

## Steps involved in obtaining a NSW Crossbow Permit

### *As pertaining to Illawarra Archers Club Members*

Firstly under our current *Club Safety Policy*, as shown on page 5 under the heading Equipment safety, Crossbow.

- a) This type of bow must comply with the AA rules as shown in the current rule book.
- b) Any member wishing to shoot a crossbow must be of at least twelve (12) months standing at the Club, or have successfully completed course of instruction with a current crossbow instructor.
- c) Any member shooting this style of bow at the Club grounds must be a current holder of a NSW Police prohibited weapons permit and shall display this permit to any member of the club who requests to see it; or alternatively they must be under the direct supervision of the holder of a Prohibited Weapons Instructors permit.
- d) Visiting Arbalists must have specific permission to shoot at the range from a member of the Club's Executive.
- e) Any arbalist wishing to transfer to Illawarra Archers must demonstrate to a current crossbow instructor that he/she can shoot in a safe manner and is knowledgeable of the AA crossbow rules. If he/she fails to do so, then he/she would have to successfully complete a course of instruction with a current crossbow instructor before joining the Club.
- f) Any unattended crossbow must be left in a secure state.

(amendments passed at Club Meeting 18th January 2003)

Under the current *ASNSW Crossbow Policy and Procedures* document your first step in making application for a crossbow permit must be via the ASNSW Secretary or the designated Crossbow Liaison Officer. You should then be sent an information kit containing the following

- a) Copies of all relevant Police Firearms registry policy documents and application procedures.
- b) Copy of ASNSW Policy and Procedures.

You can visit ASNSW at the following web address [www.archerynsw.com](http://www.archerynsw.com)

A *supporting letter from Illawarra Archers* will be required, this will certify that you are a current member of Illawarra Archers and in turn the Archery Society of NSW. This is required to be included with your application form for the Firearms Registry and the letter can be obtained by requesting it from the Club's Secretary. Illawarra Archers web address [www.geocities.com/illawarraarchers](http://www.geocities.com/illawarraarchers)

As this type of bow is a Prohibited Weapon in NSW there are a number of rules and regulations pertaining to the ownership and use of this type of bow. They relate to the type, number, use, storage and transportation of the crossbow. There are 2 Acts controlling this, they are

- a) *Prohibited Weapons Act 1998*
- b) *Weapons Prohibition Regulation 1999*

These documents can be downloaded from the Internet by visiting the NSW Government website at [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

The costs involved in obtaining a permit are \$127 for the permit application and the permit remains in force for a period of five (5) years and then a renewal application will have to be lodged.

Contact details for the NSW Firearms Registry are;

*Permits Officer telephone 1300 362 562*

*For any further information please feel free to discuss the requirements and specific information of shooting crossbow with any of the Club's current Arbalist's.*