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### **NSW FIREARM AMNESTY YOUR CHANCE TO SURRENDER OR REGISTER ILLEGAL GUNS**

The NSW Government today announced a statewide firearm amnesty from 1 July to 30 September 2018 in a bid to register or remove illegal firearms from the community.

Minister for Police Troy Grant said last year all Australian states participated in the National Firearms Amnesty and the response by NSW was outstanding.

“The NSW Police Force netted nearly 25,000 firearms from 7,277 individuals during the three month campaign,” said Mr Grant.

“Of those 14,745 firearms were registered, providing Police with critical information on each weapon including the serial number and the owner’s details.

“NSW residents have another chance to do the right thing and either surrender unwanted or prohibited weapons or become a responsible owner and register their firearm.

Deputy Commissioner Metropolitan Field Operations Jeff Loy, said there has been continued interest from the community to dispose of unwanted firearms without penalty.

“In 2017, we had nearly 8000 firearms handed in for destruction – including 951 handguns and 5558 shotguns – about 15,000 handed in for registration and 2100 handed in for sale,” Deputy Commissioner Loy said.

“This is another opportunity for people to get rid of any firearm or parts without the fear of prosecution.”

Deputy Commissioner Regional NSW Field Operations Gary Worboys said every firearm captured in the amnesty is one we previously knew nothing about and risked falling into the hands of criminal gangs or organised crime syndicates.

“I'd like to remind all those who own a firearm they have a legal obligation to ensure it is safely and securely stored at all times,” Deputy Commissioner Worboys said.

Firearms and firearm-related items can be surrendered under amnesty arrangements at approved drop-off points, which include licensed firearm dealers, mobile stations, and police stations.

Under no circumstances should loaded firearms be taken into public places – including police stations.

Anyone with concerns about handling firearms or safely transporting them, can contact the NSW Police Force Firearms Registry on 1300 362 562 for assistance. For more information visit [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

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