

**Very Light Magazine is a magazine of The Antique & Historical Arms Collectors
Guild of Victoria, Inc**

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**The Annual General Meeting of the Guild will be held at 7.30 PM on
Monday the 26th of August 2019 at the Eley Park Community Centre,
Eley Rd., Blackburn South, Victoria.**

(Supper will be served after the meeting)

Any notice of motions and nominations for committee positions must be in the hands of the Secretary seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations are called for the position (s) of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Media Officer/Editor of *Caps & Flints*, and seven other officers.

Ordinary Business (as required by Rule 9 (4) of the Guild's Rules):

- To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
- To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Guild during the last preceding financial year;
- To elect officers of the Guild; and
- To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Guild in accordance with section 30 (3) of the Act;
- To appoint an Auditor.

The annual General Meeting may also transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with the Guild's Rules.

Please do attend the AGM (and enjoy the supper). We need a quorum of 20 members which means we need you to come along!

After the AGM we will announce the results of the Major Noel Hall Award. This has been very successful and has resulted in excellent displays. Our grateful thanks to all those who participated. We have all enjoyed these evenings.

Monday Night Themes for 2019

August 26, **Annual General Meeting.**

September 30, **Buy & Sell Night** - Books, parts, odds & sods. (No registered firearms).

October 28, **Show us your junk. Bring along a battered relic** (that doesn't include yourself).

November 25, - **Any items of interest.** Supper provided.

Annual Membership Subscriptions 2019 -2020

Members are reminded that the Guild membership renewals were posted out in May and that they need to be renewed by the 30th of June 2019. Please ensure that you remain a current member by paying your annual membership fee promptly.

Name Badges

Members are reminded that the Guild is taking orders for name badges for members. The cost is \$15.00. The badge is depicted below



If you want one and haven't ordered it please contact the Secretary by telephone on 9584 2907, or by email at – cupfire1@ozemail.com.au

For Sale

Single shot percussion pistol by W & J Rigby of Dublin. Engraved trigger guard and lock, captive ramrod, german silver inlays, damascus barrel and checkered fish tail grip. Approx. .57 cal. Bore.

Overall in VG condition **\$850.00**

Contact; Ross **0468 484 441**

Advertisements in *Very Light*

Members are reminded that they can place advertisements in *Very Light* if they have items for sale.

There isn't any charge but people offering registerable firearms are reminded that the transaction must be carried out through a licensed dealer. We suggest that for security purposes anyone wishing to advertise items for sale should keep their contact details brief such as just first name and land line or mobile number.

If you are seeking a particular item, then you may also run an advertisement free of charge. Again, we suggest for security that you restrict the contact detail to your name, landline or mobile number or an email address.

If you want to run an advertisement please contact the Secretary by telephone on 9584 2907, or by email at – cupfire1@ozemail.com.au

Request for Members' Email Addresses

The Guild is attempting to provide direct notification of the latest issues of *Very Light* and any other news that might be of interest to collectors. If you wish to make use of this facility, then please send us your email addresses.

It is quite simple to subscribe to this service just send your name and current membership number by email to info@armscollectorsguild.com . We will place your email address on our list, and you will get direct notification in your email.

This additional service will not replace the current system of posting the latest issues and news on the Guild's website nor the regular mail out of printed material to those without internet access.

The Guild is also planning a major update of the website to bring it into line with current practice.

The Guild commenced this initiative to obtain members' email addresses some time ago, but response has been very limited which is disappointing. In fact, the number of people who still receive *Very Light* in hard copy exceeds those who receive it by email.

In accordance with the Guild Committee's desire to extend the direct email of *Very Light* to our members, one of our committee members John Accardo 0417 577 773 will progressively contact by phone Guild members who haven't provided an email contact to ask if they would like to be included on the list.

A Notice from the President

The Guild is a large club whose members we sincerely hope are not just random purchasers of guns but people who are genuinely interested in the history of firearms and weapons.

Every month at Eley Park we have a meeting for our members to gather, to exchange information, to discuss their collecting interest and, most importantly, to take the opportunity to display items from their collections which would be of interest to other like-minded arms collectors. That is what makes us a club rather than just a group of strangers thrown together by the requirements of the *Firearms Act*.

Yet month after month we see the same few stalwart members (less than 1% of our membership) presenting displays.

When you think about it this is pretty depressing. Less than 1% of our members are willing to share with other club members interesting items from their collections. The committee tries to identify broad themes so that members don't feel excluded. We offer modest prizes as incentives and we actively encourage people to bring items even if they don't fall within a night's display theme.

The Guild, your club, simply cannot survive as a club if our members don't take part in its activities. We understand that many members who live in the country are prevented from regular attendance by distance, but more than half our membership live in the Melbourne metropolitan area. That is still a pretty large group.

As President of the Guild I am asking you, my fellow members, to help build club spirit. Take the time to attend a club meeting or two, put on a display and come along and meet your fellow club members.

Eric Estlin
President
Antique & Historical Arms Collectors Guild of Victoria, Inc.