

Victorian Racing Pigeon Body

VRPB



Minutes

August Meeting 2025

“One Voice. Leading the Way”

Held online using Team Viewer on Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 6.30 pm

Present: Tony Price (VRPU -President), Jeff Weaver (VHA - Vice President), Charles Hider (Honorary Solicitor), Jeff Howell (NDIC), Marc Tenaglia (WPF – Treasurer), Moussa Haidar (GMPF), Andrew Demidowski (VHA -Secretary)

Apologies: None

Inwards Correspondence

Email from Colin Walker regarding the requirement for Property Identification Codes PICs

Email from Stephanie Warr Animal Health Officer Agriculture Victoria on 30th July 2025

This email clarifies the requirement that a person must apply for a PIC under Section 9B (1) of the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 if a person owns more than 50 pigeons (Poultry). [Summary below](#)

- **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994**

- **Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017**
- **Victorian Government Gazette 7th February 2024**

Agenda

- 1. Report on the requirement for pigeon owners to apply for a PIC**

Summary

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

Under Section 9B (1) any person who owns prescribed livestock must apply for a PIC that identifies the property where the animals are kept.

Penalty 120 penalty units

It is important to note that Section 9B (2) of the Act states that anyone who operates a livestock business must have a PIC regardless of the number of animals

Penalty 120 Penalty Units

Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017

Clause 41 lists prescribed livestock for the purposes of Section 9B to includes pigeons (Poultry)

On page 7 poultry is defined to include pigeons

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A person must apply for a PIC under Section 9(b) of the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 if a person owns more than 50 pigeons (Poultry)

Note: One penalty unit is currently \$203.51 from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

It was advised by Andrew Demidowski that in his opinion it is a requirement that pigeon flyers who own more than 50 pigeons must apply for a PIC with Agriculture Victoria.

Charles Hider reinforced this opinion and advised that there was ‘no doubt at all’ that PICs need to be applied for and that the VRPB should be recommending to the various Racing Pigeon Organisations that their members need to register. He advised that the VRPB can’t make members apply for a PIC but it is clearly a legal obligation to do this.

All in favour

2. Action items

It was decided at the meeting that the following actions need to be taken in regards to this matter:

- The VRPB to provide a letter advising all racing pigeon organisations throughout Victoria that members with more than 50 pigeons are required to apply for a PIC with Agriculture Victoria.**
- An explanation leaflet was promised from Agriculture Victoria answering the questions members may have. Andrew Demidowski will follow this leaflet up with Stephanie Warr. It was decided that this leaflet will be added to the letter from the VRPB regarding the requirement of a PIC by Agriculture Victoria.**
- Clarification will be needed for Agriculture Victoria which bird diseases are notifiable. Would like to know whether the disease is notified by the Laboratory or the vet? Will Agriculture Victoria pay for further tests or/and provide expert advice?**
- To clarify what action Agriculture Victoria will take if there was another Avian flu outbreak? Will there be an exclusion zone? If the birds are racing will be racing organisations need to change the line of flight from race points? Will there be a ‘lock down’ in the area?**

Meeting finished at 7.30 pm

