

## Australia v Rest-of-the-World – 5 February 2025

### Lightning Strikes Twice

Now in its fifteenth year, the popular Australia v Rest-of-the-World skirmish during the hiatus in the metropolitan pennant program for the Men's Country Carnival, had 66 players respond to the call to arms on 5 February 2025. The weather was kind with a brief lapse in the heatwave conditions prior to and anticipated to re-emerge after the event.



**Ken Warmington** (Australia) and **Ivor Mowat** (Rest-of-the-World) succeeded **Pam Fullarton** and **Edna Bradley** as side captains after Pam and Edna's sterling performance over the previous two years.

Before the main event, **Rocky Cirocco** was introduced as a new, mid-season member. The Cirocco name is already well known to Tranmere members. Rocky adds another, with an intriguing twist. Rocky and Nick (OAM), while not directly related, became brothers-in-law when they married sisters. The sisters thus had the same maiden name and then the same married name – not something you come across very often.

The prestigious Lycett-Porter Trophy is won by the side with the most aggregate shots after two rounds of twelve end triples games. The Aussies – oi, oi, oi – got away to a great start in the first round, winning seven of the eleven games, drawing another and losing only three. At the break they were ahead by 22 shots.

The Aussies have been in that position before.

Last year, they led by 13 shots at the break, only to be run over by the Rest-of-the-World – zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke – to go down by 21 shots in the end. The spectre of last year loomed large in the minds of the Aussie contingent. The Rest-of-the-World remained hopeful. Did lightning strike twice? It sure did. In yet another remarkable turn-around of fortunes, the Rest-of-the-World won seven of the eleven games in the second round, drawing two and losing only two. The Rest-of-the-World won the trophy by 8 shots – 247 to 239.

Ken Warmington graciously presented the trophy to Ivor Mowat and, in doing so, noted that the Rest-of-the-World required a few Aussie players to even up the side numbers.



Ken Warmington presenting the Lycett-Porter Trophy to Ivor Mowat

Only one 6-badge was earned during the event – by **Ken Warmington, Peter Richards and Greg Lawson.**

Four teams won both games - two for the Australians and two for the Rest-of-the-World. The best of those was **Trevor Morris, Sue Sanders and, Graham Young** (+19 shots) for the Rest-of-the-World, with **Judy Uren, Max Davidson and, Louise Lycett** (substituting for **Bob Gilby** at the break) (+10 shots) best of the Australians.



*Captain Ken Warmington, with Judy Uren, Max Davidson and, Louise Lycett – the best Australia team*



*Captain Ivor Mowat with Trevor Morris, Sue Sanders and Graham Young - the best Rest-of-the-World team*

Players who proudly wore their colours paraded them ahead of the trophy presentation. For those attending the event, the sight of **Mark Kennedy** displaying his 'Aussieness' is one they are not likely to forget any time soon. Mark was the resounding winner, by popular acclamation, as the Aussie player boasting the best colours.

**Ross Anderson** was acclimated the player from the Rest-of-the-World boasting the best colours, underpinned by his rousing haka during the parade of colours.



*Mark 'Ocker' Kennedy and Ross 'Haka' Anderson happy with their best colours awards.*





*John Feddersen, Claus Schonfeldt, Mark Kennedy, Ross Anderson, Mark Thearle, Max Davidson, Peter Buckley, Robin McKnight, Judy Brooks, Danny Giles, Louise Lycett and Valerie Hill parading their colours.*

Thank you to **Danny Giles** and **Trevor Morris** for presenting the greens in fine order for the event, to **Bob Aistrop** for his help in cleaning up the kitchen after the break, for **Louise Lycett, Ann Ellis and Tom Lycett** for their bar service and to **John Feddersen, Claus Schonfeldt and, Eddie Dolan** for organising the proceedings.