

# NRC Range Officer Meeting November 2022

## *Welcome*

This meeting has three main objectives;

1. Update Ranger Office Contact details and availability
2. Clarify Ranger Office Procedures and Responsibilities
3. Firearms Registry Compliance

## *Range Officer Details and Availability Check*

Please fill in the RO Details and Availability form and hand it in before you leave today.

- Write your range key number in the space provided.
- If you don't use email or the internet tick the box on the form and information such as the General Practice Roster will be hand delivered or posted to you.
- It would be a big help if we could get a few more people to help with General Practice RO duty. If you are available for General Practice RO duty, please indicate the days you are available and also any holiday plans you have for 2023.

## *Range Officer Manual*

- The current range officer manual has been updated.
- If you already have a copy all you need to do is replace pages 4 and 5 which you can download from the club's website. Printed copies are available if you need them.
- If you need a printed copy of the Range Officer Manual, please tick the box on the RO Details form.

## *Range Officer Core Responsibilities*

- Safety
- Compliance with NSW Firearms Registry regulations
- Promote Nowra Rifle Club

## *NRC Rule Changes*

The club's standing orders have been changed to reflect the following;

- "Only legally owned firearms and accessories may be used at Nowra Rifle Range."
  - e.g. Silencers can be used as long as the licensed shooter has a Commissioner's Prohibited Weapons Permit for the calibre being used.
- "Muzzle Brakes can only be used on the General Practice Range during General Practice sessions at the discretion of the Range Officer"

## *NRC Allowed Calibres*

- Calibres up to and including 8mm / .325" for **Jacketed Projectiles Only**.
- Maximum muzzle energy must not exceed 4184 ft/lbs.
- Lead projectiles up to 19.05mm / .75" are permitted.
  - For example a .357 magnum, a 45-70, or a 44-40 Winchester cannot be used with jacketed projectiles but can be used with lead projectiles.

## *Website*

- The website is the best place to provide timely updates to range officers.
- It is where you will find current copies of the RO Manual, Club Rules and P650 forms.
- Range Officer Information can be found at <https://www.nowrarifleclub.com.au/about-2/our-club/range-officers/>
- If you don't have access to the club's website make sure you tick the box "Post" under "Preferred method to access Information" on the RO Details form and a copy of the latest documents will be posted to you.

## *Range Attendance Books*

We need to make sure that the range attendance books are completed fully.

As a club we don't want to give Firearms Registry an excuse to find fault.

Please make sure that;

- The cover of each range book has a clear start and end date
- Check the page / pages for an event are fully completed
  - Event description and date
  - RO is the first entry and has had his/her license verified by a club member
  - RO signs at the bottom of each page
  - Pages are numbered correctly e.g. 1 of 1 or 1 of 2 etc if multiple pages are used.

## *P650 forms*

- You can download the longarm P650 form from the club's website.
- If you want printed copies ask Geoff Smith.
- Completed P650 forms have to be placed in the Mail slot at the main club house.
- **CAUTION:** NSW Firearms Registry do not want RO's signing P650 forms for family members.
- When using a P650 form there needs to be a responsible club member supervising each new shooter e.g. you should not be the General Practice Range Officer and supervise a new shooter at the same time as the new shooter needs your undivided attention.

## *Range Officer Upskill Training*

NSWRA is looking to run a Range Officer Upskilling course at NRC if there is enough interest. You need to be a NSWRA member to participate.

## *Discussion*

Items discussed at Meeting 1

1. A member queried the legality of using silencers during general practice. The club's Safety Officer stated that he had checked with NSW Firearms Registry re: the use of silencers and that Firearms Registry saw no reason why they could not be used by the appropriately licensed shooters.
2. The club President reminded all range officers that they are not to participate in shooting events whilst they are the active range officer. They need to have another range officer take over their duties while they are shooting.
3. Visitors wishing to attend competition events must have the Genuine Reason "Target Shooting" on their license or complete a p650 form for the event. The range officer may wave the \$30 fee for a first visit but will need to charge the fee for subsequent events.
4. Pistol p650 forms can only be issued by the Pistol Captain.