

VERY LIGHT

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Resumption of Monday Meetings on the 26th of April

Requirements

Due to the ongoing relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions the first Monday meeting for 2021 will be on the 26th of April. There will, however, still be some attendance conditions in place, due to the requirements of the Whitehorse City Council.

Attendance can be in excess of 20 people in the Hall. Members attending will be required to record their attendance in one of two ways -

1. The Guild will have a QR Code which will be displayed and members may record their presence by using their smartphones as they would if attending restaurants or other venues where the use of the QR Code is a condition of admission, or
2. Any members who do not have the smartphone facility to use a QR Code to record their attendance will have to do so by writing their name and contact details (name, email address or phone number) on the record sheets which will be placed on the table inside the doors to the Hall itself.
3. When in the Hall the social distancing rule is still to be observed and face masks must be worn.

We ask members to observe these simple rules as the more members who do so means that we will not be restricted to a maximum of 20 attendees which has been the reason why we have had to prolong our returning to our normal Monday night meetings. Thank you.

**The Postponed 2019 - 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Guild will be
Held at 7.15 PM on Monday the 31st of May 2021 at the Eley Park
Community Centre, Eley Rd., Blackburn South, Victoria.**

As you are aware the COVID-19 restrictions caused the postponement of the 2019 – 2020 AGM. After several necessary applications to the Department of Justice for extensions of time to hold the meeting Guild received approval for a postponement until the 31st of May.

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 Guilds 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!

We anticipate that due to the COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 the AGM will be relatively short, so we will combine it with a normal meeting so members are encouraged to bring displays etc. A light supper will be provided.

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

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.

National Firearms Amnesty

The national firearms amnesty commences on the 1 July 2021. Part one, between July and September, will focus on handing in firearms and part two between September and December will focus on accountability and identifying firearms that should have been handed in. More information to be released in coming months regarding how it will be conducted.

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

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 2021 - 2022

As usual, these will be posted out by mid-May. We remind members that the Guild is required by both the *Firearms Act* and the *Control of Weapons Act* to advise L&RD of those who fail to renew.

2021 Monday Meeting Dates

The dates for the Monday night meetings are April 26, May 31 (Deferred 2019 -2020 AGM), June 28, August 30 (2020- 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 0410 558 067 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.

Free to the Right Home.

Guild member Bruce Martin was recently cleaning out some old papers and he found among them a Colt factory letter concerning a Colt Model 1878 hammer shot gun which he had sold at one of the Australian Arms Auctions some years ago.

If it was bought by one of our members or they know of the person who did then they or the current owner can have the letter to go with the gun – at no charge. The details of the shot gun are Colt Model 1878 Hammer Shot Gun; Serial Number 4465; 12 gauge. It has a barrel length of 30 inches and a blued finish. It was shipped to the Australian Exhibition on June the 5th, 1880. Included with the letter is a copy of the original catalogue.

Just to add a little more history, the factory letter is addressed to Neil Speed who, as all would know, thoroughly investigated everything. The gun had a colonial (?) repair sleeve on the left barrel which had become loose. Bruce still has the little sleeve.

Contact: Bruce Martin on 0408 343 329; .email brunorm@bigpond.net.au