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2021

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Proposed Shoot Calendar 2021/2022

Sunday 20th February 2022

Melbourne Gun Club

Sunday 17th April 2022

Melbourne Gun Club

Sunday 30th April 2022

Marong Rifle Club

Sunday 15th May 2022

Westernport Memorial Shoot for Mark Brenton

Sunday 19th June 2022

Melbourne Gun Club

Saturday 16th July 2022

Kilmore F&G

Sunday 14th August 2022

Frankston Australia Clay Target Club

Sunday 18th September 2022

Melbourne Gun Club - AGM

Sunday 20th November 2022

Melbourne Gun Club – Vintage Cup.

President's Report

Welcome to our 80th Issue of Hammers Back!

After much concern, we were able to conduct our final shoot for the calendar year at the Melbourne Gun Club, the Vintage Cup Down-Under on the 21st November, and as usual it did not rain.... The shoot proceeded with our mandatory Annual General Meeting for the financial year to the 30th June 2021, tabling the Clubs financial report, a copy of which is included on page 5 within for your perusal. You will see that our Club did sustain a relatively small loss of \$599.63 which was to be expected in view of our inactivity, (only 3 shoots held due to the imposed lockdown). The existing Committee was elected unopposed for another term in office. We then proceeded with the shoot the Vintage Cup for 2021 (this shoot was not conducted on 2020 due to the lockdown, and as the Club was celebrating a delayed 21 year anniversary,(you guessed it, due to the lockdown!), all nominations were complimentary for the 69 shooters. The committee carefully reviewed the squad sheets and applied the seldom understood "Phantom of the Clay" rule and collectively concluded that Barry Ellis be awarded the **Vintage Cup**, Geoff McDonald the **Best Gun**, and Angela Kloppenborg the **Sports-Person-of- the-Year** Perpetual trophies. Sashes and prizes were awarded to 12 other shooters in the Hammer, Hammerless, Black Powder, Ladies, and Encouragement. In addition, a bottle of wine was awarded to one person in each squad whose score was recognised as being the "best lowest". The Melbourne Gun Club generously permitted our members to shoot with their beloved century old 8 bore and 10 bore doubles for 25 of their 50 target allocation on the day (both with nitro and black powder). See page 5 on a report of these guns.

In closing on behalf of the Committee, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all on 20 February 2022.

Victoria Police

Licensing and Regulations Division (LRD)

National firearms amnesty commenced on the Thursday 1 July 2021. It is ongoing.

LRD phones unavailable

Due to operational requirements, the Licensing and Regulation customer service phone line is operating under revised hours. Our phone line can be reached from 10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Instead of calling, you may instead email LRD at: lrd@police.vic.gov.au

LRD continues to work tirelessly to recover from the impacts of our response to the Stage 4 restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and are endeavouring to have our application processing timeframes return to normal levels as soon as possible.

Please note that emails requesting processing updates and likely approval times will not be responded to if your application was received by LRD within the published processing timeframes.

All urgent enquires should be directed to LRD by email at: lrd@police.vic.gov.au

LRD publishes and regularly updates its licence application processing timeframes on their website, accessible via the following links:

Firearms: police.vic.gov.au/firearms-licensing

Service Delivery Update

Please note: A copy of the PTA will be uploaded on the Vintagers Website for members without computers/reception.

Firearm Amnesty

The ongoing national firearms amnesty commenced on the Thursday 1 July 2021. It is ongoing and is not dictated by a time frame. Australia wide 6000 have been handed in and 800 in Victoria.

Staffing

The Chief Commissioner announced that there is a current freeze on the Victorian public servant at Victoria Police, which may have a potential impact on delivery of services moving forward.

Firearm Licensing

Processing times for new applications are around the 57-day mark;

Processing times for renewals are around 7 days due to LRD being short staffed.

Longarm permits to acquire are found online and have been since 1st September 2021

Condition 'N' has now been changed to condition 'NO' on the firearm licence. If there is a special condition it will read as 'YES' on the licence.

A review into lead time for renewal applications has been considered and extending the time by 4 weeks. This means that renewal applications will be sent out 12 weeks early instead of 8 weeks.

Please note: It is encouraged that members lodge their completed renewals as soon as they receive the notification to prevent any delays within LRD processing them.

Permits, Transactions and Approvals

Permit to Acquire processing time is currently at 7 days due to being short staffed.

E-Form for the longarm permit to acquire has been online since the 1st September 2021.

Upcoming changes to the portal to update security features.

The Pre-1900 Firearm Exemption form, change to a Calibre form and Alteration to a Firearm form are all currently in development.

Compliance and Enforcement

Currently there 481 cancelled licences and 536 suspended licences. And there are currently 30 firearm appeals before VCAT.

Firearms and Other Amendments Act 2021

Implementation of the Act will occur in August 2022.

Purpose built gun rooms that would exceed the requirements are likely to continue being approved, if they adhere to the schedules minimum requirements and have exclusive access. LTD would be happy to accommodate individual requests for storage inspections to ensure adherence with legislation.

Legislative amendments made a deliberate enforcement date as it enables people time to upgrade their storage to the minimum standard. It is important to note that amendments have only been made to the Schedule, which implements a minimum standard of storage. Provision 121 of the *Firearms Act 1996* still enables the Chief Commissioner of Police to approve storage of any other manner that exceeds the minimum requirements if they are satisfied it is as secure as the manner prescribed in the Schedule.

Storage of documents in firearms safe

The *Firearms Act 1996* does not regulate if documents or other items can be stored in the firearms safe. It is important to note that if documents are stored in a firearm safe then they can only be accessed by the licensed firearm holder with the exclusion of all others.

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Licensing and Regulation Division
GPO Box 2807, Melbourne, VIC, 3001.

Vintagers Dress Code

There are a number of members who are continually avoiding our requirement to follow the dress code at the Vintagers events. The Vintagers has had a dress policy from the beginning when the club was first incorporated in 2000. The requirement is smart dress we intend to keep it that way as the Vintagers is a very unique club for ladies and gentlemen of all ages using side-by-side shotguns.

This policy has been regularly mentioned in our newsletters for the past few years and it is disappointing to see members still attending the events in denims, very short shorts and some camo as well as Boiler Suits. **These are not permitted.** Camo hats are also not on our agenda as with other Camo wear.

Thank you for your co-operation.

QR Code and Non Member Sign In

ALL members and visitors to the Melbourne Gun Club **MUST** check in by the QR Codes that are located on the premises. You may find them located at both entrances, the bar and the office. Please check in on your arrival to the club.

If you do not have a mobile phone you may ask someone to sign you in or sign the book at the bar. Victorian Government requires this procedure. Non-members must sign the MGC visitor's book prior to shooting.

All members must also sign the Vintagers book for insurance purposes.

Thank you for your understanding!

2021 Vintage Cup Winners

The winners of the 2021 Vintage Cup are as follows:

Vintage Cup winner – Barry Ellis

Best Gun – Geoff McDonald (10 Bore)

Best Dressed – Enrico Mocellin

Sports Person of the Year – Angela Kloppenborg

Ladies – Sherileen Mahdi

Black Powder – Peter Drew

Hammer Gun:

1st – Rod Pratt

2nd – Garry Bennett

Hammerless Gun:

1st – Andrew Creighton

2nd – Jayne Pine

3rd - Mike Gibbs

Encouragement Awards:

- Robert Nash
- David Gudgin
- Mario Blasco
- Richard Collier

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Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year to 30th June 2021

<i>year to 6/20</i>	INCOME	<i>This Year</i>	Variance
-	Cash on Hand	-	-
43468.11	Net Surplus brought forward	43696.87	228.76
4470.01	Members Subscriptions Annual	1521.97	- 2,948.04
3963.02	Members Prepaid Subscriptions	5439.84	1,476.82
1180.00	Nominations	670.00	- 510.00
1132.00	Raffle Proceeds	633.00	- 499.00
	Bank Interest	0.00	-
135.00	Vintager Pins/Key Rings	0.00	- 135.00
400.00	Grants and Donations	2200.00	1,800.00
	Shooting Vests	0.00	-
	Coffee Mugs	0.00	-
50.00	Vintager Ties	100.00	50.00
	Vintager Badges	10.00	10.00
	Vintager Patches	0.00	-
830.00	Accessories	1194.00	364.00
55,628.14	Total Income	55465.68	- 162.46
	EXPENDITURE		
59.20	Lodgement Fee Annual Stat.	59.20	-
3492.50	Insurance	3786.20	293.70
414.00	Storage	414.00	-
0.00	Committee/Sustainance	150.00	150.00
397.63	Photocopying/Newsletter	277.00	- 120.63
104.20	Computer Repairs	118.50	14.30
150.00	Opening Stock Vintager Patches	120.00	- 30.00
	Vintager Patches	0.00	-
-120.00	Less Closing Stock Vintager Patches	-120.00	-
52.00	Opening Stock Shooting Vests	52.00	-
	Shooting Vests	0.00	-
-52.00	Less Closing Stock Shooting Vests	-52.00	-
700.00	Hall Hire/Ground Fee	0.00	- 700.00
666.00	CPR Training	390.00	- 276.00
2088.99	Stationery	1413.38	- 675.61
2030.00	Opening Stock Vintager Ties	2030.00	-
	Vintager Ties	0.00	-
-2030.00	Less Closing Stock Vintager Ties	-1960.00	70.00
210.00	Opening Stock Vintager Pins/Key Rings	70.00	- 140.00
	Vintager Pins/Key Rings	0.00	-
-70.00	Less Closing Stock Vint. Pins/Key Rings	-70.00	-
1826.00	Opening Stock accessories	1126.00	- 700.00
	Accessories	1275.00	1,275.00
-1126.00	Less Closing Stock Accessories	-1366.00	- 240.00
559.40	Website Maint/Registration	1845.01	1,285.61
90.00	Opening Stock Vintager Coffee Mugs	65.00	- 25.00
	Vintager Coffee Mugs	0.00	-
-65.00	Less Closing Stock Coffee Mugs	-35.00	30.00
1205.50	Prizes/Trophies/Hamper/ Engrav.	0.00	- 1,205.50
0.00	Vintagers Badges (21 year anniversary)	1622.50	1,622.50
313.50	Covid Equipment/Bollards	348.50	35.00
137.80	Sanatiser & Masks	137.80	-
897.55	Postage	671.35	- 226.20
11,931.27	Total Expenditure	12,368.44	437.17
\$ 43,696.87	Net Surplus	\$ 43,097.24	- 599.63
\$ 55,628.14		\$ 55,465.68	-\$ 599.63

BALANCE SHEET

Yr to 30/6/2020	<i>This is represented by:</i>	Yr to 30/6/2021	Variance
32,774.03	Cash at Bank @ 30/06/2021	\$ 32,034.40	- 739.63
2,030.00	56 x Vintagers Ties	at cost \$ 1,960.00	- 70.00
70.00	7 x Vintagers Pins/Key chains	at cost \$ 70.00	-
120.00	60 x Vintager Patches	at cost \$ 120.00	-
52.00	1 x Shooting Vests	at cost \$ 52.00	-
65.00	7 x Coffee Mugs	at cost \$ 35.00	- 30.00
2,559.95	Debricator & First Aid Ket	at cost \$ 2,559.95	-
570.00	Photocopier	at cost \$ 570.00	-
4,329.89	Computer/printer/card reader	at cost \$ 4,329.89	-
1,126.00	Accessories	at cost \$ 1,366.00	240.00
\$ 43,696.87		\$ 43,097.24	-\$ 499.63

8 Bores and 10 Bore Doubles

These historical sporting shotguns are more than a century old, were permitted to be shot at a 25 target event celebrating the 21 year of the Vintagers (established 24/07/2000). The club is very grateful that the Melbourne Gun Club permitted such an event.

There were five guns that took part:

- **Holland and Holland** 8 bore hammer gun circa 1882;
- **W and C Scott** Premier 10 bore hammerless with crystal indicators and triplex lever grip circa 1890;
- **Holland and Holland** 8 bore hammer gun circa 1877;
- **W W Greener** 8 bore with the "Facile Princepts" action circa 1909; and
- **Schofield** of London and Birmingham 10 bore hammer gun circa 1880

These guns displayed that they could hold their performance in sporting clays, one in particular scored 20/25 in the hands of a very confident owner!

In Victoria, both the 8 bore and the 10 bore are illegal for water fowl harvesting despite my many requests over some 30 years to change the regulations; they are considered by Law to be PUNT GUNS!! (May be due to their majestic size and weight?).

These guns were hand made at a time in our history when individual craftsmanship was at its best. I hope that the Wildlife (Game) Regulations will one day be in accordance with the Act so that these guns can be used in Victorian rivers and swamps for waterfowl (duck) harvesting.



An 8 bore Holland and Holland in action!

Vintage Cup Trophies 2021



Sportsperson of the Year



Vintage Cup 2021

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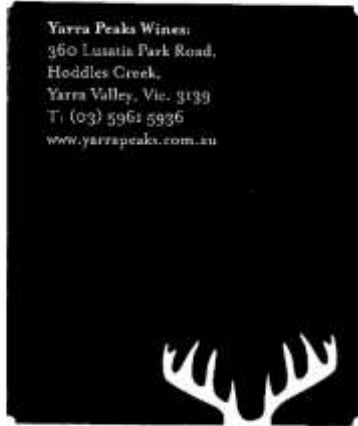
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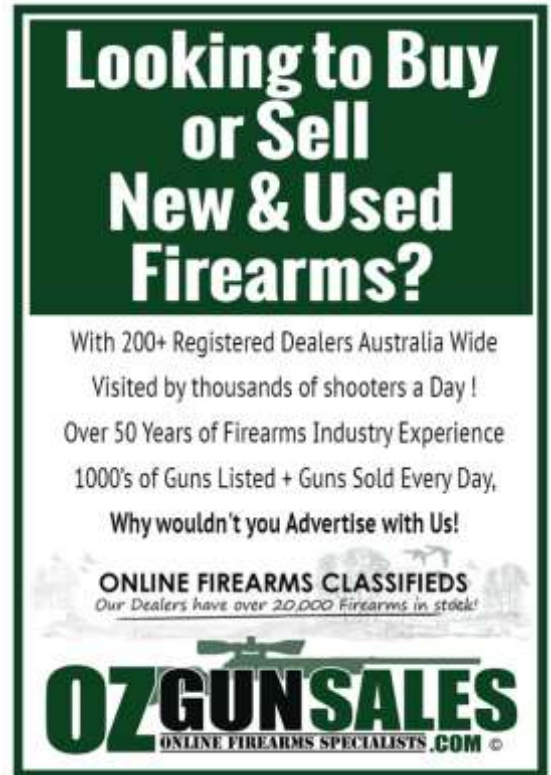
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Enjoying lunch



Sarah enjoying her time back at the Club



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Winner of the Hammer Gun



Winner of the 2021 Vintage Cup



Winner of the 2021 Best Gun



2021 Sportsman of the Year



Winner of 2021 Black Powder



Winner of the 2021 Ladies Category



Winner of the 2021 Hammerless Gun