

# VERY LIGHT

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## **Notice Regarding Security and Safety at Meetings**

We note that while it is pleasing to see increasing attendance at the Monday night meetings there has been a slackening of necessary security measures by members presenting displays.

Accordingly the Committee has resolved that –

1. All registerable firearms displayed must have either cable ties locking their actions, or trigger locks, or be firmly affixed to the table by locked cables, and the display must be attended at all times. The Guild has some cables and locks and these can be supplied if requested.
2. In regard to ammunition the sale of ammunition by individual members who do not possess the necessary WorkSafe permit to sell cartridge ammunition is banned.

This does not apply to licensed dealers and members who hold the appropriate Ammunition Collectors Licence who may be presenting displays. Any members who can sell ammunition under these conditions are reminded that they need to physically confirm that the purchaser has the appropriate licence before a sale can be made.

The restrictions on ammunition display either for sale, or as part of a display e.g. is because we run the risk that someone may take a loose round and chamber it in a firearm in an unattended display. The results of that would be horrendous for the club.

We also run the risk of a spot check by a L&RD Officer. This has not happened in the past. However the future is uncertain we must assume a visit will only be looking for trouble.

## **The Annual General Meeting of the Guild was held on 28 August 2023**

The following office bearers were nominated and elected –

President: Eric Estlin, Vice President: Adrian Roads, Secretary: Dr Malcolm McKay, Treasurer: Kevin Saunders, Editor of Caps & Flints: Fred Bienvenu, Other Committeemen: Barry Thomas, Chris Cosopodiotis, David Pearce, David Henderson and John Accardo.

## **Annual Membership Renewals 2023 -2024**

Members are reminded that the annual membership renewals were sent out in May. If any member hasn't received theirs yet, please contact the Secretary by email at [cupfire1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au) or by phone (03) 9584 2907.

## **2023 Marks The 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **National Firearms Amnesty Extended**

National Firearms Amnesty The National Firearms Amnesty will continue into 2023/2024. In Victoria 2300 articles were surrendered in 2022/2023.

## **National Firearms Register**

In February 2023 National Cabinet tasked the Attorney-General and Police Ministers with bringing options for a National Firearms Register back to National Cabinet by mid-2023. A public consultation paper was released nation-wide. 86 submissions were received from the public. ACIC led workshops with Commonwealth and state and territory jurisdictions and reached working level agreements on Register options. Stakeholders generally agreed that the biggest challenge to the success of a Register is timely and accurate data. Submissions from firearm users, industry and representative groups supported the community safety objectives of the Register and the related verification service advocated for increased data security to protect firearm owners information. The Register is a high priority reform for all governments, with National Cabinet considering options for a preferred model.

## **Attendance and Participation in Monday Night Meetings**

The committee has made 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 are October 30 and November 27.

## 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)

## Wanted to Buy

**Fairbairn–Sykes fighting knife, contact: Eric 0410 558 067**




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