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PRESS RELEASE

Last Friday Robyn Van Nus became Western Australia's first ever member of an Australian Olympic Rifle Shooting Team. Robyn's milestone achievement was finally announced after a long wait since her original nomination by selectors to the Beijing Olympics Shooting Team was followed by a gruelling two month appeal process against their decision.

The West Australian Smallbore Rifle Association (WASRA) congratulates Robyn on her successful selection which comes as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a sport in WA.

WASRA also takes this opportunity to thank WAIS for their continued support and encouragement provided to Robyn in her four year quest for Olympic selection despite having to move to Melbourne for much of each year to achieve her goal.

WASRA wishes Robyn continued success in her World Cup campaign in Europe over the next few weeks. Robyn is using these events as part of her international competition training for Beijing. When Robyn competed in the Target Rifle Australia National Championships, in Perth over Easter, she successfully defended her National Titles in Air Rifle and Three Position that she won in Brisbane in 2007 and added another couple of gold medals along the way.

Robyn's selection also comes on the back of some outstanding personal performances in Europe earlier this year. In November 2007 Robyn became Oceania Women's 3 Position Champion which earned Australia an Olympic quota. Robyn has also acted as inspiration for fellow West Australian, Tyren Vitler who became Oceania Junior Air Rifle Champion. Tyren has his sights set on the 2010 Commonwealth Games and 2012 Olympic Team.

We hope Robyn can now become the first Australian rifle shooter to return with an Olympic medal following recent Olympic successes of Michael Diamond, Russel Mark and Suzanne Balogh in Clay Target and Annemarrie Forder in Pistol.

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