



# VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

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To:

NRAA Executive Officer

State and Territory Associations

## RE: VICTORIAN QUEENS POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

The VRA Council met on Sunday 15 March and decided to postpone the 2020 Victorian State Championships due to the risks around the Coronavirus. The Syme and Queens series were to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, but will now be held in the first week of December. This will also mean the National Ladies Teams Matches will NOT be held on 30 & 31 March 2020. The NRAA and Ladies committee have discussed the options available to them and have decided to reschedule the National Ladies Teams to coincide with the Victorian State Championships in 2021.

We realise that this decision will adversely impact on many people's plans, but we have taken this step in the best interest of our members, employees and volunteers. The main reason for this decision is our concern about the spread of the virus and the potential impact it could have on our members. As everyone knows, many of our members are in the older age group and therefore at greater risk of a more serious illness, should they become infected.

Other issues that contributed to our decision related to the logistics of conducting the event. With the unnecessary panic buying there are considerable risks that participants and the VRA would not be able to gain access to goods and service in purchasing food and other products from depleted supermarkets which would have significantly adverse implications those affected.

The VRA have proposed to hold the Syme and Queens from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020. We know this will impact other clubs and we regret this and hope that they will understand.

The VRA will be sending correspondence to all those who have already paid for their entry and provide them with the option of a refund or a transfer to the December event. Should you have any further questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact the VRA office, any of the councillors or myself.

Yours faithfully

Garry Kay

VRA Chairman