



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

Further to our previous update on 8th May, we wish to provide an update on the current situation regarding the recommencement of our shooting activities.

Belmont Shooting Complex – Stage 1

Many sports throughout Queensland welcomed the release of the “Roadmap to easing Queensland’s restrictions”, last Friday. Sporting organisations and clubs have struggled with the Interpretation of “outdoor, non-contact activity” as opposed to “non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport” (in Stage 2).

Representatives from Sport & Recreation (Department of Housing and Public Works) have clarified with Queensland Health, and communicated that the intent was not to include Sport in Stage 1. There is also a clear expectation that Queensland sporting clubs will do the right thing and act in the best interests of the broader community when dealing with the safe return to life beyond Covid 19.

Stage 1 will see a range of permitted activities take place that do not include Sport. Despite the common view that several activities will be permitted in public that may be perceived to have greater risk than those activities that would normally partake here at Belmont Shooting Complex, by deferring Sport until Stage 2 (12th June), the success of Stage 1 permitted activities can be considered.

State sporting organisations are receiving regular updates from QSport (Sports Federation of Queensland Inc.) as the industry peak body representing sport in the State.

The Belmont Site Users Committee will consider bringing together a group to discuss a sitewide plan to maximise the permitted activity when Stage 2 commences.

We acknowledge that some SSAA Queensland ranges are open, however, the landowner of the Belmont Shooting Complex has provided the advice as detailed above, and undertaking activities contradicting the State Government directive may be deemed an unlawful act potentially resulting in fines or notices being issued.

Therefore, no shooting activities on the Belmont Shooting Complex should be conducted until Stage 2 restrictions have been confirmed and implemented by the State Government.

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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