

Committee of Management 2022

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Shoot Calendar 2022

Sunday 20th November 2022
Melbourne Gun Club – Vintage Cup @ 10:30am

2023 Shoot Calendar - Confirmed

Sunday 19th February 2023
Melbourne Gun Club

Sunday 16th April 2023
Melbourne Gun Club

Saturday 29th April 2023
Marong Rifle Club – Rifle Shoot

Sunday 18th June 2023
Melbourne Gun Club

Sunday 13th August 2023 – TBC
Frankston Australia Clay Target Club

Saturday 30th September 2023 - TBC

Kilmore F&G

Sunday 15th October 2023 – TBC
Melbourne Gun Club - AGM

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10:30am

President's Report

Our first shoot for the new financial year was a 50 target event conducted at Kilmore Field and Game on Saturday 16th July, and despite being a bitterly cold day, attracted 52 nominations made up of 39 well rugged up Vintagers (as if being prepared for an Antarctic expedition), and 13 visitors. We thank the committee of Kilmore F&G for taking the time and trouble to set the ground on our behalf and the sensible quality of targets thrown to compliment for our less experienced members.

This was followed by a 50 target event at Frankston Clay Target Club on the 14th August, which attracted 40 nominations, despite the wet, cold, muddy conditions.

Our next shoot was a 50 target event at the Melbourne Gun Club and incorporated our mandatory Annual General Meeting. It was not meant to be either cold or wet but it unfortunately was! Attendance was 29 members. A copy of our financial report accepted by those present is on page 11 and records a small surplus of \$128.04 for the financial year. Our current annual subscription (\$60 individual, \$70 family) has not increased since July 2016 (that is correct 2016!) despite continuing rising costs such as insurance and particularly ongoing club administration costs, it was unanimously agreed that it would increase to \$75 individual and \$85 family. This increase will remain very competitive when compared to other approved shooting clubs and organisations by Victoria Police. The increase will commence 1 July 2023.

Following the election of the Committee for a further 12 months we welcome Peter Drew to the management team and thank Clive Haug for his years of service in this regard.

See you at the Vintage Cup 20th November, and we sincerely trust it will not rain!!!!

Victoria Police

Licencing and Regulations Division (LRD)

Firearms Amnesty: Victoria has seen around 1600 firearms handed in. Crime Stoppers has also launched its second phase, National Illicit Firearms Campaign, encouraging people to report illegal firearm.

Legislative change: Legislative Change under the Firearms and Other Amendments Act 2021 take effect today, 30 August 2022. Changes include:

- Dealer must sight a valid licence for persons aged 14 and over;
 - Loan & hire is limited to one month and can only be extended once; and
 - Storage requirements to category A and B.
- LRDs media campaign has resulted in an excellent uptake of people upgrading their storage.

Firearm Licensing: Processing times for new applications are 48 days. Processing times for renewal applications are 30 days.

Permits, Transactions and Approvals: Permit to Acquire processing timeframe is currently at 8 days.

Compliance and Enforcement: The primary focus has been on expired and deceased estate firearm holders. The way that Vic Pol collects data in this area has changed, with data being received from births, deaths and marriages more frequently to assist in informing a firearms dashboard with Vic Police. This allows members to easily identify if firearms are attached to expired licence or deceased person and deal with them promptly.

Service Victoria: From 31st August 2022, category A and AB firearms licence applicants will obtain their registration of interest to hunt pest animals on Crown land certificate by applying online via Service Victoria or alternative applicants can still call Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) on 136 186 Monday to Friday during business hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: RSD-POLICY-PUBLICATIONSMGR@police.vic.gov.au

Club Dress Code

Unfortunately, some members are not complying with our Dress Code. We are not the normal target club that members dress how they wish, however with the Vintagers it has become a little bit of an annoyance when we ask members time and time again to dress according to our club rules, and that is: NO DENIMS, NO CAMO OF ANY KIND, NO SLEEVELESS TOPS/SHIRTS, NO THONGS and NO WORK PANTS.

Our Dress Code is **smart casual** only.

We have had this code in place since our first shoot which was in 2000.

Please members would you mind requesting your friends, if you invite them to come along to our events, to dress accordingly.

Thank you for your understanding.



1930s/1940s dress



Vintagers (Order of Edwardian Gunners) Incorporated No. A0039954D
Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year to 30th June 2022

Year to 6/21	INCOME	This Year	Variance
-	Cash on Hand	0.00	0.00
43696.87	Net Surplus brought forward	43097.24	-599.63
1521.97	Members Subscriptions Annual	3890.04	2,368.07
5439.84	Members Prepaid Subscriptions	6930.00	1,490.16
670.00	Nominations	735.00	65.00
633.00	Raffle Proceeds	1581.00	948.00
0.00	Bank Interest	0.00	0.00
0.00	Vintager Pins/Key Rings	0.00	0.00
2200.00	Grants and Donations	1500.00	-700.00
0.00	Shooting Vests	0.00	0.00
0.00	Coffee Mugs	50.00	50.00
100.00	Vintager Ties	330.41	230.41
10.00	Vintager Badges	40.00	30.00
0.00	Vintager Patches	30.00	30.00
1194.00	Accessories	2292.00	1,098.00
\$ 55,465.68	Total Income	\$ 60,475.69	5,010.01
	EXPENDITURE		
59.20	Lodgement Fee Annual Stat.	60.10	0.90
3786.20	Insurance	4194.80	408.60
414.00	Storage	426.00	12.00
150.00	Committee/Sustenance	280.00	130.00
277.00	Photocopying/Newsletter	241.95	-35.05
118.50	Computer Repairs	473.20	354.70
120.00	Opening Stock Vintager Patches	120.00	0.00
0.00	Vintager Patches	0.00	0.00
-120.00	Less Closing Stock Vintager Patches	-104.00	16.00
52.00	Opening Stock Shooting Vests	52.00	0.00
0.00	Shooting Vests	0.00	0.00
-52.00	Less Closing Stock Shooting Vests	-52.00	0.00
0.00	Hall Hire/Ground Fee	300.00	300.00
390.00	CPR Training	490.00	100.00
1413.38	Stationery	856.01	-557.37
2030.00	Opening Stock Vintager Ties	1960.00	-70.00
0.00	Vintager Ties	0.00	0.00
-1960.00	Less Closing Stock Vintager Ties	-1680.00	280.00
70.00	Opening Stock Vintager Pins/Key Rings	70.00	0.00
0.00	Vintager Pins/Key Rings	0.00	0.00
-70.00	Less Closing Stock Vintagers. Pins/Key Rings	-40.00	30.00
1126.00	Opening Stock accessories	1366.00	240.00
1275.00	Accessories	3000.00	1,725.00
-1366.00	Less Closing Stock Accessories	-2550.00	-1,184.00
1845.01	Website Maintenance/Registration	717.80	-1,127.21
65.00	Opening Stock Vintager Coffee Mugs	35.00	-30.00
0.00	Vintager Coffee Mugs	0.00	0.00
-35.00	Less Closing Stock Coffee Mugs	-15.00	20.00

0.00	Prizes/Trophies/Hamper/ Engraving.	595.05	595.05
1622.50	Vintagers Badges (21 Year anniversary)	0.00	-1,622.50
348.50	Covid Equipment/Bollards	0.00	-348.50
137.80	Sanitiser & Masks	0.00	-137.80
	Donation Melbourne Gun Club	5000.00	5,000.00
	21 Year Anniversary Shoot	690.00	690.00
671.35	Postage	765.50	94.15
12,368.44	Total Expenditure	17,252.41	4,883.97
\$ 43,097.24	Net Surplus	\$ 43,223.28	126.04
\$ 55,465.68		\$ 60,475.69	5,010.01

BALANCE SHEET

Yr to 30/6/2021	<i>This is represented by:</i>	Yr to 30/6/2022	Variance
\$ 32,034.40	Cash at Bank @ 30/06/2022	31322.44	-711.96
\$ 1,960.00	48 x Vintagers Ties	1680.00	-280.00
\$ 70.00	4 x Vintagers Pins/Key chains	40.00	-30.00
\$ 120.00	52 x Vintager Patches	104.00	-16.00
\$ 52.00	1 x Shooting Vests	52.00	0.00
\$ 35.00	5 x Coffee Mugs	15.00	-20.00
\$ 2,559.95	Defibrillator & First Aid Kit	2559.95	0.00
\$ 570.00	Photocopier	570.00	0.00
\$ 4,329.89	Computer/printer/card reader	4329.89	0.00
\$ 1,366.00	Accessories	2550.00	1,184.00
\$ 43,097.24		\$ 43,223.28	126.04

Events held - July 2021 to 30 June 2022

21/11/2021	Melbourne Gun Club
20/02/2022	Melbourne Gun Club
17/04/2022	Melbourne Gun Club
30/04/2022	Marong SSAA Rifle Club
19/06/2022	Melbourne Gun Club

Nominations

69
56
39
27
52

Vale

John Edwin Ramsay, 5.12.1941 - 22.9.2022

Member 30 April 2014 - 22 September 2022

John was a professional ballistics consultant.

In semi-retirement, he assisted with ADF projects including Bushmaster armour protection, and tutored science/engineering students at Melbourne University.

A keen Vintager. He embraced our field shooting traditions of days past, including dress, fellowship, and the opportunity to use his superb 20 gauge, Giubileo Beretta side by side in a recreational environment.

Our Vintager squad member and shooting friend. Fond memories remain.

Rod Fox, Steve Gunn, Martin Wettenhall, Eddy Bidese, and Victor Leeman.

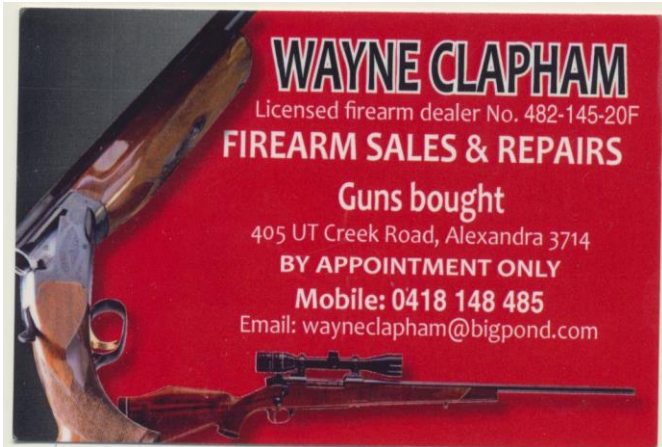
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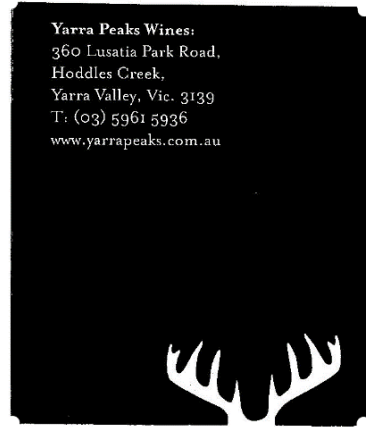
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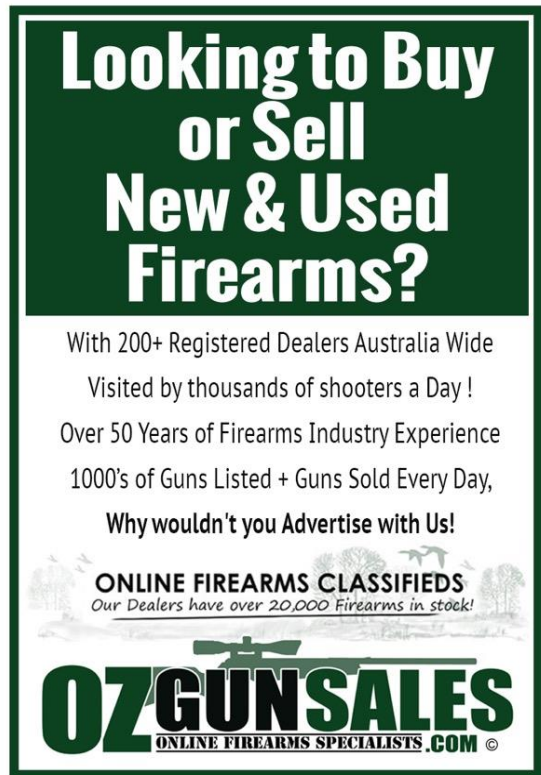
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WILDLIFE ARTIST



WANTED

I am looking for a copy of a book called "Men for all Seasons: The Hunters and Pioneers", by Anthony Dyer. Printed by Trophy Room Books in about 1996.

Also, any Holland & Holland memorabilia cloth badges, lapel pins, old On Report in house magazines etc.

Please contact Steve Oliver

Ph: 0400 031 464

WANTED

Charles Boswell Damascus Barrel

About 10-12 years ago, offered for sale through RF Scott's in Ballarat were the following:

Charles Boswell damascus barrelled side-plated boxlock 12 gauge shotgun, cased in an oak and leather case; embossed on the case was the name "W. Weatherley"; Henry Atkin damascus barrelled boxlock game gun, cased in an oak and leather case; embossed on the case were the initials "H.P.M."

Both were at the time in excellent condition. I was recently talking with a descendant of those guns' original owners, who would dearly like to re-acquire them for the family.

If you are able to help, please get in touch with me, and I will put you in touch with the descendent.

Robert Geddes

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Two out of Three ain't Bad**By Steve Oliver**

In 1912 the British Gun making firm 'Webley & Scott' supplied three 1902 pattern single shot Rook Rifles in 22 long rifle cartridge fitted with 26" barrels which were named "Made expressly for Mr. J.T. Lake, Adelaide" with peep sights. The rifle numbers were 11246, 11375 and 11376 at the cost of £6-6-0 each.

J.T. Lake

James Talbert Lake (1865 – 1947) was a gun dealer of some note, located in Adelaide, South Australia, at the following addresses – his records were lost following his death.

1902 – 1912 James Place, Adelaide
1912 – 1960 Bank Street, Adelaide

Lake began shooting as a hobby. By trade, he was an ornate wood carver and carpenter in country churches. He became an Australian crack shot, winning the Australian Queen's Prize, (the highest accolade possible in long-range shooting out here), two years in a row, being one of only two people to achieve this distinction. From 1894 to the 1930's, Lake shot in most European countries and was the top marksman in the first Australian team to visit Bisley, England. He was described by his contemporary riflemen as *the best shot in the world*. Lake was so sure of his aim that he would amaze his fellow marksmen by calling the shots on the target without the aid of a spotting scope. He continued to win up to the age of Sixty-Five and attended long range shooting matches until well past Seventy. Lake supplied many firearms to shooters around Australia as he was the agent for Westley Richards, Savage (U.S.A.), and was the sole Mauser agent in Australia until World War II.

I have seen a number of Rifles and Shotguns with 'J.T. Lake Retailer' marked on them, he also loaded his own cartridges which are marked 'Lake Adelaide' these are also very keenly collected.

Fast forward to 2018, having lived in Adelaide for close to eight years by this stage, I thought I knew most of the major

collectors in the state. Both Sharon and I having a keen interest in 'Mannlicher – Schönauer' rifles I enquired about a 'For Sale' advertisement for a 1905 model and spoke to 'John' and was invited to his home to view it, it was like walking into an Aladdin's Cave. The deal was quickly done and thus began three years and seven Mannlichers later I began to look further into what else may be available. Having always wanted a British Farquharson type rifle I asked if he had any in his collection. I was shown two Webley & Scott rifles (#11246 & #11376). After admiring them both I went away plotting how can I get my hands on them. Twelve months later after picking up yet another M/S as well as a Westley Richards Best Quality 10 Bore shotgun, the deal was struck, both rifles would be mine. The thrill of having both of these historic rifles in my possession has still not waned. Now I suppose the ultimate goal would be to find the final rifle of the trio (#11375), the chances of it being in existence are hopefully quite high. Both rifles were purchased by 'John' approximately 35 years apart in completely different parts of South Australia.

Both rifles have been well used but also well cared for.

If anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts of Rifle (#11375) I would be very appreciative of that knowledge.

Australian Arms Auctions



Auction #59
Saturday 18th
February 2023
10:00am

Hi All,

Australian Arms Auctions P/L Melbourne Australia (AAA), wish to advise that our next auction, No59, will be conducted on:- Saturday 18th February 2023 at 10:00am.

Normally we would hold an auction in late 2022, however due to serious medical condition within the AA Family, we have deferred it in order to support a full recovery.

We will continue to operate in the online format that has proved so successful with Donnington Auctions supporting the live bidding. We continue also maintain our AAA postal and phone bids.

A “**Catalogue online**” advice will be sent to you pre-Christmas when it is available to view online.

To view further information regarding AAA Visit our website at
www.australianarmsauctions.com.au

We thank you for past interest/purchases & we look forward to servicing your enquiries or bids for our up & coming auction.

Kind regards
Cheryl Martyn

Photos from the Kilmore Event

