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**NSWDA 2006 Trophy Exhibition
and Christmas Party**



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Trophies and members Presentations at the 2006 Trophy Exhibition an Christmas Party, held at Ron Topping's East Kurrajong. A great day was had by all. See other photos inside.

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FROM THE EDITOR

NSW State Election March 24th 2007.

The NSW election is on Saturday March 24th. Hopefully you will read this before that date. Hopefully also, you will be getting ready to spend a part of that day at a polling booth handing out "Team 2007" / SSAA - Shooters' Party "How to Vote" cards. If you are not already committed and don't know who to contact, **ring the SSAA NSW on 88890444**, tell the operator you want to help out on election day and ask who to contact in your area. Help out; don't leave it to "the other bloke".

Voters will decide the next Government by voting in the LOWER HOUSE (Legislative Assembly).

Your vote in the UPPER HOUSE (Legislative Council) may well decide the future of your sport. Quite simply, if the Greens get more members into the Upper House, there is sure to be trouble for all shooters and hunters. Only by electing a second Shooters' Party member can we be reasonably sure the Greens will not have the upper hand in NSW. Whichever Party forms government, it must get its legislation through the Upper House, and with government and opposition Upper House numbers being nearly even, the cross benches containing all of the small Parties decide the fate of much legislation. Governments do deals with these small Parties to get their legislation passed. Would you rather the government dealt with the Shooters' Party, or the Greens after March 07? It's about that simple.

It's no secret that the Shooters' Party, and the SSAA for that matter has its opponents. If you are one of these people, your choice is to vote for this TSP / SSAA team (Team 2007), which is the enemy of your enemy (the rabid Greens), or alternatively for the Greens (NO MATTER WHO ELSE YOU VOTE FOR).

How to Vote Smart.

Voting isn't an easy task. If you change your mind, don't alter the ballot paper; you must get a fresh one. Only



The following are the meeting dates for 2007.

The venue is the German Austrian Club – Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

21 February

2 May

18 July AGM & General Meeting

3 October

Christmas Function Saturday 17 November

Members; please mark up your calendars now!!

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unaltered ballot papers are counted. I urge you to vote for the Shooters' Party on the Upper House ballot paper by writing a "1" above the line only. Numbering individuals on the paper is more difficult than you think. By voting "1" above the Shooters' Party line, there are no preferences going to any other party. This is the safest way.

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Gun Laws and Sudden Death:

Did the Australian Firearms Legislation of 1996 Make a Difference? has received significant media coverage around Australia.

The following article has now been featured as breaking news by a range of major metropolitan outlets (listed at end).

—
AUSTRALIA'S guns buyback has not reduced rates of gun murder or suicide, a new study says.

The paper, published in the British Journal of Criminology and written by pro-gun lobbyists Jeanine Baker and Samara McPhedran, found the buyback of 640,000 guns at a cost of some \$500 million failed to make Australia safer.

That contrasts with the views of other studies and Prime Minister John Howard, who say the guns buyback has made Australia safer.

The buyback and tough national gun laws were instituted in the wake of the 1996 Port Arthur massacre, when lone gunman Martin Bryant armed himself with an arsenal of semi-automatic weapons and killed 35 people.

Self-loading rifles and self-loading and pump-action shotguns were banned, with a 12-month amnesty period for people to hand in their weapons and receive compensation.

The laws outraged farmers and recreational shooters but were widely accepted as necessary to stop future massacres.

The new paper disputes whether the laws have worked.

Ms McPhedran is the chairwoman of the

International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting, while Dr Baker is the South Australian president of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia.

They cited data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) to say the gun law reforms had not affected actual gun murder rates per 100,000 of population.

Neither could the reforms be shown to have altered firearm suicide rates because suicide rates by other means had also begun to decline in the late 1990s.

“Reducing the number of legally held firearms, banning certain firearms, and increasing the requirements that must be met to legally own firearms has not produced the desired outcome of a safer society,” Ms McPhedran said.

“We cannot say firearm suicide rates were affected by the laws. Social changes and emphasis on prevention initiatives appear to have lowered suicides using all methods.”

AIC figures point to a long-term trend in falling gun death which preceded the 1996 gun laws reforms and continued after it.

In the period 1991-2001 the number of firearm deaths in Australia, including murder, suicide and accidents, dropped by almost 50 per cent.

But University of Sydney public health professor Simon Chapman attacked the report, complaining aspects were “verging on academic dishonesty”.

Professor Chapman said the study failed to differentiate between gun deaths where one or two people were killed and the large-scale



massacres that the tough gun laws were designed to prevent.

Prof Chapman said the best evidence that Mr Howard's gun laws were working was that there had been no mass shooting sprees since they were introduced.

The professor said the paper was based on "statistical smoke and mirrors".



A Brown bear which dug up a power line junction box, enjoyed an electrifying experience, which unfortunately he won't enjoy again!

At the March 24th election, we urge you to vote "1" above the line for the Shooters' Party, on the Upper House ballot paper (the larger paper). This prevents your preferences from flowing on to other parties.





Secretary's Report

Last Meeting:

This was attended by Robert Brown MLC, and Roy Smith who will be standing for a NSW Upper House seat for the Shooters' Party at the March 24th election. Many members pledged their support to assist the Shooters' Party on polling day. Refer to elsewhere in this magazine for more information.

SCI Hunting Expo:

This was again held at the Opal Cove Resort Coffs Harbour from the 23rd to the 25th of February 2007. We had a booth to support this yearly event and thanks go to those members who manned this booth. We had on sale a range of NSWDA logoed clothing, which is available to members (see the separate advertisement in this issue).

Game Council:

R Licence testing is available through the Association. The R licence provides insurance protection to land owners and shooters. Landowners are also assured that the licence holder has been trained in all necessary aspects of hunting on public & private land, and is therefore unlikely to pose a risk. The Game Council recently released the results of the first year of hunting on public land in NSW. A copy of this scorecard is contained in this issue.

Firearms Registry:

All firearms licence holders will receive from the Registry, a Form P640, on which we must all nominate our principal club for attendance purposes. You can still do mandatory attendances at other approved clubs, but you have to advise your nominated club of these other attendances (with proof of attendance), so that they can be counted. If NSWDA is your nominated club, you will need to send me evidence of your attendance at these other clubs. Failure to notify your nominated club of sufficient attendances will result in you being sent a "please explain" letter from Firearms Registry. Many of these letters were sent to shooters this year, & some of these people have lost their licences. This is a short report and I wish you all a successful hunting season.

Good hunting.

Greg Haywood.





President's Report

There is a lot going on at the moment as most members are already treading the hills with the Fallow, Reds and even Wapiti these days, already stripped. I have seen a couple of good Fallow taken this year as I write this in late February.

The drought will surely take its toll in NSW where most of the premier Fallow spots have received little rain over the growing period. Late rain in the north over Nov - Dec may help to finish off the heads, but I am afraid the main growth would be over by then.

South coast Rusa should fare well with best rain falls for years over the past 12 to 18 months.

We had another excellent roll up for the Trophy Exhibition and end of Xmas function with some excellent Trophies on display from many parts of the globe. Of course Australia, and in particular NSW was well represented with 230DS plus Fallow and a couple of Reds. Thanks to Ron Toning and Family for their hospitality and the use of their facilities. We all feel at home in a large barn that adds to the atmosphere. Also thanks to members and wives that helped out on the day; very much appreciated. Photos and information appears later on in this edition of the Deerstalker.

With the Election looming there is a considerable move and effort by the Shooters Party to elect Roy Smith as the second member for the Party. I know we all have our various persuasions towards a particular party and if you feel strongly about your decision to vote one way or the other in the Lower House, that's great but consider Roy for your vote in the Legislative Council. When

marking the paper be careful to fill it out correctly, as your vote will not be counted if you try to make any correction on the Ballot paper. If you make a mistake just get another voting slip, don't waste your vote.

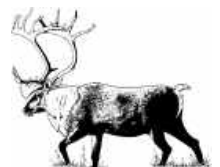
Getting another seat in the Legislative Council will counter the Greens and help safeguard our way of life. Our lifestyle and the future of hunting is more at stake today than ever, and while we all want not want to think about it, unfortunately the threat is real. You only have to go to the various web sites of the Greens and Democrats to see the extreme anti-gun propaganda they are advocating.

The Club has recently purchased new T-Shirts and fine Polar fleece pullovers which are perfect for hunting and which look great when down at the Range. See Darren Plumb's advert in this issue, and the merchandise at the next meeting.

Anyhow, everyone have a great hunting season and let's see those stories and pictures appear in the Deerstalker.

Regards

Steve Isaacs
President



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

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Library List

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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
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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
44. Bucks & Bulls, NZ Chamois, Thar, Whitetail, Sambar Stalking 1 & 2 - Reg Gordon
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



2006 Trophy Exhibition and Christmas Party.



Archery - fun for all the kids

Once again over 100 members and their families gathered at the annual Deerstalkers Trophy Exhibition and Xmas Party to celebrate another great year of hunting. The atmosphere in the open Barn at the Tonnings family Deer Farm was amazing. This year members were encouraged to display Trophies and received a certificate for the honour and to authenticate that they were at the exhibition.

Some spectacular trophies were exhibited with members travelling far and wide across the globe to satisfy their adventurous spirits. Hunting Trophies taken under fair chase conditions can mean a lot of sacrifice in terms of dollars and weeks away. It was obvious by the quality of the Trophies on display that the members are as keen as ever and that some of the younger boys and girls are making inroads into this life long pursuit which Trophy Hunters embrace as a way of life.



Horsley Park Gun Shop stand offered specials on a wide range of merchandise.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the day what it was. The photos of all Trophies displayed follow this report. Congratulations on the exhibition. We look forward to seeing more at our next Exhibition at the end of the 2007.





Archer's Fallow bucks, above and below



Two Fallow bucks from Chris Graham.





Chris Graham's Red deer & Thar.



Two more Fallow bucks from Chris.





Dal Birrell's Fallow buck.



Geoff Way's wild dog.



Dick Archer's bow shot goat



Jason Archer's Fallow buck bow trophy.





Jason Archer's Red stag



Mark Isaac's Steenbok.



John Desanti's Asiatic buffalo.





Mark Isaac's Wart hog and Waterbuck.



Mark Wills' Red stag.



Ross Townsend's Fallow buck.





**Michael Vigleante's
Asian buffalo.**



Dick & Chris discussing the merits of another set of trophies.





Roy Hrelya's Hippo and Hungarian Fallow buck.



Steve Isaac's Nyala.





Wayne McPhee's Rusa stag.

Members yarning after lunch.



Major Blow to Deer Hunters.

Deer have been declared a feral pest in Queensland in 2006. A comprehensive scientific report can be found on the net, at the following location.

Unfortunately this report is too long to include in the newsletter, but it can be read directly on your computer screen from this location. This is a disturbing development for all deer hunters across Australia because it signals what could easily happen in all states. The NSW Game Council initiative might just take some of the heat out of the debate in this state. Hunters who are content to stick their heads in the sand and pretend that our sport is OK should think again in the wake of this decision by the Qld. Government. After all, the red deer appears on that State's coat of arms. Any organisation which is fighting to protect any or all of the outdoor sports across Australia deserves your active support, & where available, your vote.

Another View.

Hunters,
Below is some back ground on the reintroduction of duck & quail hunting in NSW & feral animal hunting in National Parks;

Re-institute scientific-based duck and quail seasons

- The current ban and closure of duck and quail seasons is based on emotion, not practical science
- Using modern adaptive management

principles, duck and quail hunting could be safely re-instated in NSW

- The re-instatement of scientific-based duck and quail hunting will have a number of benefits:

It will see the re-instatement of scientific research for duck and quail – this has not been undertaken by the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service for some years;

Waterfowl and quail habitats will be restored, providing refuge for other native plant and animal species...

Once the habitats are re-established and the populations are at a level that can sustain harvesting, hunting will be introduced.

It will give the opportunity for the establishment of game reserves based around waterfowl and quail hunting – an alternative form of land use or another form of income for our farmers, while at the same time restoring habitats;

The duck and quail hunters will bring economic benefits back into rural areas of NSW rather than taking it into Victoria and South Australia as they do at present.

- The re-instatement of scientific based duck and quail hunting compliments the NSW Government's recently released State Plan - "A new direction for NSW" - to promote the rural economies and improve the environment in this state.

Expand the highly successful Game Council model of conservation hunting into National parks

- National Parks in this State cover vast areas but have been locked up so tight for so long they are now reservoirs for feral animals, vermin and weeds.
- Many of the roads and tracks are now



over-grown and of little use in fire or other emergencies...

- If the successful Game Council model was expanded into these vast areas, regular use by licensed hunters could help keep potential fire trails cleared and open as they do in the Alpine areas of Victoria;
- It is NOT responsible management or being a good neighbour when:
 - you only undertake 'token' feral animal control programs...
 - you rely on your besieged neighbours to control goats, pigs, wild dogs and kangaroos that find harbour and

safety in National Parks as they currently do in NSW.

- These vast areas of remote land - which few other people visit - are ideal areas to integrate hunting into feral animal control programs;
- Hunters licensed by the Game Council are already proving their value and potential in assisting public land managers with feral animal control.
- There is no reason this scheme cannot be extended into our National Parks.

Rob Borsak, Chairman Game Council NSW.



Elk sometimes fight to the death. If unable to run away, the vanquished animal is mercilessly beaten and gored. No question that a bullet brings a more dignified end.



**The Australian — Science & nature.
Bring back the dingo.**

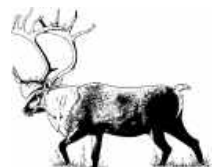
Brendan O’Keefe November 15, 2006

DINGOES should be reintroduced across large tracts of Australia to wipe out foxes and feral cats. James Cook University biologist Chris Johnson believes the native dog would keep a lid on the devastating introduced predators. Professor Johnson said there was strong evidence that cats and foxes were responsible for the extinction of more than 20 mammal species, including wallabies, bandicoots and rat kangaroos. Rabbits were indirectly responsible, because they provided the ferals with a ready food supply and bred

quickly to replace losses. “Where dingoes exist, cats and foxes don’t. Dingoes directly persecute foxes and cats,” Professor Johnson argues in his new book, Australia’s Mammal Extinctions - a 50,000-year history. “Dingoes’ impact on small species is low to moderate but take them away and the impact that foxes and cats have on small species is much greater.” Their natural range is all of the mainland but the dingo fence and eradication programs have almost wiped them out in much of southeast Australia and from the southwest of Western Australia. He said wide reintroduction of dingoes would create hostility among farmers but he would not support it in sheep country. And while dingoes had attacked calves in cattle country, their predation of kangaroos and feral pigs could be a balancing benefit.



New member, Michael Vigleante with his Chamois, Fallow buck (and friend!).



Must be Montana!!



NSWDA Merchandise

I have organized some new club shirts, polar fleece & caps.

The colours are at this time ;

Polo shirtswhite/navy trim.....\$ 25.00

Micro fleece top.....Moss green.....\$ 35.00

Caps.....bottle green.....\$ 15.00

Caps.....blaze orange.....\$ 15.00

All garments have the club emblem embroidered on the item

We will have the items at the next meeting for sale & also at Coffs Harbour.

**For further information members could contact me on 48 210 774 / 041 202 1741
or at 20 John street. Goulburn. 2580**

Postage will be at \$5.00 for members.

Also, other colours are available but will need to be a special order.

Thanks, Darren.





**A Whitetail buck badly in need of wart cure.
Wonder how he tasted?**

The Fox DNA Project - how hunters can help

Using the genetic tools typically used in forensics to design more effective fox control

The Fox DNA Project is an Australia-wide study of the genetics of feral foxes. The project's goal is to improve our understanding of fox movement patterns, so that control operations can take them into account and be made more effective.

Hunters can help researchers create a genetic map of foxes throughout Australia by providing samples of foxes shot, trapped or found as roadkill. To make it easier, sampling kits and further information is available at the following website link: http://www.foxdna.animals.uwa.edu.au/welcome/aims_and_approach or visit the website www.foxDNA.animals.uwa.edu.au

Alternatively, contact Dr Oliver Berry on freecall 1800 633 097.

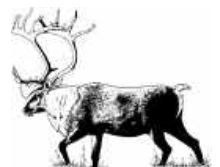


Editor.

This is a project which we can use to get some good press, as well as helping to control what is probably the second worst feral predator (after the cat) in Australia. NSWDA urges all



members to send away for some sample kits. These can be carried in your car & day pack, along with a knife or scissors. The photos show how easy it is to collect a sample from an ear. Fresh or road kills are equally valuable.





Senator the Hon Helen Coonan

Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate

Media Release

006/07

9 February 2007

Australia Post decision welcomed

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan, today welcomed Australia Post's decision to lift its ban on the carriage of firearms and firearm parts in international mail.

"I am pleased to see that Australia Post has reconsidered the matter, and that an appropriate balance has been found," Senator Coonan said.

Australia Post originally imposed the ban because of concerns that parcels containing firearms were causing delays in the flow of international mail.

There were also some concerns regarding inconsistent state and territory legislation about transporting firearms and firearm parts in the mail.

Australia Post has reconsidered its decision following receipt of further legal advice.

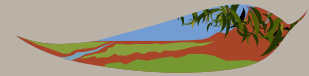
"This decision recognises both the needs of legitimate firearms users and the operational requirements of Australia Post," Senator Coonan said.

All incoming international mail is routinely screened by the Australian Customs Service (Customs) and the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service. Customs has strict regulations in place regarding the types of firearms and firearm parts which may be imported.

Senator Coonan is now assisting Senator Ellison, Minister for Justice and Customs, to pursue consistent state and territory firearms legislation through the Ministerial Council for Police and Emergency Management—Police.

"I am now seeking a longer term solution through uniform legislation that will ensure the security of mail meets operational requirements for Australia Post," Senator Coonan said.

For more information about the Australia Post decision visit www.auspost.com.au or visit www.customs.gov.au for importing regulations.



GAME COUNCIL
New South Wales
CONSERVATION HUNTING

CONSERVATION SCORECARD

3790 FERAL ANIMALS REMOVED FROM PUBLIC LAND*
(as at 20 February 2007)

*The overall tally of 3790 includes the following species:
pigs, goats, foxes, rabbits, dogs, cats and hares.

The creation of Game Council NSW has paved the way for greater hunter participation in feral animal control programs around the State. By bringing together government, hunters and landholders, Game Council is providing the framework for licensed, accountable hunters to step up efforts in the battle against some of the nation's worst pests.

Hunters licensed by the Game Council have started to assist land managers with feral animal control on State forest and Crown Land areas declared under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002*. While the scheme is still in its infancy, this Conservation Scorecard aims to highlight the potential value of conservation hunting by providing a regular report card for the future as more licensed hunters take up the opportunity to participate in conservation hunting activities around the State.

FERAL PIGS

680

Feral pigs destroy the vegetation that prevents erosion and provides food and nesting sites for native wildlife. They dine on native orchard bulbs and in some areas feral pigs kill and eat 40% of newborn lambs.



FERAL GOATS

990

Feral goats damage vegetation, soils and native fauna in the large areas of pastoral land that are overgrazed and populations can increase by 75% annually.



FOXES

363

It is estimated that foxes consume 190 million birds in Australia every year and threaten the survival of many Australian mammals.



RABBITS

1295

NUMBER
TAKEN BY
HUNTERS

Rabbits compete with native wildlife for food and in some cases they destroy native plants. Rabbit activity can contribute to soil erosion and can leave the ground more susceptible to weed invasion.



BETTER OUTCOMES FOR BIODIVERSITY

Game Council NSW intends to assist government meet its statewide goals for natural resource management.

This includes aligning with targets set in the NSW Government State Plan *A new direction for NSW*. In terms of biodiversity, Game Council is assisting government meet its 'Environmental Living' targets:

- By 2015 there is a reduction in the impact of invasive species
- By 2015 there is an increase in the recovery of threatened species, populations and ecological communities
- By 2015 there is an increase in the number of sustainable populations of a range of native fauna species.

Game Council's ongoing contribution includes:

- Facilitating licensed, ethical hunters to assist public land managers with pest control as part of integrated or hunter-specific feral animal control programs
- Compiling and reporting feral

animal statistics, including kills and sightings, to other government agencies

- Participating in community-based feral animal control programs
- Working with private landholders to assist in the management of feral animals on their land, according to their needs
- Providing more educated and skillful hunters for feral animal control programs on public and private land.

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

Game Council NSW is working with a number of community groups around the State that target feral animals.

The community-based working groups bring together government agencies, private landholders, licensed hunters and community members to manage feral animals at local and regional level. Programs are successfully underway on the Mid North Coast, Illawarra region and Hunter Valley.

Hunters are also participating in fox drives, fox surveys and research around the State.



Photo courtesy L Broome (c) DEC

SAVING THE SMOKY MOUSE

Weighing up to 90 grams and measuring a diminutive 10cm, the endangered native Smoky Mouse appears in only a handful of places throughout Australia. Preyed upon by a range of species including foxes and cats, local licensed hunters are currently working with public land managers to develop a targeted predator control plan to help save the vulnerable Smoky Mouse population that inhabits the Nullica State forest, near Eden. The project complements the current fox baiting and cat trapping programs, enlisting the help of volunteer conservation hunters.

GAME COUNCIL NSW

Guide to conservation hunting in declared State forests for R-Licence holders

CONSERVATION HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES: help control feral animals

The information contained in this document is to be used as a guide only. The tables represent sightings *and* areas where the species listed have actually been taken by licensed conservation hunters.

To hunt in State forests in NSW you must hold a Restricted NSW Game Hunting Licence and have written permission. For further information, please contact Game Council NSW on (02) 6360 5100 or visit our website: www.gamecouncil.nsw.gov.au

Updated 1 November 2006.

FERAL PIGS

Region	Declared State forests
North East NSW & Mid North Coast	Candole, Doubleduke, Gladstone, Kippara, Torrington
New England & North West NSW	Barrington Tops, Hanging Rock, Nowendoc, Nundle, Riamukka, Tomalla
Murray/Riverina	Binya, Buckingbong, Grahway, Piesley.
South East NSW & Snowy region	Badja, Bago, Bondi, Bondo, Bungongo, Carabost, Cathcart, Currowan, Glen Bog, Green Hills, Maragle, Mogo, Mundaroo, Tallaganda, Yadboro.
Central & Western NSW	Dog Rocks, Essington, Gurnang, Hampton, Mullions Range, Mount David, Newnes, Nullo Mountain, Pennsylvania, Roseberg, Sunny Corner, Vulcan.
Hunter Valley/Central Coast	Awaba, Corrabare, Olney, Putty, Watagan

FOXES

Region	Declared State forests
North East NSW & Mid North Coast	Bulga, Camira, Ewingar, Gladstone, Masseys Creek, Torrington.
New England & North West NSW	Barrington Tops, Enfield, Hanging Rock, Nowendoc, Nundle, Riamukka, Tuggolo.
Murray/Riverina	Binya, Buckingbong, Grahway, Wyrra, Yathong.
South East NSW & Snowy region	Badja, Bago, Bermagui, Billapaloola, Bodalla, Bondi, Bondo, Boyne, Buckenbowra, Bungongo, Carabost, Cathcart, Currowan, East Boyd, Glen Bog, Green Hills, Maragle, Mogo, Mundaroo, Nullica, Red Hill, Tallaganda, Tumut, Yadboro, Yambulla.
Central & Western NSW	Canobolas, Coricudgy, Dog Rocks, Essington, Glenwood, Gurnang, Hampton, Mount David, Mullions Range, Nullo Mountain, Pennsylvania, Roseberg, Sunny Corner, Vulcan
Hunter Valley/Central Coast	Awaba, Corrabare, McPherson, Olney, Polkobin, Putty, Watagan

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FERAL GOATS

Region	Declared State forests
New England & North West NSW	Nundle, Tuggolo, Mt Topper, Hanging Rock, Tomalla, Barrington Tops, Tamban, Riamukka
Murray/Riverina	Binya, Buckingbong, Grahway, Yathong.
South East NSW & Snowy region	Billapaloola, Bondi, Bondo, Coolangubra, Glen Bog, Maragle, Mogo, Carabost
Central & Western NSW	Hampton, Mullions Range, Pennsylvania, Roseberg, Sunny Corner, Gurnang
Hunter Valley/Central Coast	Awaba, Corrabare, McPherson, Olney, Polkobin

RABBITS AND/OR HARES

Region	Declared State forests
North East NSW & Mid North Coast	Ballengarra, Bulga, Chichester, Doubleduke, Gladstone, Grange, Torrington, Wang Wauk.
New England & North West NSW	Barrington Tops, Girard, Hanging Rock, Mount Topper, Nowendoc, Nundle, Riamukka, Tomalla, Tuggolo
Murray/Riverina	Binya, Buckingbong, Grahway, Wyrra, Yathong
South East NSW & Snowy region	Bago, Bermagui, Billapaloola, Bodalla, Bondi, Bondo, Boyne, Bungongo, Carabost, Cathcart, Dampier, East Boyd, Glen Bog, Green Hills, Maragle, Mogo, Mundaroo, Nullica, Red Hill, Tallaganda, Tantawangalo, Tumut, Yadbora, Yambulla.
Central & Western NSW	Canobolas, Coricudgy, Dogs Rocks, Essington, Glenwood, Gurnang, Hampton, Jenolan, Mount David, Mullions Range, Nullo Mountain, Pennsylvania, Roseberg, Sunny Corner, Vulcan
Hunter Valley/Central Coast	Awaba, Corrabare, Forestland, McPherson, Olney, Polkobin, Putty, Stewarts Brook, Watagan

WILD DEER

Region	Declared State forests
New England & North West NSW	Barrington Tops, Hanging Rock, Nundle, Riamukka, Tuggolo
Murray/Riverina	None reported in any forests in this region
South East NSW & Snowy region	Bago, Billapaloola, Bodalla, Bondi, Carabost, Clyde, East Boyd, Glenbog, Green Hills, Ingebirah, Maragle, Nullica, Red Hill, Shallow Crossing, Tallaganda, Tantawangalo, Yadbora, Yambulla
Central & Western NSW	Gurnang, Hampton, Mount David, Mullions Range, Newnes, Pennsylvania, Vulcan
Hunter Valley/Central Coast	Corrabare, McPherson, Olney, Pokolbin



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FIREARMS REGISTRY

THE CLUB SECRETARY
NEW SOUTH WALES DEERSTALKERS ASSOCIATION INC
P O BOX 519
PICTON 2571 NSW

Our Ref: 104629188/CLU

4 January 2007

Dear Club Secretary,

The Firearms Registry will be writing to all members of approved clubs following recent changes to Clause 96(3) of the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, 'Participation Requirements of Club Members' which reads as follows:

A licence holder who is a member of more than one approved club must:

- (a) nominate a principal club with which the member will mainly be involved; and*
- (b) notify the Commissioner in writing of the nominated principal club; and*
- (c) if the licence holder participates in any of the activities at a club other than the holder's nominated principal club – notify the principal club of the details of those activities in writing within each annual return period*

The Firearms Registry correspondence to your club members includes a Principal Club Nomination P640 form for their completion and return **within 14 days** to the Firearms Registry. Club members will need to nominate their principal pistol, shooting (long arms), hunting or collecting club, dependent upon the corresponding genuine reason/s on their firearms licences. A copy of the Principal Club Nomination P640 form is attached for your information and may be supplied to any members requiring a copy, or who have not received one. The Firearms Registry will also be forwarding all licensees a copy of the National Firearms Safety Code (enclosed).

I anticipate forwarding details of other changes to the club annual return process during the first quarter of 2007. Following receipt of principal club nomination forms from licence holders, the Firearms Registry will advise your club of club members who have nominated your club as their principal club. These club members must provide your club with written evidence of their Clause 96 participation at other clubs. These details are taken into consideration within the preparation of the non-compliance component of your club's annual return.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you, your family and loved ones a safe and prosperous 2007 Year.

Yours sincerely

Bill Pinkstone
Coordinator, Clubs Unit

Locked Bag No 1 Murwillumbah NSW 2484

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EFax 64558



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NSW POLICE - FIREARMS REGISTRY

P640

Nomination of Principal Club

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM, SIGN AND RETURN
WITHIN 14 DAYS TO FIREARMS REGISTRY, LOCKED BAG 1, MURWILLUMBAH NSW 2484

Firearms Licence No.		Customer ID No.	
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A. PERSONAL DETAILS - Capital Letters and Black Ink

Last Name		MALE		FEMALE	
First Name/s					
NSW Drivers Licence		Date of Birth (dd mm yyyy)			

B. RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS - Capital Letters and Black Ink

Property Name		Unit / Lot / RMB Number	
Street Address			
Suburb/Town		State	Postcode

C. CONTACT DETAILS - Capital Letters and Black Ink

Phone Numbers:	Residential		Business	
	FAX		Mobile	
Email Address				

PISTOL CLUBS - NAME OF CLUB/BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	PRINCIPAL CLUB
	Mark principal club in boxes at right.
	Mark ONE box only with an X.

TARGET SHOOTING CLUBS - LONGARMS - NAME OF CLUB/BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	PRINCIPAL CLUB
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HUNTING CLUBS - NAME OF CLUB/BRANCH

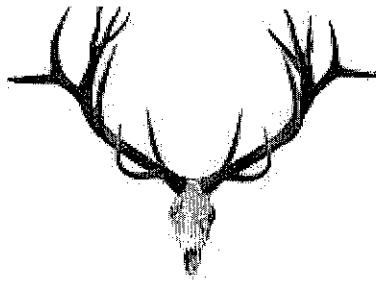
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COLLECTING CLUBS/SOCIETIES - NAME OF CLUB/SOCIETY/BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	PRINCIPAL CLUB
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Members Signature		Date	
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AOTEAROA SAFARIS

Thanks for the enquiry regarding hunting and fishing down under with Aotearoa Safaris.

Following is a list of our current rates for your consideration. Please note that our rates are expressed in U.S. dollar terms and are inclusive of any resident taxes.

We currently offer packages for the 2006/07 season being a combination of Ranch and Free Range Hunting based on the following – All packages are up gradable.

Also should you wish, it is possible to split the package with one hunter taking the larger stag and another hunter taking the management stag at no extra cost.

BRONZE PACKAGE

- 4 Days all inclusive.
- For one Red Stag to 300 S.C.I.
- One Management Class Red Stag.
- Absolute wilderness fishing for trophy Rainbow and Brown Trout.
- Complementary small game hunting – Goats, Turkeys, Rabbits.
- \$4000

SILVER PACKAGE

- 4 Days all inclusive.
- For one Red Stag 301 to 330 S.C.I.
- One Management Class Red Stag.
- Absolute wilderness fishing for trophy Rainbow and Brown Trout.
- Complementary small game hunting – Goats, Turkeys, Rabbits.
- \$5000

GOLD PACKAGE

- 4 Days all inclusive.
- For one Red Stag over 330 to 350 S.C.I.
- One Management Class Red Stag.
- Absolute wilderness fishing for trophy Rainbow and Brown Trout.
- Complementary small game hunting – Goats, Turkeys, Rabbits.
- \$8000

SUPER GOLD PACKAGE

- 4 Days all inclusive.
- For one Red Stag over 350 S.C.I.
- One Management Class Red Stag.
- Absolute wilderness fishing for trophy Rainbow and Brown Trout.
- Complementary small game hunting – Goats, Turkeys, Rabbits.
- \$ P.O.A.

Please note that the above packages are inclusive of the following –

- Transport from and to the nearest airport.
- Accommodation, all meals and beverages. Superior accommodation off site may incur an additional charge if required.
- Guiding and field preparation of trophies.

Although we have excellent resident taxidermists in our area, most of our clients prefer to have their trophies forwarded to the U.S. for mounting. Please allow for up to \$500 U.S. for the full preparation of trophies including packaging and export documentation.

We have fishing tackle and firearms available for your use should you choose not to bring your own.

Other species available include – Sika, Rusa, Fallow, Tahr and Chamois.

We are also able to arrange hunting in Australia for Buffalo, Banteng, Rusa and Chital.

Airfares ex Los Angeles are approximately U.S. \$1000.

A 30% deposit is required to secure a booking.

We look forward to hearing from you, and indeed to any future association that may develop.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Glenn Martin & John Ham

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