

VERY LIGHT

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2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 Annual General Meetings

At the time of preparing this edition of *Very Light* there is still no certainty as to when we will be able to schedule the 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 Annual General Meetings. We will advise all members when we have some certainty regarding this matter.

Resumption of Monday Meetings

As with the continuing need to postpone our Annual General meetings we cannot advise members when we will be able to resume our normal Monday meetings.

Also until we are advised by the Whitehorse City Council we cannot advise members what the COVID requirements will be when we do recommence the meetings.

We will endeavour to keep members up to date as changes occur.

2021 Monday Meeting Dates (Provisional)

Provisional dates for the Monday night meetings are October 25 and November 29.

Caps & Flints

We are requesting articles for the February 2022 issue. 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. 5 is expected to be ready for distribution in February 2022. If you would like to place an advert in that issue of the Journal, please read on.

To reserve a **size** and **position**, please indicate your preferences by contacting the Secretary. This will facilitate and aid the editor in formatting the journal.

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.

National Firearms Amnesty

Australia governments have come together to hold an ongoing national amnesty to reduce the number of unregistered firearms and improve public safety. The amnesty will commence Thursday 1 July 2021.

The amnesty allows people to surrender the following possessions without fear of prosecution:

- Firearms (including homemade firearms)
- Firearm related parts and accessories
- Cartridge ammunition

Please note, commercial and military explosives and explosive ordinances are not covered in Victoria under the amnesty.

In Victoria, the community will be able to surrender the above possessions to Licensed Firearms Dealers (LFD's) for destruction, register or sale to appropriately licenced individuals in accordance with the conditions of their licence.

LFD's will be granted a reasonable time-frame to appropriately dispose of the items received during the amnesty and collection arrangements will be made between LFD and their local Divisional Firearms Officers (DFO).

Who is managing the Amnesty?

Whilst Victoria Police can accept surrendered items under the amnesty the public is encouraged to surrender possessions to LFD's as directed by Crime Stoppers.

Crime Stoppers Victoria are leading in managing the national coordination of the campaign through Crime Stoppers Australia.

Crime Stoppers Australia will be a central location for information on how and where to surrender, register or sell firearms, parts and ammunition.

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

Member seeking two Victorian Volunteer marked items

Pattern 1856 Sergeants Model marked VV (Victorian Volunteers),

.577 cal. Hay Pattern rifle also marked VV.

Contact Bob Bates 0407098413 or batesbob@bigpond.net.au

New Books

Allan Sterling, JP, Commanding Officer, Werribee Half Battery living history group and Kevin Browning OAM, have produced a book on the restoration of the Werribee Gun, a model 1859 Armstrong 12 pounder rifled breech loading field gun. Allan was the Project Manager for the five-year restoration. The book also gives a comprehensive history of these guns in Australia together with technical and operational details and will become a definitive reference on this subject. It has been produced to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Royal Australian Artillery and the planned public unveiling of the Werribee Gun scheduled for 5th December 2021. Profusely illustrated in colour and black and white with contemporary and historical images; Paperback, 62 pages. Price is \$20 plus \$6 post in Australia. To obtain a copy e-mail: werribeehalfbattery@gmail.com

The book will be received from the printer by 15 October and so will be available for dispatch by then.

The Calisher & Terry in British and Colonial Military Service 1856 -1900

by Brian Knapp

Brian Knapp who is a well-known authority on small arms of the 18th & 19th Centuries has announced a new book.

The book is a comprehensive study of the Calisher & Terry rifle, illustrated with over 170 rifle images and 50 period photographs, most of which have never been published in book form before. With many cuttings from contemporary newspaper and magazine articles, the C&T story is not only about one of the most popular capping breech loading rifles and a famous Birmingham manufacturer but also a social snapshot of Victorian life in a provincial manufacturing city during the industrial revolution.

The book will be A4 size, hard back with over 200 pages. UK price to be £48 including P&P [sales price outside the UK £45 plus P&P]

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