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Licensing & Regulation Division Welcomes Superintendent Brett Curran

LRD is delighted to announce that Superintendent Brett Curran returns to Victoria Police as Manager of the Division.

“LRD is at the forefront of ensuring the community is safe and it has never been more important to have the right people licensed to have firearms,” said Supt. Curran.

“We are working closely with police in regions and crime departments and police jurisdictions across Australia to ensure that the firearms and private security industries are well regulated and illegal firearms are located, seized and destroyed.”

After a long career as an operational member in the force in roles such as Detective and Prosecutor, Supt. Curran was appointed Chief of Staff to Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon before leaving Victoria Police in 2007 to take on the role of Chief of Staff in the office of the Victorian Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Following his appointment at the Minister’s office, Supt. Curran went on to perform the same role for the state opposition leader before returning to Victoria Police in June this year.

“It was a great opportunity to work at the highest levels of government, especially during intense and important times such as the Black Saturday bushfires tragedy,” he said.

“My roles in Government highlighted to me the value of the breadth and depth of experiences we gain through our work here at Victoria Police, and how applicable those are in so many areas of the broader working world.”

“It’s good to be back and involved in an interesting and developing area of work and I look forward to continuing to make a contribution to greater public safety.”



The Approved Handgun Club Newsletter provides information regarding topical issues to the firearms industry in Victoria. For more information, news and previous editions of the newsletter visit: www.police.vic.gov.au/firearms

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Duplicate Licences

Please be advised that changes have been made to the application form for a Duplicate Licence/Registration or Approval.

Applicants are no longer required to supply a Statutory Declaration or police report with the form as this requirement has been removed. The form now includes a declaration made by the applicant making it an offence to knowingly provide false or misleading information.

The revised application must be provided to LRD for all requests for a duplicate licence/registration or approval and can be submitted via post, email or over the counter.

Please access the form under Forms and Downloads at www.police.vic.gov.au/firearms.

Verification of Personal Details for Renewal Applicants

A timely reminder to all licence holders who are renewing their licences to perform a thorough check of the list of firearms included in the renewal documentation. This includes checking the name and address details, serial number and registration details of each firearm carefully.

Handgun Participation Requirements

A reminder to Target Shooters that the participation requirements set out the minimum participation standards that licensed handgun target shooters must achieve in order to continue to hold their licence. There are no issues if a handgun target shooter exceeds these requirements at any time throughout the calendar year (i.e. they are not a maximum requirement).

A great resource which provides answers to frequently asked questions and contains some practical examples is The Handgun Target Shooting Participation Conditions Guide accessible [HERE](#) or for download from the Victoria Police website at www.police.vic.gov.au/firearms.

Approved Handgun Target Shooting Matches

Please note that Police & Service Pistol (above .38inch) and Classic Division have been approved as approved handgun shooting matches pursuant to s.179A(1) of the *Firearms Act 1996*.

Notification of the approval of these matches was published in the Government Gazette on 24 April, 2014. As a result of the approval, the following events now appear on the list of approved handgun shooting matches and have been allocated the following numbers:

- Classic Division .38inch or less – Approved match No.9
- Classic Division .38inch - .45inch – Approved match No.62
- Police and Service Pistol .38inch - .45inch – Approved match No.61

In addition to the approved handgun shooting matches, Modern Division for IPSC has been removed as an approved handgun shooting match.

The full list of approved matches is available for download at www.police.vic.gov.au/firearms.

Mail-outs from Clubs

LRD has recently experienced a noticeable increase in calls from customers seeking clarification regarding advice they received from an association they were a member of. The information provided by the association was inaccurate and receipt of this advice by its members resulted in concern, panic and frustration.

LRD would be grateful if in future, clubs and associations would advise LRD of any mass communication they plan on sending to members so we can confirm its accuracy and cater to the potential increase in enquires to LRD.

Please feel free to include LRD on the distribution list of relevant mass mail-outs as this would enable us to have a reference point and allow us to answer queries from clients more effectively.

Licence Holder Responsibilities

A timely reminder to all licence holders to abide by the conditions of your licence as Victoria Police takes matters of non-compliance seriously and continues to monitor the ongoing suitability of all licence holders through a variety of compliance and enforcement activities.

Examples of recent offences which have led to the suspension/cancellation of licences include assault, improper storage of firearms, and the possession of unregistered firearms.

LRD Farewells Senior Sergeant Dennis Toccock

Senior Sergeant Toccock announced his retirement from Victoria Police, after 41 years of service to the community, with twenty of those years having been spent at what is currently known as Licensing & Regulation Division.

Dennis' career spanned several different parts of the State both regional and inner suburban prior to commencing duty at what was then known as the Firearms Registry in 1993.

Since that time he became an integral part of firearm regulation in Victoria, developing a reputation as a subject matter expert in relation to several aspects of the firearms industry, particularly Firearm Range approval and compliance. Dennis' input was sought across Australasia in regard to the development of courses for range approvers and a variety of other related subjects. He also established strong networks with stakeholders in the firearms community, always endeavouring to work out practical solutions to technical and often cumbersome issues.



On behalf of LRD, we thank Dennis for his years of service, commitment and dedication and wish him the very best as he embarks on a new, exciting journey.

LRD Farewells Superintendent Pauline Kostiuk

After 35 years of service, multiple National Service Medals and an illustrious career, Superintendent Kostiuk announces her retirement from Victoria Police.

Pauline was highly successful in her career, taking on a breadth of policing roles across various operational and support areas. Pauline was instrumental in taking the reigns of the Health & Wellbeing programs both in Region 5 and at Operations Support Department, to ensure robust systems were in place to care for the wellbeing of all members, a legacy to her leadership, passion and professionalism.

On behalf of LRD, we thank Pauline for her commitment and support and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

