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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to thank your president, Mr Norm Tyrrell for offering his support to me recently and, at the same time, letting your other members know of his kindness.

My partner Michael has been a long-time member of the association. He now finds himself hospitalised and diagnosed with dementia at a relatively young age. Michael has been an avid firearms collector most of his adult life and has accumulated a diverse range of firearms some of which are reasonably valuable.

As a result, I was left with the sad task of selling Michael's collection. Where to turn? I knew a dealer in New South Wales, I knew of auction houses in Victoria. I eventually rang Norm on a whim, and he couldn't have been more helpful. He talked me through the options and when I agreed that the best of those seemed an auction house in Victoria, he contacted the auctioneer. The three of us conversed over the phone and things went from there. Norm then explained about the importance of my paperwork, insisted I make enough photocopies so my records could not be challenged, even went so far as to offer a bed for the auctioneer's mate when they made the trip from Victoria! (I might add here, he *did* know him!).

Today was the day I handed over the firearms to the auctioneer. Norm had offered to be with me but that wasn't necessary. He had me well prepared. The transfer went quickly and well. I felt great sadness obviously but also surprised myself somewhat at the attachment I felt for some of those guns that I'd lived with for so long.

So thank you Norm for stepping in to assist at an extremely difficult time. I am confident with the choice you helped me make for Michael's much-loved collection. With the other decisions I'm now facing, that is no small thing.

Kind regards



Jeanette Vizzard