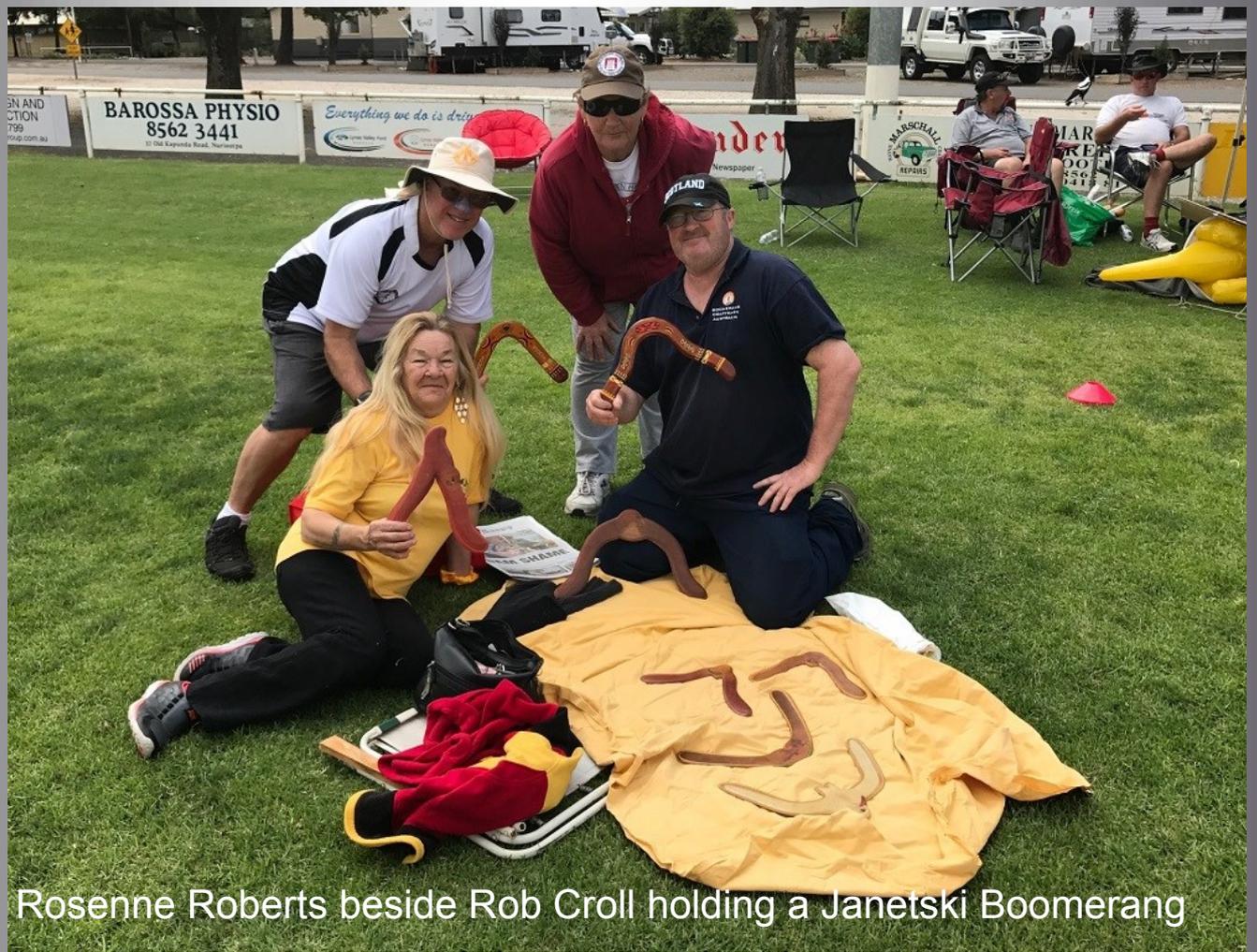




Group Photo at 2017 Australian Nationals - Nuriootpa, Barossa Tourist Park, South Australia



Rosenne Roberts beside Rob Croll holding a Janetski Boomerang

## The 2017 Australian Nationals and Other News



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## Welcome

This edition aims to bring members up to date with recent competition events and there is a wonderful section devoted to showing some of the rare items on permanent exhibit at the South Australian museum, which is home to the worlds best collection of aboriginal artefacts and tools. For boomerang throwers around the world, the photos should make you re-discover the original concept from which our scientifically refined sports boomerangs have sprung, and should also bring you into contact with the way we use to be, before

civilisation, surviving on the barest essentials and filling spare time decorating faces and creating tools and weapons for survival and tribal dance. Sit down somewhere and enjoy a good read.

Matt Barker  
BAA Editor

**President:** Roger Perry  
**Vice President:** Simon Bollen  
**Treasurer:** Nick Pritchard  
**Editor:** Matt Barker  
**Secretary:** Rob Croll

# President's Report

Welcome to our latest electronic edition and I hope you enjoy it.

First, very sad to advise that long time BAA member Brian Kemp passed away recently. We will miss Brian, who actively promoted both boomerangs and the scout movement in Australia. Bruce Carter and Rob Croll attended the funeral in Geelong. Our condolences to the Kemp family.

There have been a couple of events, including the Australian Championships held in Nuriootpa, South Australia, and everyone had a very enjoyable time. A big thanks to our Vice President, Simon Bollen, for helping to organise. It was a really great day.

Thanks to our committee for another years work. All members were elected again for another year at the BAA AGM, which was held after the Championships. During the meeting, we discussed ways to attract new members. This will include \$10 memberships to overseas and non-competitive throwers, who will receive the electronic bulletin. We will also be giving a free BAA boomerang to all new members. More information on this will be in the next edition.

Happy Throwing everyone.

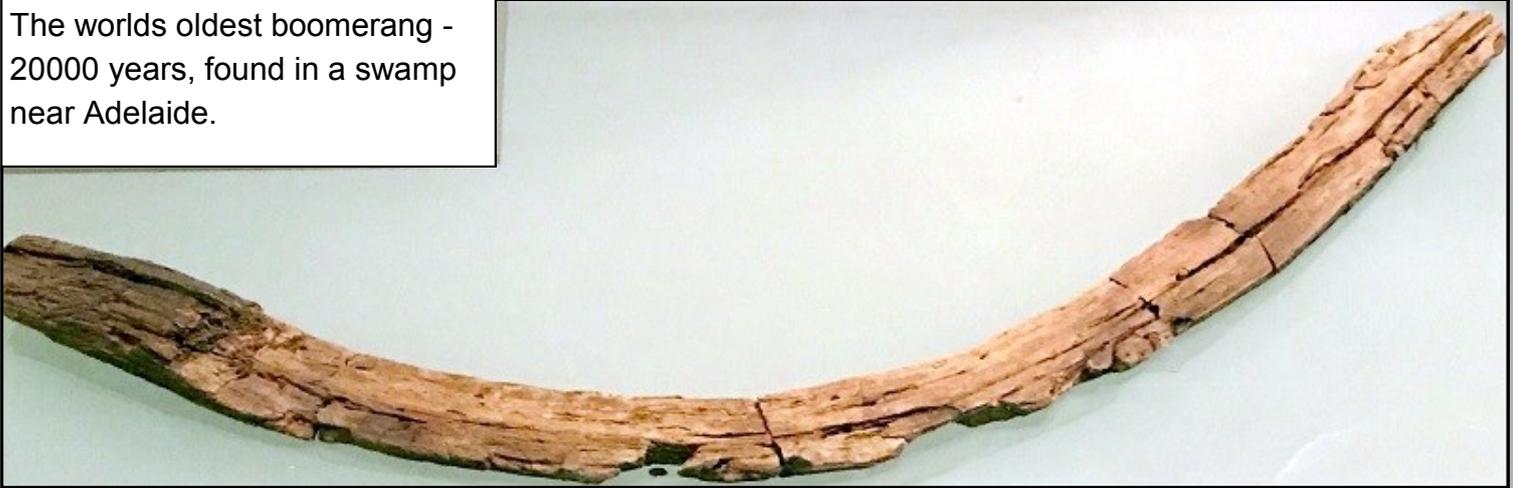
Roger Perry

BAA President

# South Australian Museum

West Australian throwers who travelled to South Australia for the National Boomerang Competition spared some time to visit the Adelaide museum to see the worlds best collection of aboriginal artefacts.

The worlds oldest boomerang - 20000 years, found in a swamp near Adelaide.



A selection of aboriginal throw-sticks collected from remote areas of Australia, including the beak nose Kylie, pictured bottom right.

# South Australian Museum



Throw-sticks, Stone Axes and Woomeras



Assorted artefacts



Healing Tribesman

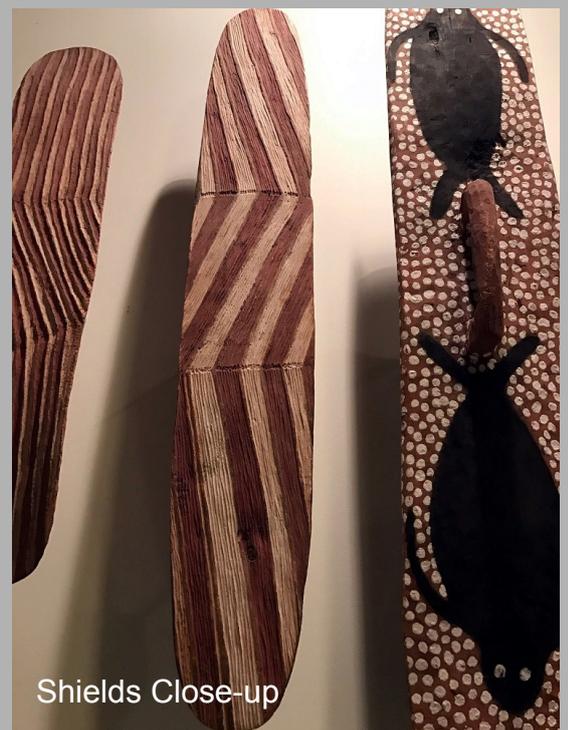
# South Australian Museum



Assorted Hand-crafts/Baskets - Queensland



Assorted Shields



Shields Close-up

# Australian Nationals 2017

The 2017 Nationals were held in the beautiful wine growing area of Nuriootpa in the Barossa Valley, about 1hrs drive from the city of Adelaide, on Saturday 1st April.

The organiser was Simon Bollen, BAA Vice President, and it started with the West Aussie contingent visiting Adelaide and the famous museum where we were privileged to see the world's best display of aboriginal artefacts.

On Friday, we all moved into the Caravan Park accommodation. It was a very convenient venue, as the sporting field was situated very close to our cabins.

The competition started Saturday morning with accuracy. Nick Pritchard took 1st place with 83 points, followed by David Richardson and Roger Perry, both of whom tied on 81 points. Also of note was Angie Perry, getting her best score ever of 70 points. It was also great to see Rob Croll compete in this event with a natural wood 2 arm boomerang. Rob had a bad shoulder and back injury but was still able to obtain 63 points. He is the master!

The next event to be contested was MTA and though the winds were light, it was gusting and many throws landed outside the 50 meters. 1st place went to Melbourne thrower David Richardson, who loves the MTA event. Dave achieved a 37.17 time. Second was Roger Perry with 35.66 and third was Nick Pritchard with 34 secs.

Fast Catch was the next event and we had some tricky wind conditions that made good scores almost impossible. Best on the day was Roger Perry with 27.66, 2nd Nick Pritchard with 28.44 and 3rd Grant Perry with 30.61.

Our final event before the lunch break was Endurance, which was won by Grant Perry with 40 catches, followed by Nick Pritchard with 38 and in 3rd place was our French visitor, Luc Bordes, with 31 catches.

During lunch, we were visited by famous aboriginal artist Bluey Robert's wife, Rosenne, who brought along some lovely old Janetzki boomerangs to sell, including the Skippy design, well known to throwers around the world. Other visitors included Julianne Forsyth, wife of long time BAA member Barry Forsyth, who sadly passed away recently and Barry's 2 sons, Ian and Allan, joined the competition. It was a really nice touch for the day to have them all be part of the 2017 Nationals event.

After lunch was Trick Catch. The wind was not strong but it was gusty and changing direction and David Richardson took out the event with a good score of 80, followed by

Grant Perry on 74 and 3rd Roger Perry with 57.

Going into the last event, which was Aussie Round, we had 4 people fighting for first place, Nick was leading by half a point from David Richardson and 1 point from Grant and Roger Perry, so it was tight at the top and Aussie would determine the overall champion. The wind had almost stopped and no thrower had any idea where to throw, as it was changing constantly. Eventually Roger got on top in this event with 115 over the 2 rounds, then with Grant very close behind on 109, followed by Dave Richardson on 92. It was great to see Kaye and Bruce Carter there, with Bruce pulling out his boomerangs and competing in Aussie Round.

After the events were finished, we had all the throwers and some visitors join in for the Hunting Stick competition. Julianne Forsyth and Rosenne Roberts even had a go. It was so much fun. We also had Simon's young son Seamus try the Hunting Stick and he did a really great job and was capable of throwing over 50 metres. Winner of the Hunting Stick competition was Roger Perry, with 2 hits at 20metres and 1 at 50metres. Second place was Rob Croll and Luc Bordes with hits at 20 metres.

Our overall champion was Roger Perry, followed by runner up Grant Perry and 3rd place went to David Richardson.

It was a fantastic day and everyone really enjoyed themselves and ended up with a good Aussie BBQ and a few cold beers. Thanks to Kelly for doing the scoring, to Simon, Rob and Roger for providing the trophies, and a big thanks to Angie Perry for preparing the BBQ.

Roger Perry

BAA President

# Australian Nationals 2017



Best 5 - Luc Bordes 5th, Roger Perry 1st, David Richardson 3rd, Grant Perry 2nd, Nick Pritchard 4th



Angie Perry - Best Woman



Julienne Forsyth presenting Dave Richardson's MTA Award

# Australian Nationals 2017



Grant Perry - 1st in Endurance



Nick Pritchard - 1st in Accuracy



Roger Perry, Luc Bordes, Rob Croll, holding their trophies



Rob Croll demonstrating the catch that earlier in the day saved Kelly Sumich from being hit by a wayward boomerang.

# West Australian Championships 2017



Roger Perry (2nd), Grant Perry (1st), Nick Pritchard (equal 2nd)



Matt Barker dared being a human target during the final round of the Hunting Stick event.

The 31st West Australian Championships were held at Southern River on a beautiful sunny day, but as usual, the winds were tricky, with gusty, shifting changes.

We started with Accuracy and Roger was best able to handle the gusty start to the day with Nick and Grant not far behind. Next event was MTA and there were many great flights but many blew out of the circle, including a fantastic 1min 35sec flight by Ryan Perry. Many other throwers had great times but their boomerangs flew beyond the 50m radius circle. Overall winner was Matt Barker who threw consistently well, followed closely by Roger and Grant.

Following MTA we moved straight into Fast Catch. The wind kept everyone on their toes, as it was gusting and shifting throughout the event. Our winner was Nick, who did a great job, followed by Grant and Matt. Everyone else really struggled to master the wind.

Endurance followed and Grant was easily the best in this event, followed by Nick and Roger. Again, all of us had lots of problems judging the wind and lots of running saw some very tired competitors at the end of the 5 minute marathon event.

After lunch we moved onto Trick Catch and we did have slightly better conditions for this event and Grant once again dominated with 68 points, followed by Matt and Ryan. The last and favourite event was Aussie Round. The conditions were very light wind but changing. Grant had a really good score of 139, followed by Roger 132 and Nick 3rd on 93 points.

We then had our traditional Hunting Stick competition and Roger won with a hit at 20 and 50 metres. Chris Johnson and Jane Pritchard tied for 2nd place.

The overall results saw Grant Perry retain his West Australian Championships quite easily from a tied 2nd place of Nick Pritchard and Roger Perry with Matt Barker 4th.

Special note of the day was the big improvement of Chris Johnston and Jayden Perry's first ever competition—well done boys,. A big thanks to Angie Perry for scoring the day for us.

Roger Perry  
BAA President

# Australian Nationals 2017 Scores

## OVERALL RESULTS (OPEN)

Name	Division	Sex	Accuracy			Aussie Round			Endurance			Fast Catch			MTA			Trick Catch			Overall	
			Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Score	Place	Points	Points	Place
Grant Perry	O	M	72	4	4	109	2	2	40	1	1	30.61	3	3	29.59	4	4	74	2	2	16	2
Roger Perry	V	M	81	2	2.5	115	1	1	25	5	5.5	27.66	1	1	35.66	2	2	57	3	3	15	1
David J Richardson	O	M	81	2	2.5	92	3	3	26	4	4	38.38	5	5	37.17	1	1	80	1	1	16.5	3
Nick Pritchard	O	M	83	1	1	52	6	6	38	2	2	28.42	2	2	34.00	3	3	33	5	5	19	4
Luc Bordes	O	M	45	9	9	90	4	4	31	3	3	31.02	4	4	26.38	6	6	27	6	6	32	5
Matt Barker	O	M	67	6	6	50	7	7	25	5	5.5	46.19	6	6	26.87	5	5	49	4	4	33.5	6
Alan Forsyth	O	M	49	8	8	28	8	8.5	6	7	7	110.00	7	7.5	16.57	7	7	-	12	12	50	7
Ian Forsyth	O	M	15	11	11	0	10	10	2	8	8	110.00	7	7.5	0.00	8	8	-	12	12	56.5	8
Angie Perry	O	F	70	5	5	28	8	8.5	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	61.5	9
Bruce Carter	O	M	-	12	12	53	5	5	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	65	10
Rob Croll	O	M	63	7	7	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	67	11
Leonie Metzakis	O	M	40	10	10	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	-	12	12	70	12

Hunting Stick—2 throws for each distance											TOTAL	RANK
Thrower	20m	20m	30m	30m	40m	40m	50m	50m	TOTAL	RANK		
Seamus Bollen	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Simon Bollen	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Roger Perry	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	5	10	1		
Grant Perry	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Matt Barker	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Rob Croll	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2		
Ian Forsyth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Alan Forsyth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Luc Bordes	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2		
David J Richardson	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Ros ???	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		
Julienne ???	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	4		

# West Australian Championship Scores

No	Competitor Name	Trick Catching			Fast Catch			Aussie Round			MTA			Endurance			Accuracy			OVERALL	
		Catches	Place	Points	Best Time	Place	Points	Total Points	Place	Points	Best Time	Place	Points	Catches	Place	Points	Total Points	Place	Points	POINTS	PLACE
1	GRANT PERRY	68	1st	1	27.90	2nd	2	139	1st	1	31.24	3rd	3	40	1st	1	53	3rd	3	11	1
2	NICK PRITCHARD	48	3rd	3	26.67	1st	1	93	3rd	3	20.86	6th	6	32	2nd	2	54	2nd	2	17	2
3	CHRIS JOHNSTON	13	7th	7	1c	6th	6.5	63	6th	6	21.24	5th	5	16	6th	6	26	6th	6	36.5	6
4	MATT BARKER	53	2nd	2	30.64	3rd	3	88	4th	4	31.75	1st	1	29	4th	4.5	37	4th	4	18.5	4
5	ROGER PERRY	43	5th	5	50.71	4th	4	132	2nd	2	31.25	2nd	2	30	3rd	3	61	1st	1	17	2
6	RYAN PERRY	46	4th	4	1.00 (5th)	5th	5	87	5th	5	23.26	4th	4	29	4th	4.5	25	7th	7	29.5	5
7	CHRISTENE METZAKIS	17	6th	6	1c	6th	6.5	5	10th	10	15.55	7th	7	DNC	7th	8.5	27	5th	5	43	7
8	ANGIE PERRY	DNC	8th	9	DNC	8th	9	32	8th	8	DNC	8th	9	DNC	7th	8.5	6	8th	8	51.5	8
9	JAYDEN PERRY	DNC	8th	9	DNC	8th	9	23	9th	9	DNC	8th	9	DNC	7th	8.5	DNC	9th	9.5	54	10
10	LEONIE METZAKIS	DNC	8th	9	DNC	8th	9	44	7th	7	DNC	8th	9	DNC	7th	8.5	DNC	9th	9.5	52	9



# Other News

## Tunasbumi 7

Roger Perry will be attending Tunasbumi 7 in Semarang Indonesia.

Venue: Saturday 9th September and Sunday 10th Undip stadium Semarang.

There will also be an indoor competition. Please contact Fadjar Hadijat [tunasbumivii@gmail.com](mailto:tunasbumivii@gmail.com)

## Swiss Boomerang Championship

Venue: May 20-21st 2017, Kestenholz Switzerland.

Organiser Stephan Spirgi <http://www.swissboomerangs.ch/events.php?item=248>

## Lekker Lekker Boomerang Cup

Venue: Molmhoek sportp. - Hertha

Mijdrechtse dwarsweg, 4, 3645GA Vinkeveen

24 June - 25 June 9-3pm

This will be the 3rd edition of Lekker Lekker.

## 23rd Seattle Open Boomerang Tournament

Venue: Dahl Field, Seattle, WA

Starts 9am sharp on 15th July 2017

More news later on the USBA Facebook page

## World Boomerang Cup 2018

Venue: Albuquerque USA 20 - 30th July

Organiser: David Hirsch

A high altitude Boomerang Cup where the air is thin. Throwers to bring "wafer thins" or very light boomerangs for this penultimate event. More details to follow.

## Sam Blight and the Mavic Drone

A regular Sundays throwing session at Southern River had the pleasure of a rare visit from the Rangs Boomerangs founder, Sam Blight, who won the Australian Design Award in the 1980s for his highly aerodynamic, innovative boomerang designs. Sam caught the throwers in action with his Mavic Drone, a very compact, foldaway model with a small camera mounted on its nose. Throwers are looking forward to seeing the action on the field from the air, particularly from Sam's developing mastery of remote control aerial photography.



## Brian Kemp

Sad news knowing Brian passed away Feb 3rd. May he rest in peace.

Also have good memories; of his boomerang trousers-vase/pot which permanently remains in a prominent place in my living room next to his glass-sculpture.

I met him in Singapore.

Bruce Carter - BAA Member

