MOUNT CLAY ARCHERS

NATIONAL SAFARI NEWSPAPER



BIG NEWS FOR MCA

Exciting news for the archery community—Mount Clay Archers has officially been awarded the National Safari for March 2027. Set in the bushland near Heywood in southwest Victoria, this event promises the course setting that shooters look forward to all year.

With a mix of technical shots, natural obstacles, and thoughtfully designed ranges, competitors can expect a true test of skill, judgement, and consistency. Mount Clay Archers has built a strong reputation for hosting well run shoots, and this national event will showcase both the club's capabilities and the unique landscape of the region. For those who enjoy field and 3D archery, 2027 National Safari should not be missed. Archers from across the country, now is the time to start planning whether that means fine-tuning your setup, preparing for varied terrain, or organising travel and accommodation early. Beyond the shooting, the event offers a great opportunity to connect with fellow archers, share knowledge, and experience a different part of Australia's archery scene.

More details, including exact dates, registration, and course information, will be released closer to the event.

Mark your calendar—March 2027 is one not to miss.

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Things have been buzzing at Mount Clay Archers since hearing that we were successful in gaining the 2027 National Safari. We have started monthly meetings and working bees to make sure the 2027 Safari is fun, challenging, exciting, and most of all a huge success. We have plenty of flat camping area to accommodate hundreds of people and great shower and toilet facilities. We also have a great canteen setup and fantastic caterers set and already planning a menu for the week. Don't be fooled by our name; there are no mountains on the course making it a nice leisurely walk around beautiful bushland yet still challenging. This newsletter has been developed to give you all updates on what is happening at the club in preparation for the Safari and give you some tourism ideas for the area. There is so much to see and do in Southwest Victoria and using the Safari as an excuse to get away is perfect. Don't miss out, start planning your holiday now, Mount Clay Archers are looking forward to seeing you all there. If you have any questions or want any further information, please contact Wendy on 0429 959 402



HEYWOOD

Heywood is a small rural town in south-west Victoria, located about 27 km north of Portland and around 350 km west of Melbourne. It sits at the junction of the Princes and Henty Highways, making it an important local service centre for surrounding farming communities. European settlement began in the 1840s, originally known as "Fitzroy Crossing" before being renamed Heywood in the 1850s. The town has a rich Indigenous heritage and is close to the Budj Bim World Heritage landscape, one of the world's oldest aquaculture systems. The area is the traditional land of the Gunditjmara people, who have lived there for thousands of years. Explore the nearby Budj Bim Cultural Landscape and learn about ancient Indigenous engineering, Enjoy picnics and walks along the Fitzroy River, Visit Cobboboonee State Forest, home to native wildlife like koalas and kangaroos, Discover local art, including large-scale murals and cultural installations



Eating- out options :
Heywood Bakery
53 Edgar Street, Heywood,

Bondy's Pizza - (03) 5527 1208
3-4/43 Edgar St, Heywood,

Heywood Hotel -(03) 5527 9149
47 Edgar St, Heywood

Heywood Takeaway
2/50 Edgar St

Heywood Deli
48 Edgar St, Heywood

Accommodation Options:
Pinewood Caravan Park
2 Bell St, Heywood VIC 3304
(03) 5527 1370

Heywood Motor Inn
1851 Princes Highway, Heywood
(03) 5527 1703
https://www.heywoodmotorinn.com.au/

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