

VERY LIGHT

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The Annual General Meeting of the Guild for the year 2023 – 2024 will be Held at 7.15 PM on Monday the 26th of August 2024 at the Eley Park Community Centre, Eley Rd., Blackburn South, Victoria.

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, Editor of *Caps & Flints*, and seven other officers.

Ordinary Business (as required by Rule 9 (4) of the Guild's 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 (Financial Report);
- 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!

Membership Renewals 2024 - 2025

The membership renewals for 2024 – 2025 were mailed out in the last week of May. Current financial membership of an approved collecting organisation is a requirement of both the *Firearms Act* and the *Control of Weapons Act* so we encourage you to renew your membership promptly.

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.

Monday Meetings 2024

The date for the Guild Monday Meetings in 2024 are August 26 (AGM), September 30, October 28 and November 25.

Attendance and Participation in Monday Night Meetings

THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE ALL MONDAY MEETINGS BUY AND SELL NIGHTS

Besides presenting displays we encourage 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.

We remind members that it would be helpful if we could have some volunteers to help set up the hall before our normal start time of 7.00 PM.

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

For Sale

SWORDS AVAILABLE FOR SALE :

Selection of British Naval and Military Swords offered
for sale.

Contact Eric 0410 558 067 to discuss details.

Firearms for Sale

Lithgow 303 SMLE 1942 Excellent condition,
with bayonet.

BSA 303 Lee ENFIELD CF Long Tom 1900,
with bayonet

BSA 310 Cadet

Miroku US Springfield 55 cal.

Contact Joe 0498 581 280

All firearms sales must be through a licensed dealer