

QVMAG Firearms Policy

PURPOSE:

To enable the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG) to manage the firearms held in the History Collection in accordance with the QVMAG's Collection Policy and the legal responsibilities imposed by the *Firearms Act 1996*.

SCOPE:

Applies to the QVMAG and its employees.

POLICY:

Introduction:

The QVMAG holds within its History collection a number of firearms for the purpose of research, preservation, interpretation and display. QVMAG management has a responsibility to ensure that the storage, handling and display of these items satisfies any legislative requirements and appropriate risk management principles.

Legislative Requirements

In accordance with the *Firearms Act 1996* the QVMAG will:-

- Ensure that the Director of the QVMAG or his or her delegate holds a current Firearms Museum Licence appropriate to the categories of firearms held in the QVMAG collection.
- Store firearms according to the prescribed conditions.
- Provide the Commissioner of Police with a current listing of all firearms held by the QVMAG and ensure that the currency of the list is maintained as additional firearms are acquired.
- Notify the Police when items are moved between QVMAG sites or if changes are made to security arrangements.

Operational Requirements

In order to ensure compliance with the legislative requirements the QVMAG will:-

- Ensure that access to the Arms Store is restricted to the Director of the QVMAG and QVMAG collection management staff authorised in writing by the Director.
- Reserve the right to refuse an individual access to weapons held in its care.
- Recognise the obligations to comply with the conditions imposed by the *Firearms Act 1996*.

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PRINCIPLES:

Council's Organisational Values apply to all activities.

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

Related Policies

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RELATED LEGISLATION:

Firearms Act 1996

Firearms Regulations 2006

REFERENCES:

Relevant legislation is explained on the Tasmania Police website, at <http://www.police.tas.gov.au/services-online/firearms/firearms-storage/>

DEFINITIONS:

N/A

REVIEW:

This Policy will be reviewed no more than 5 years after the date of approval or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.