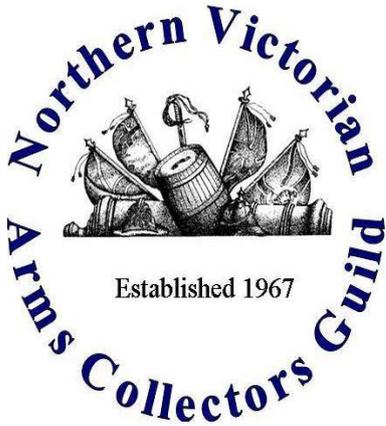


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*Celebrating 50 years of the N.V.A.C.G  
1967-2017*

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# NVACG Presidents Report:

Dear Members,

The Guild financial year 2017/2018 is racing past. To date the Guild has been involved with two major activities.

Firstly, the annual Antique Military Vehicles Rally at Dookie over the week end of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2017. The Guild made a donation to the Antique Military Vehicle Club towards the cost of advertising the event. The Guild also hired a large commercial marquee, tables and chairs. The idea of the marquee being to provide a rallying point for Guild members, protection from the elements and a covered site where members could display, trade and sell. Guild joining information was also made available for any interested people.

Secondly. The annual Swap Meet and Christmas Rendezvous which also included the NVACG 50th Anniversary Celebration. As usual SSAA Shotgun Clubrooms had their large verandah crammed with trade tables and displays. It was a pity that more members didn't take the opportunity to attend, as there was a great array of items to see and purchase. The SSAA Shotgun Club catered for the lunch with scotch fillet steak, chips, salad and trimmings with homemade fruit salad and ice cream for the attendees. An occasion to try ones skills at clay target shooting was made available with quite a few members taking up the challenge. All in all it was great day with many yarns both short and tall had and some wonderful comradery all around. The Rendezvous date for 2018 will be Sunday 11 November 2018.

The next main event on the Guilds calendar is the 20th Annual Arms and Militaria Expo. The Expo planning team has completed planning for the Expo and at writing only three trade tables were left. I appeal to members to turn up and support the 20th Annual Expo. The future of this event rests on getting numbers through the door both members and especially the public. The best advertising medium is word of mouth, so members spread the word.

The Legislative and Regulative scene is rumbling again. At present, amendments to the current Victorian Firearms Legislation are stuck in the upper house pending amendments to the amendments, which were set to improve search powers to control illegal firearms held by organized crime and motorcycle gangs. Amendments to the Regulation were available for public comment in late December 2017 with a submission closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Most of the amendments were to do with costs, carriage of firearms in a populace place by reenactors and target shooting on private land. It is all going to get more difficult and costly to pursue our hobby within the near future.

Well that's all I have for now.

All the best in collecting,

John McLean, President NVACG



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# From The Editor:

## Greetings Members,

Well, another year has come and gone. For the Guild, 2017 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our foundation. From 1967 to today, the Guild has gone through many changes, up's and down's and increasing pressure from legislative restrictions, yet we have survived and are still standing strong.

Thank you, to all members past and present who have given tirelessly to see this Guild progress to the point where we are today. Here's to another 50 years of the Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild.

Your Editor

Matthew Wilson

We advise that, as always, any articles published are for the general information of members, who are invited to form their own opinion.

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## Around The Traps:

### ATTENTION:

The N.V.A.C.G. Arms and Militaria Expo is on once again.

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
and  
Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March  
2018

Eastbank Centre,  
Shepparton



Some of you may not know but the NVACG has its own [website](http://www.nvacg.org.au/).

Where you will find all the news and details for coming guild events and information for prospective members.

<http://www.nvacg.org.au/>



We are also on [facebook](#) under "Shepparton Collectables Antiques Militaria Expo"



From John Harrington: I did this 283mm pen and ink stipple drawing back in 1968, a year after the Guild was formed. We as members were asked to come up with an idea of what we thought was an appropriate logo. My original rough drawing incorporated a "Cook" cannon for the gun collectors. A slouch hat for the W.W.1 and W.W.2 collectors, a Wolsley pattern helmet for those that collected pre-Federation, a powder barrel for the ammo collectors, a sword and knot for the edged weapons collectors and flags from our current and ethnic backgrounds. The flags being from left to right; the British flag at the time of the American War of Independence, the Victorian State flag, the current Union Jack and the Allied Forces Bore War flag. The original idea came from an engraved muzzle-loading shotgun side plate and changed slightly by myself to suit our situation.

The logo was then incorporated into our 88mm brass name badge. Later on, it was also applied to wine glasses, whisky glasses, coffee mugs, cloth patches, shirts, hats and jackets. Currently (2013) we have put the logo onto a 6X4ft. flag and assorted banners.

In 2006, I was asked to look into the aspect of getting a brass and enamel plaque made (80mm), these were quite a success and looked great, this gave further food for thought and from there I made enquiries into an oval belt buckle being produced and having duly received them they also look Bloomin' Bonzer.

## 7 Unusual Firearms People Actually Used.

by Adam Wears

Once we invented the gun, that was pretty much it, right? Sure, all technology advances, new features are added and the design gets tweaked a little over time, but it usually stays more or less the same. Cars always have four wheels, a couple of pedals and some seats, no matter how much we end up fussing with them. So guns consist of one handle, one trigger, one barrel and then the bit that kills people. It's a tube of death; why mess with the concept? Because you're a crazy person, that's why. And that's how we got these:

### 7. The Duck's Foot Pistol.

The duck's foot pistol, a member of the 'volley gun' family, so named because its four splayed barrels were shaped like the foot of a duck, was designed to take on large groups at close range. It was most popular with officers on sailing ships, who often carried a pair of them to "discourage" potential mutineers in the cramped quarters.



The immediately apparent problem here is that you can never hit what you're actually aiming at with a standard duck's foot pistol. You can only hit everything else around it, because none of the four barrels point straight ahead. But that just means you have to remember to think a little differently when handling one: Instead of aiming at the thing you want to kill, you just aim at the one thing you like and kill the rest of the world around it.

### 6. Key Pistols

First used in the 16th century, key guns allowed a jailer to keep his weapon throughout the entire extremely vulnerable process of opening a cell door, thus never leaving him unprotected. Well, all except for the times when he's actually using the key/barrel end of the pistol to disengage the lock. That's right, key guns weren't just shaped like keys to throw people off or disguise their nature as pistols -- they're both functional keys and functional pistols.



A 16th Century example.



Continued next edition...

This example was a caplock key pistol made in Europe in the 19th century and is in 9mm

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(After the Manner of our Ancestors)*

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## About Us ...

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### Our Background

The Northern Victorian Arms Collectors Guild Inc. had its origins in August 1967, under the guidance of the late Paul Gribben—still regarded as one of Australia's most advanced firearms collectors.

His fondness for Manton shotguns (and other lesser examples of the gunsmiths and engravers art), was equaled only by his love of history, and enthusiasm in sharing this with others.

Our Guild continues this tradition, and caters to those interested in the preservation and restoration of all Antique and Historic Arms, Accessories, Militaria, Australiana, and other Heritage items.

*New Members are Most Welcome!*



### Our Meetings

The Guild meets at the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) Shot Gun Club's Club Rooms.

These are located at the SSAA Shooting Range, Midland Highway, Pine Lodge.

Just drive for 20 minutes or so from Shepparton along what we call Benalla Road, and there you will find the Range, on your right hand side, in a former quarry. The site is well signed, and is the Guild 'returning home' to what was Paul Gribben's other favourite club.

*General Meetings* are held here on the second Friday evening of the month.

*Meetings commence: from 8 p.m.*