

# VERY LIGHT

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## The Bondi Shooting and Changes to Firearms Laws

At the time of preparing this issue of *Very Light* the review commissioned by the Victorian Government into our firearms laws, carried out by former Police Chief Commissioner Ken Lay has concluded. While rumours abound there is no official announcement about what the government intends to do. The Guild will continue to monitor the situation as it unfolds and take action to ameliorate any harmful impact on licensed collectors. We will advise our members of any news.

## Dates of the Monday Meetings in 2026

The dates for the Guild Monday Meetings in 2026 which are held at Eley Park Community Centre, Eley Rd, Blackburn South, commencing at 7.00 pm are, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 31 (AGM), September 28, October 26 and November 30.

## Guild Committee 2025 -2026

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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cupfire1@ozemail.com.au)

## **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.

## **Some Displays from Guild Meetings Held This Year**

### **Japanese Matchlocks**



### Swords



### Some Revolvers





## For Sale

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

*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**

**British P1853 Constabulary Pistol.** British Ordnance pistol supplied to the Australian colonies for their Constabulary, in particular for Mounted Police. These are scarce in Australia and are very rare in England. 6-inch round barrel, smoothbore, .65" calibre, swivel ramrod. Lock with VR cypher & 1854 TOWER. The lock, stock and barrel bear numerous Ordnance acceptance etc. stamps. The pistol functions well and is complete except for a small section broken from the ramrod end, overall its condition is fair to good. This is a classic part of Australia's colonial history and mounted police were armed with these for hunting down bushrangers and for gold escort duties etc. **\$1700.00**

**British P1858 East India Govt Cavalry Pistol.** Percussion cavalry pistol as provided by Britain to its East India Government forces. 8-inch round smooth bore barrel of .65" calibre with regulation sights and swivel ramrod. The lock bears the govt crown and EIG stamp with the broad arrow and is marked BIRMINGHAM 1869. The stock is in very good condition and bears a small EIG ownership stamp in the side-plate flat. **\$1500.00**

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