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A Sad Passing

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PAUL McCORMACK

2 December 1938 - 3 March 2009

On Wednesday 8 April 2009 friends of Paul McCormack gathered on the range at Cessnock Pistol Club during the 2009 Pistol Nationals to remember Paul. There were about 50 of Paul's friends present.

Bruce Quick spoke first with passion Bruce described his relationship with Paul as a friend and coach. Bruce spoke of Paul's generosity with his time and resources.

Peter Anderson spoke next outlining Paul's birthplace, Warrnambool and growing up in Port Fairy as a promising cyclist and a good shotgun shooter, until he took up pistol shooting.

Peter spoke of continually being told about this Paul bloke; he was here two weeks ago, he enjoys a few beers and can he shoot!!"

Paul left Australia in December 2001 to take up a new life in Bangkok. He became a vital part of the administration, coaching and international competition organising in Bangkok with the National Shooting Sport Association of Thailand.

There is no doubt that amongst his personal achievements the following ranked highly :

- The results of his 1998 Commonwealth Games Team
- Annemarie Forder's Bronze Medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games
- Two of his Thai shooters, Jakrit and Tanya, gaining Quotas for the Beijing Olympics; never been achieved before, and Tanya made the finals in Beijing

The message from Kuwait received on 4 March simply said, "Paul McCORMACK collapsed on the range and died on 3 March 2009".

Paul McCormack will be sadly missed and remembered fondly by all.