

# **Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum**

## **Research Information**

The Research facilities at the Lithgow SAF Museum encompass the Museum Archives, Library and secure Armoury.

### **The John Wray Memorial Research Room**

- Provides access to the archival and library collections.
- Equipped with a photographic area and equipment, photocopier, large format scanner, digital microscope, laminating machine and plastic comb book binding machine.

Our archives form a collection of National significance, and hold a comprehensive record of Lithgow SAF since its inception in 1909. Included are documents, drawings, cartoons, blueprints, plans, photographs and data on the items produced, the manufacturing processes, management, the social and sporting aspects, the buildings and machinery, and changes in working practices and conditions over the years.

The library boasts amongst its collection engineering books dating back to 1900, technical manuals on a variety of weapons, and almost complete sets of British, American and Australian firearm collecting magazines.

### **The Armoury Research Area**

- Provides a secure area for research on weapons.
- Equipped with photographic area and equipment, digital microscope and magnifying equipment.
- Researchers will need to provide a valid firearms license before being allowed to sign in.
- No person is allowed access to the Armoury unless accompanied by a Museum representative.
- No weapons can be disassembled without the permission of the Custodian or her representative.
- Tours of the Armoury are not available.

The Armoury houses an extensive collection of weapons that are not on display. These include models produced at Lithgow – production and prototypes, many overseas models, handguns and rocket launchers. Only in very exceptional circumstances will weapons be taken off display for researchers.

We are in the process of cataloguing the archives and there is a lead time of two weeks for most research requests. When cataloguing is complete material will be more readily available.

Researchers will generally need to provide their own laptop computer and camera.

A small charge to cover cost of materials may be applicable for photocopying, laminating, book binding, printing or copying to CD.

## **Conditions**

There is no charge for non-commercial research, however researchers will be required to pay for normal entry to the Museum. This entitles you to tour the Museum as part of your visit.

We ask that a copy of the results of all research be provided to the Museum. This enables us to build our library and resources.

Bags will not be allowed into the research areas. Lockers are provided. We reserve the right to inspect bags brought into the Museum.

Pens are not allowed into the research room. Pencils are provided or you may bring your own.

The Museum reserves the right to refuse the use of any material to any person.

The Museum reserves the right to refuse any person entry to the Armoury.

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## Research request form

Name .....

Address .....

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Phone ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

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Reason for study and details of request .....

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(Please be specific. Attach separate sheet if necessary)

Expected results of study: .....

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If you are requesting examination or handling of weapons you will need an appropriate firearms license.

Lic No: .....

Lic Type: .....

I agree to provide a copy of any results of my research to the Lithgow SAF Museum (eg document, book, film, etc)

Signature: .....