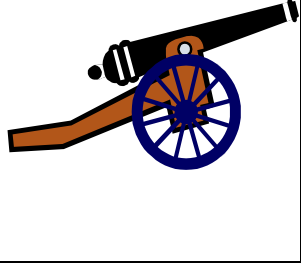
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## Message from the Prezz.



Another year has come & gone, Xmas is almost forgotten and planning has begun for 2007. I think 2006 was a productive year with more planning and more thought as to where we are going and what we hope to achieve. Members attended auctions in Melbourne, had displays in other centres and produced an excellent display for the Mildura show "Snipers". We have also had a change of venues for our monthly meetings as you will notice on our coversheet.

I need to thank a lot of people for their help in making the club run in 2006-7 and if I forgot you I am sorry. Thanks goes to Nick & Paula for the use of their home for our Xmas party, an excellent night was had by the large number of members that attended. Thanks to the hard working executive, especially Gary, who is forever chasing people to attend/remind. Thanks to the Mills family for the use of their premises for our meetings where there is more room for "show & tell" and their supper is excellent. Thanks to the hard workers who put in hours into the Show Display, I was not able to attend but from what I heard it was very good! Thanks you to all of the club members who contributed in some way to the running of the club. We look forward to another successful and expanded year with a lot more activities to attend and participate in.



A very successful Planning Sub-committee was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at the president's palace. Our theme for 2007 is "Black powder & colonial" So for all you old farts out there who believe smokeless is a new fangled idea. Dig out your stories, pictures and for the Mildura show your curios for a really good year of "Rolling Veggies & Displays."

We are also looking at another trip away later in the year and to get to the May & October Australian Arms Auctions in Melbourne, not only to add to our collections BUT also to meet up with our members from across the State.

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 again, The Prezzz.



### **The editor's comment.**

Well the year has already begun in terms of displays and participation. Three members Trevor JOHNS (The Prezz), John THOMAS (a new member) & the old stalwart Ron PAIN (The Vice) travelled to Shepparton on March 2,3 & 4 to put on a display of Africa Korps material at their annual show. It created a lot of interest amongst visitors, lots of questions were asked, lots of old friends were seen again and some very interesting "things" were seen, in particular a collection of English/Australian sniper rifles second to none that had everyone spell bound. Rifles you only expected to see in books or museums, rifle that you would never expect to see in the flesh and certainly not on one continent. Apart from the L42A1, which there were two thereof & a No 4T, there was a fine collection of WW1 sniper rifles incorporating both P-14s & the No 1 Mark 3 variations. It took your breath away.

Our theme for 2007 is Black Powder & Colonial Firearms, in particular black powder, the major display will again be at the Mildura Show (third weekend in October) members have attended Shepparton already & the is the Bendigo show in August to mark on the calender. Two auctions one in May and the other in October (first weekend in the month) is also a must even if you don't bid, just to see the variety of what is available and many reminders of our own short history on this continent is up for auction & it is also a good place to catch up with other members from the guild from other parts of the State.

We are going to try for historical shoots this year BUT the Secretary's choice of historical events is a bit touchy, Mount Dispersion & the Rufus River Massacre. Both events that occurred locally in this area where small bands of explorers or settlers outnumbered by large bands of indigenous warriors beat off their repeated attacks with controlled fire from their black powder areas.

Our "show & tell" is proving quite popular however members are reminded if they are displaying "collector listed firearms" then they need a permit to display.