

VERY LIGHT

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The Bondi Shooting: Result of the Victorian Firearm Law Review

Good news, on Monday the 25th of May, the Premier of Victoria Jacinta Allan announced that following the government's consideration of the *Rapid Review of Victorian Firearms Laws* conducted by Mr Ken Lay, that the government **would not** impose a limit on firearms held on A/B licences and, consequently, Victoria **will not** conduct a buyback of firearms.

But the government has announced that it will review and determine if any action is needed in regard to firearms laws around issues such as emerging technologies, licence issue, especially to non-Australian citizens; criminal checks, etc. and if, consequently, the current legislation needs to be changed. We will keep members informed as the situation unfolds.

Holders of pistol licences and the various collectors licences are not affected.

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild for the year 2025 – 2026 will be Held at 7.15 PM on Monday the 31st of August 2026 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!

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, June 29, July 27, August 31 (AGM), September 28, October 26 and November 30.

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

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 in April and May

Smith & Wesson Pistols



Enfield Whitworth Rifles



Japanese Matchlock Handgun



Rare Prussian Cavalry Sabre



Pattern 1788 Light Cavalry Sabres



For Sale

Turkish flintlock with a Miquelet action, the stock liberally decorated in silver & mother of pearl.

Indian matchlock- very plain & with brass bands on the forestock.

Contact: Ian Stedman tasinnovators@gmail.com

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

Small Arms of the East India Company 1600-1856, D F Harding. Volumes 1 & 2 in slipcover. Excellent Condition, **\$695.**

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**

Contact Adrian Roads adrianroads1@gmail.com or 0417 772 535 for photos

GOOD NEWS FOR AUSTRALIAN COLLECTORS OF SCOTTISH DIRKS

One of Australia's best collections of Scottish dirks is being offered for sale.

Scottishdirks.com will be releasing a varied collection of regimental and dress dirks including cased items and some that have rarely ever been seen. This is an excellent opportunity to avoid the hassle of international importation fees and shipping costs.

The first ten items can now be viewed at www.scottishdirks.com with the inventory updated as items are sold. We would love them to stay in Australia.

