

# VERY LIGHT

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## Postponement of 2020 Annual General Meeting

Due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding the easing of COVID-19 restrictions the Guild applied to the Department of Justice on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November for a further 3 month extension to hold the 2020 Annual General Meeting. This was granted and we have therefore set the date for the 2020 AGM for February 22, 2021. Again we must stress that even this date remains uncertain at present.

## A Note from the Guild President: Eric Estlin

As everyone is all too well aware 2020 has been a dismal year not only for collectors but also for the entire population. The COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on public gatherings and meetings forced the Guild to cancel our regular Monday meetings and our committee meetings beginning in March.

Nevertheless the Guild has achieved two important goals we had set out to do.

### Guild Website <https://armscollectorsguild.com/>

The first of these was the complete rebuild of our web site which after much work is up and running. The new web site provides contact details, membership application forms for downloading, a section devoted to building a good balanced research library plus the regular bimonthly issue of our newsletter *Very Light*.

We will be adding a feature which will have images of the front covers of *Caps & Flints* from 2001 with the list of contents of each issue. This will enable people to search out articles on things that may interest them. People seeking copies of articles can then contact the Secretary who will provide a copy for the cost of copying and mailing. There are limited available stocks of older issues which can be purchased – the older issues will cost \$10.00 plus postage while the new format issues will be \$15.00 plus postage. This post 2001 list complements the cumulative index of *Caps & Flints* from 1966 to 2000 which is on the website already.

### *Caps & Flints*

The second achievement for the year has been the change of *Caps & Flints* from an A5 format to an A4 format. All members will have received Issue 1 which was published in February and Issue 2 which was published in August. Issue 3 is on track to be published in February of 2021. I would like to thank our editor Fred Bienvenu for his splendid editorial work and compliment him on the high standard of the content and design of our journal.

## **COVID-19 Restrictions**

Our meeting venue Eley Park is operated by the Whitehorse City Council. The Whitehorse City Council requires that all groups using their venues must have a COVIDSafe plan which will be in force when their meetings are held.

Following is the Guild's COVIDSafe plan and all members attending our meetings must adhere to it.

### ***“Antique & Historical Arms Collectors Guild of Victoria, Inc.***

#### ***COVIDSafe Plan for Eley Park Hall***

##### **Recording of Attendees and Contact Details.**

- 1. No person exhibiting symptoms of fever or other illness will be permitted entry.*
- 2. On arrival at each meeting the full names of each person will be recorded, as will their contact details i.e. address and phone number. These records will be preserved for at least 60 days as required by the Whitehorse City Council.*
- 3. All attendees are to wear face masks. Anyone who refuses to wear a mask without providing an acceptable reason e.g. letter from a physician, will not be permitted entry.*
- 4. All attendees will be asked to use the hand sanitisers provided at the venue by the Whitehorse City council before viewing displays etc.*

##### **Physical Distancing**

- 5. A maximum of 20 people only will be allowed into the hall at any one time.*
- 6. Entry to the hall will be monitored to ensure that only one person enters at a time.*
- 7. Signs will be placed in plain view reminding people to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from each other.*

##### **Display Tables**

- 8. As the purpose of our regular meetings is for members to present displays. The tables used will be placed along the walls with space behind for a single person (the person presenting the display) to sit.*
- 9. The person presenting the display will be seated centrally behind the table with at least 1.5 metres space between exhibitors.*
- 10. If the person presenting a display requires additional tables, then they will be seated centrally in the space between the tables and the wall.*
- 11. Each table, or group of tables will be separated from neighbouring displays by a space for a person to access or leave their display while preserving the 1.5 metre distance rule.*

##### **Viewing of Displays**

- 12. Club members seeking to view displays will do so while maintaining the 1.5 metre distancing rule.*

*13. Closer contact than 1.5 metres between the viewer and the person providing the display is to be avoided unless special circumstances make this necessary.*

#### **Gatherings of Members for Conversation**

*14. This will be permitted if the people involved maintain the required 1.5 metre separation requirement.*

*15. Tables with chairs will be placed for members to sit and talk, consume drinks or snacks. Seating will be spaced appropriately to preserve COVID-19 distancing rules.*

*16. Personal contact e.g. shaking of hands etc. is to be avoided.*

#### **Use of Kitchen and Provision of Refreshments**

*17. In accordance with the Whitehorse City Council COVIDSafe checklist only two people will be allowed in the kitchen area. These will be the person preparing any food or refreshments, and the person for whom these are provided.*

*18. There will be no provision of shared food items or individual snacks like biscuits etc. These will be provided on a separate plate for each person.*

*19. Use of the tea urn will be subject to the 1.5 metre social distancing rule. There will be no sharing of utensils like plates, spoons, mugs and cutlery etc.*

*20. Used utensils plates, mugs and cutlery etc. will be placed in the sink to await cleaning at the end of proceedings.*

#### **Use of Toilet**

*21. No more than two people may share the toilet area at any time.*

#### **End of Meeting**

*22. Guild officials will disinfect all high touch areas and dispose of any rubbish appropriately.*

*23. All tables and chairs will be disinfected and packed away.”*

### **2021 Monday Meeting Dates**

The dates for the Monday night meetings are January 25, February 22 (Provisional date for 2020 Annual General Meeting), March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, August 30 (2021 Annual General Meeting), September 31, October 25 and November 29.

### **Articles Wanted for the New Look Caps & Flints**

Members will have received the August issue of the new look *Caps & Flints*. This is without doubt a major advance in the quality of the Guild's magazine. The change to an A4 size journal has given the Editor a chance to produce a commercial standard magazine.

But as we continue to remind members the journal cannot exist without content. Therefore we once again remind you, our members, that we need you to contribute articles on the interesting items you have in your collections. The journal cannot survive without the contributions of Guild members, so please consider contributing to *Caps & Flints* if you want it to thrive.

While we would prefer articles and accompanying images to be sent in digital form so that the Editor's job is simplified, we realise that some members may not be able to do that. However, we will accept handwritten articles, which will be retyped. Please ensure images are clear and focussed.

We would also welcome commercial advertising as well.

Please forward articles, advertising or enquiries to the Editor *Caps & Flints* by email to [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au) or by mail to PO Box 2976, Cheltenham, 3192, or contact the Guild Secretary on (03) 9584 2907.

### **Annual Membership Subscriptions 2020 - 2021**

All members will have received membership renewals for the financial year 2020 – 2021. Those who haven't yet renewed are reminded to do this promptly. The Guild is required by both the *Firearms Act* and the *Control of Weapons Act* to advise L&RD of those who have failed to renew.

### **Licence Renewals and PTAs**

Members are requested to submit licence renewals, licence applications and Permits to Acquire requiring the signature of a Nominated Officer to the Guild at PO Box 2976 Cheltenham, 3192, or by email to [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au)

Please remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope so that we may forward them to the required destination. Mail costs are increasing, and we appreciate members' cooperation in this matter.

The Secretary can be contacted on (03) 9584 2907 or by email at [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au)

### **Name Badges**

Members are reminded that the Guild is taking orders for name badges for members. The cost is \$15.00. To obtain contact the Secretary by telephone on 9584 2907, or by email at – [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au)



### **Wanted to Buy**

#### **British Sea Service Pistols**

- \* Pattern 1801 long sea service with 9 inch barrel
- \* Pattern 1821
- \* Pattern 1824 ( Similar to a New Land Pattern, but with a belt hook )

**Please ring Eric 0410558067 to discuss.**