

VERY LIGHT

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2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 Annual General Meetings

As all members are by now no doubt aware, the recurring COVID-19 restrictions have caused multiple cancellations of the 2019 – 2020 Annual General Meeting. Members were advised in our special issue of *Very Light* No. 115 at the end of May that we had been forced to seek yet another approval for a postponement due to the introduction of another sudden lockdown.

This was granted and accordingly (if all goes well) we will combine the postponed 2019 – 2020 AGM with the scheduled 2020 – 2021 AGM and hold both on Monday the 30th of August.

(If there are any further changes you will be advised)

The Combined Annual General Meetings of the Guild for the years 2019 – 2020 and 2020 - 2021 will be Held at 7.15 PM on Monday the 30th of August 2021 at the Eley Park Community Centre, Eley Rd., Blackburn South, Victoria.

As you are aware the COVID-19 restrictions have caused multiple postponements 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 30th of August, which means it will be combined with the 2020- 2021 AGM scheduled for that date.

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 restrictions on Guild activities caused by COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021 we will be able to get through any business as expeditiously as possible. so we will combine it with a normal meeting so members are encouraged to bring displays etc. A light supper will be provided.

Vale Jim Toivonen

We regret to announce the passing of Jim Toivonen. Jim had been a member of the Guild since 1976 and was familiar to many members through his skills in repairing and restoring antique firearms. He had been ill for some time. We extend the Guild's condolences to his family.

Resumption of Monday Meetings

Requirements

After the sole meeting held on the 29th of April we were then forced by the sudden lockdown in late May to cancel the scheduled May meeting on the 25th of May. At present we cannot forecast if we will hold the June meeting which is scheduled for the 28th. If the current lockdown is lifted then it will go ahead.

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.

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

2020 and 2021 have not been good years as far as meetings are concerned. Please remember that the Guild is your club and we strongly urge members to contribute to the club spirit by bringing along displays, when we can resume our normal gatherings.

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.

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.

Advertising in Caps & Flints

Caps & Flints Journal No. 4 is expected to be ready for distribution in August 2021. If you would like to place an advert in the next Journal, please read on.

To reserve a size and position, please indicate your preferences by the 11th of June. This will facilitate formatting of the journal.

The **final adverts** should be with the Editor by the 30th of June. Suitable **final versions** of your adverts should be submitted as a PDF or JPG format in the required size.

The sizes and charges currently available are:

Full Page @ \$500

Half Page @ \$350

Third Page @ \$250

Quarter Page @ \$200

The prices and conditions are set by the Executive of the Guild.

The Editor.

2021 Monday Meeting Dates

The dates for the Monday night meetings are June 28, July 26, August 30 (2019 – 2020 & 2020- 2021 Annual General Meetings), 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 Sell

Books for sale:

Small Arms of the Sea Services, Rankin. \$45

List of Changes in British War Materials, Volumes 1, 2 & 3, Skennerton. \$150

Swords for Sea Service Two Volumes / May and Annis \$450

Please ring Eric 0410 558 067 to discuss.

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.

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