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EDITORIAL

With the ban and confiscation of so many historic firearms as well as semi automatics New Zealand collectors are facing the toughest attack on our hobby in our history. We are now faced with yet more restriction on the ownership of firearms by the recently announced second amendment to the Arms Act this year.

The only way we can salvage the future of our particular interest is to come together with other firearm interest groups and mount a co-ordinated and well prepared campaign. That is why we are fortunate in being part of COLFO which brings together all the major firearm Associations.

COLFO is mounting a well prepared campaign aided by professional advisors and legal experts, to sway public opinion and achieve fair and reasonable outcomes for licensed firearm owners in the wake of government legislation. This does not come cheap and will only be successful if sufficient funds are raised to see the campaign through to the end.

I would ask you all as individual members, Association or Branch committees to check out the www.fairandreasonable.co.nz website and consider making a donation, if you haven't done so already.

Please talk to you family and friends about this and encourage them to sign up too and help preserve our firearm heritage for all future collectors and arms historians.

Best regards,

Phil

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A LEGACY OF JOHN OSBORNE 1941 - 2018

Here you can research the arms used by New Zealand Military and Police.

Back issues of the e-Gazette will be found in the Articles section.

Cuirass by Lex Severinsen

German, model 1845 steel cuirass. See the bullet mark on the chest? This isn't a battle scar, this is a proof shot. The cuirasses were shot at 80 paces with a lead musket ball as a test that they were bulletproof. The Heavy Cavalry of that day must've felt invulnerable charging the thin red line of British soldiers.

I paid a bid price of 360 GBP in London, but with a 36% Buyer Premium and tax it ended up just under 500 GBP. Size is 2, which is medium, but far too small for average soldier nowadays.



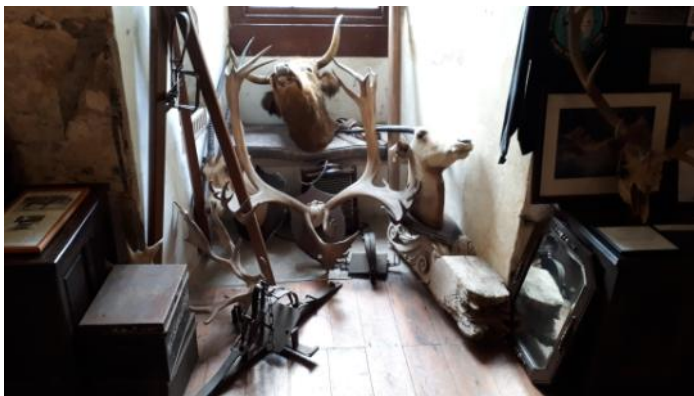
FROM OUR ROVING CORRESPONDENT Simon West

While in Scotland we spent a few days in Perth to attend the Scottish Game Fair at Scone Castle, these fairs are a bit like our A & P shows back home, but with the focus on Hunting and fishing rather than livestock and combine harvesters. They are a great place to brush up your clay bird shooting and fly casting skills under the watchful eye of an expert coach. There were also demonstrates of gundog handling, falconry and ferreting (not quite so useful in NZ) and more. I gave 'Gun Makers Row' a good going over and emerged empty handed I did however see a lovely pair of J Dixon round action 20G guns sell for a cool £85,000 to a chap wearing Harris Tweed, see the photo of the guns.



Having moved on to Duns in the Borders, we visited Chillingham Castle, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 5NJ. What a great place. The eccentric current owner Humphrey Wakefield and I have very similar ideas on decor and collecting, I think Susanne (my darling wife) is getting a little worried about how our new home might look!

It was interesting to learn that Sir Humphrey Wakefield linked by kinship, blood and marriage apparently has a New Zealand connection. The 'Wakefield's,' who I was informed have direct involvement with the founding of Wellington, Nelson, Otago, New Plymouth and Christchurch. The castle is full to the rafters with everything from Vickers Guns to ancient Aquebus and extinct giant Irish Elk antlers. The formal gardens are an elegant and surprising contrast to the cluttered interior but the whole thing works somehow. All in all its a great place to visit, yes for the whole family not just you. Entry is £10.50 and worth every penny.



Canterbury Branch Visit to Ashburton Aviation Museum by Dave Theyers

Saturday the 15th June dawned not quite your typical Canterbury day, crispy frost followed by bright sunshine, no this was your more, dull and overcast day. However, at 10am 20 members assembled at the Wigram Air Force Museum and made their way south to Ashburton, some car-pooled some just made their own lonely way down State Highway 1. Along where the new southern motorway meets the “new town” of Rolleston, time for your Editor to fuel up. Then past the revitalised Burnham Camp where your Editor spent many a cold morning on Camp Parades (always seemed to be cold and frosty in those days back in the 70’s) past Giesens Vineyard and out onto the rolling Canterbury Plains where dairy farms have overtaken wheat and sheep farms.

Anyway, I digress, we were to meet up at the Ashburton RSA to have some lunch, tell some stories, discuss the current situation coming out of Wellington also NZ Police HQ, before making our way to the Ashburton Aviation Museum (AAM) by 1pm. The museum opens daily between 1-3pm.



The Ashburton Aviation Museum is different to your MOTAT (Mouldy Old Trams and Things) or the Wigram Air Force Museum – take photos only.

Here, at AAM in our welcome brief we were told “if you can fly it out you can have it” a tempting offer which was not taken up. Well, each of the three buildings were chocka-block with interesting stuff and planes of various vintages.



Ashburton has a strong aviation history, being a training base in World War 2. There were 50 Tiger Moths based there. The original tarmac and tie-down rings are still there to this day. These helped to secure the planes from Mid Canterbury’s strong nor-west winds.



The exhibits are pretty impressive too. For one thing there are 27 aircraft at last count, some pretty rare.

With the walls and alcoves full of photos, models, medals and memorabilia: the usual museum material but in unusually large quantities and with some that are definitely different. For example a “space ball” that fell to earth from the Soviet satellite Cosmos 482 when it broke up over the South Island in 1972. There is an impressive diorama of RNZAF Station Ashburton circa 1942 – 44. There are many course photos of trainee pilots on display – there are gaps, so if your father or grandfather trained at Ashburton, have a look through his old photo albums – the museum would love to hear from you. Also on display is the very axe that smashed 96 still-in-the-boxes Merlin engines, not to mention several Mosquitoes, which were later purchased for scrap in 1957.



When the RNZAF put its Harvard’s up for tender, this inspired the chance to have a really serious museum exhibit, the team put in a \$2500 bid for one, and on 25 May 1978 was informed that, subject to payment within a month, it now owned North American Harvard Mk 2a RNZAF code NZ1012. At the time they had about \$150 in the bank, however the town of Ashburton rallied behind them and raised the extra cash.

For the general public the star exhibit is probably the Hawker Harrier. Yes, that is the VTOL “jump - jet” Harrier. As with many of the exhibits, its presence is due to luck and enterprise. Some of the museum members formed the Harrier Acquisition Group and held a meeting at which everyone put up a grand. They then placed a bid for the grand figure of £5525. It was almost embarrassing. “We were incredibly naïve.” The group still doesn't know how they won the tender. Their success owed a lot to the goodwill of Gary Spors, who seemed to take a shine to the Kiwis — “we didn't dick him around” — and perhaps he liked the idea of being able to say he sold internationally.

Whatever his motives, he successfully brokered them the Harrier at cost, despite their humble bid, looked after the disassembly and packing and even paid the VAT. Certainly it remains the only Harrier in Australasia and continues to attract awed remarks along the lines of "how the hell did you get that?". The Ashburton Harrier, RAF, is a GR3 model that first flew in 1976. When made surplus by the MoD it was serving as an instructional airframe at a Royal Navy engineers' school at Yeovilton.

With the GR3 Harrier are an F8 Meteor, two Vampires, an A4 Skyhawk, an Aermacchi and a Canberra cockpit, Ashburton is developing some presence as a collector of Jet Warplanes and is only short of a Strikemaster to give a representation of every jet aircraft that the RNZAF has ever flown. And they are hopeful on that score!



It's not all fixed wing there are also many, which are thought by some to be so ugly that the Earth repels them – helicopters! These in the form of agricultural and general type helicopters. Gyro-copters and gliders are hidden away with some hanging from the ceiling. And the piece-de-resistance in this authors opinion a 40mm Bofors gun.



A big thank you to Anders Gillies for organising the day out. Also to the members of the Ashburton Aviation Museum who give up their time to mess around with planes.

The Museum closed at 3pm which seemed to come around very quickly, and it was back onto State Highway 1 to home. A great day out in the country for the boys. We must do it again soon.

Additional information from the AAM website and brochure.

Photos: Dave Theyers Wayne Williams and Graeme Barber.



AUCKLAND BRANCH ARMS FAIR Photos by Kevin Hussey and John Carter.

Held on 7 July, it was encouraging to see a hall full of sales tables and excellent displays, after so many recent cancellations following the Christchurch Attack. While the recent law changes and confiscation of so many valuable and historic firearms was the main topic of conversation, it was good to see collectors out searching for new items for their collections and generally socialising with like minded people.

At midday Myles Chandler Branch President called the assembled company to order to allow Kevin Godkin President of IMAS to present a cheque for \$4,600 to myself, on behalf of COLFO, towards the forthcoming legal action against the Governments "Buyback" scheme. Kevin challenged all other clubs to donate an equivalent amount which equated to \$100 from each IMAS member.







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Fair and Reasonable Campaign

On the 10 July COLFO launched its new website www.fairandreasonable.co.nz to promote and raise funds in support of its campaign to seek fair and reasonable treatment as a result of the governments rushed new arms legislation.

The current and proposed law changes are likely to be the most significant change to our rights and privileges in almost four decades. So we must hire experts and lawyers who are setting up systems to ensure that our efforts and communications are timely, effective and professional. We have built this website to ensure our information is not censored or misrepresented by individuals or organisations with their own agendas. We will need people full time to research and to respond to your questions, to record stories, suggestions and to ensure we capture email addresses.

We estimate we will need **hundreds of thousands** to take a court case seeking full compensation for the loss of your hobby, sport and lifestyle. We can start this by correcting the misinformation circulated about firearms and their owners. That's why we need you and others like you to **donate**.

Guardians of the Campaign funds

To supervise the spending of donated funds COLFO has asked the following people to act as guardians to assure you that the funds will be used only for the Campaign until it is over.

Rachael Dean MNZM – COLFO Council Member, Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Fraud Examiner;

Bill O'Leary - Immediate Past President NZDA, Retired Board Member Game Animal Council;

David Tipple – Firearms Dealer and Importer.

The campaign work plan includes:

A public information campaign on what the new law and regulations mean and what firearms are affected;
Assessing and circulating summaries and advice – plain English guidance on what to take into account, when and how to comply with the law;

Helping allied organisations to inform each other and their respective members, of developments and implications as they emerge;

Providing spokespersons to make fair comments on the issues, to help responsible journalists limit the influence of bigotry and false claims;

Ensuring that Parliamentarians, Police and government learn of unintended effects of rushed law;

Recommending constructive ways to improve the Arms Act, achieving the safety objectives with less tax payer cost, minimising the effect on compliant firearm owners;

Preparing and pursuing court challenges;

Defending the rights, privileges and processes that have underpinned New Zealand's traditional trust and co-operation between Police and Licensed Firearm Owners;

Early priorities

The end of the surrender period and amnesty (20 December) will come soon, the risk that people who want to comply will postpone it until too late is real. Owners are concerned they will not get fair compensation, our highest priority is to sort out with Police and government, exactly how firearm owners can receive fair compensation for what they lose.

We have established a communication tool that will enable us to speak directly to all members who have joined the campaign.

Compensation for Confiscation

Police have produced a Price List for all the now prohibited firearms which together with a programme of collection events around the country may be found on the police website:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/changes-firearms-law-prohibited-firearms>

If your prohibited firearm is not on the list please phone 0800 311 311 and ask them to update the list.

The Amnesty for Prohibited Ammunition expires on 30 September 2019, see Regulation 28Z.

Second Amendment to Arms Act

In announcing the details of the next Arms Act amendment Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern put the government spin on the early stages of the government buyback scheme saying it had started well with 2,100 people handing in 3,200 firearms and 7,800 parts for a total compensation of \$ 6.1 Million. Then she quoted examples of three people who were happy to have handed in their guns to make NZ safer by ridding the country of these most dangerous weapons.

The new law changes include:

- **Putting in law that owning a firearm is not a right, but a "privilege".**
- **Tougher criteria for being deemed a "fit and proper" person for both licence holders and dealers.**
- **Requiring registration of all firearms.** The Police will manage a new online register requiring you to list all guns you own as you renew your licence, or buy/sell a firearm.
- Giving the Police **increased rights to enter property to inspect firearm security.**
- **Police will be able to access data on people they consider 'at risk' through medical professionals.** Visiting a doctor about mental illness (such as depression) is likely to trigger a 'flag' in the Police's system. Police will have increased powers to immediately revoke licences and confiscate firearms.
- **Require licences to purchase ammo, magazines, and parts.**
- **Require licences to be renewed every five years** (rather than the current ten), and increasing the licence fees.
- **Clubs and ranges will now need to be licensed.**
- A new 9 person group will be set up to advise police, with a plan to **completely overhaul the Arms Act again in five years' time.** The Prime Minister told the media that she wants the group to include people from outside the firearms community.
- There will be new firearms offences (yet to be published).
- New controls on advertising of firearms and ammo.
- No gun sales to tourists.

Remember that these are only the first set of proposals for the proposed law changes. **Even more onerous restrictions could be included as the Bill goes through the Parliamentary process.** The legislation is expected to be introduced into Parliament by late August. A three-month select committee process will then begin.

The Fair and Reasonable campaign has engaged lawyers to help make submissions and put together resources for you — to ensure your voice is heard during the Select Committee process.

But our efforts can only go so far as our resources can stretch. [That's why we are crowdsourcing for the Fair and Reasonable fighting fund.](#)

COMMENTARY ON FIREARM REGISTRATION By Phil Cregeen

I am totally opposed to Registration for the following reasons: It makes it easier for your guns to be confiscated, it poses a threat to your security through hacking and corruption, it will cost you more every time you buy or sell a gun, will make it harder to loan a gun to a licensed mate, it is ineffective at solving crime, is unlikely to achieve 100% compliance, and will cost much more than the projected budget of \$ 53 M over 10 years.

Based on the Canadian experience a gun register is a poor use of taxpayer money, achieving no perceived benefit to public safety.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/opinion-analysis/114472787/plan-to-tighter-gun-laws-to-cost-up-to-53m-over-10-years--stuart-nash-says>

This article below makes some good points, but I would question this statement: “A firearms register is, without question, long overdue. We (I assume “we” means the police, as no one else should be privy to this information) have no idea how many firearms are in New Zealand or who has them.” Of course we (police) know who has them and where they are, they are in the gun cabinets of us licensed firearm owners. Of course we don’t know where the illegally held guns are stored by gangs and petty criminals, but a register will not solve that problem, as by definition these people will not register their guns, which invariably have serial number removed.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/114439320/we-need-a-register-but-not-just-so-it-seems-like-were-doing-something>

Finally this one, which contains a fair amount of nonsense, and I take exception to this statement: “After the events of 15 March, gun owners owe some explanations to the general population” We owe the general population nothing, we did nothing wrong. It is the Police and other government agencies that failed New Zealanders.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/395056/make-entry-into-registry-easy-as-possible-for-gun-owners>

COMMENTARY ON ROYAL COMMISSION By Graeme Barber

This Royal Commission of Inquiry in to the March 15 Terror attack needs to cover all influencing factors and subject to public scrutiny. If this is about public safety, as claimed by the Government, then being kept informed about all findings is a **right** and not a **privilege**.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/114437116/former-race-relations-commissioner-slams-inquiry-into-christchurch-mosque-shooting>

A good question for politicians is- What merit do you see in halting any more firearms law changes until a full and public scrutiny of the Royal Commission of Inquiry in to the March 15 Terror attack has been completed? Any changes can then be well informed.

Keep the pressure on Politicians, in the interests of public safety, to focus on criminals and less on the firearms licence holder. Any comment by the Police and politicians that the vast majority of firearms in criminal hands are stolen from firearms licence holders needs to supported by facts and be open to public scrutiny. Yesterday the PM said she believes what the Police say about this- so please give us the facts about the guns smuggled through ports or have been circulating for many decades through criminal hands.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/114446238/govt-cant-let-real-criminals-out-of-its-sight-in-sweeping-gun-law-changes?cid=app-iPad>



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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET TO RECEIVE UPDATES DIRECT TO YOUR MAIL BOX.

Dear Supporter,

Since Monday's announcement, we have had a lot of questions from supporters about details of the Government's new round of firearms law changes.

Michael, other COLFO Board members and I are just out of a full-day "Firearms Community Advisory Forum" meeting where we were presented with Cabinet Minutes. We had the opportunity to quiz Police managers about the details contained in the Government's proposals.

During the afternoon, the Police published these Minutes on their website allowing us to take our relevant copies away. The Cabinet Minutes are effectively the instructions from the politicians to the officials who are drafting the Bill.

The Minutes contain more detail than the public announcements Michael sent through earlier in the week. For those interested in reading them, [we have uploaded the Minutes to our website here](#).

We will be working through those details in the days to come – and have our eye out for the draft Bill which will be released next month. And of course, we can't rule out last-minute changes in Parliament or the Select Committee.

Until then, thank you for your support and making this effort possible.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole".

Nicole McKee

Fair and Reasonable Campaign

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FROM THE GUNROOM by Andrew Edgcombe

RELICS FROM THE REICH

A stuff article relating to the evils of selling and displaying Third Reich items grabbed my attention over the weekend, and to be honest it was frustrating to see more unnecessary ridiculously sensationalistic journalistic drivel. Implying that these items promote such evils as white supremacy and anti-Semitism. The Gore RSA had a similar issue a couple of years ago when they displayed a NAZI flag on ANZAC day. I'm sure the majority of military enthusiasts or collectors will have some items or indeed whole collections relating to this very interesting period of our history. How many of you had Brothers, Uncles or Grandfathers that went off to the Second World War to fight for the common good and stop Hitler and his Axis allies expanding their Empires by force? Some of these servicemen paid the ultimate price so that we could enjoy the freedoms that we enjoy today, many of them took souvenirs as a reminder of their service time and the hardships they endured. Some would have been very personal reminders of this symbolizing lost youth, friendships, or mates that never made it home. These were not taken to glorify Nazism and should be seen for what they are.

Here is a small selection I have accumulated including a Heer belt buckle taken in North Africa, a German soldier's purse take from a POW in North Africa, a ZF41 Sight picked up by a GI in the European Theatre, SS and Hitler Youth buckles, and a second class iron cross, all at some stage of their journey through time have been personal souvenirs which should be treated with the respect they deserve.



CAN YOU HELP?

I am writing a book on the Wilson carbine purchased by Tasmania in 1864. It is rumoured although unconfirmed that some were sent to New Zealand after the Light Cavalry were disbanded and there was no further use for them here. I'm wondering if you might have come across any information regarding this? Also have you ever heard of any Wilson rifles or carbines being in NZ either for military or private use?

Regards, Mark Wright jo.markwright@yahoo.com.au

I recently got this 1917 shell lamp off trade me as 1917 is my 'year of focus' and it appealed to me.

The woman selling it said it came in a box of stuff left to her by her grandmother in Liverpool whose husband was in the Royal Navy.

This base is 4" diameter. Do you know if the markings give anything more to tell about it other than it's a 4" shell?

Thanks, Martin James kzzz2018@hotmail.com



NZAHAA HALF YEAR GENERAL MEETING AND AUCTION

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SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

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For more details contact Paul Shoebridge

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MYSTERY OBJECT (below right), answer please to oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

Last months (below left), correct answer was provided by Rod Woods , who said it was a magazine for a Lanchester SMG, *which is now a prohibited magazine and requires a P endorsement to own.*



UP COMING EVENTS - If you have dates for events in 2019/20 please advise oilyrag@xtra.co.nz

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| 17 & 18 August | Tauranga Arms & Militaria Show |
| 7 September | Ruahine Branch Auction, Palmerston North |
| 14 September | Canterbury Branch Auction |
| 19 October | NZAHAA HYGM and Auction Napier |
| 2 & 3 November | Taranaki Branch Gun Show, New Plymouth |
| 9 & 10 November | Armistice in Cambridge |

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| 17 & 18 July | Mainland Arms Gun Show, Riccarton Raceway, Christchurch |
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