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**Australia vs India International**

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## **President's Report**

The last year has been busy- with two major overseas trips for boomerang comps- the World Boomerang Comp and the India Vs Australia Challenge.

At Worlds, Australia was unable to get a team together but we were still able to get a few throwers there- Chrissy Metzakis, Roger Perry, Takeshi 'Taco' Honda and myself- Rob Croll. During the competition, Leonie Metzakis and Oli Theinhaus did a great job as head referees and Roger was a terrific coach for the Indian- Indonesian team.

Our time in India saw the Australian team overcome the dreaded Deli belly to take the win against the enthusiastic Indian team. Particularly, at the National Indian comp, Taco managed a great overall win with Roger taking second and myself third. Chrissy worked well to overcome injury, placing eleventh overall.

This year I have been reaching out to Aboriginal community groups in Victoria to hopefully get an Indigenous Junior Team together for the next World Championships. I have also been able to get the Victorian Boomerang Association going again, with the Nationals scheduled for October here in Melbourne.

Thanks to all that have done work in the executive and see you all hopefully at the Nationals early October.



Regards,  
Rob Croll  
**President B.A.A**





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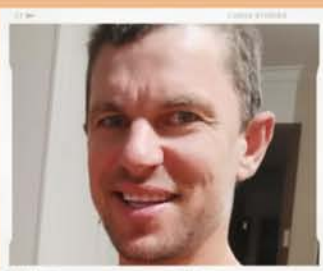
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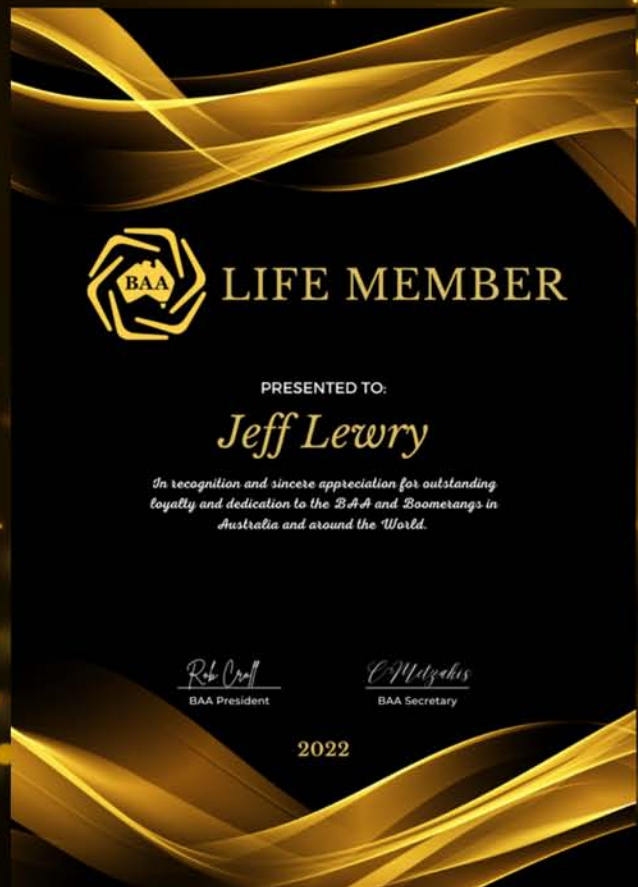
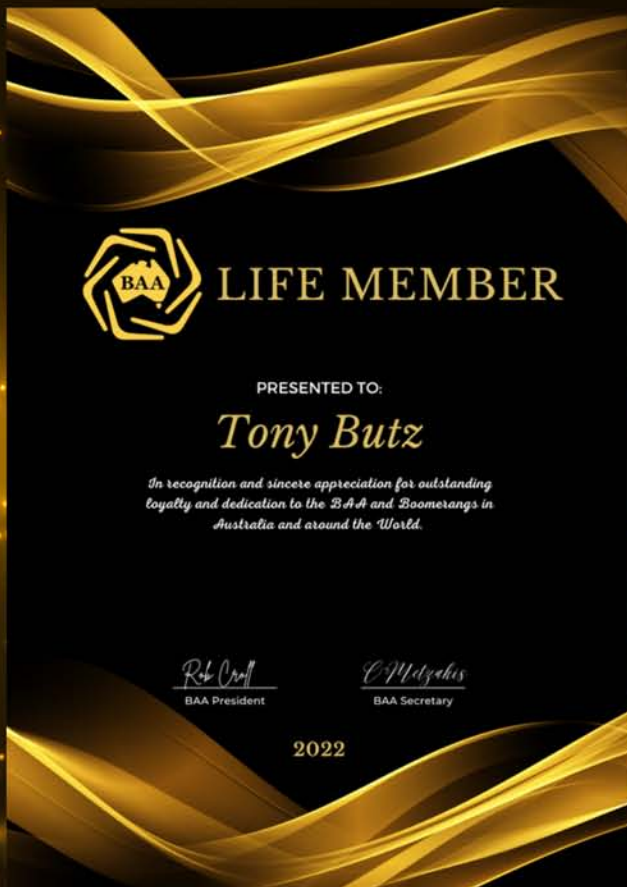
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# Congratulations

## Tony Butz & Jeff Lewry

Awarded Life Membership to the BAA  
in recognition and sincere appreciation for outstanding loyalty and  
dedication to the BAA and Boomerangs in Australia and around the  
World





# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Written by Gunter Wandtke

It appears like a small miracle that the National Championships in NSW on 17-18 September 2022 happened at all. After first needing to be postponed because of COVID restrictions, the field was then moved last minute due to the local council double booking Surveyors Creek Recreation Area. Fortunately, an alternative venue was found, and after much frantic last-minute communications, we were able to hold our National Championships at Grey Gums Oval in Cranebrook instead.

The event was very well organized by Takeshi and Jess Honda. Thanks to Jess running a tight ship, we got through all the competitions on Saturday and were free to enjoy the fun events on Sunday. Saturday's weather was dominated by strong but patchy winds, with some sudden showers adding to the challenge.

The first event, MTA, started out with the winds still down in the first round, but blowing relentlessly after that. Many brilliant throws ended in competitors having to chase after hovering 'rangs, ending up outside the throwing field. Chris Johnson won the event with an outstanding throw of 51.08 seconds.

Next up was Trick Catch. I was happy that the event organisers made the sensible decision to drop the doubling part of this competition. It was amazing to see how (despite of the gusty winds) Takeshi, Thomas Szartowicz and Grant Perry managed to throw consistently and successfully got most of their catches. Thomas ended up taking out the event out with a score of 81 out of the possible 100.

The Fast Catch event was a little randomized by the patchy winds, with Matt Barker from WA riding his luck with a round of 27.85 seconds. Next event was lunch, with Jess and Takeshi having organised lunch orders from Murray's Sandwich Shop nearby.





# AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Blow me down, next event was the one I was hoping not to have straight after lunch- Endurance! Grant won this event with a whopping 41, which was very impressive in that kind of weather. Accuracy followed and I was very happy to see newcomer Michael Towel from our NSW throwing group take out the event with 38 out of a possible 100. Aussie Round concluded the day, with throwers not only battling with the strong winds, but also having to throw towards the setting sun. Again, I was not surprised, to see Takeshi replicate persistently brilliant throwing and catching to win with a total of 51 points.

We then met up for dinner, followed by the AGM at Kingswood Sports Club. I was very happy about the outcome, that the BAA voted to reward pioneering and outstanding Australian throwers with lifetime membership. First up, Tony Butz and Jeff Lewry were appointed on the night, with others like Bob Burwell and Rod Jones to follow soon, hopefully.

On Sunday, we had loads of fun with a leisurely round of 'Closest to the Pin,' won by Thomas then followed by the Hunting Stick Event. Roger Perry was able to replicate his recent success at the Team World Cup in France, being the only one hitting the 'Skippy' target from 50 metres.

At the conclusion of the awards presentation, we celebrated Thomas Szartowicz as the winner with the overall highest score, only to learn 10 days after the event, that due to a calculation error, the actual winner was Takeshi Honda!

Our thanks go to Takeshi and Jess for organizing the event, as well as the referees Leonie Metzakis, Angie Perry and Chrissy Metzakis.



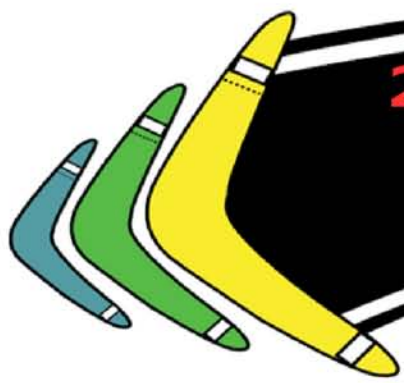




## 2022 Australian Boomerang Championships September 17&18

Rank	Name	First name	Nationality	Category	Overall	Acc	Rank	Points	AR	Rank	Points	MTA	Rank	Points	FC	Rank	Points	END	Rank	Points	TC	Rank	Points
1	Honda	Takeshi	AUS	M	4901	28	8	729	53	1	864	22.75	1	831	34.69	4	820	23	3	734	70	1	923
2	Szartowicz	Thomas	GER	M	4707	32	7	757	21	6	669	23.5	3	838	37.04	5	806	18	4	683	81	1	954
3	Barker	Matt	AUS	V	4593	34	5	769	31	5	750	17.8	2	779	27.85	1	867	9	9	542	59	4	886
4	Rosenthal	Josef	GER	M	4571	21	10	669	40	3	804	19.21	8	795	39.31	6	794	25	2	752	32	6	757
5	Perry	Roger	AUS	V	4531	35	3	776	14	8	586	23	5	833	30.69	2	846	17	5	671	43	5	819
6	Perry	Grant	AUS	M	4218	34	5	769	0	13.5	0	31.73	2	902	43.08	7	774	41	1	856	68	3	917
7	Bustamante	Juan	AUS	M	4215	10	13	518	50	2	851	16.39	11	762	32.74	3	833	11	6	582	21	7	669
8	Johnson	Chris	AUS	M	3905	5	14	387	20	7	659	51.08	1	1000	4	9	659	10	7.5	563	18	9	637
8	Croll	Rob	AUS	V	3905	36	2	781	36	4	781	16.6	10	764	2	11	518	10	7.5	563	9	11	498
10	Schummy	David	AUS	M	3828	34	5	769	11	9	537	23	5	833	1	8	705	3	12	336	19	8	648
11	Wandtke	Günter	AUS	V	3310	23	9	688	9	10	498	11.84	13	694	2	11	518	7	11	492	6	12.5	420
12	Metzakis	Chrissy	AUS	F	2988	14	11	586	4	12	347	12	12	696	2	11	518	2	13	270	13	10	571
13	Towell	Michael	AUS	M	2951	38	1	793	0	13.5	0	23	5	833	1	13	387	8	10	518	6	3	420
14	Lewry	Peter	AUS	M	620	13	12	571	8	11	475	np	14.5	-200	np	14.5	-200	1	14	174	np	14.5	-200
15	Perry	Angie	AUS	F	-1200	np	0	-200	np	15	-200	np	14.5	-200	np	14.5	-200	np	15	-200	np	14.5	-200





# 2022 West Australian Championships

WRITTEN BY CHRISTENE METZAKIS

The annual Western Australian Championships was an intimate affair due to a few unexpected no-shows. That meant it was the long-standing WA boomerang family meeting on the usual training grounds at Sutherlands Park in Southern River.

It was a perfect sunny Perth day with unusually calm winds in the morning. When the winds were up, it was a little difficult as they were quite shifty. We each experienced a few disappointing moments across all events, but we worked through them together and got on with the day.



The event started with Accuracy. Everyone scored points and we were off to a great start.

Chrissy Metzakis' efforts helped her to set a new Australian Ladies Accuracy 100 record and placed 2nd for the event.

Grant did a great throw in MTA Unlimited with a time of 1 minute 47 seconds and added his time to the online world event Minute MTA Monthly challenge hosted by Adam McLaughlin.

To finish off the day, the last event was BBQ and Beers followed by a mini presentation. The WA Championships will be held again in September 2023. Be sure to check the socials for all updates.





## WEST AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Overall Place	Name	ACCURACY		AUSTRALIAN ROUND		ENDURANCE		FAST CATCH		MTA		TRICK CATCH	
		Points	Place	Points	Place	Catches	Place	Time	Place	Time	Place	Points	Place
1	Grant Perry	61	4th	94	1st	24	2nd	24.39	1st	1,47.69	1st	73	1st
2	Matt Barker	62	3rd	94	1st	28	1st	39.64	4th	18.96	3rd	57	2nd
3	Roger Perry	78	1st	83	3rd	22	3rd	30.34	2nd	24.75	2nd	23	3rd
4	Chrissy Metzakis	72	2nd*	8	4th	8	4th	38.09	3rd	16.46	4th	3	4th

\* New Australian Ladies Record

## Overall Placings

West Australian Men's Champion – Grant Perry  
 West Australian Ladies Champion – Chrissy Metzakis







# Out & About

Written by Christene Metzakis

2022 was a little quieter for WABA, but we haven't stopped doing our thing! We continue to throw with our members, but this is an update with what else we have been doing.

We started the year with our annual Quiz Night, and would you believe it, team (West) Australia won something! It may have been off-field but a win's a win! It was a great night with the theme being 'Countries that throw'. The winning table was made up with Marinda, Roger, Matt, Jane, Grant, Chris and Angie. A big thank you to Leonie, who was Quizmaster, along with other WABA members helping in the evening's proceedings.



*Congratulations*

Fast forward to May and WABA was back at the community markets, starting with the great Bedfordale Bush Markets. As usual we were received with enthusiasm and interest from the local community.



From this visit, we were invited to attend the long-running Canning Vale Markets to help them celebrate NAIDOC Week. We supplied blank card boomerangs for everyone to draw their own story using Noongar symbols. These two community events kept us busy until Christene and Leonie headed off to France for the World Boomerang Championships.







## Out & About

Written by Christene Metzakis

After two weeks in France, WABA was back to throwing before some members headed to Sydney for the National Championships, then back in Perth for the WA State Championships in October 2022.

Just when you think we couldn't cram any more in before the end of the year, we headed 150km south to Leschenault, WA to teach the locals how to throw boomerangs at their SportDaze event. The event promotes people to get together with their friends, family and local sporting clubs to celebrate the inclusive culture of sport and recreation. It was a terrific event, and we hope to return to again! Just three days after the event, Christene headed off to India to compete!

That brings us to now- WABA has more markets booked and Leonie is teaching at the University of WA during their school holiday sports program. She has been doing the program for several years now, with boomerang proving to be a standout sport for their participants. We hope to continue to be invited back each school holidays, so we can promote more throwing and encourage more interest in our great sport around West Australia!

To keep up to date with where we are and what we are doing, follow us on our socials.



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# My Boomerang Bag



**Name:** Bitter (German shape)

**Material:** Old Glowy material  
(polypropylene with mystery mixer)

**Shape:** Tri Fly Blank from Eric Darnell

**Throwing Hand:** Right

**Profile:** Easy to throw Versatile.

Reliable.

**Conditions:** best in light wind

**Events:** Endurance, Accuracy

**Tuning:** Penny weighted and profile  
reduced by Fridolin Frost. No airfoil.  
Hand-tuned only.

## Interesting Facts

The Old Glowy material was originally made by mistake around 25-30 years ago with a combination of polypropylene and some other mysterious material. Only a small number of blanks were made and they cannot be replicated.

Although the Glowy material is no longer available, if you are interested in making this style for yourself, 0% and 5% glass fibre nylon Tri Fly blanks with airfoils would be the closest match.

## Takeshi's comment

My mentor, Murata San, got this boomerang from Fridolin Frost. When I started throwing boomerangs, I convinced him to let me borrow it and that was now... 15yrs ago. It is my lucky charm and I always make sure it's in my kit when I travel to tournaments.

Submit a profile of your fave  
'rang to have it featured in  
our next issue!

Written by Takeshi Honda



# THROWER PROFILE #1

## Introducing throwers from Australia

**In this edition, we speak to Christene 'Chrissy' Metzakis, long time thrower and promoter of the sport boomerangs from Perth, WA.**

### **How did you become involved in Boomerangs?**

At the age of nine, I first came across boomerangs when Roger Perry, owner of Rangs Boomerangs, visited my primary school to present a sports boomerang demonstration. During after school pick up my brother John and I were lucky to be included in the newspaper article with Roger, well I poked my head out from behind them to get into the picture.

At first, I participated in social competitions on the weekends with eight or so other children and some adults. Then I helped with Roger's Friday and Saturday night boomerang shows. These shows featured a choreographed LED light show with glow sticks, sparklers to techno music. They attracted massive crowds from all over WA. I also helped SpinBack Boomerangs and then Rangs boomerangs with making, packaging and selling at the Fremantle markets.



### **What kind of boomerang did you start throwing with?**

An Aussie Fever was my first boomerang, and it came from Roger. It was candy apple pink and I absolutely loved it. Unfortunately, it got lost in the long grass while we were throwing in the park.



### **Do you have a favourite?**

My all-time favourite is Roger's Flying Fox boomerang. I've been throwing it since I was around 9-10 years old and even though it's weighty, I was able to get it to come back. I often used it in Aussie Round event in my early days of competing. Since then, my collection has grown, but I only had Roger's boomerangs when I started.





## Which was the most memorable competition that you have competed in?

That would probably have to be the 2021 QLD Nationals. We had flown on a Red Eye flight which was delayed so we didn't arrive until the morning of the competition. Once we touched down, we had to rush off the plane and get to the field just in time to throw MTA.

Although arriving was stressful, I managed to set two new Australian ladies records! These were in Endurance (27), Fast Catch (26.84sec). I also won the Women's Throwstick competition (50m- 3rd overall). Especially after COVID lockdowns, it was great to get together and see everyone encourage each other.



## What do you hope to achieve in the future?

Before I stop throwing, my aim is to beat all the Australian female event records. At this stage, I have Accuracy 50, Aussie Round and MTA left to beat.

I want to continue to spread the love of boomerangs and throwing sport boomerangs! I hope that through initiatives such as Boomergals (@boomergals) and WABA (@waboomerang) we can see more women throwing around the world as well as reintroduce the sport in WA and rest of Australia.



## What are your personal achievements within sport boomerangs?

My personal achievements include traveling overseas twice, representing Australia at the World Cup in France and in India and the personal/Australian records I have achieved: Accuracy 100 (66pts- 2006), Fast Catch (26.84sec- 2021), Endurance (27 catches- 2021), Trick catch (28- 1999).

I am currently the Secretary of BAA, Secretary of WABA, IFBA Media Manager and own Fremantle Boomerangs, a small business stall at the Fremantle Markets, originally started by Sam Blight, then Roger and now me in the exact same location since 1982 with my partner Chris Johnson and with the help of mum in Perth, WA.



# THROWER PROFILE #2

## Introducing throwers from around the world

*Written by Juan Bustamante*

*Colombian national and recent Australian import, Juan Bustamante is QLD's current State Representative.*

I first discovered my love for boomerangs when I was a little boy and saw a short film called 'Mickey Down Under', but it was not until 2001 when I got the chance to purchase my very first rang. I got it from a science museum while visiting Colombia's capital, Bogota.

A few months later, I stumbled upon a small wooden sign outside a house in my hometown of Medellin that read 'Sport of Boomerangs,' which happened to be the home of Oscar Cuartas. Oscar taught me the basics of boomerang throwing and how they work, and I even managed to build and sell a few rangs myself before moving to Australia and taking a break from the sport due to some health issues.



Attending the Australian Boomerang Nationals in Runaway Bay, QLD, in 2021 proved to be a game-changer for me. Not only did I have the pleasure of meeting some amazing people and renowned throwers who reignited my passion for boomerang throwing, but I also had the good fortune of connecting with David Schummy.

As a boomerang legend and one of the very few throwers in Brisbane, David's expertise and enthusiasm for the sport helped me to grow my interest in throwing at a competitive level.

Motivated by David's mentorship and my renewed love for boomerang throwing, I participated in my first competition the following year, in 2022 at the NSW National Competition. I was thrilled to achieve second and third place finishes in the Aussie Round and Fast Catch events, respectively, marking a significant first milestone in my journey as a boomerang thrower.





# 2022 World Championships Bordeaux, France

Written by Roger Perry

I arrived in Paris a week before the World Cup was due to start in August 2022 but unfortunately my suitcase was still in Singapore, so I decided to head off to Bordeaux without it. It arrived the day before the World Cup started and thankfully so, because it had all the boomerangs for the Team Indo in it!

Team Indo was made up of three Indians- Sunil Uikey, Jay Singh Yadav, Philip Sathyaraj and three Indonesians- Denis Suprana, Fahmi Amurullah, Rafid Lajuhnka. Yudhiana Ardisoma brought the throwers from Indonesia and Vivek Montrose came with the throwers from India. Christene Metzakis also helped our team, and I coached.



Top row, from left: Fahmi, Vivek, Roger, Yudhiana, Philip, Sunil,  
Bottom row, from left: Rafid, Denis, Jay  
Not pictured: Christene

The day before the cup started, I had the chance to train the Indian throwers and was very impressed by their raw talent. It was great to have Sunil, who is also a lefty, as he could use my competition boomerangs and has a lot of power.

On day one of the team event, I did not expect too much from the team as none of them had ever competed at an international level. However, to my surprise, they all did an amazing job and worked well together in the team events. There were many highlights, including a near perfect round of Trick Catch by 16-year-old Rafid. He certainly was not daunted by the big stage! Our team finished 9th overall, so a good start.



On day two, I wasn't sure what to expect but the team just lifted. This was especially the case with Denis, who showed everyone that he is going to be a future World Champion!

From memory, Denis had 13 catches in the Team Endurance event and then added another 5 catches to bring the team home at the end. I had asked him to play safe, but I'm so glad he did his own thing and went hard and fast- the only way he knows!

The team also did well in the Team Supercatch event, with all the throwers catching their MTAs and good results in the Fast Catch.



World Champ Manuel Shultz (right) with future Champ Denis Suprana Indonesia (left)

On day three I assumed that, after two consecutive days of throwing, the team might be burnt, but boy was I wrong! The whole team lifted again, with amazing results in Team Supercatch and all events on that day.

I was very proud of the Team Indo. They came in at 2nd place in Team Supercatch event, 4th place in the Trick event and finished in 6th position overall. The entire team can be proud of their first ever World Cup. They worked well together and congratulations to them all!



Newly elected IFBA Committee- Michel Appriou , David Hirsch, Roger Perry, Logan Broadbent, President Gunter Moeller, Mark Legg, and Christene Metzakis

Following the Teams Cup, we had a few days rest with an excursion to Cape Ferret and a beautiful seafood lunch on the beach. A new IFBA board was elected, with Gunter Moeller staying on as President and Roger Perry as Vice President. Christene Metzakis was elected as Media Manager to work on the website and Facebook.



Then we had the Individual World Championships. The competition was won by Brazilian Andre Caixa Ribeiro, who was just fantastic over the entire event. The lady's competition was taken out by Marie Appriou.

One of the highlights of the individual comp was when Indonesian Champion Denis Suprana blitzed everyone to win Endurance with 61 catches. What a place to do your personal best!

Denis finished just outside the Top 10 overall.



2022 Ladies Champion Marie Appriou (left) with World Champion Andre Caixeta Ribeiro (right)



2022 Throwstick winners. Roger Perry in 1st place, Eduardo Mistico in 2nd place and Rob Croll in 3rd place.

The last day of the World Championships provided time to wind down during the Fun Day events. I just managed to win the Throwstick comp from Eduardo Mistico and Rob Croll on the last throw on 50 metres!

The accommodation and food at Moulins Chateau were fabulous. The parties, auctions, aesthetics, and fun times with all the boomerang family will be remembered for a long time. A special big thanks to Michel Appriou and family as well as all the other French helpers involved for putting on an excellent World Cup. Merci and we look forward to 2024 in Hawaii.



## Have a story you'd like to share?

Email stories and photos to BAA to be featured in our next edition!

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# WITH LOVE? FROM DEHLI

Written by Matt Barker

Images contributed by Matt Barker and Roger Perry



Tuk-tuks and motorcycles on the street



A colourful Delhi home in Noida owned by graphic designers



Fresh vegetables sold on the street



The closest photos we could take of some monuments

If you want to visit Delhi, it's important to have a sense of adventure. As soon as you enter the city's roads in a taxi, you will discover how Delhi operates- the traffic is chaotic and dangerous.

There are road rules, but nobody follows them- cars zigzag within inches of each other among tuk-tuks, bicycles, motorcycles and donkey carts. Cows venture across highways with a slow wandering grace and occasionally you meet head-on traffic! The roads buzz all day and through the night without pause amidst a cacophony of tooting horns.

The buildings look good but come with a multitude of functional problems. We had to laugh when we found that the shower heads in our hotel were broken, so we had to stand under a sheet of water that flooded the bathroom floor. Unfortunately, some of us became sick with 'Delhi Belly', but our excellent tour host Lily gave us a local remedy to stop it.

Despite these cultural shocks, Delhi, India was one of the most fascinating holiday experiences I have had. In the short time I was there, I was able to visit a few of the city's many significant monuments.

My tourism highlight was the relatively new cultural centre - Akshardham. Akshardham is an enormous site covering 100 acres, situated near the banks of the Yamuna River. Built in early the 2000s, it only took 5 years to build. 7000 artisans were assigned specific tasks and worked in separate cities, villages and towns, to create meticulous stories in stone that, when completed, came together like an enormous jigsaw puzzle.

We were not permitted to take photographs, but if you're curious, have a look at the tremendous architectural achievement (that would have taken Australian's, with all their work policies, 100 years to build) here: <https://akshardham.com>





Community Group 'Learn to Throw' event

But why was I in India you ask? Along with other Australian Throwers, I was invited by Delhi Government Officials to participate in the first ever Australia vs India Boomerang Competition.

During the tournament India fought hard, beating the Aussies in the Team Relay. I was impressed by the young throwers as they were incredibly fast runners! Ultimately, however, the Indian team was beaten by the experience of the Australian team.



Australian Team outside the Taj Mahal  
Pictured- Rob Croll, Christene Metzakis, Roger Perry and Takeshi Honda



Award winners from local tournament



Christene with local school girls

I loved the small part of India I saw and the friendly people we met along the way. Although it is rare to find any Western travellers in Delhi and nearby parts, everyone was warm and hospitable and loved taking photographs with us. This experience has opened my eyes to India, and I hope to return one day. I plan to travel all over the country to learn more of India's history; what the British travel writer William Dalrymple describes as a 'bottomless seam of stories'.



Community Group 'Learn to Throw' event



# TUNASBUMI 11

Written by Roger Perry

My trip to Bandung City in Java in October 2022, after the World Championships in France, gave me a chance to catch up with all the Indonesian throwers again. I flew via Bali and arrived three days before the Tunasbumi 11 Championships. As soon as we arrived, Yudhiana Ardisoma, the tournament organiser, arranged a car to take a group of us to the Tangkuban Peraho Volcano. The lake was very picturesque, and we had a lot of fun throwing boomerangs out over it. After visiting the volcano, we went to some hot springs about 8km away. They were amazing and you guessed- it very hot!

Tunasbumi 11 was held on an airbase, which got special permission to use. The field was 600m long and 250m wide. The location was amazing but unfortunately, there had been a lot of rain and the ground was soggy. So much so that I ended up throwing the entire event in bare feet!



The day started with MTA and luckily it was not too windy. Denis Suprana powered away to an easy win, but I was more than happy with my time of 35 seconds. Fast Catch was next, and the wind had started with Ahmad Khudoi Rizal, the only thrower to catch under 25 seconds.

For Endurance, I tried one of Denis' new models and it worked a treat in the wind. I was rapt to get 48 catches. The overall winner of Endurance was Fahmi Amrullah with 50 catches in the wind- a really good score.



Denis Suprana was the only person to do well in Accuracy, with 78 points. The next closest score was 50. Denis also was the only person to master Trick Catch Doubling, with a score of 84 points. The last event was my favourite; Aussie Round and my only win of the day with 69 points. The conditions were perfect for my Aussie Rounder (it needs some wind to bring it home). The overall champion was Denis Suprana, winning easily. I came second, while Ahmad Khudoi Rizal, who did a great job all day, came in at third position.

Rank	Name	First name	Nationality	Category	Overall	ACC score	Rani Points	AR score	Rani Points	MTA score	Rani Points	FC Score	Rani Points	END score	Rani Points	TCD score	Rani Points	Tapir score	Rani Points	Extra event score	Rani Points	time d event score	Rani Points	P to beat next team	ca % to beat next team	You have to be ca. x times better to beat next team		
1	Denis				5483	78	11 648	601	4 899	45.96	11 985	32.6	4 899	43	4 899	84								0	0	1		
2	Droger				5278	51	5 859	69	11 833	36.3	3 622	29.4	3 622	49	3 622	46									205	159	2.58	
3	Indra				5199	51	5 859	63	3 903	14.7	25 739	24.09	1 899	43	4 899	62									122	76	1.76	
4	Fanni				5123	45	8 829	58	6 883	29	8 883	48.54	5 759	50	1 899	57									34	17	1.17	
5	Haruy				4739	56	3 879	32	19 793	23.47	14 836	4	8 899	43	4 899	30									383	484	5.64	
6	Isygt				4734	25	19 879	43	10 819	19.73	16 801	25	2 899	28	11 779	30									5	3	1.03	
7	Iacun				4670	33	13 763	52	7 899	27.58	10 872	4	8 899	26	12 700	32									64	35	1.35	
8	Gege				4524	51	7 859	16	23 613	30.12	6 891	3	11 600	36	9 829	29									146	96	1.96	
9	Woad				4523	24	23 699	52	7 899	20.15	17 892	60	6 792	33	10 819	19									1	1	1.01	
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16	Ryan				3679	33	12 763	23	21 698	25.45	11 899	0	24 899	20	14 799	54									350	402	5.02	
17	Frankr				3796	30	14 879	60	4 899	25.4	1 899	0	24 899	38	8 849	4										175	122	2.22
18	Andi				3553	30	14 879	34	18 899	16.51	22 783	0	24 899	12	23 899	22										153	103	2.03
19	Idan				3471	42	10 814	6	25 879	23.97	13 841	1	19 899	9	24 899	9										75	42	1.42
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21	Yuffi				3391	30	16 743	34	16 879	29	8 893	np	28 200	16	17 899	11										62	34	1.34
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I had a great time throwing with the Indonesians. Their good sportsmanship should be a lesson to us all. It's wonderful to see them just have fun and enjoy the company of each other. A special thanks to Yudhiana Ardisoma who did a great job of organising the competitions and looking after everyone. I am looking forward to catching up with them again for Tunasbumi 12 in 2023, which should be straight after the Australian Nationals.





# Upcoming Events

## THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BOOMERANG EVENTS...

After several years of being apart, boomerangs are back baby! - showing our community's resilience and 'have a throw' attitude. Read on to learn about some of the events happening in 2023.



Tsunabumi 12

**20-21 MAY, 2023** Semarang, Indonesia

Registrations close 30th April, 2023

Contact **Roger Perry** for more information

[rangs@iinet.net.au](mailto:rangs@iinet.net.au)

Japan Boomerang Association Tournament  
**20-21 MAY, 2023**

Kizugawa kasenjiki Sports Ground, Kyoto, Japan

Contact **Haruki Taketomi** for more information:

[haruki-t@sea.plala.or.jp](mailto:haruki-t@sea.plala.or.jp)



35th Annual Gateway Classic Boomerang  
Tournament

**28 MAY, 2023** Konarcik Park, Waterloo, Illinois

For more information, contact **Robert Leifeld**:

[Robert.leifeld@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.leifeld@gmail.com)





## Ecki's Classics

**17-18 JUNE, 2023** Hurtgenwald, Germany

A tournament to commemorate the late Eckhard Mawick. Visit the **DBC website** for more information:  
<https://www.bumerangclub.de/termine/eckis-classics/>



## Ravensburger Boomerang Cup

**1-2 JUNE, 2023** Ravensburg, Germany

For more information, contact the event organiser **Klaus Häbe** at  
[klaus.haebe@bumerangclub.de](mailto:klaus.haebe@bumerangclub.de)

## 33rd German Championships

**22-23 JULY, 2023** Cologne, Germany

For information, visit the event page on the DBC website or contact event organiser **Vincent Faika** at [physiopraxis-faika@netcologne.de](mailto:physiopraxis-faika@netcologne.de)



## France Moirans

**26-27 AUGUST, 2023**

For more information, contact event organiser **Olivier Chelmas** via the FFVL online inquiry form:  
<https://federation.ffvl.fr/contact>

## European Boomerang Cup

**9-10 SEPTEMBER, 2023** Postdam, Germany

Registrations close 30 June. Event capped at 60 throwers. For information, visit the event page on the DBC website: <https://www.bumerangclub.de/ebc2023/>







West Australian State Championships  
**SEPTEMBER, 2023** Perth, Western Australia  
For more information, contact **Christene Metzakis** from WABA:  
[waboomerangassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:waboomerangassociation@hotmail.com)

Australian National Championship

**7-8 OCTOBER, 2023**

Stud Park Reserve, Rowville, VIC, Australia

For more information, contact **Rob Croll**,  
President of the BAA: [crolls@bigpond.net.au](mailto:crolls@bigpond.net.au)



4th National Indian Championship

**25-26 NOVEMBER, 2023**

Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

Contact **Vivek Montrose** for more information:  
[indoboomerang@gmail.com](mailto:indoboomerang@gmail.com)

2024 World Championships

**6-16TH JULY, 2024**

Colorado, USA

Schedule TBA



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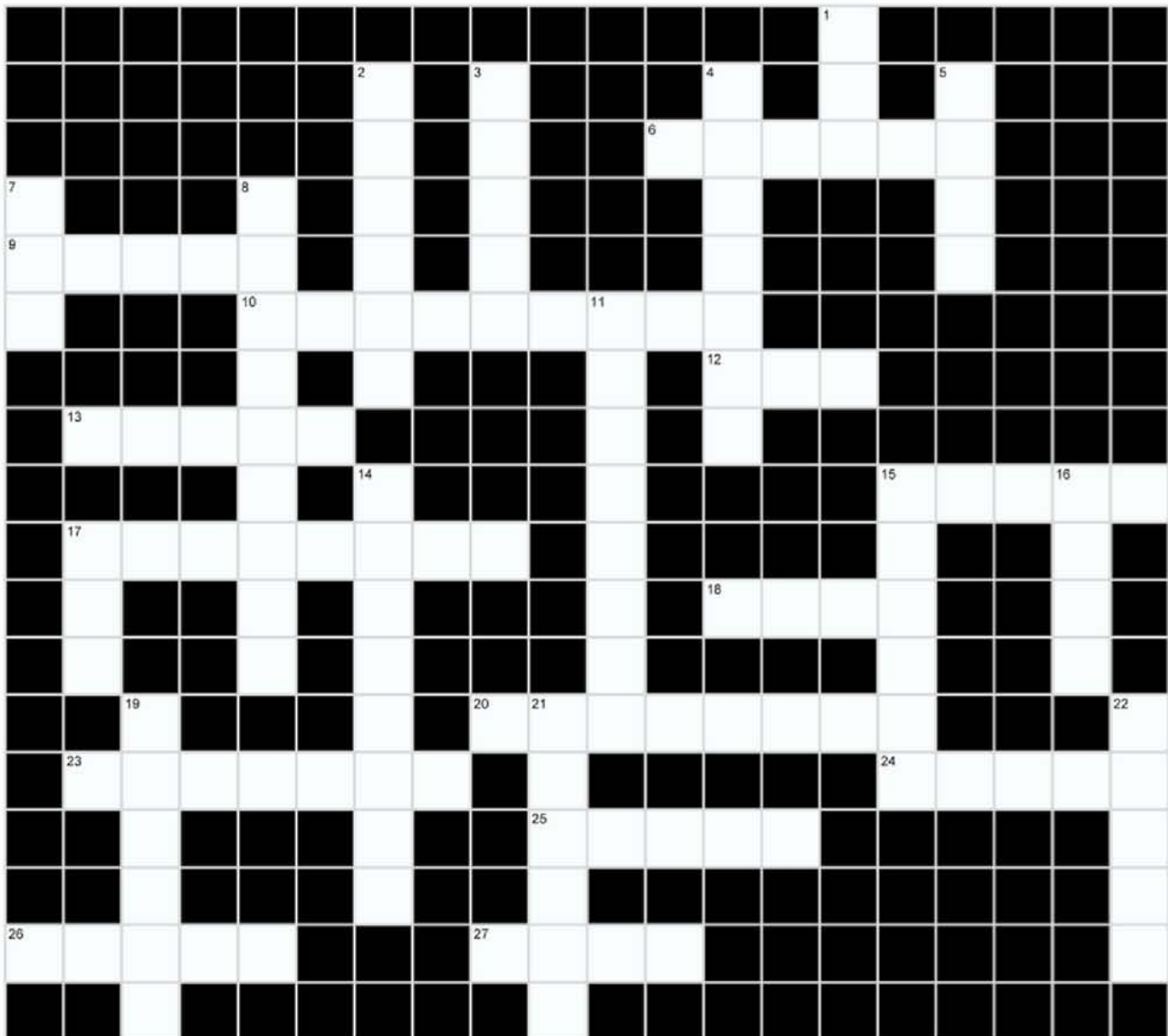
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# Crossword



Across

Down

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| 6 Used to create drag                        | 1 World event                                    |
| 9 24th and last letter of the Greek alphabet | 2 Australian animal shape boomerang              |
| 10 Month the BAA was formed                  | 3 Non-returning                                  |
| 12 Used to throw                             | 4 Original event played                          |
| 13 National Coach                            | 5 Slang term                                     |
| 15 Long distance boomerang maker             | 7 Has the highest number of National title wins  |
| 17 Team name of the 2008 WBC winners         | 8 Event played                                   |
| 18 Needed for a good throw                   | 11 Yearly BAA newsletter                         |
| 20 Veteran thrower                           | 14 Needs two boomerangs                          |
| 23 Material used to make boomerangs          | 15 Previous BAA president                        |
| 24 Points tally                              | 16 World Association                             |
| 25 Wycheproof boomerang maker                | 17 Association                                   |
| 26 Equivalent to the basketball game HORSE   | 19 1990 Junior National Champion                 |
| 27 Some get in the way                       | 21 Place of National Competition                 |
|  | 22 Acronym, 5 things to control during the throw |