

# Club Kilsyth and Club Ringwood install criminal-marking technology to deter robbers



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Club Kilsyth gaming manager Ryan Sheppard sets up one of the warning signs. Picture: Valeriu Campan.  
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## **A NEW crime-fighting tool is staining crooks with an invisible dye seen only with UV light for up to eight weeks.**

Club Kilsyth and sister venue Club Ringwood installed criminal-marking technology in June to deter would-be armed robbers.

Although neither venue had been victim of such crimes before, group general manager Matt Tyzack said the measure was a proactive one.

"We are highly proactive and we want to do the best for our members and guests and also our staff," Mr Tyzack said.

The technology the club uses is made by DNA Guardian, an Australian company which brought the measures to Australia in 2008.

Maroondah police crime prevention officer Robert King said the machine worked by spraying offenders when they left the building after committing a crime.

"Once the DNA unit is activated, it has a sensor on it, and any person who comes in range of the sensor will be

sprayed," Leading-Senior-Constable King said.

"It has a synthetic DNA in it as well as UV dye and will show up in ultraviolet light."

"When we are called to the place of the armed holdup, if we locate the suspect in the immediate area and use the UV torch, this will show up on the person."

Mr Tyzack said both clubs had signs to tell patrons about the criminal-marking technology. Leading-Senior-Constable King said the spray was very useful to the police.

"Anything that makes people think twice about committing crimes or assists people in locating and identifying an offender has got to be good," he said.