

# METROPOLITAN PISTOL CLUB



## STANDING ORDERS

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## Club Facilities



- A Range 1 - 30 bay 25m / 50m/100m range
- B Range 2 - 10 bay 25m range
- C Range 3 - 10 bay 25m range
- D Range 4 - 13 bay 10m air pistol range, *air conditioned*
- E Metro club house
- F Range 6 - 8 bay 50m range - Service Pistol Range
- G Range 6A - Shotgun range
- H Range 5 - Action range

## Location and Description of Range

1. The Metropolitan Pistol Club Ranges are located in the Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, BELMONT at the end of Pistol Parade.
2. A copy of the current Weapons Licensing Branch Range Approvals are on display in the Clubhouse and at the Range Register.
3. Shooting is permitted from 8:00 a.m. until dusk on any day with the following exceptions:-
  1. No Shooting on Range 1 Mondays before Midday
  2. No shooting permitted on Christmas Day
  3. No shooting permitted before 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.
  4. Night shooting as per Club Shooting Program and with the approval of the Club Captain on all other occasions. Night Shooting is to cease by 9 PM.

Reference should be made to the Club Calendar, Club Web Page and Club Notice Boards for scheduled competitions and / or range closure information. These notices are part of the Standing Orders.

## Details of Ranges

4. The Metropolitan Pistol Club is made up of the following ranges that are generally described as :-

Range 1	25m, 50m & 100m Pistol Range (Limited Danger Area range)
Range 2	25m Turning Targets (No Danger Area Range)
Range 3	25m Turning Targets (No Danger Area Range)
Range 4	Air Range (.177 Cal only) (No Danger Area Range)
Range 5	IPSC, ICORE, Western Action Range; Bowling Pin & Steel Challenge (Limited Danger Area Range)
Range 6	Service Pistol Range/ Multi use (No Danger Area Range)
Range 6 A	Shotgun Range

## General:

5. MPC Members operating/conducting ranges on MPC Ranges must be correctly licensed and accredited by the MPC committee as an authorised Range Officer/Operator. To do this, they must complete the appropriate QSA Range Operator Accreditation. **Members who are not Range Operator accredited are not permitted to operate / shoot on a range without a qualified Range Operator**
6. Range Officers must display their name on the black boards provided on each range prior to conducting a match or practice. Range Operator Hi Vis vests are provided for use on Ranges- Brassards can be worn on action Ranges in lieu of Hi Vis Jackets. The intent of Range Operator Identification is for Safety and ready Identification of who is in control of the Range.

7. Range Operators/Officers are to be conversant with these Range Standing Orders and are responsible for compliance. Breaches of Range Standing Orders are to be reported to the Club Captain or an Executive Committee Member. **Breaches of Range Standing Orders may lead to disciplinary action by the Club Executive which includes cancellation of Membership.**
8. Members are to visibly display their Membership Card when on an MPC Range.
9. Scheduled Club Matches have precedence over all other Range use except for Executive sanctioned events.
10. Range Operators/Officers will ensure shooters are correctly licensed to use firearms on the range before conducting the match (sight license or complete Form 33(a)), and sign off Shooters Participation Books and the Range Register at conclusion of match/practice.
11. Pistols with chassis attached may only be used for ammunition testing/ sight alignment and their use in matches/ practice is prohibited. Firearms which do not meet rules for Matches listed on Club Range Approvals are not to be used in competition/practice on Metropolitan Pistol Club Ranges.
12. All range users also have a responsibility for safety and compliance with these Standing Orders.
13. All licenced visitors from other clubs must be accompanied and supervised at all times by an MPC Range Operator whilst shooting on the MPC ranges, and pay the \$10.00 visitor's fee. Money attached with Users name to be deposited in Blue Box outside of Club House.
14. Non shooting visitors must abide by these Standing Orders and register in the Visitors Book.
15. All targets are to be placed so that all projectiles strike a backstop or a suitably constructed temporary backstop.
16. All metal targets at distances less than 10m must be shrouded before being used.

### **Calibres to be used on the Range**

17. The calibres of firearms that can be used on the appropriate ranges are .177 Air Pistol through to .45 cal. Shotguns and Rifles are also approved for use on Ranges 1 and 5.
18. (All firearms are subject to the conditions as outlined on the Range Approval document on the wall in the Clubhouse and on the notice boards on Ranges. On Range 1 Rifles are restricted to a Muzzle Velocity of 3200FPS **AND** 1174 FT LBS of Muzzle Energy.
19. The largest calibre centre fire rifle allowed to be used on Metropolitan Pistol Club Ranges is .223. **Larger centre fire rifle calibres are strictly prohibited.** Rifles using pistol cartridges are an exception and can be used.

20. **Pistol Jacketed Ammunition is prohibited on all ranges (Metallic Silhouette competitors using Range 1 are exempt as per match rules). Copper wash and plated projectiles such as “Berry’s” are acceptable. Soft point or hollow point projectiles in rifle ammunition as per clause 18 is acceptable.**
21. Centre Fire rifles are not to be used after 6 PM.
22. Black Powder calibres as approved by the Committee.

## NOISE

23. Maximum noise on MPC Range 1 as measured from shooting bay 5 at the right hand wall of Range 1- Day time dB Peak Hold is 131 dB evening dB Peak Hold is 121dB. Maximum noise on MPC Range 5 Day time dB Peak Hold is 147 dB, evening dB Hold is 137dB. Maximum noise on MPC Range 6 Daytime is dB Peak Hold is 141 dB, evening- db Hold is 131dB
24. The Committee has the ability to arrange for testing the noise of any firearm, if in doubt do not use the firearm until tested or permission is granted by Club Captain or an Executive Member.

## SAFETY

### Range Flag and warning lights

25. A RED DANGER FLAG is to be flown from the flagpole situated to the side of the Club main entrance whenever shooting is in progress on ranges 1 to 4. A RED DANGER FLAG is to be flown from the flag poles on range 5,6 and 6A whenever shooting is in progress on these ranges. At night, on Ranges 1, 2 & 3 and Range 6 the Red light is to be on at the entrance of the range where shooting is in progress. This is operated by the same switch as the Range Register light.

### Range and Safety Rules

26. All shooters must ensure they have signed the appropriate registers (inside the main entrance on Range 1), if shooting on any range. All other non-shooting people attending the Club are to enter their details in the visitors register
27. The Range Officer / Range Operators must inspect and ensure ALL 33 and 33a forms are completed correctly and accurately before shooting commences. Form 33 is the means that a prospective Member may try pistol shooting in a controlled environment and this is limited to a **MAXIMUM of Three (3) occurrences only with prior approval by Club Captain /Discipline Captain. Range 5 is the designated Range for form 33 shooters.** A fee of \$10.00 applies to Form 33 shooters and is to be attached to the completed form and deposited in the Blue box near the BBQ at the Club House. Matches are not to be undertaken by Form 33 shooters.
28. The Range Officers commands are to be obeyed at all times.

29. Shooters under the age of 18 years must have a parent or guardian available on the Range at all times.
30. MPC Members that supervise junior shooters must have a valid Qld Government 'Blue Card'.

## **SAFETY Continued**

31. Firearms are not to be uncased or placed in holsters unless that range is under the control of a designated Range Officer / Range Operator. Firearms are only to be uncased when at the designated firing position or Gun Safe area.
32. When on the firing points, all firearms are to be pointed directly down range at all times. This also includes the packing or unpacking of firearms at the start or end of shooting.
33. Holstered firearms may be worn when allowed in the course of fire. No holstered firearm is to be worn outside of the immediate range area. Moving between ranges during a match is an exception. Firearms cannot be 'holstered' whilst inside the clubhouse area or in the carpark at any time. An unloaded firearm may be holstered by a Member who is operating a range as a sole Range Operator as an additional means of providing firearm security on the range.
34. Shoulder holsters, tie down and thigh holsters are not to be worn by club or visiting members during competition or practice. The use of any holster must not allow the muzzle to point to the rear or for the muzzle to cover any part of the body. These restrictions do not apply to Police, Customs or Security organisations training in line with approved training programs. A holster accreditation (IPSC, Pistol Australia, Western Action or Club approval) is mandatory for using a holster during a Match.
35. All targets must be placed within the Primary Arc of Fire. All projectiles must strike the bullet catching mound within the Secondary Arc of fire. Action Matches and Metallic Silhouette Matches arcs are as per approved range layouts. The Arcs of Fire for ISSF, PA and standard practice are described as :-
  1. **Primary Arcs of Fire**
    - i. Left of Arc Far LEFT of left hand side of target frame.
    - ii. Right Arc Far RIGHT of right hand side of target frame.
    - iii. Highest Arc No higher than the top of the target frame.
    - iv. Lowest Arc BOTTOM of target frames.
  2. **Secondary Arc of Fire**
    - i. Left of Arc Far LEFT of left hand side of rear mound. i.e. where the range wall (or projection of the wall) meets bullet catching mound.
    - ii. Right of Arc Far RIGHT of right hand side of rear mound. i.e. where the range wall (or projection of the wall) meets bullet catching mound.
36. Range Officers / Range Operators are to ensure that all courses of fire comply with these arcs of fire. If any person on the range that observes rounds landing outside these arcs, they are to inform the Range Officer / Range Operator immediately. The Range Officer / Range Operator is to then re-check alignment of targets and ensure that the shooters are aligned directly in front of their respective targets. Brick walls, baffles or concrete footings are not to be shot at any time. Range Operators/Officers are to wear Hi Vis vests provided.

37. Action Matches may use designated positions on ranges to create safe firing next to an adjacent range only under the direct supervision of a Range Officer.
38. Only targets authorised by Metropolitan Pistol Club Executive/ Weapons Licensing Section may be used on the ranges. These include targets as described in the ISSF / Service Match / WA1500 / 25 Yard Service Match / IPSC / ICORE / Steel Challenge / Bowling Pin and other approved match rules and those used by Police and Security training organisations according to their approved courses of fire. Targets may only be positioned on the ranges according to the arcs of fire as described.
39. Calibres used on Ranges 2, 3 and 6 are to align with the approved matches for these Ranges. It is requested that all over .38 calibre firearms are only shot on Range 1 and 5 (Metallic Silhouette and Western Action matches are the only matches approved for use with over .38 calibre pistols)
40. Firearms are to be bagged or in closed containers at all times when within the Clubhouse or Club Office area, except when organised firearm safety training or coaching is being conducted.
41. Ear and eye protection must be worn by all personnel on MPC Ranges. (Ear protection is not compulsory in Range 4, the Air Range.) It is strongly recommended that ear and eye protection to be worn by all people whilst in the general range areas.
42. Shirts with sleeves are to be worn at all times when shooting. Singlets shall not be worn on the ranges. Military Cammo style clothing is also not acceptable. Enclosed footwear is to be worn at all times when on any Range.
43. Any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug shall **NOT** enter, or be near the firing points
44. Smoking is not permitted at any time on the ranges, in the Clubhouse or in areas where people are gathered. A designated smoking area is situated on the western side of the club house.
45. Mobile Phones and Pagers are to be turned off (or switched to silent) whilst on the Range during competition.
46. Lead contamination is a serious health hazard- hand washing facilities are available on Range 1,5,6 and 6A as are electric fans situated at rear of all ranges which should be used to expel fumes down range. No eating/ drinking should be undertaken prior to hand washing.
47. Removal of lead from Ranges is at the direction of the Executive Committee. Personal Protection Equipment (gloves, mask, and safety glasses) is to be worn at all times and hands washed prior to leaving the Range. Personal Protection Equipment is located in the Q Store with access via an Executive Committee Member.
48. For emergency medical attention dial 000 and call an ambulance. Telephones are located at the QRA office.

## 1. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

**Emergency Services      Police, Fire Service, Ambulance - dial 000**

**The entrance is located at 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont  
opposite Stanbrough Road intersection.**

**A guide for the ambulance is to be positioned at the entrance of the Range Complex on Old  
Cleveland Road and guide the ambulance to the casualty.**

### QRA Emergency Contacts

Mon – Fri 8.30 am – 4.30 pm	07 3398 4309	QRA Office
Out of hours – on site	0421 578 086	David Gardiner
Out of hours – off site	0422 483 500	

### First Aid

First aid kits are located:

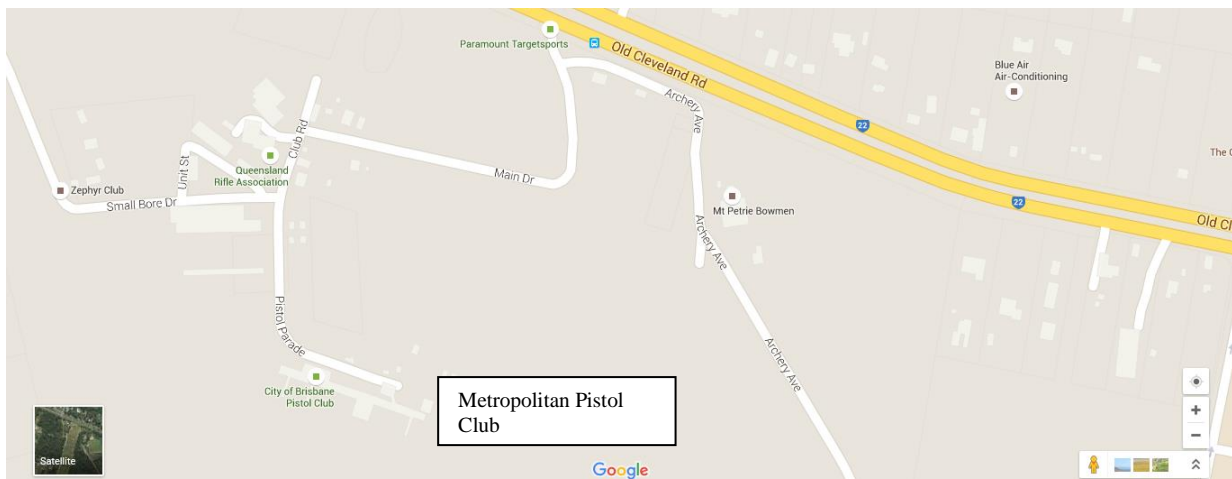
- On R1, R 5 & R6A containers, R6, and in the Club House
- AED kits are located Ranges 1,4,6 and Office
- at the QRA office
- with the QRA or MDRA Range Officer

### Casualty Evacuation

Casualties should be evacuated to the nearest medical facility:

- Redlands Hospital Wellington St, Cleveland 3240 8200
- Princess Alexandra Hospital, Ipswich Rd Woolloongabba  
3240 2111

1485 Old Cleveland Road Belmont





## **Gun Safety Areas**

49. There is a designated gun safety area located on Ranges 1, 5 & 6. Otherwise, firearms may only be handled in the bay areas on the other ranges provided no personnel are forward of the firing line. When all ranges are allocated to the competition, the Club Captain or Chief Range Officer for the competition may allocate temporary gun safe areas on the day. No ammunition is to be taken into the gun safe area(s) at any time the only exception is IPSC competitors who may take ammunition into the safe area but are prohibited in handling it.

## **Range Appearance**

50. All equipment and fittings used to conduct a shoot must be stored in a safe, tidy place when not in use. Ranges are to be restored to a clean and tidy state after use.
51. Any extra equipment must be removed from the ranges immediately after the completion of the shoot and the ranges left in a clean and tidy state.
52. If any shooting position is to be marked on the ground with paint, then only the grassed area may be painted and not any concrete or fitting on the range.

## **Damage to Facilities**

53. All personnel that use the range, being members or visitors, are to report any damage of the range or equipment prior to departing the range. The repair or the cost of such repair, of any damaged facilities may be the responsibility of the user if it is deemed to be deliberate or if not reported in a timely manner. Damage is to be reported to a Metropolitan Committee person and a written report (Annex A – available from the Club Office) left in the Clubhouse office area.

## **Reporting of Range Incidents.**

54. All safety breaches are to be reported, in writing, by the Range Officer/Range Operator on the appropriate form. See Annex A. Reference should also be made to the Range Approval document on the wall in the Clubhouse to ascertain if additional reporting or notification is required.

## **Matches that may be conducted on the Ranges**

55. The only matches to be conducted on the range are as per the Range Approval Form issued by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) plus the following:-
- a. Match formats as approved by the Club Captain,
  - b. firearm training courses conducted by outside agencies and that the Club Captain has approved the 'Course of Fire'. i.e. QPS or Security training.

## **Cease Fire Timings for Belmont Shooting Complex**

Timings for cease fire on Metropolitan Pistol Club ranges is listed on the white board at entry to Range 1 and on the website. Due to conflicts with Range Templates with Cannon Hill Rifle Club (International range situated next to Range 6A) cease fire timings must be adhered to.

Range 6 A is an open Danger Range and Cease Fire Timings on Weekends must be adhered to. Ranges 2, 3, 4 and 6 are No Danger Ranges and Ranges 1 and 5 are Limited Danger Area Ranges and are exempt from cease fire requirement.

## **General**

56. When using the target frames, all targets are to be placed in the frames provided with the centre of the targets in the centre of the frames to protect the frames
57. Metallic Silhouette stands to be used for Club Metallic Silhouette targets only. All Silhouette mounds are to be restored after shooting.
58. A notice on a black board to be placed at the entrance to the Range 1 shooting bays warning that shooters are forward of the line during Open Competitions when either IPSC or ICORE matches are in progress

## **Range 1: 25m - 100m.**

59. Range 1 is a multi-use range predominately set up for ISSF, Metallic Silhouette matches and static practice for rifles and pistols. ISSF Target frames are to be replaced on completion of other discipline matches. All shots fired on Range 1 must be captured in the stop butt and intermediary Metallic Silhouette mounds. Due to the long distance to the stop butt, no other targets may be used for practice on this Range other than rifle mobile target frames supplied.
60. Persons using a Form 33 are not permitted to shoot on Range 1. Unlicensed Members require endorsement from the Club Coaching Team on their shooting record before they can use the Ranges under supervision.
61. Rifles are to be fired from bays 1-5 only using mobile target stands. ISSF target frames covering bays 1-5 are to be removed prior to firing and replaced after use.
62. Open competition IPSC/ICORE match stages will be inspected prior to use by Club Captain to ensure that safety is not compromised.
63. On completion of night shooting, lights are to be turned off and On completion of matches all targets are to be patched if serviceable and replaced in target preparation area.
64. All empty brass cases are to be deposited in the bins provided.

### **Ranges 2 and 3**

65. Persons using a Form 33 are not permitted to shoot on Ranges 2 and 3. Unlicensed Members require endorsement from the Club Coaching Team on their shooting record before they can use the Ranges under supervision.
66. Ranges 2 & 3 are predominately set up for ISSF and Service 25 Yard Matches other discipline matches are to be shot on dedicated ranges- general practice is to be conducted on Range 1.
67. All targets are to be placed in the frames provided for ISSF and Service 25 matches. **No other targets may be used for practice on these Ranges. Members are not permitted to enter the area behind the target frames.**
68. All empty brass cases are to be deposited in the bins provided.
69. On completion of matches all targets are to be patched if serviceable and replaced in target preparation area.
70. All shooting except for Service 25 match and Open Competition IPSC matches are to be conducted from the 25 metre firing point.
71. Open competition IPSC/ICORE match stages will be inspected prior to use by Club Captain to ensure that safety is not compromised.
72. Removal of lead from Bullet Trap areas is only to be completed by authorised members and Personal Protective Equipment is to be worn. Bullet Traps will be inspected by the Club Captain on weekly intervals. Club Executive Committee Members may only grant access to Members for lead removal.
73. On completion of shooting, lights and compressor (if not being used on other ranges) are to be turned off.

### **Range 4.**

74. Air Pistol and Air Rifle Range limited to .177 calibre only.
75. Lights and air-conditioning are to be turned off on completion of shooting

### **Range 5.**

76. Action Range for IPSC, ICORE, Western Action, Steel Challenge matches and Bowling Pin matches predominately.
77. Steel targets must be shrouded if engaged closer than 10 Metres.
78. Stages are to be placed in front and close to the stop butt so that the course of fire is directed towards the stop but and not outside of the Range Template.
79. For general competition and practice targets are to be placed biased towards the left hand corner of the Range between the blue coloured markers.
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81. Form 33 shooters under one on one supervision must use Range 5. See Paragraph 27 "Range and Safety Rules for conditions".

82. On completion of night shooting, lights are to be turned off.

**Range 6.**

83. Range 6 is predominately a Service Range for use with paper targets. Matches approved by Weapons Licensing are as per Range Approvals displayed in Club house and on Range notice board.

84. All targets are to be placed in the frames provided. Targets may be placed behind or in front the target frames for special events with Committee approval.

85. IPSC/ICORE Action Stages are to be placed in front of the stop butt on bays 7 and 8 so that the course of fire is directed towards the bullet trap at a minimum height of 1.4 Metres. All steel targets are to be set up on the gravel behind target frames in line with the overhead steel beam. Club Captain is the Approving Authority for stages.

86. Persons using a Form 33 are not permitted to shoot on Range 6. Unlicensed Members require endorsement from the Club Coaching Team on their shooting record before they can use the Range under supervision.

87. Removal of lead from Bullet Trap areas is only to be completed by authorised members and Personal Protective Equipment is to be worn. Bullet Traps will be inspected by the Club Captain on weekly intervals. Club Executive Members may only grant access to Members for lead removal

88. Other Discipline users must remove Service Match target frames prior to commencing their activity and replace target frames upon completion of their match.

89. On completion of night shooting, lights are to be turned off

**Range 6 A.**

90. Shotgun Range **ONLY**.

91. Shot size is limited to #7-9 shot.

92. Range is only open Saturday mornings in terms of range calendar and shooters must liaise with users of adjoining International Range regarding cease fires.

93. No engagement of targets to the right of the white PVC pole on right hand side of range

## ANNEX B

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES AND HIRERS OF Metropolitan RANGES

#### Range Safety

1. Before training commences, all 'Courses of Fire' must be approved by the Club Captain to ensure your practices do not breach any Club rules.
2. Upon arrival, the Range Officer or his/her representative is to go to the main entrance and ensure the following:
  - a. RED FLAG is flying and
  - b. Confirm Range allocation on the "External Agencies Range Allocation Board" located on the wall to the left of the main entrance gates.

#### Arcs of Fire

3. The following are your Arcs of Fire:-
  1. **Primary Arcs of Fire**
    - i. Left of Arc Far LEFT of left hand side of target frame.
    - ii. Right Arc Far RIGHT of right hand side of target frame.
  2. **Highest Arc of Fire** No higher than the height of the target frame.
  3. **Lowest Arc of Fire** BOTTOM of target frames.
  4. **Range 5** as per page 12 of S.O. and as advised by Club Captain.

Shooters are to ensure that rounds are only fired within these Arcs. Range Officers are to ensure that all targets are set up within these arcs of fire. If any person on the range that observes rounds landing outside these arcs, they are to inform the Range Officer immediately. The Range Officer is to then re-check alignment of targets and ensure that the shooters are aligned directly in front of their respective targets. Brick walls baffles or concrete footings are not to be shot at any time.

#### Range and Clubhouse Bookings

4. All bookings and normal liaison are to be through the Club Secretary.

#### Billing

5. You are required to notify the Club Secretary of the number of shooters on range for each booking throughout the month to enable the processing of accounts. Invoices will be sent to your respective agencies at the end of each calendar month. Payment is required within 90 days.

## **Cleanliness**

6. All rubbish from range practice is to be placed in the bins provided. If bins are full please inform the caretaker or Metropolitan Committee member who will ensure they are emptied. All masking tape is to be removed from target frames etc. All expended brass/live rounds are to be removed from the firing points and placed in the red tins behind the shooting bays. (Live rounds create a danger when the Caretaker mows the lawns.)
7. All equipment and fittings used to conduct a shoot must be stored in a safe, tidy place when not in use.
8. Any extra equipment must be removed from the ranges immediately after the completion of the shoot and the ranges left in a clean and tidy state. .
9. If any shooting position is to be marked on the ground with paint, then only the grassed area will be painted and not any concrete or fitting on the range.
10. Ensure Clubhouse and Ranges are left as you found them, especially the furniture layout within the Clubhouse.

## **Reports**

11. Users must report any incidents affecting Metropolitan on the appropriate form. See ANNEX (A).
12. Users are to report any faulty or damaged equipment firstly to the Caretaker or Metropolitan Committee member, and also on the same form as above. It can't be fixed unless we are made aware.

## **Weekend Shoots.**

13. Consideration will be given upon request for out of program activities. A special fee will be charged for any weekend or public holiday shoot requests.

