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## FROM THE EDITOR

This is a busy time for most stalkers, with the Fallow season at an end, & the Rusa rut just beginning. Hopefully NSW will get more much-needed rain to fill dams & tanks, & in a few places perhaps to promote pasture growth.

All hunting clubs have been experiencing a steady stream of hunters sitting for their Game Council R licenses, which has been very heartening. It looks like the GC is proving to be a real stimulus to hunting, rather than the mill stone many thought it to be in the beginning.

Delays in the provision of all necessary course material for firearms license instructional courses by the Firearms Registry is holding up some people seeking licenses. Since many of us resigned from our positions as testing officers with the Firearms Safety Council, the extension of time given to conduct testing under the old regulations (no practical component) hasn't been as much use as it might have been.

As has been widely reported, John Tingle has stepped down from his position representing shooters in the Legislative Council of NSW. His farewell speech, & the tributes paid to him by many members of the Council were memorable. Even his implacable political enemies spoke of his service, ability & exemplary conduct in glowing terms. NSWDA wishes John a long, healthy & well earned retirement. His replacement, elected by the Shooters Party, is Robert Brown, whose maiden speech is mentioned in our President's report. Robert will continue to defend shooters rights in NSW, having been involved for many years already in the political struggles at the highest levels.

NSWDA members have requested we produce newsletters more frequently, & this we will make every effort to do. However,



### Our meeting dates this year:-

**Wednesdays at the German Austrian Club Cabramatta, at 7.30 pm**

**19 July 2006 General Meeting + AGM**

**4 October 2006**

**Saturday Christmas Function Venue yet to be decided**

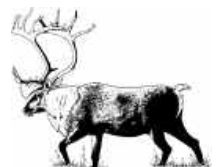
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We will continue to attach information posters from the Game Council to the rear of the newsletters, for your information.

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## **In honour of the late Gordon B. Alford 1929/2006**

**It is with much sadness that we report in this newsletter of the passing of Gordon Alford. Gordon was an icon in Deerstalking and Hunting circles in Australia and a Life Member of the NSW Deerstalkers Association.**

**I met Gordon near 40 years ago when I was just 16, (pre driving licence) at a chance meeting in Barry Liggins' lounge room, a short stroll from Eastwood Railway Station Sydney. Gordon was having the 7mm drilled and tapped for a new scope & I was a wide eyed greenhorn just having purchased an SMLE 303/25, with a copy of Outdoors under my arm and romantic ideas of Trophy hunting in my head.**

**At the time I was not aware of Gordon's attributes as a Trophy Hunter and it wasn't until a few years later that I gained his confidence in what was then the cloak and dagger days of hunting Deer in Australia.**

**A student of Gordon's in the art of Taxidermy, I was to learn about the honour of the stalk and the principles of hunting and fair chase.**

**Gordon was either a foundation member or early contributor to many organisations including SSAA, ADA, NSWDA and Safari Club South Pacific. He was well known in not only Australian circles but NZ and other overseas countries, having made many friends during his sojourns hunting and travelling around the world hunting, often with his wife Hazel .**

**Gordon taught the principles of Deerstalking as he understood them, from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century sport of gentlemen in England and Europe. Those that came close to Gordon found he had a strict language about hunting, and soon found that a female Red deer was a hind and a female Fallow a doe; there was no compromise.**

**His life included a stint at farming, and making Davy Crocket hats from fox skins as a furrier in his early years. Later Gordon moved to the Northern Sydney suburb of Beecroft . He joined Grace Brothers and forged a career in the removals business, rising to the position of Sales Director.**

**In his retirement Gordon did not stop planning hunts and tramping the hills, (having in the past couple of years taken his best ever Fallow Trophy measuring 249 DS) and in company of his best mate Max White travelled to their favourite hunting spots to partake in their favourite pursuit.**

**There would not be a more professional or more outstanding presentation of hunting Trophies in Australia than that displayed in Gordon's Trophy rooms. Having mastered the art of taxidermy he prided himself on mounting all of the trophies he s collected over his lifetime.**

**I am sure Gordon has already looked up some of his late colleagues in the great hunting fields in heaven and would be planning his next hunt amongst the perfect green fields and open wooded hillsides, every day being an adventure and every day being different, just as we all know**



hunting is.

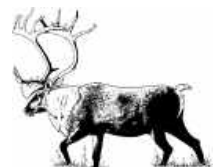
Gordon Alford will be spoken about for many years to come in the trophy rooms of his friends and during those quiet times of mid morning after the first hunt of the day when mates, dads and sons share yarns and BS about great hunts, before heading back to camp.

We wish Gordon's wife Hazel and his family our deepest sympathy. The club and members have been honoured to have been part of his life. May he rest in peace.

Steve Isaacs  
President  
New South Wales Deerstalkers Association.



*Gordon doing what he enjoyed most at NSWDA gatherings, measuring trophies.*





## Secretary's Report!

On a sad note I advise the passing of Gordon, a valued life member and one of the founders of our Club and well respected member of the hunting fraternity. He will be missed and was a mentor to many of us. His funeral was well attended by members and other hunting club friends.

*AGM 19th July 2006 7.30 pm German Austrian Club, Cabramatta*

Notice and nomination forms are included with the magazine.

*Sambar Hunting Workshop 21st 23rd July 2006*

This is being conducted by the Game Council NSW at the Bondi State Forest Bombala. Course presenters are well known hunters Errol Mason and John Dunn. Refer separate details included in magazine. WIT test and R-Licence testing will be conducted during the workshop.

*Shooters Party*

The Hon. Robert Brown has now officially taken over from John Tingle and gave his maiden speech on 23rd May 2006. Steve has covered this in more detail in his report.

*The VIC State Government*

Has announced \$2.5 million funding for enhanced Game Management in Victoria. This will cover the employment of Game Managers who will focus on game management issues, as well as cover funding for research and habitat conservation.

*Gamecon General Meeting Sunday 4th June 2006*

The meeting covered many issues, however, the following two need a mention:

We may form a separate association to counter anti-hunting groups, etc. This could also be the catalyst to obtain funding for research projects

*Firearms Testing*

200 of 500 Clubs registered with the Firearms

Registry for testing purposes.

*Game Council NSW Update*

They have just processed the 1000th R-Licence. Following the release of 31 public land areas in March 2006 a further 123 state forests will be available mid July 2006. Many of these hold deer and in some cases fallow, Red and Sambar.

*Firearms Licence Qualifications Course*

As a Club we have remained with the Firearms Safety & Training Council for the conduct of tests for firearms licence testing. Many clubs will go direct with the Firearms Registry and use their training course. Others like the SSAA will with the approval of the Firearms Registry conduct their own course.

The difficulty that all clubs have at present is to comply with the Practical Component and this was discussed at our Gamecon meeting last Sunday.

To comply we will need to have a pre-approved place to conduct the practical component, as well as to carry the appropriate Public Liability Insurance.

I am attending a meeting next week with the Firearms Safety & Training Council and will advise our Safety Awareness Testing Officers of the outcome.

The old testing requirement has been extended to the 14th June 2006.

Enclosed in the magazine is a brief received from the Firearms Registry that covers the process in detail.

*R- Licence Testing Next Meeting*

At 7.00 pm a number of our Testers will be there to conduct the R-Licence Test for those members interested.

*Good Hunting*

*Greg Haywood.*





# President's Report

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm Robert Brown gave his Maiden speech as the second person to hold office replacing John Tingle as our member for the Shooters Party in the Legislative council of the NSW Parliament. Not everyone I know is a supporter of the Shooters Party. However as a hunter, and after listening to Robert's speech from the public gallery (as did many Deerstalkers members), I had goose bumps.

To think that a man who has committed his life to Hunting and Hunters is our voice in Parliament, is an Historical day for hunters and in particular Deer Hunters, because Robert Brown above everything else is a Deer Hunter.

Robert had the guts and humility to make the point a number of times that he will be there for Shooters and Hunters. Robert Brown is a tough hombre and will be a great leader for many years to come. Congratulations to John Tingle, for if it wasn't for this man we would not have the liberties we have today; thank you.

It is also fitting that I mention the passing of one of the doyens of deerstalking, Gordon Alford. Somehow it won't seem the same around camp or at the meetings without Gordon. Gordon was mentioned in Robert's speech, a great tribute as this will be captured in Australia's public archives for ever. Gordon's Vale is presented in this news letter.

At the last General meeting discussion was generated about our future and the future of Deerstalking in NSW and Australia. In this discussion I acknowledged an issue that is often whispered in the corridors and only spoken about openly between those that

partake in it, poaching. I have had a lot of our members approach me about this, and as members are aware, I am presently on a campaign to generate more opportunities for our members to hunt deer and harvest trophies on private land. Many years ago, before shooters licences and the phobia of land protection, shooting a deer on private land without permission was of course unacceptable and unlawful, but was tolerated. Today to discharge a firearm or even jump a fence on to private property without permission could have you in jail for 5 years or more.

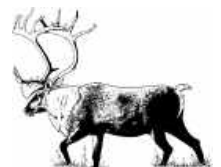
At this meeting a show of hands was asked for in support of the club condemning this practice, and there was a unanimous response for the members.

I don't want to elaborate any more on this subject, however I would urge members that If they feel a need to discuss this at any time please talk to me or bring it up at our meetings.

The hunting season was still in full swing as I write this report, with many of our members taking some fine trophies both here and in NZ. At our last meeting we saw two great trophies fresh from the field and many of our members discussing their trials and tribulations. This is what our organisation is about and we hope to have more open discussions about member's pursuits and discussions at future meetings.

Re firearm licensing, Game Con met to discuss this issue recently and our Secretary will elaborate on where we will be running with it, however it is important to know that licensing as we know it will cease on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. What this means is that any person wanting to apply for a licence after this date will need to take both a written and a practical test and will be required to apply for a permit to use a firearm

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# Video Library

Free hunting videos for members to borrow for one month if picking up video's at a meeting. Members must pay postage by registered mail back to the club in carton supplied. You can phone or write for videos to be posted to you, however the member must pay postage both ways. When returning videos to the club within one-month members must include cost of postage to them in stamps inside the box.

If members are to lend these video's to fellow members, remember that the original person who borrowed them from the club will be held responsible if they are not returned within due time. As these videos are the property of the club, you are expected to look after them. If you loose or damage a video you will have to pay the replacement cost. If you don't return them after 4 weeks you won't get anymore.

To borrow a Video contact:

**Terry Burgess**

**Ph: (02) 9909 1267**

**P.O. Box 80**

**Cremorne Junction NSW 2090**

## Library List

1. Black Death, Cape Buffalo, Lion
2. Capstick, Botswana Safari Buffalo, Lion
3. In the Blood, Capstick, Rhino
4. Zambia Safaris
5. Whitetail, Mule Deer, Pronghorn, Late Season Elk
6. Monster Elk, Horns of Plenty, Hunt Exotics 1 & 2
7. Hunting Bugling Elk, Big Muleys, Caribou
8. North American Big Horn Rams, Greatest Whitetail, Wild Hogs of Texas
9. Col Allison Hunters Home Video, Big Bears, Russian Boar, Whitetail
10. North American Mixed Bag, Big Horn Rams, Whitetail
11. Great Trophy Bucks Mixed Bag, Big Horn Rams, Whitetail
12. Wild Boar Pig Hunting Down Under Part 1
13. Hunting Sheep, Goat & Moose in B.C.
14. Big Rams Brooks Range, Big Horn Rams, Mouflon
15. The Bow Hunter, Whitetail Deer
16. Big Rams, North American Big Horn Sheep, Mouflon Sheep
17. North American Big Horn Sheep, Big Rams Mixed Bag
18. Mouflon, Bow Hunting Elk, Whitetail, Mule Deer etc.
19. Challenge of the Mountain Monarchs, Thars, Mouflon Sheep, Red Deer in Qld





20. Pig Hunting in Qld, Wild Goat in Qld, Mouflon
21. Pig Hunting in Qld, Red Deer in Qld
22. Hunting in Spain, Pig Hunt in Tunisia, Red Deer in Scotland
23. Hunting Fallow in Scotland, Red in Scotland, Kiwi Hunts North West Territories
24. The Wildlife Bow Hunter, Deer, Pigs, Foxes, Mountain Hunting NZ, O'Rourke's Deer, Chamois, Thar
25. Mountain Hunting N.Z., Deer, Thar, Chamois, Red, Sika, Bow Hunter
26. N.Z. Hunting, Sambar in Victoria, Red Deer in France
27. Hunting N.Z. Red Deer, O'Rourke's N.Z., Chamois in Europe
28. Bowhunting Red Deer in N.Z., Bugling Red Deer Rifle
29. Fox Shooting at its best-Volume 3 & 4
30. The Ultimate Whitetail Hunt
31. Sambar Hunting, Mountain Hunt N.Z., Thar in N.Z.
32. Caping Demo by NSWDA
33. Roar Red Stags, Shadows in Scrub, Great Trophy Bucks
34. Hunting the Elusive Wild Dog, Hunt to outsmart Wild Dogs
35. Dark Continent
36. Red in Qld, Dingo, Fox, Fallow, Hog etc., Sika N.Z., Cape for Trophy Mount
37. How to cape for a Trophy Mount, Shoot the Bull, Hunting QLD Red Deer, Deer Attack
38. Hunting African Lion, Hunting Cape Buffalo
39. Big Horn Rams, Nth American Mixed Bag
40. Shadows in Scrub, Red Deer - Clark McGhie
41. Sambar Stalking 1 & 2 - Reg Gordon
42. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Sportsmans Paradise, Pigs, Barramundi, Tusk Versus Tooth, Pig Hunting with Dogs
43. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Hog Deer in Victoria
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45. Dogs, Guns & Grunters, Tusk Versus Tooth, Lifes a Boar NZ
46. "How To Load From A Disk" Ballistic CD-Rom
47. Huge Hogs of Aust. North Part 1 & 2
48. Sambar Safari Vol 1, SHIKARI
49. Venison Hunters, Hunting Northern Cape, Hunting NZ Southern Alps.
50. Hunting the Zambeze Delta, Trophy Seekers, Trophy Seekers Shadows End
51. NZ Hunting, Hunting Safaris Vol 1 & 2, Rusa Hunting



## **President's report cont.**

without a licence and undergo a police criminal check prior to undertaking the training.

We estimate the period from applying and receiving the licence will be at a minimum four weeks and most likely to be six. The SSAA, GameCon and other organisations will be challenging this requirement. Our licence training offices in the mean time will be flat out processing the large number of people wanting to be licensed. We owe our training officers a vote of thanks and ask that after 31st May, to be patient. Please contact Greg Haywood our Secretary for any updates as the licencing procedure may change in the very near future.

As this will be my last President's report for the year I would like to thank the committee and members of the club for their support over the twelve months I have been in the chair and look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in July.

Steve Isaacs

## **Stunning Wildlife Photo Exhibition**

Each year from December to March, the Australian Museum in College Street Sydney, hosts probably the best wildlife photo exhibition on the planet. Sponsored by the BBC, this annual competition attracts around 20,000 entries from professional & amateur photographers from around the world. There are several categories for young photographers under 17 years. The exhibition features just 200 of the best, including all the category winners. All the prints are about A3 or larger in size & most were shot on 35mm cameras or their digital equivalents. Every print glows with colour & amazing clarity. Although many of these photos appear in print in various magazines, the print versions cannot approach the beauty of the actual photographs. Each year I get the train up to Sydney & spend a couple of hours wandering through this amazing collection, marveling at the skill of the photographers & the sheer luck some have had in capturing "once-in-a-lifetime" shots. For instance, this year there was a shot of a snowshoe hare careering out of control down a snow slope, body all twisted as it tried to get its feet out front to brake its progress; in close-up; every hair sharp! A fantastic shot of a 14 point red deer. I could go on & on; birds, fish, seals & penguins underwater, all sorts of mammals, & great landscapes! The images produced by the kids were among the best of the exhibition. Over only the last three years the photographers have moved from almost every image produced in a film camera, to this year, almost three quarters being made by digital cameras, as the possibilities of working in digital are being realized. If you are interested in photography & especially if you love wildlife, this exhibition is a "must see".



**Excellent Conservation Articles** can be found on the website below. Due to copyright & tightly written articles, worthwhile summaries are impossible to make, so take a look for yourself. Ed.

**The Christian Science Monitor— an independent daily newspaper providing context and clarity on national and international news, peoples and cultures, and social trends. Online at <http://www.csmonitor.com>**

## **Winchester USA Ceases Manufacture.**

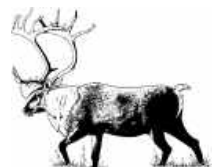
The news that the lever action Winchester rifles, & others manufactured in the USA would cease after March this year, is old news. However, their modern lines will continue to be manufactured in Belgium, Portugal & Japan, from factories already well regarded for quality products. What has been little discussed however, is that ammunition & reloading components for some cartridges, particularly “obsolete” cartridges like the 218 Bee, 32/20 etc may also cease. Winchester Australia only assembles ammunition here from imported components, & does not make cases. Anyone wanting to continue using such old cartridges might give some thought to buying cases before they disappear. The 22 Hornet, long a favourite in Europe, is not affected.

## **Tips On Taking Better Photographs**

At some time or other, every one of us has been disappointed with some important photo. Even now, in the digital era when we can check results on the camera’s LCD panel, some of the prints we get back can be pretty ordinary. Problems with sharpness in particular, are not usually evident on the LCD panel; not until we view them on a computer screen or we have an enlargement made. Here are some simple tips to avoid those disappointments.

Camera shake is the usual reason for unsharp pictures. Load your film camera with fast 400 ISO film. Use the fastest shutter speed possible to avoid camera shake. Set the camera on a tripod or other solid rest in really dim light (often the conditions when we have a trophy on the ground). Setting the camera on a solid rest & using the self timer is a great solution to camera shake, & getting yourself into the frame!

The compact digital cameras many of us carry these days are great because you can increase the ISO setting (film speed) in poor light & you can check each image after shooting. However, they have their problems. At higher ISO settings most produce digital noise (like dust, especially in darker areas). Correct exposure is critical to good results. Check each picture on the camera’s LCD screen. Increase or decrease the exposure if the shot looks too dark or light. If you are shooting using the camera’s little inbuilt flash, there are two common flash problems to overcome; of over exposure (too light) when taking a shot very close up, & under exposure (too dark) when taking shots in



big rooms, or outside. Check each shot & adjust your exposure if necessary.

Always set the camera's capture mode to the best setting. If fitting more images on to the capture card is important, buy a bigger card. If your camera has RAW capture mode, take advantage of its superior qualities. Although RAW capture is not quite magic, it does allow you to virtually retake the shot in the computer, using the correct exposure, with simply amazing results.

At your local photo store where you load in your photos yourself for printing, be sure to take the time to enhance each picture. Often all they generally need is some added saturation & sharpening to give them that extra sparkle.

And after you have those terrific hunting shots, please send a copy to your struggling editor for inclusion in a future newsletter!  
Ed.

## Hybrid Bear Taken.

Scientists testing the DNA of a strange bear shot in the N.W.T. last month have confirmed it was a hybrid of polar bear and grizzly – perhaps the first ever seen in the wild.

Jim Martell, a sport hunter from the United States, was on a guided hunt when he shot the animal on April 16 near Nelson Head on southern Banks Island.

Since the bear looked like an odd-coloured polar bear, the outfitter turned the hide over to the territory's Environment and Natural Resources department for testing.

By comparing the DNA from the bear with DNA previously collected from polar bears in the area and with DNA previously collected from grizzly bears along the coast south of the area, the analysis confirmed that this bear was a hybrid.

Officials say this could be the first recorded polar/grizzly bear hybrid found in the wild.



## Mule Vs Mountain Lion

These pics came from a guy in AZ. Yes, the mule killed the mountain lion. The lion had been stalking them for the better part of the morning, on the way out to a hunt. They were pretty sure it was after one of the dogs. The cat ambushed them, and the mule pictured tossed its rider and went into attack (defense) mode, the horses scattered and shots were fired but no one was sure if they hit the cat or not. Unfortunately, it wasn't until it was almost over that one of the guys started snapping pics.

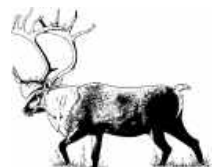
The mule finally stomped the cougar to death after biting and throwing it around like a rag doll. The dogs wouldn't even come close until the mule settled down.

The cat was still alive here and trying to fight back.

The mule stomped the cat then pinned it to the ground and bit the heck out of the dead cat several more times.

The cat was pretty much dead by now then mule picked up the cat again whipped it into the air again then stomped the dead cat again for good measure!

Note the dog audience.... Gives new meaning to the phrase "BAD A\$\$"....



**NEW SOUTH WALES DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION INC**

**Dedicated to the Sound Management and Conservation of Deer in NSW.**

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**DATE OF BIRTH..... SEX: Male/Female**

**DRIVERS LICENCE NO.....STATE:.....**

**SHOOTERS LICENCE NO:.....CLASS:.....**

**POSTAL ADDRESS:.....POST CODE:.....**

**HOME ADDRESS:.....POST CODE:.....**

**HOME PHONE:.....BUSINESS:.....MOBILE:.....**

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**Date:...../...../.....**

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# COMMUNIQUE

26 May 2006

## \$2.5 MILLION BOOST FOR VICTORIAN GAME MANAGEMENT

The Bracks Government has announced **\$2.5 million** to better manage game hunting species populations and their habitats.

Agriculture Minister Bob Cameron said the funding over four years would allow the appointment of three Game Management Officers to the Department of Sustainability and Environment's Game Management Unit.

Mr Cameron said the uniformed officers would be located in regional areas where game populations and hunting opportunities are greatest.

"The Game Management Officers will ensure a more coordinated and effective on-ground game management services in all areas where game hunting is permitted," Mr Cameron said.

Environment Minister John Thwaites said there were more than 33,000 licensed game hunters in Victoria – more than in any other State – who are legally permitted to hunt game duck, quail and deer.

The DSE will consult closely with hunting organisations and the Environment Minister's Victorian Hunting Advisory Committee to develop the Officer's works program.

Mr Cameron said improved game hunting management also offered significant social and environmental benefits.

"Proper game hunting management ensures game populations and their habitats are monitored and restored which in turn benefits all wildlife and the broader community," he said.

"The three Game Management Officers will forge partnerships with public land management agencies, such as Parks Victoria and Department of Primary Industries, private landowners and Shooting and Hunting Clubs to conserve habitat and minimise the adverse impacts of pest animals.

"The Officers' duties will include assisting in research and monitoring to ensure the harvesting of game species remains sustainable."

### FGA'S RESPONSE...

Field and Game Australia (FGA) welcome the \$2.5 million funding announcement today for enhanced Game Management in Victoria.

FGA Chairman Russ Bate said the Bracks governments announcement complements the highly successful game management programs already in place in New South Wales and Tasmania.

"This initiative recognises the positive contribution hunters make to the Victorian economy and the conservation of biodiversity". Mr Bate said.

"The new funding initiative and subsequent employment of three Game Managers will allow a more coordinated response to game management issues across the state, particularly in the areas of research and community relations.

Mr Bate said focus must now be directed to the critical areas of research and habitat conservation.

"The major threat to game animal populations is not the number harvested during the prescribed seasons, but the loss and degradation of habitats, particularly wetlands".

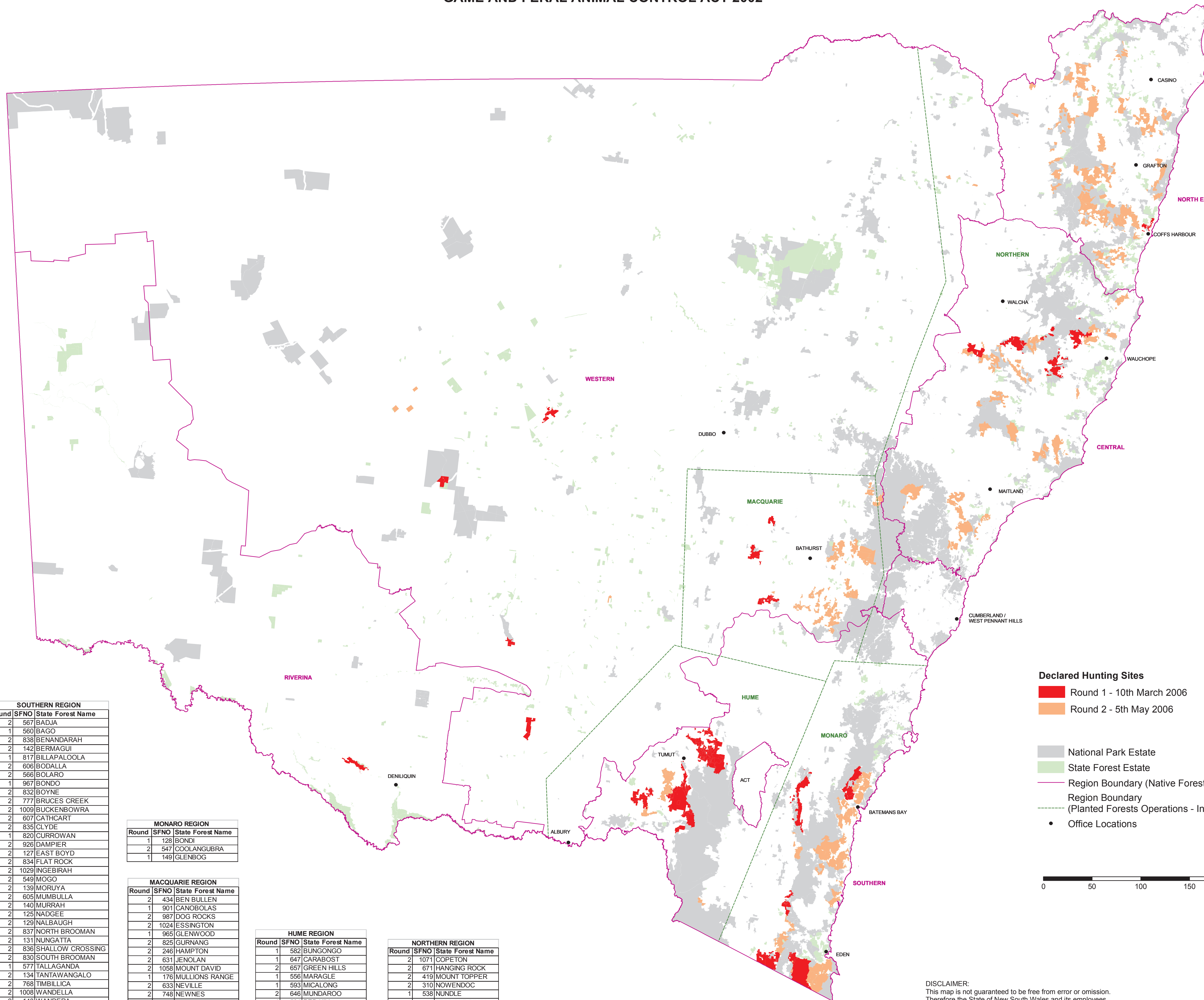
Mr Bate concluded by saying "The "sustainable use" of game animals in Victoria by

lands”.

Mr Bate concluded by saying “The "sustainable use" of game animals in Victoria by hunters is totally consistent with directions from the International Conservation Community, including the UN World Commission on Environment and Development, the Convention on International Trade Endangered Species (CITES), the Convention on Biological Diversity and the "Wise Use" principles of the Ramsar Convention.



# DECLARATION OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE GAME AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL ACT 2002



NORTH EAST REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
2	30	BAGAWA
2	737	BANYABBA
2	826	BARCOONGERE
2	816	BILLIMBRA
2	119	BOONOO
2	841	BOOROOK
2	627	BOUNDARY CREEK
2	311	BROTHER
2	471	BUCKRA BENDINNI
2	307	BUTTERLEAF
2	18	CAMIRA
2	24	CANDOLE
2	986	CHAELUNDI
2	111	CLOUDS CREEK
2	814	DALMORTON
2	1068	DONNYBROOK
2	15	DOUBLEDUKE
2	831	ELLIS
2	845	EWINGAR
2	529	FOREST LAND
2	19	GIBBERAGEE
2	315	GILGURRY
2	303	GIRARD
2	163	GLADSTONE
2	771	GRANGE
2	659	HYLAND
2	616	IRISHMAN
2	21	KANGAROO RIVER
2	318	MARENGO
2	489	MOONPAR
2	361	MOUNT BELMORE
2	308	MOUNT MITCHELL
2	559	MYRTLE
2	112	NANA CREEK
2	827	NEWFOUNDLAND
2	758	NYMBOIDA
2	609	OAKES
2	555	OAKWOOD
1	536	ORARA EAST
2	535	ORARA WEST
2	661	PINE BRUSH
2	660	RAMORNIE
2	610	RICHMOND RANGE
2	488	SCOTCHMAN
2	321	SPIRABO
2	8	TABBIMOBLE
2	320	TORRINGTON
2	928	WHIPORIE
2	488	WILD CATTLE CREEK

CENTRAL REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
2	982	AWABA
2	474	BALLEGARRA
2	977	BARRINGTON TOPS
2	524	BELLANGRY
2	158	BRIL BRIL
2	296	BULAHDELAH
1	285	BULGA
2	292	CHICHESTER
2	522	CORRABARE
1	911	DOYLES RIVER
2	337	ENFIELD
2	286	GIRO
2	641	KIPPARA
2	886	MASSEYS CREEK
2	924	MCPHERSON
1	910	MOUNT BOSS
2	294	MYALL RIVER
2	124	OLNEY
2	716	POKOLBIN
2	1015	PUTTY
1	992	RIAMUKKA
2	276	STEWARTS BROOK
2	526	TAMBAN
2	295	WANG WAUK
2	123	WATAGAN
2	654	YARRATT

SOUTHERN REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
2	567	BADJA
1	560	BAGO
2	838	BENANDARAH
2	142	BERMAGUI
1	817	BILLAPALOOA
2	606	BODALLA
2	566	BOLARO
1	967	BONDO
2	832	BOYNE
2	777	BRUCES CREEK
2	1009	BUCKENBOWRA
2	607	CATHCART
2	835	CLYDE
1	820	CURROWAN
2	926	DAMPIER
2	127	EAST BOYD
2	834	FLAT ROCK
2	1029	INGEBIRAH
2	549	MOGO
2	139	MORUYA
2	605	MUMBULLA
2	140	MURRAH
2	836	SHALLOW CROSSING
2	830	SOUTH BROOMAN
1	577	TALLAGANDA
2	134	TANTAWANGALO
2	768	TIMBILICA
2	1008	WANDELLA
2	143	WANDERA
1	974	YADBORO
1	126	YAMBULLA

MONARO REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
1	128	BONDI
2	547	COOLANGUBRA
1	149	GLENBOG

MACQUARIE REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
2	434	BEN BULLEN
1	901	CANOBOLAS
2	987	DOG ROCKS
2	1024	ESSINGTON
1	965	GLENWOOD
2	825	GURNANG
2	246	HAMPTON
2	631	JENOLAN
2	1058	MOUNT DAVID
1	176	MULLIONS RANGE
2	633	NEVILLE
2	748	NEWNES
1	694	ROSEBERG
1	798	TUMUT
2	621	VULCAN

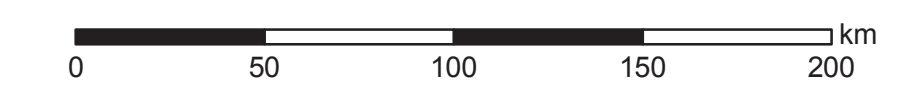
HUME REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
1	582	BUNGONGO
1	647	CARABOST
2	657	GREEN HILLS
1	556	MARAGLE
1	593	MICALONG
2	646	MUNDAROO
1	591	RED HILL
1	798	TUMUT
1	592	WEE JASPER

NORTHERN REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
2	1071	COPETON
2	671	HANGING ROCK
2	419	MOUNT TOPPER
2	310	NOVENDOC
1	538	NUNDELO
2	539	TERRIBLE BILLY
2	744	TOMALLA
2	312	TUGGOLO

WESTERN REGION		
Round	SFNO	State Forest Name
1	372	BINYA
1	156	BUCKINGBONG
2	880	CORICUDGY
1	73	GRAHWAY
2	460	NULL O MOUNTAIN
2	930	PADDINGTON
1	1041	PENNSYLVANIA
2	680	WYRRA
1	890	YATHONG

**Declared Hunting Sites**  
■ Round 1 - 10th March 2006  
■ Round 2 - 5th May 2006

■ National Park Estate  
■ State Forest Estate  
 Region Boundary (Native Forests Operations)  
 Region Boundary (Planted Forests Operations - Indicative only)  
● Office Locations



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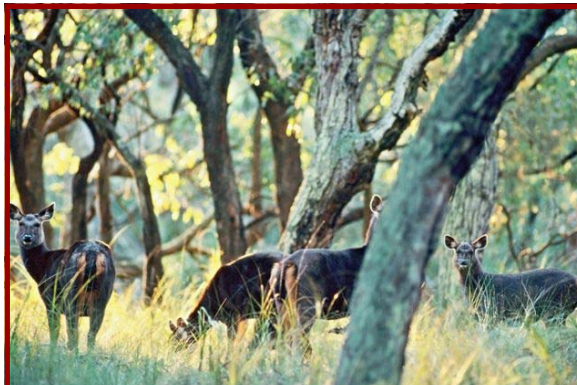
# SAMBAR HUNTING WORKSHOP

COUNCIL NSW: 3-day hunter education workshop,  
Bondi State Forest, Bombala, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2006

## DEER HUNTERS

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO HUNT SAMBAR IN SOUTHERN NSW—THE HEART OF THE STATE'S SAMBAR DEER COUNTRY....**

*The aim of the weekend is to educate hunters on how to hunt sambar safely, legally and successfully in NSW.*



## presenters



**Errol Mason** *hunter, professional hunting guide, sambar expert and author of "Secrets of the Sambar"*

**John Dunn,** *well-known hunting author and experienced NSW sambar hunter*



## you will learn about...

- ▶ Deer recognition and behaviour
- ▶ Sambar ecology, behaviour and hunting techniques
- ▶ Hunting with a gundog
- ▶ Meat care and trophy preparation
- ▶ Deer habitat and deer sign—including field trip
- ▶ Photographing trophies and live deer
- ▶ Hunting equipment
- ▶ NSW hunting law and legal hunting areas
- ▶ Hunting with bows and Black Powder
- ▶ Quality deer management principles

## bonus offer...



### WIT TESTING...

During the Workshop, hunters will have the opportunity to complete their Waterfowl Identification Test (WIT), required for hunting wild ducks in NSW.



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## NSW FIREARMS (LONGARMS) LICENCE QUALIFICATION COURSE

### GUIDE FOR TRAINERS

Welcome to the NSW Firearms (Longarms) Licence Qualification Course.

This document will provide you with a few tips on how best to deliver the course to new licence applicants.

#### **PRE-COURSE INFORMATION**

The new Firearms Licence Qualification test must be completed by new longarm licence applicants.

Licence applicants will be advised by the Firearms Registry as to the location of a club or organisation that has been approved to undertake the course.

#### Criminal name check

The NSW Firearms (Longarms) Licence Qualification Course (the Course) comprises both a theoretical and practical component. In order to undertake the practical course and test, a licence applicant **MUST** consent to a criminal name check and be approved by the Firearms Registry to do the course.

The Firearms Registry will send a criminal name check form to licence applicants, which must be completed and returned to the Registry. These forms can also be obtained from approved clubs / organisations and the Firearms Registry webpage.

If the Firearms Registry refuses to allow a participant to undertake the course on the basis of a criminal name check, the Firearms Registry will inform the applicant.

Prior to an applicant booking in for the course, please ensure the applicant has submitted the criminal name check form. Ensure that you leave at least two weeks before booking the applicant into the practical course, so that the criminal names check can be completed in time.

**A course applicant is not authorised to use a firearm unless a criminal names check has been conducted and the applicant is approved by the Firearms Registry.**

#### **RIGHTS AND WRONGS GUIDE (BOOKLET)**

When someone contacts the club to make an appointment to do the course and test and if they have not already received a copy from the Firearms Registry, please direct applicants to the NSW Police website or send them a copy of the *Firearms (Longarms) Users Guide – Rights, Wrongs and Responsibilities*. This is the background material that applicants will need to know to pass the multiple choice test.

Two copies of this document have been sent to you. Additional copies can be downloaded from the Firearms Registry website at: [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

**Do not send a copy of the multiple choice test, practical test or answer sheet to applicants.**

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST (WHITE)**

Course participants must have read the *Firearms (Longarms) Users Guide – Rights, Wrongs and Responsibilities* prior to undertaking the test. The multiple choice exam tests applicants on the rules and responsibilities relating to firearms.

There are five different versions of the multiple choice test. Applicants are only required to complete ONE test. Questions one to five are mandatory and 100% score is required to pass. Questions six – 20 require an 80% pass rate – i.e. applicants must answer 12 or more questions correctly.

Minors are required to answer the five mandatory questions.

### **ANSWER SHEET (GREEN)**

In order to answer the multiple choice test, applicants are required to fill out the answer sheet, which is the green sheet in the package.

Applicants are not allowed to keep their answer sheets.

### **MULTIPLE CHOICE MARKING SHEET (TRANSPARENCY)**

This is a highly restricted document and only club officials and trainers are allowed access. This sheet can be placed over the answer sheet in order to mark the answers. The correct answers apply across the board.

### **PRACTICAL COMPONENT**

Trainers are required to demonstrate each of the tasks below and ensure that participants are competent in undertaking each task. Approved trainers are required to provide training on every section of the practical component (see Chapter 10 – Rights and Wrongs Guide) so that course participants have a thorough understanding of safe handling of firearms.

Trainers are to determine the length of the course; in some cases, a longer training time may be required.

- Ensure participant points the muzzle in safe direction during each of the following tasks
- Inspect/pick up the firearm
- Open the action
- Check to see if the chamber is empty
- Pass a firearm safely to another person
- Carry a firearm at a range
- Carry a firearm in the field
- Negotiate a fence or other obstacle
- Place, remove and secure a firearm in a vehicle
- Load a firearm safely
- Unload a firearm safely
- When firing, hold a firearm safely when in a sitting position
- When firing, hold a firearm safely when laying in a prone position
- When firing, hold a firearm safely in a standing position

- Demonstrate correct aiming technique
- Demonstrate correct trigger control
- Demonstrate how to deal with a firearms malfunction
- Demonstrate how to fire safely
- Clean a firearm (applicant must ensure firearm is rendered safe)

In order to pass the practical test, course participants will be required to demonstrate the above tasks.

## **PRACTICAL COMPONENT MARKING SHEET (YELLOW)**

**Trainers MUST NOT hand this sheet out to applicants.**

Trainers are required to tick the appropriate box on completion of each task completed by the course participant. Participants are required to complete ALL tasks.

Course participants must demonstrate at least 15 tasks correctly to pass and must re-do incorrect tasks after being shown by the trainer at the end of the test. A minor (ages 12 - under 18) must demonstrate at least 12 tasks correctly to pass. If a course participant fails this section of the test, he or she must undertake the practical course again.

## **CERTIFICATE (BLUE)**

On successful completion of the Firearms Licence Qualification Course or other approved course, participants will be provided with a Firearms Licence Qualification Certificate by the trainer, which must be sent to the Firearms Registry for information. Duplicates of this certificate must be kept by the club and the licence applicant.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

Appropriate assistance should be offered to applicants with reading difficulties or whose first language is not English.

## **TRAINING DELIVERY ASSISTANCE**

If you have any questions on the Firearms Licence Qualification course please contact the Firearms Registry on 1300 362 562 and press #5 for clubs.