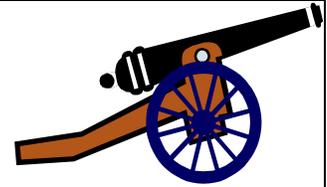




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THE ROLLING VOLLEY

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AUSTRALIA

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



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZZ

Well this is the end of another one and it has been an interesting year and with a change of government it will be interesting to see what the new attitude is if they have an attitude at all. Bob Green our National President has said that Mr Rudd is a supporter of the shooting sports, so lets hope that he is right!!!!!!

Once more it is time to thank the exec. and the membership for making it a successful year, and we did have a good deal of success. A couple of thanks stand out and need to be addressed individually, so if you missed out again then its because I'm old and have lost my memory. A special thanks to the Mills family for the use of their office for our meetings and for the food and drinks that they provide. A big thanks to the old "war horse", Gary Pearse, who puts in a huge amount of work and keeps us up to date with the changes to laws etc. If your name is missing its

because you are included in membership or exec. Thanks to those who participated in our “show and tell”, these make our meetings much more interesting, so keep buying David.

We have had two big events in 2007 and they took a lot of work to arrange but they were well worth while. The Mildura Show Display developed a lot of interest with the locals and visitors to the town, but some members think that perhaps we can change format, venue, etc, a topic we need to consider in the coming year. The 2nd was the trip to Melbourne for Rolly Martins Auction. See separate report for trip.

Just quickly before I finish, I visited the Sydney Gun Show in November and what a great show it is too and managed to go to an SSAA, Sydney Collectors Meeting as well, that was also a great experience.

Well enough from me, have a great Xmas, and we look forward to another year of collecting in 2008.

Trevor Johns. (President)



THE EDITER'S COMMENT.

The trips away were excellent this year but we need a lot more participation and perhaps some fresh ideas on where to go. Both trips were not an overly expensive venture and a huge amount of fun was gleaned.

Sydney has some very good gun shops, a very good gun show and some very good museums on the way and around Sydney. It's a long way but it could be a possibility. Prices in Sydney appeared quite reasonable. If you haven't been to one of these auctions make it a date in 2008.

Prices at the Melbourne auctions this year were quite high, people seem to get a little ratty and often overbid, making it difficult for others.

Many of us know Jeff Pannon and he will be taking over the running of the Melbourne shows in 2008, we should support him as well.

I think that our Show and Tell was a popular segment of our meetings, some members are still a little shy about public speaking, at the meetings you are among friends who will give you a good critiquing so give it a go in 2008.

We look forward to some new ideas in 2008, keep those articles coming in.

ED (That's Trev again)

THE TRIP SOUTH (Melbourne No Water Shortage & No shortage on mateship)



A great trip was had by all on our end of year trip. Four members left Mildura in the wee hours of the morning headed for Pucka, or more specifically, the tank museum at Pucka. What a display they present, tanks, armoured cars, artillery, Australian Forces history, it was all there. If you missed out and are going close to Pucka in the future make sure that you call in. From the Tank Museum we moved on to Bruce Bertram's bullet factory. Bruce is an entertainer and is full of information for the shooter, his trophy room is a must, animal trophies from all over the world.

On to find our accommodation for the night, a very presentable Caravan Park, without heating, in Dandenong. Next morning off to Highland's Book Shop where many bargains and not so bargains were bought. The highlight of our trip was next in line, **THE AUCTION**. We were like kids in a lolly shop, two days of lolly shopping. Alas the bidding was spirited and not a lot was bought, but the time spent there was a highlight.



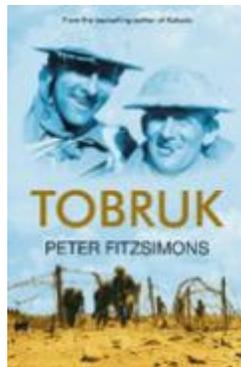
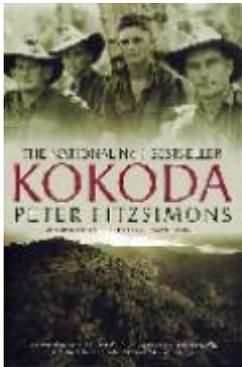
Next day, and still with wallets bulging, we went on to the Light Horse Museum, Hosted by Bernie Dingle and his wife, and what a visit it was. If you have never seen a German Maxim MG, fondled a Vickers MG, sat behind a Krupps Artillery Piece, etc etc you need yo visit Bernis. A truly amazing Museum. Leaving Nar Nar Goon behind we headed off for home with a couple small stops on the way.

Trev.

BOOKS TO READ.

Peter Fitzsimons has written three excellent books on Australian Military History. He researches extensively, not only the battles, but also the characters who took part in the battles. The three books in question are Kokoda, Tobruk, and Nancy Wake.

Nancy is our most decorated soldier of WW2, although not quite recognized by our Government. She began the war in France and after its capitulation helped allied servicemen escape to Spain (over 1000). The Germans called her The White Mouse and when it became too hot for her she had to make good her escape to Spain. On returning to England, she trained with the SOE, parachuted back into France and fought the Rest of the war with the Marquis.



Anyone interested, I can loan you these books. TJ (That's Trev again)

A FEW IDEAS TO THINK ABOUT

A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone!

An armed man is a citizen, an unarmed man is a victim!!

Gun control is not about guns its about control!!!

If guns cause crime then pencils cause misspelled words!!!!

Free men do not ask for permission to bear arms!!!!

If you don't know your rights then you probably don't have any.

Guns have only two enemies, rust and Governments!!!!

Criminals love gun control, it makes their job a lot easier.

If guns cause crime then matches cause arson!!!!

You can probably think of a lot more!!!

Remember all articles gratefully received

(T.J. Again, Damn he likes to talk)



MILDURA SHOW

The stand at this year's show carried the theme of Colonial Black Powder, and there were sufficient locals to put together what many said was an excellent display, Some original muzzle loaders, some replica's, some black powder cartridge longarms and some handguns,

Of interest was a Lancaster oval bored muzzle loading rifle probably issued to our local unit the 8/7th Battalion RVR whose history dates back to the Ballarat Rangers.

Another line was the Prez's usual gathering of Mausers who he claimed had local history being that they controlled New Guinea until Australia invaded that colony and took it for themselves after the First World War.



A new entry was a nice collection of Rolling Blocks which had European links to colonies in the middle-east. Some very nice examples of a firearms not that eagerly sought after at present.



GAP.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



Membership renewals are due. Some completed the May/June form and sent it in. You should have a copy of it around, if not attached is another renewal form for members. Please remember to attaché a photo copy of your SSAA Membership as well.

New members. The previous Rolling Volley had a New Membership form attached to it too. If you've lost that one, I've attached another if you have found new members. SSAA Membership proof is also required.

Tim

JOKES

1. 11 year old blues

A father asked his 11 - year old son if he knew about the birds and the bees.

'I don't want to know,' the child said, bursting into tears.
'Promise me you won't tell me.'

Confused, the father asked what was wrong.

The boy sobbed,
'When I was eight , I got the 'There's no Easter Bunny' speech.

At nine , I got the 'There's no Tooth Fairy' speech.

When I was 10 , you hit me with the 'There's no Santa' speech.

If you're going to tell me that grown-ups don't really get laid, I'll have nothing left to live for.'

2. Top this for a speeding ticket...

Two British traffic patrol officers from North Berwick were involved in an unusual incident while checking for speeding motorists on the A1 Great North Road. One of the officers used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill, and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 300 mph. Their radar suddenly stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it.

Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact latched on to a NATO Tornado fighter jet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over the Border district, approaching from the North Sea.

Back at police headquarters the chief constable fired off a stiff complaint to the RAF Liaison office.

Back came the reply in true laconic RAF style:

"Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Tornado had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it.

Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment. Fortunately the pilot flying the Tornado recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile systems alert status, and was able to override the automated defence system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar installation was destroyed.

Good Day..."

(GAP)