

VERY LIGHT

Very Light Magazine is a magazine of The Antique & Historical Arms Collectors Guild of Victoria, Inc

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2023 Marks The 60th Anniversary of the Guild's Founding

The Guild was founded by a small group of antique arms collector in 1963. Since then we have sought to advance the interests of antique and historical arms collectors and to provide regular meetings where members can meet and share their interests.

We hope that in this year of our 60th birthday our members will take the effort to help recreate the golden days of Monday Night displays when members would present displays and bring items for sale.

Membership Renewals for 2022 -2023

By now all of you should have received your membership renewals for the coming 2022 – 2023 financial year. If any member reading this has not received their renewal please contact the Secretary by email on cupfire1@ozemail.com.au or by phone at (03) 9584 2907.

Attendance and Participation in Monday Night Meetings

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.

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 2023

The dates for the Guild Monday Meetings in 2023: February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28 (AGM), September 25, October 30 and November 27.

Caps & Flints

The February 2023 issue of *Caps & Flints* is about to go to the printers.

We are requesting articles for the August 2023 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 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 an issue of the Journal please contact the Guild Secretary indicating what size and position you wish. 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.**

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.

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

Classic Rifles in Australia – reprint now available

John Corcoran and Fred Bienvenu have just received the shipment of their reprinted book, *Classic Rifles in Australia*. If you would like to read a little more about this high quality volume it was reviewed in *Caps & Flints* in August 2021 (Number 4). Further information is available on the Buffalo Creek Press website , www.buffalocreekpress.com.au

Enquiries can be addressed to John at margandon@bigpond.com

or Fred at fred@bienvenu.id.au

Forthcoming Book on Collier

Headstamp Publishing is excited to announce the fourth in our flagship series of books, *Clockwork Basilisk: The Early Revolvers of Elisha Collier & Artemas Wheeler*, authored by Ben E. Nicholson. The book is due for publication next year follow this link for details.

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/headstamp/clockwork-basilisk/description>

New Standard Directory of Firearms Marks

140 pages, proofs and marks from 30 plus countries over 1000 diagrams, more than 200 original photographs and previously unpublished content. Original pictures are from guns in the Rockwood Collection (<https://www.rockwoodcollection.net.au>) and other Australian Collections.

Due late December: **Contact Paul Fowkes** 0427 741 148