



# Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild

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Inc. No. 4 0000951T

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & STATUTORY DECLARATION

The Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc., holds approved Status, Section 28 (2) of the 1996 Firearm Act with the chief Commissioner – Victoria Police, and holds Governor In Council exemptions under section 8B Control of weapons Act for Swords, Daggers, Crossbows, Machetes and Imitation Firearms.

The Guild must not admit a person as a member of the club if the person is a prohibited person. The Guild must request from prospective members any records about the person kept by or on behalf of the Chief Commissioner and require that the prospective member provide two character references from people who are of or over the age of 18 years, who are of good repute and who have known the person for a minimum of 2 years. The guild must record the names of any other Approved Firearms Clubs of which that person is a member of; or any firearms club that in the 5 years immediately preceding the application, the applicant has been a member, or has had a membership cancelled or suspended or refused.

Following amendments to the Firearms, Controlled and Prohibited Weapons Regulations, it is most important your subscription is current and paid up to date if you wish to remain a member of an "Approved Collectors Association"

Please Note: It is a legal responsibility that all firearms/edged weapon collectors and owners must be financial with the Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc., by the due date.

**Failure to renew by the expiry date may result in a police compliance check.**

### Membership Procedure

**Step 1:** Read instructions (page 1&2). If you understand and agree with the conditions and are sure you are not a prohibited person, sign page 1.

**Step 2:** Fill in the membership form (page 3) with as much information as possible. Indicate if you currently have a firearms or weapons permit. List other firearms clubs you are a member of, or have applied to join in the past 5 years .

**Step 3:** Photocopy a current Government Issue Photo ID or Licence with both name and residential address

**Step 4:** Provide two character referees on additional pages Ref.1 & 2.

**Step 5: Complete the statutory declaration (page 4), sign declaration in the presence of a person authorised to witness a statutory declaration (see list page 2)**

**Step 6:** Post membership forms and other attachments to Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc., P.O Box 985, Shepparton, Vic 3632 Alternately you may scan them and email to membership@nvacg.org.au

**Step 7:** Once you receive notification that your membership has been accepted, write out a cheque or money order for the amount of \$45 Ordinary or \$40.00 Pensioner to Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc and post to the secretary at the address above or deposit the amount in the Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account 234649630 You will receive your membership card in the mail.

## Declaration

By signing the this membership form and completing the Statutory Declaration (page 4), the applicant accepts that the Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc may check back ground information through Victorian Police or any other channels, to be sure the new applicant is suitable to become a member of this guild. The applicant agrees to abide by the rules of the Guild and also to any lawful changes to such rules, as they may occur from time to time. The applicant shall continue to comply with the storage requirements appropriate to controlled weapons, be aware of legislative changes as and when they occur and remain compliant. **The applicant has read and understands the definition of a prohibited person** (see page 2)

Applicant signature.....Date...../...../20.....

**Victorian Firearms Act - Definition of a Prohibited Person**

1. A "Non-prohibited" person means a person who is not a "prohibited person".  
The definition of a "prohibited person" is set out below.
2. Definition of a "prohibited person" as defined in Section 3 of the Firearms Act 1996 (Act No. 66/1996) as amended by Nos. 84/1997 S.42 (b), 22/1998 S.4(f)(i)-(iii)  
"prohibited person" means -
  - (a) a person who is serving a term of imprisonment for -
    - (i) an indictable offence; or
    - (ii) an assault; or
    - (iii) an offence under the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 -

or, in relation to a person -

    - (iv) not more than 15 years have expired since the person finished serving a term of imprisonment of 5 years or more for such an offence; or
    - (v) not more than 5 years have expired since the person finished serving a term of imprisonment of less than 5 years for such an offence; or
  - (b) a person who is serving a term of imprisonment in another State or a Territory for an offence of a corresponding nature to an offence listed in paragraph (a) or in relation to a person -
    - (i) not more than 15 years have expired since the person finished serving a term of imprisonment in another State or a Territory of 5 years or more for such an offence; or
    - (ii) not more than 5 years have expired since that person finished serving a term of imprisonment in another State or a Territory of less than 5 years for such an offence; or
  - (c) a person who is subject to -
    - (i) an intervention order under section. 4 of the Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987 or an order of a corresponding nature made in another State or a Territory; or
    - (ii) a community based order which includes a condition referred to in section 38(1)(b) of the Sentencing Act 1991 -

or, in relation to a person, nor more than 5 years have expired since the person was subject to such an order; or
  - (d) a person, in relation to whom, not more than 12 months have expired since that person was found guilty by a cowl, whether in Victoria or in another State or a Territory, of
    - (i) an offence against this Act, in relation to which it was open to the court to impose a term of imprisonment; or
    - (ii) an offence against any other Act involving the possession or use of firearms and in relation to which it was open to the cowl to impose a term of imprisonment; or
    - (iii) and who is not, by virtue of the operation of any other paragraph of this definition, a prohibited person; or
  - (e) any person who is of a prescribed class of persons.

**LIST OF PERSONS AUTHORISED TO WITNESS A DECLARATION**

- **A Justice of the Peace or Bail Justice**
- **A Notary Public**
- **A barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court**
- **A clerk to a barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court**
- **The Prothonotary or a Deputy Prothonotary of the Supreme Court**
- **The Registrar or a Deputy Registrar of the County Court**
- **The Principal Registrar of the Magistrates Court**
- **The Registrar or a Deputy Registrar of the Magistrates' Court**
- **The Registrar of Probates or an Assistant Registrar of Probates**
- **The associate to a Judge of the Supreme Court or of the County Court**
- **The secretary of a Master of the Supreme Court or of the County Court**
- **A person registered as a patent attorney under Part XV of the Patents Act 1952 of the Commonwealth**
- **A member of the police force**
- **The Sheriff or a Deputy Sheriff**
- **A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria**
- **A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth**
- **A councillor of a municipality**
- **A town clerk or shire secretary**
- **A legally qualified medical practitioner**
- **A dentist**
- **A veterinary surgeon**
- **A pharmacist**
- **A principal in the teaching service**
- **The manager of a bank**
- **A member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants**
- **The secretary of a building society**
- **A minister of religion authorised to celebrate marriages**
- **A person who holds an office in the public service that is prescribed as an office to which s107A(l) Evidence Act 1958 applies**
- **A fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives (Victoria)**



# Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc. Membership Application & Declaration

Surname .....

Given Names .....

Residential Address .....

State ..... Post Code ..... D.O.B. .... / ..... / .....

Postal Address .....

State ..... Post Code .....

Email.....

Telephone No.....Mobile No.....

The theme of my collection is.....

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Do you have a current firearms or weapons licence, permit or exemption **YES / NO**

Type/Category .....

State of Issue.....

**In the last 5 Years have you been a member or been refused membership of another police approved firearm's Club? Note if you have a Cat H license you must be a member of a pistol club.**

Name of Club/Organisation/Guild.....

Particulars .....

**Proof of Applicant's Identity. (Mandatory)**

Please supply a photocopy of a current government issued photo ID with current residential address.  
Drivers Licence, Boat Licence, Working with Children. etc

Type of ID.....

**Please sign Statutory Declaration (Page 4) in the presence of a person authorised to witness a declaration (list on page 2)**

**Please provide 2 character references from anyone who has known you for a minimum of 2 years. You may use the forms provided for your convenience; but you do not have to use these forms. Providing the reference, it is legible and conforms to the police requirement, I can accept it.**



## Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc.

### \*\*\*\*\* STATUTORY DECLARATION \*\*\*\*\*

I .....  
(Print Full name)

of .....  
(Print Address)

do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am not a prohibited person as declared under the firearms Act. 1996:

I acknowledge that **all** information provided on this declaration is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Declared at .....

in the State of ..... this ..... day of ..... 20.....

.....  
(Signature of person making declaration)

Before me:.....  
(Print Full name)

of .....  
(Print Address)

.....Authority.....  
(Signature of authorised witness)

**The witness must print their name, address and their authority under section 107A of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 to witness a statutory declaration. See list provided (page2)**



# Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc. Membership Application - Character Reference 1

Ref 1.

Surname of Applicant .....

Given Names of Applicant .....

Residential Address .....

## Character Reference 1 of 2

I, .....  
(Full Name of Referee)

of .....P/Code.....  
(Residential Address of Referee)

in the State/Territory of .....

Telephone numbers (The giving of at least one current contact number is mandatory)

Bus ( ) ..... AH ( ) ..... Mob .....

Declare that:

- (a) I am over the age of eighteen years;
- (b) I am of good repute and know of no matters which would or might render me, in the minds of reasonable members of the community, to not be a person of good repute;
- (c) I have known ..... (the Applicant) for a minimum of two years;
- (d) ..... (the Applicant) is known by me to be a person of good and sound character, a person of good repute and not a prohibited person within the meaning of Section 3 of the Firearms Act 1996 (as amended) (set out On page 2 of the application); and
- (e) I am not aware of any matter which would or might render .....(the Applicant) not a fit and proper person to become a member of the Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Incorporated, to have access to police controlled weapons and to be able to apply for an arms collector's licence and to possess arms pursuant to that licence.

Signature of Referee..... Date...../...../20.....



# Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc. Membership Application - Character Reference 2

Ref 2.

Surname of Applicant .....

Given Names of Applicant .....

Residential Address .....

## Character Reference 2 of 2

I, .....  
(Full Name of Referee)

of .....P/Code.....  
(Residential Address of Referee)

in the State/Territory of .....

Telephone numbers (The giving of at least one current contact number is mandatory)

Bus ( ) ..... AH ( ) ..... Mob .....

Declare that:

- (a) I am over the age of eighteen years;
- (b) I am of good repute and know of no matters which would or might render me, in the minds of reasonable members of the community, to not be a person of good repute;
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Signature of Referee..... Date...../...../20.....