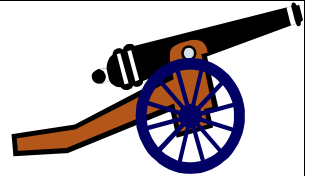




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**Meeting: First Wednesday of the month except January at
Cash Tyre Services, Corner 9th Street Street & Madden
Ave, Mildura at 7.00 pm.**

Message from the Prezz.



AGM Well there has been some minor changes in the executive of the club, Ron Pain has gone to the interchange bench as the Vice President, Trevor Johns has moved up the ranks (faster than that General who is a friend of Johnny's) to Prezzz, so it is me that writes this article not Ron. There are no other real changes to the executive and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron for his input over the years, especially those years that he was Prezzz and the rest of the executive who have worked really hard to keep this club going. While thanking people, the club would like to thank Peter and Tim for the use of their office for our AGM and the opportunity to display our "goodies" without the audience that we would get at the RSL. This will be the first of many show-and-tells to be held at each of our meetings. You can see a report of this show-and-tell later in the mag. A comprehensive timetable of speakers will be sent to all members and hopefully some new presenters will see their name there.



A very successful Planning Sub-committee was held on the 13/7/06 and the minutes of the meeting are included, please read carefully and if you can help in any way, especially at the Mildura Show, contact one of the exec. and volunteer or, join some of our meetings to be part of the club, you will enjoy?

Enough from me, keep that collection growing and keep it hidden from you know who. Think about what you can display at a meeting.

Regards, The Prezzz.



The editor's comment.

Well I didn't get too far, still at the computer using the mandatory two fingers to type this garbage.

Just finished an excellent book, it is a must to read so if you want a loan of it let me know. Called **Kokoda** and is written by **Peter Fitzsimons**. He has done a huge amount of research and writes about the men who were there, giving their story before and after the war and gives some of the Japanese story. So if you want to know the history of the 39th, what the 2/14th and the 2/16th did, how Blamey was caught in a brothel, what Blamey and MacArthur were really like, what the Maroubra force really was etc, etc, then you need to read this book. The author has just completed another book on Tobruk but I will wait until it comes out in paperback before I buy.

If you have any articles, information, web-sites, dates of “things” you wish to have included in the mag. then feel free to contact me and have it included.

Report on show-and-tell at the AGM.

What a brilliant show-and-tell we had, what an array of goodies was displayed and how good was it to see new speakers, speakers who felt at ease to talk about their treasures. I jotted notes as people spoke but it was difficult to jot and listen at the same time, so if I have made the occasional mistake you know the reason. We know that in the future people will bring along a few notes.



David Baird on the .577 Mk3 Snider, also known as the Sergeants Model, short rifle or 2 Band model. This model was a new rifle, not a converted Enfield and it had a steel barrel not an iron barrel. David had the ammo to suit, a Mk 5 paper and a modern brass reload. David regularly shoots this rifle.

Tim Mills came up with an amazing piece of trench art which entwined family history with the historic trench art. The art piece showed four allied planes, crafted from metal salvaged from a plane wreck and mounted on a wooden base. For the whole story and its significance you will need to talk with Tim.



Nick Matrippolito presented the jewel in his collection, a M94 Swedish Cavalry Carbine in 6.5x55. This was the first in the famous Swedish rifles that were pressed into service for the Swedish armed forces from 1894 until the model 43 became the last of them. The 6.5 was made in the carbine, the long rifle, the short rifle, the sniper plus many variations on each of these models.

Bayonet Long (Triangular) Martini-Henry



This bayonet was on the Martini-Henry. These old triangular bayonets became obsolete with the smooth-bore musket. It was not officially abolished however until the introduction of the Lee-Netford in 1888.

Gary Pearse displayed a number of bayonets including; M11, No7 Mk1, No 9 Mk1, Jungle Carbine, Belgian Mauser Contract and topped it off with the above bayonet. This was a collection in itself.



Rick Pain presented the 91/30 Mosin Nagant sniper rifle along with the pathway in building the rifle including the correct pronunciation of the name, rifle choice, purchase of components etc. Once again listening and jotting is difficult and I am sure Rick will fill in the missing pieces.

Trevor presented a clip of 7.7mm Japanese bullets with a brief history of Japanese bullets. Here goes. The Japanese 6.5mm was designed in the 1890's when most of the world's armed forces were going to small cal smokeless powder bullets. Eg 6.5x58 Portuguese, the 6.5 Cacarno, the 6.5x55 Swedish etc. and a swag of 7mm, 8mm, 7.7mm and so on.

By the 1920's it was found to be quite inadequate and most of the world's forces had moved to 30cal 8mm etc and very high energy bullets at that. In 1932 a semi-rimless form of 7.7 mm (really .303) was developed for their MG's It had a small rim and an extraction groove similar to the 6.5. Then blow me down they produced a fully rimmed version for the MGs in planes.

Then blow me down again they introduced a fully rimless form for rifles in 1939. The M99 rifle was virtually a rimless .303 in a reworked 6.5 rifle and although it was a very good rifle it was far too late to be used with any great success in WW2.

Summary of July's Planning Meeting.

The Guild is looking at obtaining a trailer guild functions/ displays.

Mildura Show in October - After much discussion around a paper submitted by Gary. The display to consist of approx 9 sniper rifles of various vintages with accessories, including a diorama depicting the sniper war in the Pacific. Members with particular sniper material were identified and will be contacted re. loan of that material. A list of jobs, including roster, building diorama, etc will be drawn up at the next club meeting.

Talk list and Dates

At our last meeting we had a very successful "show and tell", at our next meeting we will draw up a comprehensive list of speakers and topics, so be there or find your name on it!!!!!!

Venues and dates for meetings

We had a very successful meeting, "Show and tell" at Tyrepower for our last club meeting and following that the idea that we vary our venues so that we have the freedom to:

- Talk about and demonstrate weapons
- Look at what there is around in the community eg RSL Redcliffs
- Look at club collections
- Etc

At our next club meeting a list of venues and dates will be drawn up for distribution to club members.

Possibility of collectable-firearms shoot.

Many club members have historical firearms and would love to take them out on prescribed club days for some limited use. Gary to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

Ebay/Manions International Auctions.

A lot of interest has been shown in club circles and some members have successfully purchased from these mediums. A date will be set at our next meeting to demonstrate these techniques.

October Auction

A list of those able to go will be compiled in the next month.

New Application & Renewal Form.

Last Rolling Volley a copy of the application form was sent out in case any member had some interesting people (collectors) hammering on their doors to join. It was

also a copy to keep for all the forgetfuls who move address without telling us. Or forget that our renewal has to be in by 31 December each year along with a photocopy of their SSAA Current membership. There are still a few out there who haven't done this & this is your last chance.

Change in Management at Licensing Services Division

Superintendent David DETTMANN has moved on, he may be going to Canberra to install the National Firearm Record System or whatever they call it. Inspector Wayne ASHLEY (Acting Superintendent) is filling Dettmann's spot for the next 3 months, Who knows we might have a chance of training this fellow right.

Firearm Storage Audit Project

IT has commenced. 10% each year for the next 10 years, the files have been rolling out and All firearm owners will get an inspection, if they haven't already got one. If you've changed address, your new address will be checked, if you got lazy & submitted paperwork to LSD with a shortened address, incorrect street number, etc you'll get an inspection. If you've had the Rural Road Numbering project commence in your Council area & you're using the new street number, you'll get an inspection.

The project files have firearm lists attached which will be validated by the attending member (Certainly hope he's an Authorised Firearms Identifier) & already firearm descriptions have had to be amended because owners don't know their firearms.

Cross Border problems

The local members know and it has stymied the guild from conducting collectors displays across borders. NSW & Victoria do not recognise collecting as a genuine reason for an interstate firearm collector licence. The Department of Justice doesn't care because their reason is it affects so few people that it's not going to count at an election. If you attend a collectors display show or a firearm dealers sale interstate, don't use your collectors licence for the permit to acquire as it's not recognised.

Yes you can get a permit BUT it's for the purpose of adding to your collection & your collectors licence is not recognised interstate. (Whoops it means you're unlicensed when interstate)

2006 Roster. (What's left of it)

August 2 - Admin Meeting at RSL 10th St & Madden Ave

September 6 - Show & Tell Cash Tyre Services

October 4 - Dinner, RSL 10th & Madden Ave
Guest Speaker – A Current ADF Sniper.

October 6-8 Trip Roley MARTINS Auctions.
(Grand Final W/E)

October 19-21 Mildura Show Display (Sniping)

November 1 - Show & Tell Cash Tyre Service

November 6-11 Remembrance Day St Josephs College

December 6 Xmas Break – Up at Nick MAS's.

The flavour of the Month firearm article is attached.

Til the next Volley, Powder dry, correct sight picture & squeeze.