

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 4th of February for an extension of time to hold the 2020 Annual General Meeting which was currently scheduled for 22 February 2021. This was granted and we have therefore **provisionally** set the date for the 2020 AGM for the 29th of March 2021.

Please note that the Guild is negotiating with the Department of Justice for permission to combine the 2019 – 2020 AGM with the 2020 -2021 AGM and hold this on the 30th of August. This would avoid the need to have two AGMs in 2021.

Another matter which we are addressing with the Department of Justice concerns the attendance caps imposed by the Whitehorse City Council which currently limits us to a maximum of 20 people in the hall. The Guild constitution does not allow us to limit the size of attendances at AGMs so if we are unable to negotiate a new date for the AGM then we will be forced to hire a hall which allows a larger attendance. We will advise members of any changes we will be forced to make.

Retirement of Monica Abela

Just before Christmas Monica advised us that she would be unable to continue to provide our members with the delightful meals that she has for long provided. She also advised that her son Phillip had changed jobs and would be unable to assist in room set up.

The Committee, on behalf of the members, extends our thanks to Monica and Phillip for their work over the years.

Volunteers Needed to set up Tables

As Phillip Abela will no longer be coming to the Monday meetings we will need some extra hands to help set up tables. No need to contact us just get to Eley Park before 7.00 and help out.

The Guild will only Provide Light Refreshments on Monday Nights

Due to abovementioned retirement of Monica Abela for the foreseeable future the Guild will only provide light refreshments for members attending Monday night meetings. These will be tea/coffee and biscuits.

Addresses on Firearms Licence

As a result of the Justice Legislation Amendment (Police and Other Matters Act 2019), 35 (1)(a) of the *Firearms Act 1996* was amended from –

“A licence under this Part must contain the following particulars – the name and address of the holder of the licence”,

to

“A licence under this Part must contain the following particulars – the name of the holder of the licence”.

All firearms licences are impacted by this change.

Permanent Firearms Amnesty

The Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group (FWPWG) has met and a permanent amnesty on firearms led by the department of Home Affairs will be launched on the 1st of July 2021.

A Change to Buy & Sell Nights

As we have discontinued the Noel Hall Award because of falling interest from members we have decided to expand the range of buy & sell nights to most Monday evenings.

Starting this year we encourage members to bring along any legally exempt firearms and accessories they may wish to sell. These include genuine antique single shot percussion pistols; flintlocks etc. including exempt longarms. Exempt longarms include types for which cartridges are no longer commercially available. We hope that members will take this opportunity to brighten up our Monday nights with interesting items.

Members Displays

We strongly encourage our members to bring along a display of items from their collections. There will be no themes set, just bring along an item from your collection.

It is your club and it is up to you to engender value and interest in every Monday evening meeting.

Caps & Flints

Issue number 3 of *Caps & Flints* will be posted out later this month.

The Editor has asked that if possible, articles for the August edition would be appreciated by the end of May. Authors are reminded to provide photos taken with adequate lighting and sharpness. While the Editor can help improve/redeem some images, he is not a miracle worker. A photo which is blurred by movement of the camera or subject is almost impossible to improve by sharpening the image using magical software. The use of an even, clean, texture-less and white/very light background is also essential.

Commercial advertising also will be greatly welcomed.

Please forward articles, advertising or enquiries to the Editor *Caps & Flints* by email to 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 as soon as possible. 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.

2021 Monday Meeting Dates

The dates for the Monday night meetings are February 22, March 29 (Provisional date for 2020 Annual General Meeting), April 26, May 31, June 28, August 30 (2021 Annual General Meeting), September 27, October 25 and November 29.

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

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

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



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.

20 Gauge Roll Crimping Tool

If anyone has one of these for sale could they contact David at Mob. 0409 435 818 or hawkeyepearce556@gmail.com.

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.”