Rifle shooting a family affair

Karyn and Steve Flanagan will bring a family flavour to the New Zealand F-class rifle team competing against Australia this month.

The 14-member F-class team includes five Wellington-based shooters - the Flanagans, Colin Brown and Maurice Subritzky from the Karori club and Michael Shearer (Petone).

The Churton Park couple were introduced to the sport by their daughter, long-range shooter Charlotte Flanagan, who is in the national under-25 women's and open senior teams.

The team will be in Australia from June 12 till 28, with the trans-Tasman competition taking place at the Belmont Rifle Range in Brisbane.

It is the second trans-Tasman match - Australia won when the two sides met in Wellington last year.

