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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NSW GUN AMNESTY NOW UNDERWAY**

The Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today reminded the community that the NSW firearm amnesty has now commenced and he urged people to register or hand over to local Police any illegal firearms in their possession.

Mr Aplin said the three month gun amnesty runs from 1 July to 30 September 2018.

“Last year, nearly 25,000 firearms were netted by NSW Police during the national gun amnesty,” said Mr Aplin.

“Evidently, there are still firearms in the community that people no longer want or would like to register.

“Local residents have another chance to surrender unwanted or prohibited weapons or become a responsible firearm owner and register their gun or rifle,” said Mr Aplin.

In 2017, nearly 8000 firearms were handed in for destruction including 951 handguns and 5558 shotguns.

A further 2100 firearms were handed in for sale, while nearly 15,000 were handed in for registration, providing Police with critical information on each weapon including the serial number and the owner’s details.

Minister for Police, Troy Grant said since last year’s gun amnesty there has been continued interest from the community to dispose of unwanted firearms without penalty.

“Whether the firearm was inherited or found, the three-month amnesty period will allow them to come forward and legally dispose or register it without fear of prosecution,” said Mr Grant.

“I’d also like to remind people – if you own a firearm, you have an obligation to ensure it is safely and securely stored at all times,” Mr Grant 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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