

# VERY LIGHT

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## Attendance and Participation in Monday Night Meetings

It was pleasing to note an upturn in attendance at the March Monday night meeting. There were several interesting displays and items for sale. We hope that this marks the beginning of a rise in attendance because without the contribution of displays etc, by our members we aren't really a club of likeminded enthusiasts.

It would also be helpful if we could have some volunteers to help set up the hall before our normal start time of 7.00 PM.

## Monday Meetings 2022

The dates for the Guild Monday Meetings are April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29 (AGM), September 26, October 31 and November 28.

The committee has decided to make all meetings a Buy and Sell night. We want members to bring along items for sale which can include exempt firearms i.e. pre-1900 genuine antiques like single shot percussion pistols, flintlocks etc. and other types of exempt firearms such as longarms taking obsolete ammunition.

At this time there are still some COVID requirements in place by the Whitehorse City Council. Accordingly we will quote the current conditions, with the proviso that these will probably be modified in coming months.

Members attending must record their attendance -

1. The Guild has a QR Code which is displayed and members may record their presence by using their smartphones 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.
4. All attendees must be triple vaccinated. Proof of vaccination must be provided if requested.

## **Increase in Annual Subscriptions**

A reminder of the membership subscription increase approved at the AGM in November 2021.

Full and Family Membership is to rise from \$75.00 PA to \$105.00

Pensioner Membership Fee is to rise from \$55.00 PA to \$75.00 PA

Country Membership is to rise from \$45.00 PA to \$75.00 PA

There will be a one off levy on Paid Life Members of \$30.00.

The new membership fees will come into effect from the renewal of memberships for the 2022 – 2023 financial year

## **Call for Expressions of Interest – Guild Antique Arms and Collectables Fair**

Dear Members

I am taking the opportunity to bring you up to date with the concept of a Guild Fair I briefly mentioned at the AGM in November.

It is a number of years since I first raised the subject with your committee. For a variety of considerations the project was put on the backburner. However, my and the Committee's feeling, is that there will be enough enthusiasm for an Antiques Arms and Collectables Fair to go ahead.

The revised aim would be to put the activities of the Guild in front of the public. In doing so we would, hopefully, gain some new members. At the very least we should achieve some positive publicity while putting on an event of keen interest to our own members and hopefully, provide us with a regular modest income stream.

What the Committee must have, is an indication of the level of support we can expect from Guild members, without which nothing can materialize. Would you please respond by email - [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au) or telephone 9584 2907 to let us know whether you would commit to "renting" a table/s, and what type of items you would be selling.

Once in possession of indicative numbers, we can then source a suitable location and firm up a date.

All further information & updates regarding this event will, of course, be in our *Very Light* newsletters, published bi-monthly on our website, or with direct contact with participants.

Best regards,

Eric W. Estlin  
President

## **Caps & Flints**

At the time of publication of *Very Light* the February 2022 issue of our journal *Caps & Flints* is at the printers. We expect that member will receive their copies later this month.

Therefore we are requesting articles for the August 2022 issue of *Caps & Flints*. 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](mailto: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**

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.

### **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.

**Alternatively** members may scan and send by email the page that requires a Nominated Officer's signature and this will be signed and returned by email, to the member.

The Secretary can be contacted on (03) 9584 2907 or by email at [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto: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 0407 098 413 or [batesbob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:batesbob@bigpond.net.au)

## Seeking Information regarding Japanese Made Martini Cadet Rifles

I am trying to find some information on a Japanese newsletter, *Dai Nippon* published in the late 60s or early 70s, Francotte rifles and swords made for the Melbourne military 1892 plus any other info on who received these consignments.

Contact Keith Crozier [crozierkieth4@gmail.com](mailto:crozierkieth4@gmail.com)

### Free to a Good Home

Free to someone who wants it - gun case lining cloth, various colours and types, mostly green, much of which appears to have come from billiard tables

Contact Adrian on [adrianroads1@gmail.com.au](mailto:adrianroads1@gmail.com.au)

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*Memorabilia and much more.*

**Saturday 9am to 4.30 / Sunday 9 to 3.00**

**Entry cost - Adults - \$10**

**Family (2 A + kids) - \$15**

**Pensioner/Seniors - \$8**

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