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FROM THE EDITOR

This year we will publish five issues of this newsletter. To ensure that we get each issue out on time, there will be deadlines for submission of materials to be included. If material reaches me after a deadline, it will be included in the next issue, if appropriate. Expect to recieve each issue about three weeks after its deadline.

2009 submission deadlines;

October 23rd

Guidelines for submissions.

Material which is emailed saves me a lot of work. **Prefered font is Times New Roman. Preferred font size is 12 point.** Writing can be sent as a Word file, or a text file. For those without an expensive word processing program, you can use any writing program included with your operating system, or download "Open Office" free from the internet which is virtually identical to "Microsoft Office"& can exchange files with that famous program.

Photographs should NOT be included in the article itself, but sent as separate files (attachments to the email). You can indicate where each photo might be placed by typing its file name in brackets in the text.

Photographs should be . jpeg files, saved at about 15 cm X 10 cm size at quality 8 (which gives the best quality for the smallest file size).

Printed on paper submissions need to have clear black typed text. Feintly printed text will not scan & cannot be included. **Very short pieces, such as personal adverts can be** hand written.



Meeting dates for 2008.

The venue is the German Austrian Club Cabramatta – Thursdays at 7.30 pm

20010 Meeting Dates.

18th February 20th May 22nd July (Also AGM) 14th October Trophy Exhibition & Christmas Party Saturday 20th November

Photos can be prints or negatives or slides. These can be returned to you if you include a stamped self addressed envelope. If these photos are valuable, send copies rather than originals.

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Apology

This issue is late because I have been away overseas for six weeks, only returning at the end of October. As this is the last issue for 2009, my best wishes to all members & their families for a happy and safe Christmas and new year.

Dal Birrell, Editor

Chris Short ... refuses to come down from the mountain. August 09.

A terminally-ill hunter, who is passionately opposed to New Zealand use of the pesticide 1080, is threatening to die on Mt Tongariro. Cancer sufferer Chris Short, 50, from Taupo, is believed to have only a few weeks left to live. But he refuses to come down from the mountain until an anti-1080 documentary is televised nationally. The friends and family of Mr Short are today deciding how to persuade him to end his solo mountain vigil. Short climbed up the mountainside with a handful of provisions on Sunday. He told friends this week he will not return home until the anti-1080 documentary, Poisoning Paradise -Ecocide in New Zealand, is shown on television. Short hit the headlines and was jailed for two years in 1995 after hijacking a helicopter at gunpoint and making the pilot drop him on the mountain to highlight his fight against 1080. Friends say Short has chosen the same mountainside spot to make what may be his last stand against the poison. Hunting partner, Martin Ellis, walked in to check on Short's health and supplies yesterday. He said Short, who is wearing a protective helicopter suit, has a few days food, but refused a tent, sleeping bag and further supplies. His friend of 35-years is not in good health, but was in good spirits, he said. Ellis said Short did not have any firearms in his possession.

"This is a peaceful protest." Ellis said his friend, an experienced hunter and bushman, was an "awesome guy" who loved the bush, but hated 1080. "A turning point from him was when he was caught in a 1080 drop and that night listened to animals screaming around him as they died," said Ellis. Leanne Short, said she knew where her husband had gone when he left the house on Sunday to buy milk and did not return. She wants to try and get him off the mountain, or get in touch with him today. Taupo District Council mayor, Rick Cooper, said he has told local police about the situation, but asked them not to do anything. "This guy has been in the bush all his life - he is passionate about it and extremely passionate about 1080. "The helicopter thing was just a statement – this is a passionate plea."



Nothing if not dedicated According to an ABC radio report in August, Chris went to jail for two years a few years ago for hijacking a helicopter & its crew who were dropping 1080 baits. Ed.



Something to think about. Brian Boyle.

With recent anti-hunting media in Sydney and anti-hunting hysteria being whipped up by extreme green groups amongst their constituents in NSW, maybe it is time to reflect and better understand hunting and how many modern attitudes have been formed in Australia. The following is adapted from a section in James A Swan's book "The Sacred Art of Hunting". Hunters an endangered species? Throughout more than 99 percent of human history, hunting has been an unchallenged taproot of life, as well as a cornerstone of culture. In recent times, "recreational" hunting has become more the norm. Every modern hunter who sets foot in the Australian bush today to pursue deer or other game has a thousand ancestors looking over his or her shoulder who have felt the deep sentiments stir when looking down the sights of a gun or bow at a majestic deer.



However, a most important difference is that the modern Australian hunter faces determined social opposition – something that the average Aussie hunter finds hard to comprehend.

There is no evidence of any significant anti-hunting sentiment until the middle of the 20th century – even among cultures with large numbers of vegetarians. Today - not just in Australia -but all around the world, modern hunters are subject to considerable scrutiny, criticism and even attack – socially, politically, and legally.

The tide of anti-hunting sentiment in Australia has closed hunting seasons for certain species and regions, increased restrictions on methods of hunting, reduced places where we can hunt, organised harassment of legitimate hunters in the duck swamps of Victoria and contributed to extreme green politics throughout Australia. Remarkably all of this has taken place even though there are no valid ecological arguments against legal hunting guided by modern wildlife sciences.

There appears to be several reasons for the cultural shift in attitudes towards hunting:

1. Lest than 3.5% of the Australian public hunts. Hunting by nature is a quiet pursuit, imbued with mystery, which takes place away from the public view. The percentage of the public that hunts has grown smaller, and many people have lost first-hand familiarity with hunters. Consequently, hunting for many non-hunters is foreign and fraught with suspicion.

 The majority of the population of Australia is now crowded into urban areas where increasingly few people have any first-hand experience with nature, let alone with getting their hands dirty or bloody harvesting food to eat. Coupled with rising crime rates and biased media reporting that often paint hunting and firearms in a consistently negative image, this shift in population has made the hunter a convenient scapegoat for the projection of emotions of today's social problems, which have little to do with hunting.
Because of the focus on sensationalism,

hunters suffer from the negative image created by

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Secretary's Report!

Secretary's Report – November 2009

Trophy Presentation Day

As we held Christmas in July at Ron & Meg Tonning's, we were still going to hold our Annual Trophy Presentation day in November.

However, we wanted to do this differently in the form of a Club rimfire shoot come sausage sizzle. Unfortunately, we could not arrange it for this year.

It is now proposed that we will hold the Trophy Presentation Day in the new year and combine this with our first General Meeting at a suitable venue.

NSW Shooting Association Limited

At the last Gamecon AGM, I was elected to be a Director of the NSW Shooting Association as the Gamecon delegate.

The NSW Shooting Association held its AGM on 28 October 2009 at Belrose at 6:00pm. There has been very little activity over the last twelve months, in fact very little since the NSW Firearm Safety & Training Council ceased funding the Association when they were no longer the only provider of training.

During the year they were going to put together a workshop for all firearm disciplines so that they could work in the best interest of all groups. It was agreed at the meeting to put together a workshop for the new year.

Being on the Board with Doug Shupe, Secretary of Gamecon and alternate Director will enhance representation for hunting.

Shooters Party

MLC's Robert Brown and Roy Smith continue to push hard for the introduction of their Game Bill to allow hunting in selected National Parks and Game Farms/Ranches as in other States.

Gamecon

Next meeting Sunday, 29 November 2009 at 11:00am German Austrian Club. They are putting together a submission covering Customs issues concerning the transportation of firearms overseas. If you have a story, please contact me with details and I will pass them on.

NSW Game Council

The recent harvest report shows that Conservation hunters have now taken more than 30,000 target animals out of State Forests and Public Lands. (We have included a copy in the magazine which highlights the number of deer).

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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 BurgessPh: (02) 9909 1267P.O. Box 80Cremorne Junction NSW 2090

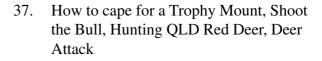
Library List

- 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
- 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
- Hunting Fallow in Scotland, Red in Scotland, Kiwi Hunts North West Territories
- 24. The Wildlife Bow Hunter, Deer, Pigs, Foxes, Mountain Hunting NZ, O'Rourkes 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
- 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



- 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



the popular media, regardless of the improved safety of modern hunting – which is now much safer than many popular and accepted outdoor pursuits like skiing, mountain bike riding, and horse riding – and the increased sophistication of hunters, thanks to increased hunter education in NSW and Australia. It is a sad fact that illegal hunting and firearms accidents get far more attention in the general press than the considerable amount of good conservation work supported by hunters.

4. People have traditionally learnt to hunt from family members. Today with the breakdown of the nuclear family - up to 40% of all children will grow up in a single parent family during their childhood, resulting in fewer role models and teachers to pass along the hunting heritage, especially so in more urban populations.

Founded by Aldo Leopold, the science of 5. wildlife management has made many advances since its birth some 70 years ago. There is no biological reason to oppose hunting in Australia guided by modern wildlife sciences. Nonetheless, wildlife management education at many universities in Australia is endangered. Old schools of pragmatic natural resource management are being replaced by protectionist systems with a scientific and technological focus, as if machines, "professionals" and monitoring were now the most important component of the ecosystems. Very few natural resource courses in Australia University address or even acknowledge hunting and fishing as legitimate cultural and recreational pursuits in Australia - for Aboriginal - let alone non-indigenous Australians. This trend places the future of hunting in jeopardy as an increasingly small number of people who regulate hunting have any first-hand experience pursuing game in the Australian bush, let alone a scientific understanding of what runs a hunter's mind.

6. Psychologists have not spent much time studying the motivations for hunting. The activity has been one of those things that people do, and



no one has questioned it until very recently. In addition, the experiences if hunting occur far removed from the laboratory in environments that cannot be controlled. And, the experiences are often so profound that it is difficult to find words to describe them. The lack of documentation makes it more difficult to defend hunting against false accusations, even when the accusers admit their charges are unfounded.

7. To be sure there are some unethical slob hunters and hunting guides, but they are the minority by far. In many areas of NSW it is this tiny minority of illegal hunters that give the vast majority of ethical hunters a bad name. Around the world when we hear of hunting causing extinctions or dramatic reductions in wildlife populations, no one mentions that it illegal hunting and associated criminals that are causing the problems.

The modern Australian hunter is often stigmatised, scapegoated, stereotyped and openly vilified by opportunistic politicians, media and extreme green and animal rights groups. These extreme anti-hunting and animal rights groups pursue their dogmas and philosophies despite what science has to say about the safety and sanity of hunting. It is important to set the record straight with nonhunters. There is no substantial psychological research or writing to conclude that hunting in



general is in any way associated animal cruelty or mental disease. What evidence there is supports just the opposite position. Many of the bestrespected behavioural scientists of our times including Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung and Erich Fromm, have agreed that hunting is a natural healthy part of human nature and there is little or no evidence physiological or behavioural to suggest that predatory aggression has much in common with intra -species aggression. In one of the rare studies (undertaken in the US) between the gun ownership and crime among high schoolaged boys who legally owned firearms were found to have lower rates of delinquency and drug abuse than those who owned no firearms. Something to thinks about anyway - Cheers BB

Adapted from: The Sacred Art of Hunting. Myths Legends and the Modern Ethos. By James Swan, 1999 Published by Willow Creek Press.

Excerpts from; 100 THINGS TO KNOW Deer Hunting

I picked this book up for a couple of \$'s in NZ has some interesting hints for hunting – I have adapted it slightly from its American origins. Hunters define their own success Deer hunting is more than just hours spent in the bush in the bush with the sole intent of getting a shot at a big fallow buck or a trophy sambar stag.



A close encounter with a fallow buck I saw in an area near Orange over a couple of years. I nicknamed him "Arnie". I got as much of a kick out of getting in close and observing his behaviour for hours in the rut than from any deer I have taken

Deer hunting is a total immersion in the environment. Any experience that makes the hunter feel more a part of the outdoors has to be considered a success. Seeing and taking a deer can be a part of that success, but it doesn't have to be the sole reason for defining the success of a hunt.

Success is the sum of all the experiences on a deer hunt that make the hunter's days in the bush



worthwhile, the little and the big things that make time in the outdoors richer. Hearing, seeing and interacting with all forms of wildlife are part of the success of a deer hunt.

Good companionship and sharing in the good fortune of another member in the party who has taken a deer are also part of it. If downing a deer were necessary for every hunter to have a successful hunt, the number of hunters getting out in the bush each year would dramatically decline. Instead, our ranks are increasing.

Unusual sounds can betray a deer's whereabouts Noises worth paying attention to include the twang of a deer jumping a barbed wire fence, antlers hitting branches, and the splashing of water as a deer crosses a stream. I once got onto a sambar hind in thick tea tree when I heard her urinating, I stalked in and took the shot. Other things to listen for in the Australian bush is birdlife disturbed by deer – in the Victorian Alps if I hear Crimson Rosellas or Lyrebirds disturbed and take flight in the gully I am hunting - and I am certain I have not disturbed them – I will stalk in slowly glassing the area – I have located a number of good number of sambar doing this.



In 2002 I stalked in on this young hind after I heard some Crimson Rosellas disturbed in the head of a gully. I was fully cammed up in a 3-D

suit, face mark and gloves and five hinds came out of the gully head over the next 15 minutes and eventually a nice 26 incher honked me from a wattle thicket and walked out into the open where I took him - after hastily putting my camera down.

Source adapted from: 100 Things to Know – Deer Hunting; J Devlin Editor, published by Stackpole Books





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Neil Brown a long time member of NSWDA along with 2 friends (Mark Brazier & Mick Watts) has formed a company called SATS (Safari And Travel Solutions). Our aim is to establish our company as providing the best service to the Safari and Adventure Travel industry in Australia and Internationally.

SATS have formed relationships in Australia and in many overseas destinations with a number of top level guides and outfitters all of whom have outstanding reputations or whom we have personally hunted with and can highly recommend. Our passion is hunting and we want our clients to hunt only with outfitters and guides who are top class - you deserve nothing less.

Through our outfitters and guides we can offer a number of packages - the majestic Bull Tahr and Red Stag of New Zealand's rugged Southern Alps, the mighty Sika of New Zealand's North Island, the floodplains of Northern Territory in search of Asiatic Buffalo and Wild Boar, to the Dark Continent of Africa in search of Plains Game and Dangerous Game.

For the bird hunting enthusiast we also offer wingshooting packages from the floodplains of the Northern Territory that adjoins the World Heritage Listed Kakadu National Park in search of Magpie Geese and Ducks, or the greatest wingshooting destination in the world today, Argentina, where experiencing the hospitality and hot barrelled action in our Doves & Pigeons package is second to none.

In a first for Bowhunters, SATS is able to offer access to "bowhunting only" properties and areas. Even more importantly, we have guides who are not only professional, but successful bowhunters themselves who will strive to ensure the success of your hunt. Whether its big mountain boars or the 40" goats of the Queensland outback, SATS can put there right in the action.

>From time to time we get some red hot specials because of different reasons, like cancelations, hunts that need to be taken at short notice or just special deals. SATS will e-mail this to Darren Plumb who in turn can e-mail out to all members. For those of you without email, give Neil a ring and he will arrange to have information mail out the old way. Keep an eye out and you might be able to pick up a real bargain.



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A Buffalo, a Bull and a Black Pussy Cat Pt.3 Peter Birchall.

The arrival day afternoon, we started hunting by driving back along the only track into the area. We had driven only about 3 km over coastal dunes and onto the much harder interior flat country that makes up 80% of Stretch's hunting concession of T.O. Country, when Stretch quietly stopped the Toyota. He had spotted a big black buffalo bull just standing away back through the dry savanna forest of this area. It had been burnt off a few years previously and vision here was good. The bull was alone. All four of us slowly stalked in to about 150m. The buff started to get nervous. I whispered to Brendan that I would stalk back to the vehicle & drive it slowly away to distract the buffalo. It worked like a bought one. I could see how well this tactic worked when I watched the video replay in camp that evening. Yes. It's good when a plan works. Technology is really amazing. Fancy being able to watch a hunt, videoed that day, whilst camped on a remote beach, two hours drive from the nearest power point. You can thank the "Bundy Bear" that batteries were invented. The replay started as I started the Toyota & slowly drove along the track until out of sight of the buffalo. After about a half kilometre I stopped & got out of the truck, leaving the engine idling, & didn't shut the door. Eventually I heard a shot, & drove back to the scene. The replay focused on the bull, his head turned in the direction of the departing vehicle. Next a big sandy yellow dingo entered screen left & trotted by, not 20 paces away. The hunters, in Indian file had stalked in closer to the buff before the dingo's movement brought the buff's attention back to front & centre. The big bull became curious & started his own fatal stalk in on a weird white & cammo patterned creature. It had 3 heads, 6 arms, 6 legs, 2 rifles sticking out the side

& a video camera sticking up on top at the back. I mean, what sort of buffalo, king of the patch wouldn't investigate? Too late, moving cautiously, the buffalo slowly stalked to within 40m or so when Stretch whispered "shoot". Boom. Brendan's 375 H & H projectile entered the bull's skull just above the bare black skin of the nose & zipped straight through its brain box. It dropped like a bag of spuds, out dead cold, so they thought. As I was driving back to the hunting party I thought I heard another shot. Yes indeed I did as it turned out. As they say in Africa, "it's the dead ones that can kill you". Upon reaching the downed buffalo, Stretch traditionally touched the upper horn of the buff. It started to move; not dead, just stunned. Even though Brendan's 1st shot had driven through the brain and exited, the buffalo was definitely not dead! Brendan fired again. This second shot went through the heart, so ending the breeding career of this huge old trophy buffalo which scored 104 S.C.I. Points. We caught the girls out with our early return to camp. They were laid out on the cool beach, topless sunbathing. White pointers bounced in every direction as they dived for cover & towels etc. A nice end to a day's dry hunting. Drinks! Thank you Stretch!

A GPS PuzzleChallenge

On a recent visit to London, I went to Greenwich, the home of the Royal Observatory. Standing on the brass line in the courtyard which marks 0 degrees of longitude (one foot in each hemisphere of course) I decided to check my old GPS receiver. Instead of reading zero degrees, minutes & seconds, it read 9 seconds West longitude. With 6 satellites up, the error I'm told is almost certainly in the GPS. Question is, what distance does this error represent? Assume Greenwitch is 51.5 degrees North latitude. The names of all members who email me a close enough answer will be published next issue.



What's Happening

A recent article in the Land newspaper was about the Kangaroo Meat Industry and that Russia had pulled out of importing Roo meat. The Queensland Premier had contacted the Russians to try and get the market back. Ian Macdonald also supported the export trade in Roo meat backing this up with scientific research.

Rabbits are on the increase and are in plague proportions in some areas. Aberdeen was highlighted in a recent article and I am aware that in some areas around Camden they are on the increase.

Over recent weeks, I have conducted firearm safety training to many small property holders and it is due to rabbit populations and foxes getting out of control that they now need a firearm.

The recent Guns and Game magazine has a good article on hunting rabbits with air rifles on small holdings.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you and your families a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Good hunting!

Greg Haywood

Greg Haywoo Secretary





Pictures from Around the Globe.

Anyone for a bounce?

Giant Moose, Elliot Lake BC & yes, that's a 2 lane road.

A 7 metre crocodile from the NT. Anyone for swimming?



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WILD DEER:

Region	Declared State forests		
North East NSW & Mid North Coast	Ingalba, Newry		
New England & North West NSW	Barrington Tops, Hanging Rock, Nundle, Riamukka, Tomalla, Tuggolo		
Murray/Riverina	Grahway		
South East NSW & Snowy region	Bago, Billapaloola, Bodalla, Bondi, Bondo, Carabost, Clyde, East Boyd, Glenbog, Green Hills, Ingebirah, Maragle, Maragle North, Maragle South, Nadgee, Nalbough, Nullica, Red Hill, Shallow Crossing, Tallaganda, Tantawangalo, Towamba, Yadboro, Yambulla, Yerriyong		
Central & Western NSW	Dog Rocks, Essignton, Gurnang, Hampton, Jenolan, Mount David, Mullions Range, Newnes, Nullo Mountain, Pennsylvania, Putty, Roseberg, Sunny Corner, Turon, Vulcan		
Hunter Valley/Central Coast	Corrabare, McPherson, Olney, Pokolbin		

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DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	Male / Female
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