

# National “Buy a Gun” Day.

Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2007

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The popular 1960s film “Smiley gets a gun” illustrated how owning a firearm was a great Australian tradition. That film showed the importance of teaching young people individual responsibility and self discipline.

This year’s National Buy a Gun Day uses the “Smiley” film as its theme. The CLASS Action web site enables the promotional poster to be downloaded, as well as providing a link to purchase the DVD of “Smiley gets a gun”.

In announcing Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 as National “Buy a Gun” Day, President of the Coalition of Law Abiding Sporting Shooters (CLASS), Mr. Peter Whelan explained just how important gun ownership was for the future of Australia.

“Gun ownership develops self-confidence and teaches individual responsibility; essential lessons for day-to-day living. The shooting sports involve control, hand/eye coordination and patience, which are also important life skills.”

“How sad it is that in the past decade those lessons have been lost, since many have developed a “nanny state” attitude; more and more rules and regulations mean that personal responsibility has been all but eliminated.

“No more cracker nights! No more plinking in the back yard with your new BB gun!

“Gun ownership and shooting as a sport has been demonized by politicians who seem unable to distinguish criminal use of firearms, from legitimate ownership for target shooting, vermin destruction or self protection.

“Criminals have guns, therefore those with guns are criminals” seems to be the catch-cry.

“Young people who are taught important lessons, via gun ownership, are far less likely to get involved in drug abuse or other anti-social behaviour later in life. Your firearms licence is the perfect ID, as it proves you are a stable, honest, fit and proper person!”

Whelan went on to emphasise that the message of National “Buy a Gun” Day would also appeal to those who may have once owned a gun and who were thinking about getting back into the sport.

“Participation in Buy a Gun Day is simple; for those who already own a gun, visit your local gun shop and buy another one! If you have never owned a gun, visit your local shooting club, talk with the members and join up! If you want the full details on getting your firearms licence and purchasing your first gun, just contact the Firearms Registry!”

National Buy a Gun Day is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and is promoted in the interests of a safer Australia on behalf of firearms dealers and shooting clubs.

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