Australia
v
Rest-of-the-World

Mike Porter and Tom Lycett with the Lycett-Porter Trophy, made and donated by Tom Lycett

The Event

The annual *Australia v Rest-Of-The-World challenge* was introduced to our social bowling calendar by Mike Porter in 2011.

The challenge takes place each year on the hiatus in the metropolitan pennant program for the Men's Country Carnival.

Originally the challenge was run as a fours event. From 2016 onwards it has been run as a triples event.

Participants have included some players from neighbouring clubs and in 2017 was broadened to become an open event, welcoming our women bowlers to the challenge.

A feature of the challenge is that all teams are randomly drawn from the members of each squad, with some pennant skippers often taking up lead or second roles on the day.

Each team plays two games against different opponents and the aggregate score for all teams from each side determines the result.

2015

The fabulous and glorious team representing the Rest-of-the-World

♪♪ Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke
    Hoi, hoi, hoi
    Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke
    Hoi, hoi, hoi
    Aussie, Aussie, Aussie
    Phoi, phoi, phoi. ♪♪

The war cry of the fabulous and glorious team representing the Rest-of-the-World, rang out loud and proud after again dominating the Aussies for the fifth year running in Tranmere's annual Australia v Rest-of-the-World challenge.

The courageous Aussies

An excellent turn-out of 88 keen competitors braved the near-perfect conditions on 4 February to contest the perpetual Tranmere Trophy. Constructed from an offcut of the old bar, covered with a sample of the new synthetic bowling green, featuring a replica bowl and the flags of the countries of birth of our members, this prestigious trophy was hoisted aloft by team captain, John Feddersen. Thanks to Tom Lycett for making and donating the trophy.

The Australian team won 10 games, drew 3 and lost 9. The result, however, is not determined on games won. It is determined on aggregate shots won and, on that count, the Rest-of-the-World triumphed 205 to 187. Only one of the Australian teams won both games. Geoff Elverd, Tim Huston, Gerry Carr and John Bartram took home the six-packs. Two teams from the Rest-of-the-World won both games, with Bill Reid, Paul Maslin, Des Paley and Bill Dunn winning the six-packs on count back from Claus Schonfeldt, Peter Damiani, Bob Cubbin and Alex Czornohalan.

John Bartram, Gerry Carr, Geoff Elverd, and Tim Huston

Des Paley, Bill Reid, Paul Maslin, and Bill Dunn

2016

The annual challenge of Tranmere members born in Australia v members born overseas has now been going for six years. The Australians hadn't won in the first five and this year, played on Wednesday 3 February, proved to be no different.

76 bowlers contested the perpetual Lycett-Porter Trophy. The Rest-of-the-World team won 14 games, drew 2 and lost 10, to triumph with an overall shot difference of 286 to 276. That compares with last year's win of 205 to 187. The Australians are getting closer. Will 2017 be the year?

Four of the Australian teams won both games, with John Dean, Trevor Morris and Justin Parkinson being the best amongst them, winning by a staggering 30 shots and, in the process, being the only team on the day to earn a six-badge. Five

Peter Richards, Uli Kruse, and Malcolm Gardiner proudly wearing their colours

of the Rest-of-the-World teams won both games, with Claus Schonfeldt, Tom Lycett and Mike Porter being equal best of those with an 18 shot difference and winning on count-back from Günther Grapentin, Nick Cirocco and Graham Young.

At the declaration of results, the Australians got all excited when Mike Porter called their name first after the drum roll. That, however, was a case of premature jubilation as Mike went on to reveal their score, followed by the superior score for the Rest-of-the-World. Once more the trophy was hoisted aloft by the team captains for the Rest-of-the-World, who for 2016 were Günther Grapentin and Karl Stuelten.

Karl Stuelten and Günther Grapentin, team captains for the Rest-of-the-World

2017

In past years, the annual Australia v Rest-of-the-World event has been held in early January to coincide with the hiatus in the men's Wednesday pennant competition due to the men's country carnival. This year, it was postponed because of the extreme heat on that day and instead was held at the end of the pennant season.

The event was also broadened out to include both men and women and an excellent turn-out of 64 members competed for the trophy and bragging rights. Bolstered by the women in its side, the Australians pushed the Rest-of-the-World to its limits and looked a chance to win the trophy for the first time in its seven-year history, only to fall agonisingly short once more. The Rest-of-the-World won by four shots, 246 to 242, the second closest margin since the two-shot win in the inaugural year.

David Mealor, Harold Weidner and Edna Bradley were the best rink for the Rest-of-the-World team. Peter Homburg, Bob Cecchi and Bob Aistrope were the best rink for the Australian team.

Below: David Mealor, Harold Weidner, and Edna Bradley

Above: Peter Homburg, Bob Cecchi, and Bob Aistrope

2018

"Are all your good shirts in the wash?" David Brooks cheekily asked John Feddersen, who was proudly wearing his German National Football team shirt for the annual Australia v Rest-of-the-World challenge match on Wednesday 7 February.

It was another sweltering day – as it seems to be every year for this challenge event – so, a turn-out of 68 of our 95 regular Wednesday men pennant bowlers, plus two recruits for a total of 70, was excellent. Now in its eighth year, the Australian contingent fielded its best-ever squad in a determined effort to break its run of never having won the challenge. To bolster its chances, the Australians recalled Justin Parkinson from Holdfast Bay for the day. Peter Parman joined the Rest-of-the World squad.

Not only was the weather hot, so too was the competition to determine which side would take home the perpetual Lycett-Porter trophy. For the record, the Australians had three two-game winning teams and won 11 of the 24 games. The Rest-of-the-World had five two-game winning teams and won 13 games. The challenge, however, is not decided on games won, nor on ends own. It is decided on shots won and, in a dramatic finish to the day, the adjudicators had to convene an inquiry into the match cards for one of the games before declaring the challenge a draw on 258 shots each.

The best Australian team was Alan Hill, Bob Taylor and Frank De Conti (35 – 10), and the best Rest-of-the-World team was Stewie Loch, John Genovese and Hong Khoo (34 – 10).

Left: Peter Parman, Trevor Morris, Dave Roberts, Rodney Egge, John Feddersen and Malcolm Gardiner

Alan Hill, Bob Taylor, and Frank De Conti

Stewie Loch, John Genovese, and Hong Khoo

2019

The omens were with the Australians to finally bowl their way to a maiden victory in this, the ninth year of the annual challenge. Having fallen short in the first eight challenges since the inaugural year in 2011, they had nevertheless consistently narrowed the margin from 18 shots in 2015, to 10 in 2016, 4 in 2017 and a draw last year. On that trajectory, the Australians were set for a narrow victory this year.

News spread fast that the Australians were gathering their best-ever squad. Not to be outmuscled, the Rest-of-the-World responded appropriately. On the day, 80 players, the second highest turnout of bowlers in the history of the event, participating on 21 February.

The Australians got out of the blocks smartly and were determined never to look back., They went from strength to strength, eventually running out winners by 35 shots (283 to 248). The omens were right but, the victory was not as narrow as the trajectory had suggested. It was emphatic, with the winning margin being the biggest in the nine years of the challenge.

The best of the Rest-of-the-World was Terry Brooker, Rod Fraser and Frank Dalkos. The best of the Australian teams was Bob Cecchi, Rod Squire and Des Butler,

Terry Brooker, Rod Fraser, (absent: Frank Dalkos), Bob Cecchi, Rod Squire, and Des Butler

2020

Rod Fraser, Malcolm Gardiner, Ian Hall, Peter Richards, and John Feddersen

Team captains 2020: Bob Cecchi and Mike Porter

Now in its tenth year, the annual Australia v-Rest-of-the-World Challenge this year attracted 72 participants. In near perfect playing conditions, the Australian squad opened a handy lead of 144 to 128 shots after the opening game. The Rest-of-the-World rallied to draw the second game on 126 shots apiece; not enough to overcome the first game deficit, but enough to salvage some pride. The Australia squad retained the perpetual trophy made and donated by Tom Lycett back in 2015.

The prestigious trophy was hoisted aloft by team captain, Bob Cecchi, who together with Mike Porter did another outstanding job in organising the event.

Australia has now won the last two challenges after the Rest-of-the-World won the first seven and a draw was played out in 2018.

Only four teams won both games - two for the Australians and two for the Rest-of-the-World. The best of those was Rod Fraser, Denise Abraham, and Graham Young (+24 shots) for the Rest-of-the-World, with Bob Osborne, Trevor Freeman, and Adrian Beare (+10 shots) best of the Australians.

Below: Bob Osborne, Adrian Beare, and Trevor Freeman.

Above: Rod Fraser, Denise Abraham, and Graham Young.

2021

A beautiful day with near perfect bowling conditions welcomed participants to the eleventh annual staging of our popular Australia versus Rest-of-the-World Challenge.

Sixty-four bowlers, proudly representing their country of birth, took part in what transpired to be a great contest that was enjoyed by everyone.

For the history buffs, the Rest-of-the-World won the first seven challenges, the eighth was a draw and Australia had won the last two. Could Australia complete a hat trick of wins in 2021? To distract the Rest-of-the-World team and inspire her own, Mary Feddersen entertained bowlers with a stirring 'haka', the likes of which had only ever been rarely seen.

It looked like backfiring when the Rest-of-the-World side led by 18 shots at half-time. Hakas, however, have a timeframe of their own. After the break, Australia rallied and fought strongly to overcome this deficit to run out winners of the challenge by a single shot. Coordinators John Feddersen and Eddie Dolan could hardly believe their eyes as they aggregated the score card results.

Pam Fullarton, team captain Australia, proudly holds trophy aloft after stirring, come-from-behind win.

Rest-of-the-World Captain, Kathlyn Starkie, graciously presented the prestigious perpetual trophy to the Australian captain, Pam Fullarton, who proudly held it aloft.

The best winning rink for the winning Australian side comprised Anne Lippis, Gerry Carr and Mary Feddersen (+25 shots), while Joe Saleeba, Peter Colloff and Frank Dalkos (+16 shots) formed the best winning rink for the World side.

Congratulations Australia – a truly great courageous win.

Above: Kathlyn Starkie, team captain Rest-of-the-World congratulates Pam Fullarton, team captain Australia.

Top left: Coordinators John Feddersen and Eddie Dolan after adding in the results of the final score card to reveal the challenge winner

Bottom left: Anne Lippis, Gerry Carr, and Mary Feddersen

2022

The Bowls SA Men's Country Carnival was this year cancelled due to the impact of the corona virus, with the day set aside for that being taken up by the MBA in bringing forward round 18 of the metropolitan pennant competition. In consequence the annual Australia v Rest-of-the-World challenge at Tranmere was deferred to the end of the season. It was played out on Friday 18 March.

Perfect weather and bowling conditions attracted fifty participants to contest the event. Last minute concerns were overcome as two players who had indicated their participation but were unable to do so, were replaced by two others who came along to play. but had overlooked nominating to do so prior to the day.

This event started in 2011. The Rest-of-the-World won the first seven challenges, the eighth was a draw and Australia had won the last three. Would the Australian resurgence continue in 2022?

Cheryl Thompson, team captain Australia, handing over the trophy to Margaret Mealor, team captain Rest-of-the-World.

At the half time break there was only one shot separating the two sides – Australia leading in a great contest. In the second half the Rest-of-the-World side dug deep to eventually win the day by 24 shots.

Australian team captain, Cheryl Thompson, presented the prestigious perpetual trophy to the Rest-of-the-World team captain, Margaret Mealor.

The best winning rink for the winning Rest-of-the-World side comprised David Mealor, Chris Godley and Eddie Dolan (+18 shots), while Peter Richards, Colin Whyte and Bob Taylor (+10 shots) formed the best winning rink for the Australian side.

Congratulations to the Rest-of the-World side and for Australia – there is always next year.

Top Far Left:
Bob Taylor, Colin Whyte and, Peter Richards

Bottom Far Left:
David Mealor, Eddie Dolan and, Chris Godley

Left:
Happy Bar Service from Louise Lycett and Denise Abraham

2023

Twas a typical British summer's day that welcomed bowlers Tranmere's way
Light drizzle and rolling skies of grey teased Aussies and the rest at play.

The annual Australia v Rest-of-the-World Challenge this year attracted 65 players, fifty men and a record 15 women.

The triumphant Aussies

Having mistakenly entered themselves for and played with the Rest-of-the-World side, Julie and Pat McGirr nevertheless joined the Aussie side for the squad photo. It had nothing to do with the likely prospect of an Aussie victory. It was their rightful place.
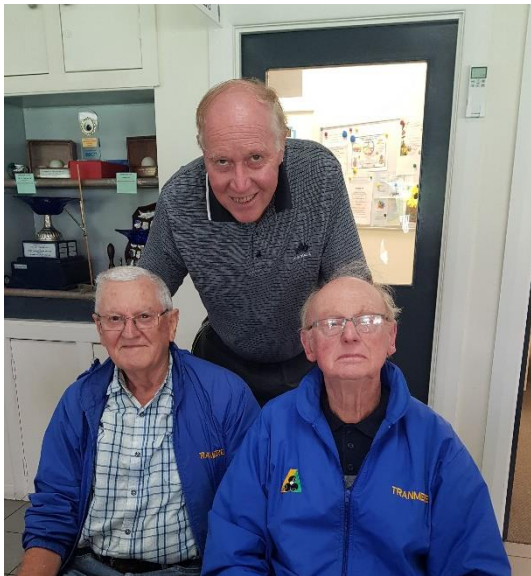

The vanquished Rest-of-the-World

Judy Uren, also an Aussie by birth, was seconded to the Rest-of-the-World side to even out the numbers. She wasn't so sure she wanted to be in the photo though. It had nothing to do with the likely prospect of an Aussie victory. It just wasn't her rightful place. Jacqui Langworthy missed the announcement for the squad photo.

Desperate to once again hold aloft the trophy after the Rest-of-the-World prevailed last year, the Aussies took charge early and led by 19 shots at the half-way mark. It was a formidable advantage but, team captain Pam Fullarton, mindful that the Aussies had established a lead at this stage last year only to see the Rest-of-the-World rally strongly to overhaul them in the second half, gathered her squad for a pep talk, the likes of which Ron Barassi would have been proud. It worked. The Aussies didn't give an inch, extending the lead to a record-breaking 38 shots, the biggest winning margin in the history of the event.

Edna Bradley, team captain for the Rest-of-the-World, graciously presented the prestigious perpetual trophy to the Aussie team captain, Pam Fullarton.

Peter Colloff, Judy Uren and Nick Cirocco.
Pssst: Peter does not like having his photo taken.

Greg Lawson, Graeme Parkinson and Ken Warmington

"It's Un Australian," Fred Godley said, when asked what he thought went wrong for the Rest-of-the-World. "The Aussies clearly didn't drink enough beer at the break".

The best winning rink for the winning Aussie side comprised Greg Lawson, Graeme Parkinson and Ken Warmington (+12 shots), while Peter Colloff, Judy Uren and Nick Cirocco (+13 shots) formed the best winning rink for the Rest-of-the-World side.

Edna Bradley, team captain Rest-of-the-World congratulates Pam Fullarton, team captain Australia.

2024

The weather was perfect. Players were keen and the atmosphere was electric. Would Australia back up its win from last year or would the Rest-of-the-World regain the prestigious Lycett-Porter trophy.

Fifty-eight players – forty-six men and twelve women, came together on 31 January 2024 to contest the annual Australia v Rest-of-the-World challenge. This number included two visitors – Rob Christiansen (Club Holdfast), a friend of Greg Lawson and a cousin to our own Bob Christiansen, and Fred Godley (Prospect Broadview), husband of Chris Godley and a virtual Tranmere member now for many years.

With twenty-nine players per side there were nine triples and one pair playing head-to-head in each of two games. The pairs, and consequently one triples team, were changed after the first game. At the half-way mark the Australian Team had established an aggregate 13 shot lead. Edna Bradley, team captain for the Rest-of-the-World implored her players to 'pull your fingers out' in the second game if they were to get back into the contest.

Well, not only did they get back into it, they ran away with it, winning by 21 shots – 211 to 190. What a turn around. The best team for the Australians was Bob Gilby, Leigh Hall and Pam Fullarton, who despite losing the first game by 5 shots, won their second by 19 shots for an aggregate 14 shot win. The best team for the Rest-of-the-World was Matt Cali, Joe Di Paolo and Malcolm Gardiner, who won both games for an aggregate 10 shot win. Only one other team won both its games – well done Kevin Witkowski, Dick Stockle and Frank Dalkos.

Matt Cali, Joe Di Paolo and Malcolm Gardiner – the best Rest-of-the-World team

Bob Gilby, Leigh Hall and Pam Fullarton - the best Australia team

Players who proudly wore their colours paraded them ahead of the trophy presentation. Danny Giles was honoured, by popular acclamation, as the player boasting the best colours.

Veronica Dolan, Eddie Dolan, Peter Holland, Joe Di Paolo, Malcolm Gardiner, Edna Bradley, Claus Schonfeldt, Jaquie Langworthy, Danny Giles, Rex Langworthy, Leigh Hall, Chris Douglas, Louise Lycett, Peter Richards and Tom Lycett parading their colours.

John Feddersen presents Danny Giles with his award for best colours.

Pam Fullarton graciously presented the trophy to Edna Bradley, who could not have been more chuffed at her squad's superb win.

Thank you to Danny Giles and Martin Fry for presenting the greens in fine order for the event, to Bob Aistrope for his help in cleaning up the kitchen after the break, to Louise Lycett and Janne Todd for their bar service and to Eddie Dolan, John Feddersen and Claus Schonfeldt for organising the proceedings.

2025

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 acclaimed the player from the Rest-of-the-World boasting the best colours, underpinned by his rousing haka during the parade of colours.

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 Aistrope 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 t

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

Snapshot of the Event Over the Years

Year	Date	Players	Gender	Format	Aggregate Score	
					RoW	**Australia**
2011			men	fours	✔	
2012			men	fours	✔	
2013			men	fours	✔	
2014			men	fours	✔	
2015	4-Feb	88	men	fours	**205**	187
2016	3-Feb	76	men	triples	**286**	276
2017	5-Apr	64	open	triples	**246**	242
2018	7-Feb	70	open	triples	**258**	**258**
2019	21-Feb	80	open	triples	248	**283**
2020	5-Feb	72	open	triples	254	**270**
2021	3-Feb	64	open	triples	256	**257**
2022	18-Mar	50	open	triples	**204**	180
2023	1 Feb	65	open	triples	204	**242**
2024	31 Jan	58	open	triples	**211**	190
2025	5 Feb	66	open	triples	**247**	239

Best Teams Award Winners

Year	Rest-of-the-World			
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015	W Reid	P Maslin	D Paley	B Dunn
2016	C Schonfeldt	T Lycett	M Porter	
2017	D Mealor	H Weidner	Edna Bradley	
2018	S Loch	J Genovese	H Khoo	
2019	T Brooker	R Fraser	F Dalkos	
2020	Denise Abraham	R Fraser	G Young	
2021	J Saleeba	P Colloff	F Dalkos	
2022	D Mealor	Chris Godley	E Dolan	
2023	Judy Uren	P Colloff	N Cirocco (OAM)	
2024	M Cali	M Gardiner	J Di Paolo	
2025	T Morris	Sue Sanders	G Young	

Year	Australia			
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015	G Elverd	T Huston	G Carr	J Bartram
2016	J Dean	T Morris	J Parkinson	
2017	P Homburg	B Cecchi	B Aistrope	
2018	B Taylor	F de Conti	A Hill	
2019	D Butler	B Cecchi	R Squire	
2020	B Osborne	T Freeman	A Beare	
2021	Anne Lippis	G Carr	Mary Feddersen	
2022	P Richards	C Whyte	B Taylor	
2023	G Parkinson	K Warmington	G Lawson	
2024	B Gilby	Pam Fullarton	L Hall	
2025	Louise Lycett	Judy Uren	M Davidson	