

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria)

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Shooting range to get a \$450k facelift

The Springvale shooting range will get a \$450,000 facelift over the next 12 to 18 months, thanks to two Victorian Government grants.

The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria) was formally notified recently that it was successful in receiving a \$100,000 grant from round two of the Shooting Sports Facilities Program. The Association also received a \$100,000 from round one of the same program in November 2015.

Each grant will be bolstered by \$50,000 of SSAA Victoria funds to allow for major improvements to the popular range, which caters for pistol and rifle shooting.

SSAA Victoria Facilities Manager Shaun Doyle said work was already under way behind the scenes to fulfil the commitments of the first grant and patrons should start to see activity on the range within the next month or two.

“These grants have enabled us to commit to some significant capital improvements that the facility really needed,” he said.

“We now have the ability to refurbish the front entrance and the toilets, repair and replace walls and carry out several other projects around the range to improve the aesthetics.”

The Association’s Sporting Shooters Pistol Club, which resides at the range, was also successful in its application for a \$100,000 grant, which will be boosted by \$50,000 from the club.

This project will see two general purpose ranges built in the place of ‘range three’ to accommodate the growing number of pistol shooters attending the facility.

SSAA Victoria Chief Executive Officer Jack Wegman said the works would be a significant improvement to the look and feel of the facility.

“The range has been in need of some TLC for years and we are pleased to see that those plans to refresh the range are coming to fruition now,” he said.

“I would like to acknowledge the Minister for Sport John Eren and the Shooting Sports Facilities Program panel for supporting us through this process.”

In his letter to the Association, Minister Eren said the Victorian Government was “strongly committed to developing the shooting sports”.

“We understand the important role that the sport plays in fostering a vibrant, inclusive and connected community,” he said. “We are excited to support the Shooting Sports Facilities Program and ensure the sustainability of local shooting clubs in Victoria.”

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