



Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Brisbane)

RANGE CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK

AND PREPARATION FOR RE-OPENING

CURRENT STATUS - THE RANGE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

TO: SSAA BRISBANE MEMBERS AND GUESTS

As the COVID-19 restrictions start to relax, we are hopeful of re-opening soon. Many members may be aware that SSAA Qld has announced that some clubs can re-open under strict COVID-19 protocols. **SSAA Brisbane remains CLOSED** as we must also follow directives by the Federal and State Governments and guidelines issued by the Belmont Shooting Complex CEO, who is seeking advice from the landowner Department of Housing and Public Works (Sport & Rec) and/or Queensland Health regarding opening up our ranges to members.

We are implementing procedures for our re-opening and taking into account a duty of care to our staff, volunteers and members. When we do re-open, social distancing will be in place and this will reduce the number of attendees permitted on the range at any one time. Upon initial re-opening, attendance will be restricted to SSAA Brisbane Q01 licensed members only, there will be no unlicensed shooters (form 33) or guests. A booking schedule may exist with time limitation on attendance. Competitions are still not permitted.

Considerations and planning for re-opening:

- Meet legislative and health guidance issued by Federal and State Governments relating to community sports and gatherings;
- Consider our OHS duty of care towards staff, volunteers and members;
- The ability for clubs to sell ammunition;
- The ability for clubs to sell drinks, snacks, and food;
- Meet guidelines for clubs that hold Community Liquor Licenses.

We are working on meeting requirements to re-open and having sufficient staff and supervision available so that everyone has an enjoyable outing when they attend the range. We want to re-open as soon as possible and are hoping to receive clarification on our position soon.

So what has SSAA Brisbane been doing during the closure?

- A new roof has been installed on the clubhouse. During the heavy rain in January some internal leaking occurred and upon inspection the roof had some major rust issues. The cost of the roof replacement was \$75,000;
- Improved drainage works is almost complete in two areas – between the carpark and shotgun range, and also the shotgun and pistol ranges. The drainage work in the carpark has slightly increased our car parking capacity - \$30,000;
- Painting - Inside the shop area; sign-on area; pistol corridor, pistol tables;
- The indoor range carpet has been professionally cleaned, and staff have cleaned the walls and tidied the area;
- Bowling pin tables for pistol competition have been modified to enable easier lifting and moving of the tables;
- Large quantities of mulch has been spread in various areas – gardens, berms, behind target mounds;
- Guttering on shotgun tower;
- Washing down of timber buildings;
- Replacing timber facing on target bunkers on both rifle and pistol ranges;
- Preparation for new hygiene standards;
- New signage;

We are looking forward to seeing our members at the range and keeping everyone safe.

Please check our website for updates and notification of re-opening.

Thank you and stay safe

Rod Shannon

President, SSAA Brisbane

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