



# **SSAA PRACTICAL FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM**

*DURAM PARK WARRNAMBOOL*

Basic Firearms Safety Course

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## **Practical Firearms Training Program**

**COURSE DATE TBA**

<https://ssaavic.com.au/education/practical-firearms-training-program/>

SSAA Victoria has developed a Practical Firearms Training Program: Introductory Course to help develop shooting skills for people at all levels, with or without a firearms license. It has also been recognized as a firearms safety course by Victoria Police – meaning completion of the course satisfies a requirement of obtaining a firearms license.

Held at either SSAA Victoria's [Springvale, Little River, Wodonga, Warrnambool](#) and [East Gippsland \(Buchan South\)](#) ranges, the PFTP: Introductory Course is designed to instill best practice and essential knowledge for new or intermediate firearms users.

Because the course is held at our ranges under the supervision of training staff and range officers, participants do not require a license. It means our PFTP Introductory Course is ideal for new shooters to become accustomed to firearms use before they take the step of getting a license and purchasing their first firearm.

The program is also designed to give shooters a better understanding of their firearm and covers fundamental skills such as sighting-in a rifle (which is essential before hunting).

Topics covered in the PFTP: Introductory Course include:

- Firearm types, major parts and actions
- Basic firearm safety and risk management
- Safe storage, transportation and handling
- Ammunition anatomy and cartridge construction
- Shooting procedures and techniques
- Firearm maintenance
- Sighting-in
- Marksmanship

**Safety requirements:**

- Participants **must** wear enclosed footwear during the practical session and no singlets or skirts.
- We will provide earplugs (these are mandatory during the range shoot). All junior participants (under 18 years) will require eye protection, which can be provided by us if needed.
- We will adhere to social distancing requirements – so please **do not attend if you are not feeling well** on the day.

**Course attendance:**

- Please provide your full name, as it appears on your ID when registering for the course.
- Participants must show an original Government-issued ID (i.e. **Drivers licence**, Passport, etc) on the day of the practical component.
- If you are unable to attend the course you have booked into, you **must** notify the Training Department **at least 48 hours prior to the online course commencing** in order to obtain a refund. (All refunds will incur a \$10 administration fee).
- Participants must have an English language skill level which enables them to clearly understand instructions and respond verbally and in writing to the competency assessments. To avoid disrupting other attendees, interpreters will not be permitted on the range. Those requiring language assistance can discuss alternative arrangements with the State Office.
- Juniors (aged 12 to 17) are welcome to attend. It is preferable that a parent or guardian is also an enrolled participant in the course. It's a great opportunity for parents to help their kids get involved with the shooting sport. Provision can be made for juniors to complete the course without an adult present.

**Cost:**

SSAA members receive a discount on the course fee as another membership benefit (ammunition and targets are covered in the cost).

- Adults: \$130 SSAA member\* / \$160 non-member
- Juniors: \$100 SSAA member / \$100 non-member

\* If you are a new member, and have yet to be allocated a SSAA membership number, please contact State Office to receive a discount code (upon confirmation of membership with our National office).