



VICTORIAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION INC

ESTABLISHED 1860
Registration Number A13641H
ABN 37 571 868 151

VRA Councillor Guiding Principles August 2020

The VRA Council aims to be an effective, responsive and professional governing body of the Victorian Rifle Association (VRA). The Council will always strive to deliver positive outcomes to its members and external stakeholders. Failure to comply with the below principles will put the effectiveness of the council and the cooperative trust between its members at jeopardy. Councillors not able to fulfil the obligations of inclusiveness/confidentiality/participation may be asked, through majority vote, to remove themselves from Council.

- Each Councillor will be respectful of other Councillors during meetings and in correspondence and each Councillor will be given equal opportunities to present opinions or ideas without favour.
- Councillors may not divulge any information contained in documents marked - Council-in-Confidence.
- Councillors will not divulge topics of discussion from meetings and council business unless officially disclosed in the published minutes. This includes not posting Council information on any form of social media.
- Councillors will actively participate in council matters and take a leadership role in one or more portfolio areas or issues of the day. Councillors will provide reports on their portfolios at every Council meeting.
- Councillors must be aware that all personal opinions published in social media will reflect upon the reputation and good standing of the VRA. This includes comments/opinions on their own personal social media pages.

All Councillors are required to abide by the below directions as stated in Rule 31 of the VRA Rules and Statement of Purpose

QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

All persons nominating for election as Councillors shall be Members of the Association.

- 31.2 As soon as practicable after being elected or appointed to the Council, each councillor must become familiar with these Rules and the Act.
- 31.3 The Council is collectively responsible for ensuring that the Association complies with the Act and that individual members of the Council comply with these Rules.
- 31.4 Councillors must exercise their powers and discharge their duties with reasonable care and diligence.
- 31.5 Councillors must exercise their powers and discharge their duties—
- (a) in good faith in the best interests of the Association; and
 - (b) for a proper purpose.
- 31.6 Councillors and former Councillors must not make improper use of—
- (a) their position; or
 - (b) information acquired by virtue of holding their position—
- so as to gain an advantage for themselves or any other person or to cause detriment to the Association.

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