the overall future of what has been a long-standing tradition.

With only two opportunities to compete at multi-sport events every four years, that being the Commonwealth Games and the Olympics Games, it's disappointing that we have lost one of these for this cycle. It's no surprise to you that these events attract large engagement levels, are televised worldwide and have the ability to promote non-mainstream sports to a global audience.

The Games window gives our sport the opportunity to attract new sponsors, change misconceptions and promote our talented athletes but without this platform I fear our sport will inevitably suffer.

While the cancellation decision of shooting sports in Birmingham may stem from a political agenda by the host nation, it does have me concerned for other future host nations following a similar trend in their decision-making process.

At this current time, I cling on with hope – shooting has been included into the Paris 2024 Olympic program and we are optimistic for inclusion into Los Angeles 2028. However, I can't help but think that Birmingham is a cautionary tale of how easily, quickly and unapologetically sports can be erased.



## Women's-only competition

Only female SSAA members are eligible to enter. One entry per member. To enter, simply write your name, address and membership number on the back of an envelope and send it to:

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# Building your best

with Beretta Australia

## Part 2: The results



### Gemma Dunn

Just before Christmas, I received the call. Our custom-made AWS rifle from Beretta Australia was ready to be picked up!

I went to the shop and all of the staff enquired about what I had bought this time (they know me well by now), so I told them all about it. I explained the purpose of the build and how each component was chosen to better suit the female frame and how the stock particularly allowed the gun to be quickly adjusted so that it could also suit a male if there was to be any

sharing involved. Basically, I gave them a verbal rundown of 'Building your best with Beretta Australia Part 1' in Issue 13 of *Australian Women's Shooter*.

I also took the time to explain to them that Beretta Australia performed all of the gunsmithing works on the rifle (aside from the Cerakoting, but more on that later). And this is now a service that they are offering to customers with all brands of firearms and accessories. Yep, even if it's not one of their own makes.



## *First impressions*

So, from there I excitedly took the rifle home to have a closer look and handle it. My first thought was one of pure excitement, I loved it. It felt great in my hands and looked just as impressive.

The Cerakoting colours actually turned out quite different to what I'd seen in the first lot of photos from Beretta Australia. I have to be honest, when they sent over those initial pictures we used in the previous edition, I wasn't sure how much I liked the combination of colours I'd chosen.

However, they assured me that it looked good and different to how it photographed so I was really happy to see that when I had the rifle in my hands, the team at Beretta Australia were right. It did look different from the photos and in person I am so pleased with it.

Secondly, the rifle is a little heavier than I had hoped with the varmint barrels being fluted. Undoubtedly the rifle was going to have some weight to it and I was prepared for this when choosing the varmint barrel.

It is ideal for shooting at the range, which is predominantly what it will be used for, but I did hope that the fluting would reduce the weight a bit more so it would still be suitable for carrying in the field. However, barrel fluting is a tricky thing to get right for a number of reasons and although my main goal was to reduce some weight off the varmint barrel, the gunsmiths at Beretta Australia had a lot more factors to consider.

You see, for fluting to be done correctly the cuts must be highly precise. Each one needs to be absolutely identical to prevent damage to the barrel. If the milling is done with a dull edge, it can create stress risers or weak spots along the barrel. The heating and cooling from shooting can cause the barrel to crack as a result. Poor milling can also cause the barrel to stretch in some areas, which will decrease the accuracy and basically render the barrel useless over time.

utmost importance at the end of the day. Ultimately, having a varmint barrel was my personal choice and although I would still be happy to carry it in the field, it may not be suitable for any women who aren't accustomed to that kind of weight yet.

After my initial inspection at home, it was definitely time to take it out for a spin at the SSAA range. So, for the purposes of testing the build criteria and the interchangeability of the Boyds stock, I grabbed my fiancé Michael and took him along with me.

*My first thought was one of pure excitement, I loved it. It felt great in my hands and looked just as impressive.*

It takes an experienced and highly trained gunsmith to find the balance between all of these factors and it is a testament to the team at Beretta Australia for even being able to offer this level of aftermarket customisation, let alone do it extremely well.

It's important to mention that the fluting done by Beretta Australia isn't anything to be negative about, it's simply their style and possibly their preference to ensure the integrity of the barrel and overall performance isn't impacted, which is of





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The exposed locking turrets on the scope make the process of sighting in the rifle really easy.

## Range time

Just like with any new rifle, we went through the process of sighting it in at 50m and then 100m and testing for the right ammunition (for information on how to do this read my practical piece in AWS Issue 6). It took us a while with the ammunition to find one that had the best grouping, but it took no time at all to sight the rifle in which made it a really fun first time out with the firearm.

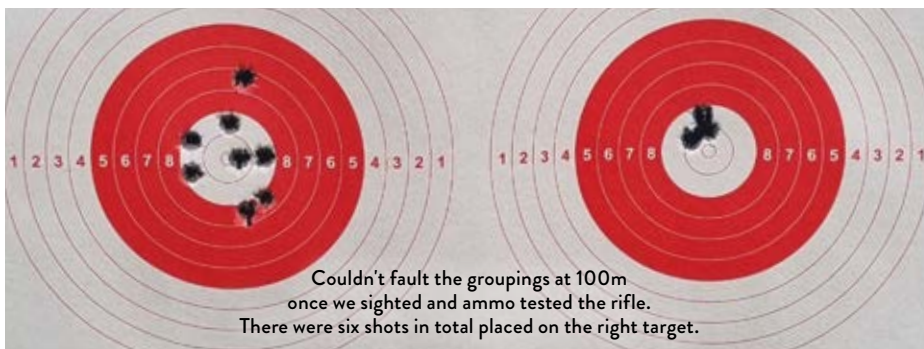
It garnered a lot of interest while at the range, with people asking questions about the build and how it has turned out. The

rifle itself performed extremely well - it is a Tikka, after all. It produced accurate groupings and is comfortable to shoot. The scope was perfect for the application at the range and I am keen to use it at longer distances and in the field to really put it through its paces.

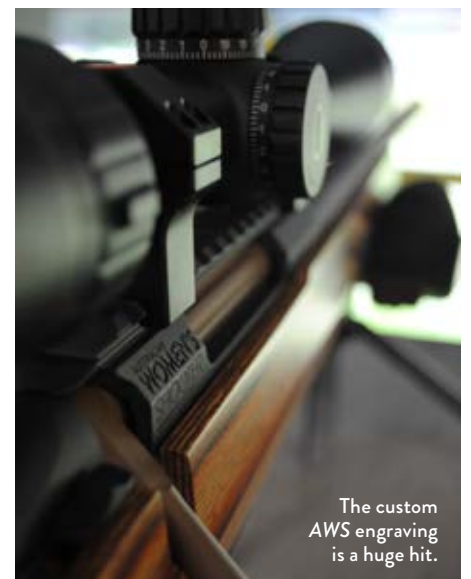
The Lumley Arms extended bolt handle is a dream, and I will look at fitting one to all my rifles in the future. It makes it so much easier to manoeuvre and as a small personal win, I was finally able to flick the bolt back and catch my brass in one

motion like I've always wanted to be able to do.

The fluted bolt and laser engraved Australian Women's Shooter logo offer a really personalised touch that I love about



Couldn't fault the groupings at 100m once we sighted and ammo tested the rifle. There were six shots in total placed on the right target.



The custom AWS engraving is a huge hit.



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## Custom work

Below is a rundown of the custom works done to our rifle by the Beretta Australia team:



- The rifle was fully stripped and both barrel and bolt were manually machined in-house by Byron Young, Beretta Australia workshop supervisor/gunsmith.
- The barrelled action was checked for fit in the Boyds stock, which needed inletting to suit the barrel profile and action area. The stock was also pillar bedded.
- The rifle was then Cerakoted and laser engraved by Tony at Delta Tactical.
- Once all of the machining/fitting/ Cerakoting work was completed, the trigger was adjusted and the rifle fully assembled and tested for function and accuracy (to ensure the guarantee still applies).

this rifle. It's something that just adds that little bit of extra 'wow factor' and it was a real hit on the range when people spotted them. They were often what sparked the conversation about the array of skill sets the Beretta Australia gunsmiths offer.

The stock is really where we felt the most impact while on the range. The quick adjustability features on the Boyds At-One stock are probably my most favourite functionality traits of the rifle. This adaptability was something that really came in handy while we were sighting it in, as it was easy for one of us to jump on the gun and double check the other's handiwork. It made our outing at the range so enjoyable as we knew we didn't have to take and set up two different rifles to spend time together if we didn't want to.

It meant we could learn from each other, really discuss features of the rifle and improve our skills as a team. It was a really different experience for us that we enjoyed immensely.

There are a few things about the Boyds At-One stock that I'd like to see slightly altered though, the main one being the angle of the palmswell/pistol grip. It is angled in a way where you tend to feel the recoil through your wrist near the scaphoid bone and the radius. Rather than have the recoil be equally distributed through your shoulder, arm and upper body while shooting from the bench.

Because of this, I believe the rifle feels more 'jumpy' or 'punchy' in your hands and could, in turn, result in a bit of gun shyness for somebody who isn't quite familiar with it yet. It also doesn't help you follow through with your shot too well, leaving you a bit lost on your target before being able to regain your point of impact through the scope. Boyds do offer an interchangeable hand grip for this stock and I would like to see if the larger grip alleviates this concern, although I don't believe it would be an ideal size for a female generally.

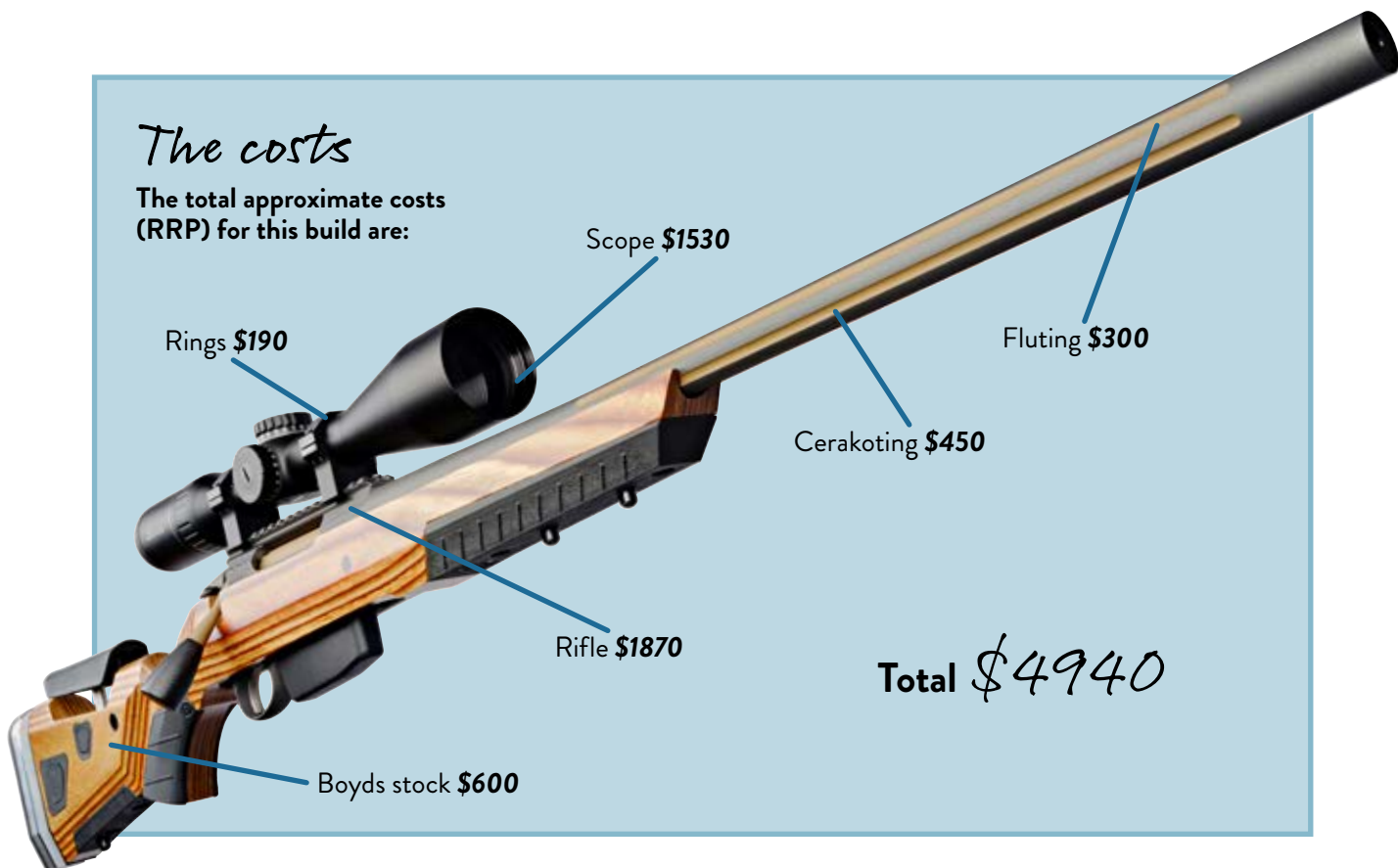


The hand angle of the grip is too much. It needs to be more vertical.



## The costs

The total approximate costs (RRP) for this build are:



The second thing I'd like to see altered is the harsh angles of the stock, in particular the fore-end grip area. Maybe it's just a preference for me and some people out there favour it, but I personally would choose for both grips to be rounded off a little to suit the contouring of a person's hand better.

Lastly, and this is just a minor bugbear and more something to just be wary of, is you can't remove the bolt with the adjustable cheekpiece at any reasonable height for a female. A good tip here, so you can easily

remember your height setting, is to take note of the notched column in the adjustable cheekpiece. There are four notches in total and you should write down/remember which notch setting you are shooting with for next time.

Other than that, the rifle was a delight to shoot and everything I had hoped for when working with the team at Beretta Australia to build it. I had touched on earlier that they have established a new arm of their business to include gunsmithing and customisation for all brands of firearms and accessories. It really doesn't matter what you have, they can help you.

Since this rifle build, Beretta are now including Cerakoting to the list of gunsmithing services they offer

in-house. This is a really exciting time for our industry in Australia as gunsmithing is a true craft that has been honoured and established for many years in Europe but has only just begun to become a popular trade here.

There are a lot of great gunsmiths dotted around Australia but it's nice to see a major distributor putting their hat in the ring. For more information on the custom services Beretta Australia can offer you, contact them via [berettaaustralia.com.au](http://berettaaustralia.com.au) or ask your local gunshop.







**SSAA Victoria are conducting their Women on Target events at various SSAA ranges across the state. There are morning and afternoon sessions for all dates. Please tell your mums, sisters, cousins, aunties and friends to register now and come along and join us. No previous experience necessary!**

Sunday 27 March – Wodonga Range  
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 Sunday 11 June – Warrnambool Range

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For more details, contact Lee-Anne Romans at  
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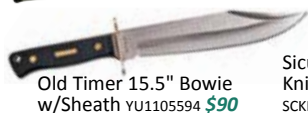
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# Ladies shooting day *attracts capacity crowds and family fun*

Rachael Oxborrow

Excitement filled the air on November 7th last year as groups of women, their friends, children and partners flocked to the SSAA South Australia Girls with Guns - Try Shooting Day.

The COVID-regulated event at the Monarto Shooting Complex was full to capacity as volunteers briefed participants on all related health and safety requirements, including hearing protection (worn but not visible in all pics), before taking them to the range and guiding them through using rifles and handguns with open sights and scopes.

The range featured 11 shooting bays, with 85 steel targets of various sizes at distances from 25m out to 200m. Participants used .22 rimfire, .223 centrefire plus .22 and 9mm handguns. The smiles on the faces of those taking

part and their excited commentary on the experience showed how effective this kind of event is in reaching new shooters.

Among the crowd of eager shooters was Emily Ryder. She was keen to try something new when she signed up for the shooting day. Emily had minimal prior experience with firearms, but this didn't discourage her from taking part.

"I thought this would be something cool to try and I'm really keen to come back again," Emily said.

Bel McKeown knew she wanted to try target shooting and brought her daughter Liliahna with her on the day. Bel said the most surprising part of her experience was how inclusive the sport could be to allow her daughter, who has some additional needs, to take part.

"Lili is interested and wanting to join in, so this is exciting for me," she said.

"This could be something we can do together.

"To find an even playing field where we can shoot together is so great, we will definitely be joining up."

Mum Kristy Osborne brought her children Hailee, Dakota and Max Williams to the range and was pleasantly surprised at how interested everyone was in having their turn.

"I've had a few shots on a shotgun before, but this is my first time on a proper range," Kristy said.

"It is great that we can all come together and have something we can do as a family."





SSAA SA member Nick Halliwell puts Caprice and Anna De Sanctis through their paces.



Emily Ryder shooting confidently thanks to expert advice.

*“People will leave with an understanding of what we do and how safe and family friendly target shooting is.”*

*– SSAA SA President David Handyside*



Liliahna Zechmeister learns from a SSAA SA volunteer on how to aim at her targets downrange.

Anna De Sanctis used the Try Shooting Day opportunity to bring her daughter Caprice along for a shoot.

“I have my Firearms Licence and like to shoot and I’m keen for my daughter to get involved,” she said. “It’s great to be here and share this with her.”

SSAA SA President David Handyside said the interest for the event was overwhelming, with registrations coming quick and early once the event was advertised on social media.

More than 100 people gathered for the SSAA SA Girls with Guns – Try Shooting Day to learn safety, firearms handling and have a go at target shooting.







*“Female members are the fastest growing section of membership around Australia”*

One-on-one coaching from SSAA SA was a great introduction to shooting for Bel McKeown.

“The people who have come along today have shown a great deal of interest in where we go from here,” he said.

“While not everyone who comes along to this event will return to a range again, this is still a great opportunity for us.

“People will leave with an understanding of what we do and how safe and family friendly target shooting is.”

David said they had seen people return to the range after some time, with the come and try opportunities “planting the seed” for people to want to return.

Volunteers from the SSAA Barossa Districts Shooting Club, Adelaide Target Shooters and Precision Shooters donated time and firearms to use on the day, with SSAA SA supplying ammunition and a barbecue lunch.

David said the Association had huge success with holding female Try Shooting events in the past.

“Female members are the fastest growing section of membership around Australia and this is backed up by the sheer amount of interest we’re receiving when we hold these days,” he said.

“They’re the members that bring the family and friends and share our message far and wide.”

David said from the Come and Try Day, the clubs would be looking to support any participants interested in taking their involvement further.

“For someone starting out, knowing where to go and what they need to do can be daunting,” he said.

“Having our members providing the training on the firing line helps tremendously with building relationships and making people feel comfortable to come back and join a club.”



Dakota Williams is given some coaching to use a scoped rifle from the benchrest.



# Aussie Great

## Everlasting Libby handed acclaim on national platform

Dave Rose

The exploits of South Australia's Paralympic shooter Elizabeth 'Libby' Kosmala OAM have long been admired and lauded by followers and fellow practitioners of our sport.

After all, a history of competing in 12 Paralympic Games and picking up 13 medals over the span of four decades is a record that stands on its own. As nine of those medals have been gold, this only adds lustre to Libby's feats.

The 79-year-old rifle shooter may have become used to having awards bequeathed to her in recognition of her achievements, but it seems that the accolades keep rolling in. The latest tribute to evergreen Libby has come with her induction into the 2021 Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

As one of the nation's greatest ever Paralympians, Libby is now rubbing shoulders with various Olympians, as well as former Australian soccer and cricket captains.

Libby, a Para-shooting air rifle competitor, was on the international scene for consecutive summer Games between 1972 and 2016, so her latest helping of respect is richly deserved in a category reserved for the best of the best.

Born in 1942, she was paralysed from the waist down and has never had movement in her legs.

On the sporting front, Libby flirted with participation in javelin, discus then swimming, archery and field events with varying degrees of success. A chance invite to a rifle range in Dry Creek in the early 1970s finally put her on the path to eventual shooting prowess and what happened from that point has been phenomenal.

The 2021 inductees were honoured in a television special aired on the Seven Network on December 2. *Australia's Sporting Heroes and Legends – a Celebration of the 2021 Sport Australia Hall of Fame* put Libby in the spotlight alongside other sporting luminaries.

Libby admits she found her way into the shooting arena almost by accident. Her story was wonderfully chronicled in Issue 7 of *Australian Women's Shooter*.

Her wonderful tale unfolded in the wake of her being earlier regaled by admission to the South Australian Sport Hall of Fame. Now she has taken a further step up the ladder of sporting achievement by being recognised on the national stage.

*"Libby has inspired many athletes to participate in the sport and to pursue their dream of one day competing at the Paralympics."*

"I was told about the award some time ago but had to keep it under my hat until about early November," said Libby.

"There were eight of us inducted from all around Australia, including Anna Meares," said Libby. "But because of the COVID situation, we could not attend any formal function."

"It's such a shame because I would have liked to have met all the others who had been able to share the award."

"Instead, we all had to stay in our own states, but I think the South Australians will be having a lunch."

To formally recognise Libby's new status, she was awarded what she describes as "a magnificent silver and gold medal."



Proud Libby holds up the medal that came with her national award.

"I haven't really been able to show it off to many people just yet," she said.

Her official unveiling also involved a late-night television appearance on Channel Seven. "The actual filming was done in Adelaide and took about four hours," said Libby.

Libby's elevation will be soundly approved by some of the juniors under her watch. Her duties as a mentor are centred around 16-17-year-old girls and 12-13-year-old boys. She has a knack of spotting talent and is happy to guide promising youngsters along the path to future landmarks.

"I still enjoy the coaching," said Libby. "Because the youngsters are so small, they are about my height when I sit down in my wheelchair so they have no choice but to listen to me," she laughed.

Alas, Libby admits her international competitive days are now behind her. "I will be 80 this year and even if I was chosen to compete for Australia I wouldn't travel at this point of my life," she said.

But after all her achievements, she deserves a well-earned rest from such a strenuous schedule. And her love of coaching means she is still keeping busy on the range. Now she has her latest medal to cherish and reflect on an honour that is a fitting epitaph to an outstanding journey.

# Protect what's important

## Aussie Outback Supplies rifle bag ticks all the right boxes

Scott Heiman

If you're anything like me, you have a place for everything, and everything is in its place. This is particularly the case for the firearms that we spend our hard-earned cash on, and that need appropriate storage – to keep them protected and to keep us on the right side of the law.

Most of us know which rifles are stored at the back of our gun cabinet and which are at the front. Some of our firearms may be family heirlooms that we treasure for their sentimental value (sometimes more than for their capability as tools of the trade). So, it is with my firearms cabinet.

Similarly, when my rifles are taken out of storage for use, most have their own gun bag. It's a bit like sleeping bags – “this one's mine and no one else can sleep in it.” I've inherited some of these rifle/gun bag combos across three generations. The bags may now look like tatty old vinyl cases from the 1970s that are falling apart, but they were granddad's and so, to me, they're priceless. Just looking at them makes me think of him.

And so came the day when Li'l Miss asked me when she was going to get her firearms permit. The conversation started with my response: “When you're 12, honey.” But that wasn't the end of things. We then started discussing all the bells and whistles which accompany the shooting sports. Everything was going smoothly until we got to the carry bag.

“Pink!” my daughter Scout squealed. “It has to be pink!” Now, you'd think this requirement might be easy to satisfy in today's world. Well, it would be if you lived in the US. But here in Oz, the selection of pink rifle cases is limited. So began a daddy/daughter internet image search that lasted almost six months.

“That one's too pink daddy,” “that one's got too much black on it” and “I don't like it,” observed Scout while I cast a critical eye over quality and fit for purpose. After all, regardless of my daughter's preferences around colour, I'm not prepared to compromise form over function.

Then, one day, Aussie Outback Supplies (AOS) came up on our search results. Now, I've known of this 100 per cent Australian family-owned company for ages because I own an AOS swag which I've been using for nearly 15 years. I love my

swag's sturdy canvas and it has a reliable zip. So, I wondered whether this company could also make a great gun bag? From the website photos, I could see that the shape of the AOS bags contoured to encompass a scope, rather than having the entire bag bigger so the rifle jostled around inside it. This looked like a great feature that distinguished the AOS product from many others we'd seen. But all the bags we were looking at came in green and black. So, while Scout liked the two-tone effect, she soon piped up with the inevitable question: “Does it come in pink?”


It didn't look that way at first. But, surfing further on the AOS website I noticed that the team *do* make a pink canvas dash organiser. I asked if they would consider making a one-off rifle bag for my little girl? The answer was “Yes!”. When I picked up the phone, the team told me that the company was already looking to expand their custom colour options for all their products in 2022. And, sure, they would be happy to make my daughter a pink rifle bag as a present.

When the bags arrived in the post, I couldn't have been happier with what I saw. As I've said, for me the relevance of colour is always going to pale by comparison to my demand for quality and functionality. We are a hunting family. We travel long distances, on bumpy roads and we don't stop hunting just because it starts raining.




The double lock zip is a handy deterrent.





Memory foam a full inch thick.

AOS rifle bags are built to last and are at home in the bush or on the range.



The handy side pocket is full length and has room for all your bits and bobs. Contoured to form fit and protect what goes inside.

So, let's take a closer look at the specifications of the AOS rifle bags. The outer shell is made from 14oz green Ripstop waterproof and breathable canvas with a panel of 16oz black Ripstop waterproof and breathable canvas along the base for added strength.

Meanwhile, the inner foam layer comprises one-inch-thick high density memory foam covered with a soft-touch cotton inner liner that cradles your rifle while it's stored inside. To access the bag, AOS use a heavy duty #10 (10mm wide) double key lock zipper to allow the bag to be locked if required. And, showing that AOS really know their market, the stitching has a polyester core that's spun in cotton, so it swells to block the needle holes left from stitching if the bag becomes wet in the rain.

As Brayden Spencer, AOS Operations Manager, told us: "AOS is a second-generation family-owned and operated small business with 30-plus years of Australian manufacture. We've designed and manufactured these rifle bags to suit the hunting and shooting industries, with no expense spared. We've extensively field tested and modified them to become the deluxe AOS rifle bags they are today."

I like this product so much that, not only did I order one for Li'l Miss, but I also bought one for myself in green. Perhaps in 30 years' time, when my daughter's out hunting with her own family, she'll look at these AOS gun bags and think of me.

**Sizes:**

Available in 40-inch to 63-inch lengths

**Cost:**

From \$175 to \$240, depending on size

**Supplier:**

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A handy feature – the bag lies flat to keep your gear off the ground and doubles as a range mat.



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