



MORE MAJORUM

March 2025

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Shepparton Militaria & Collectables Expo Our annual Militaria Expo was a huge success, the best in recent times. Dealers numbers were down, door entries were up, it made it easy to move around and this translated to more sales. Everyone was happy and we even received calls after the Expo, complementing NVACG members on a well run event. **WELL DONE TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED RUN THIS SHOW.**

New newsletter format This is the new single page, **email only** format newsletter. You will still get the multipage version at least 4 times a year, and eight of these to fill in the remaining months. Including prospective members and other guilds we send out 151 newsletters by email. Twenty seven members do not have email and receive a black and white printed multi page version by mail, which cost the guild \$76.00 per issues, plus several hours work to staple, envelope, stamp, address and post.

Membership is currently at 171, with 9 more applications being processed. However, 75 of those memberships expire on the 30th of June 2025. We normally send out renewal requests after Easter with a due date of 30/06/25. For 90% of the members that is all that is required. For the other 10% we send out reminders in early and late June, then late payment reminders at the end of July and August. In October we start phoning people. By November we have contacted most of them, some resign others don't read their emails or letters, but are happy to pay up and we are left with two or three that are uncontactable. At this time, we start preparing for the annual Militaria and Collectables Expo, so outstanding memberships take a lower priority. After the Expo comes Easter and membership renewal for those 30+ people who's membership expires in 2026. If we haven't heard anything from the people that did not renew in 2025, this is time that we can legally remove them from our membership list, but still we make one last effort to contact them. Then up to 3 years later we get a call. "I'm member No. XXX, I want to buy a replica pistol but I can't find my membership card". "I never received a renewal notice" "Your records of my contact details are wrong, I told someone I was moving. Didn't you get the message" "So can you send me a membership card today and I'll give you the money next time I come to a meeting". Grrrrrrrr.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WILL BE SENT OUT AFTER EASTER. If you do not receive one, you are still financial for at least one more year or you have changed you address and not notified us.

Machetes By the 1st of September this year it will no longer legal to kill and maim people with a machete, as the Victorian government intends to ban all knives over 20cm that are not kitchen knives. So law abiding criminals will have to use kitchen meat cleaver instead. So where do we stand as collectors? Well, your traditional 8" Laplander Leuku Knife, your WW2 Marsden Bowie or your priceless Japanese Katana which are currently classified as knives will potentially become prohibited weapons. Hopefully, there will some sort of exemption for collectors, but with the classification of "prohibited" comes safe storage requirements. My 10" Randall Bowie, that has sat on the bookshelf in my office for the last 10 years, without harming anyone, now has to be locked away in a safe, where it cannot attack anyone and never to be seen again.



8" Laplander
Leuku Knife



WW2 Marsden
Bowie



Japanese Tanto



Modern Collectable 10" Bowie

75 mm Laminated Club Name Badges are available free of charge, if you collect it from a meeting or arrange someone to collect it for you. Otherwise we can post at cost. To arrange a badge, contact Secretary, Carl - secretary@nvacg.org.au or Membership Secretary, Graham - membership@nvacg.org.au



Member's 100 Year Old Single Barrel 12 Gauge Hollis shotgun, manufactured before 1925.

This gun is proofed for modern 12 G cartridge up to 2 1/2" in length. It is still used to roll the odd rabbit for the camp oven.



**Next NVACG Meeting: - Friday, April 11 2025 at SSAA Shotgun Club Rooms
1170 Midland Hwy, Pine Lodge VIC - 8.00pm**

NEED YOUR COLLECTORS LICENSE APPLICATION OR RENEWAL ENDORSED BY THE GUILD?

There are the three members authorised to endorse applications:

John Mc Mob: 0402 367 055 Email: majormac@bigpond.com

Graham R. Mob: 0417 137 232 Email: membership@nvacg.org.au

Ricky S. Mob: 0400 567 353 Ricky can be found behind the counter at Trely's Shepparton, but phone him first to make an appointment, and bring your current membership card.