

VERY LIGHT

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Guild Committee 2025 -2026

At the 2024 -2025 Annual General Meeting held on the 29th of September the committee for 2025 – 2026 was 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.

Victorian Government Machete Ban - Collectors Exempt

When the ban on machetes was announced the Guild wrote to both the Premier and the Police Minister to inform them that some of our members would have examples of these in their militaria collections. We suggested that as there is no real difference between a machete and any other weapon with a long edge it followed that ownership of machetes by collectors be included in the same exemption category as swords and bayonets etc. The legal ownership of which only requires proof of current membership of an approved collecting club such as the Guild.

Several weeks later we received advise from the government that it was intended by them that the exemption in place for edged weapons for bona fide collectors would be amended to include machetes. Therefore we are pleased to advise our members that they may own machetes as part of a collection of military edged weapons if they are a current member of an approved collecting club.

This is an excellent result.

Overdue Membership Renewals

Members are advised that the membership renewals for 2025 – 2026 were posted out in late May. Any member who has not yet renewed their membership is advised that current financial membership of an approved club is a requirement for either a collectors licence or the ownership of edged weapons etc

If these overdue subscriptions are not received promptly the Guild has no option but to cancel the person's membership and to advise L&RD of this.

Notice re Licence Applications, Renewals and PTAs

Members **must** submit these for signature by a Nominated Officer in one of the following **three** ways

1. By post to the Guild at PO Box 2976 Cheltenham, 3192 with a stamped envelope addressed to either L&RD or for return to the member.
2. In a scanned PDF format by email to cupfire1@ozemail.com.au or
3. In the original .rtf (Rich Text Format) which is the file type used by dealers in their use of the online process created by L&RD by email to cupfire1@ozemail.com.au .

Of course members can always bring the forms to one of our monthly meetings for signature.

If there are any questions re this matter the Secretary can be contacted on (03) 9584 2907 or by email at cupfire1@ozemail.com.au

The dates of the Monday Meetings in 2025

The remaining dates for the Guild Monday Meetings in 2025 which are held at Eley Park Community Centre, Eley Rd, Blackburn South, commencing at 7.00 pm are, October 27 and November 24.

August Meeting Displays

A display of Needle Fire Sporting Guns



Two 17th Century German Military Wheellock Pistols



A Pair of Pairs



Attendance and Participation in Monday Night Meetings

ALL MONDAY MEETINGS ARE 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.

FOR SALE

Long Sea Service repro Belt Hook (Peter Dyson made) \$50.

Small Arms of the East India Company 1600-1856, D F Harding. 2 Volumes in slipcover. Excellent Condition, \$790.

Great British Gunmakers, W. Keith Neal and D H L Back. 2 Volumes 1540 - 1740 and 1740–1790. Very good condition, \$290.

Hartman's Dutch Gunmakers From the 15th to the 20th Century. As New \$80

Contact: Eric 0410 558 067

Antique Firearms for Sale

Indian Torador Matchlock,.65 cal., c. 1750. Decorated and in good condition.

Snaphaunce parts c. 1750, barrel and buttstock. Scottish style with iron edges.

Isaac Hollis 14 gauge, single barrel percussion shotgun. Engraved metal parts and checkered stock.

Manton, London. 16 gauge single barrel shotgun, c. 1850. Browned barrel and engraved.

Gale & Hill, 12 gauge double barrel shotgun, engraved lock and browned barrel.

Blakemore & Sons, 16 gauge double barrel percussion shotgun, c.1850. Engraved parts and.blued barrel.

Turkish flintlock miquelet musket c, 1820. Damascus barrel, button trigger, silver barrel bands and inlays.

Powder flask, tin of assorted flints and a set of reference books.

Contact: Ian Stedman tasinnovators@gmail.com

WANTED TO BUY

British Ordnance percussion Sea Service Pistol – 6 inch barrel, .56” calibre, with belt hook and TOWER or ENFIELD lock dated 1855 or 1856.

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