

On Target

December 2016

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My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

Safe Storage.

Responsible firearm ownership is something we all take very seriously. We are all encouraged to focus on safe firearm storage, it's the law and our responsibility. As a legitimate firearms owner, target, sporting shooter and recreational hunter, firearms safety and storage deserves your 100% attention.

The security of each firearm is up to the individual in possession of it, ensure you have a secure means of storing your firearms and in an approved safe, which are available in a variety of sizes and at a range of prices, there is never any excuse for failing to properly secure your firearms. Remember, no matter how good a safe is, it still needs to be installed properly.

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Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

This article was discovered and submitted by Ron O, Member #8, found in the 27th July 2016 issue of the "Weekly Times (VIC)". (Astounding fox numbers, almost unbelievable, but backed up by pictures, real jaw dropper. Ed.)

IS THIS FENCE FUR REAL?

By CHRIS McLENNAN

A FOX-laden farm fence has become an unlikely tourist attraction in central Victoria. Similar to the silo artwork at Brim in the state's northwest, Yapeen's fox fence is attracting hundreds of visitors each week. "Anyone who comes from the land knows how much destruction foxes can cause," A visitor from Bannockburn said. "We were going for a drive and came across the fence, it's just crazy," she said. "I'm from a farm and we used to hang a couple on the fence, not hundreds. "Five or six cars pulled up while we were here and took a picture as well." Another visitor, a sheep breeder from Deans Marsh, said "it's like a curtain of them". "Farmers might put one or two of them on a fence, supposedly to scare off others, but here there's like 200 of them." she said.



200 foxes along a fence at Yapeen, south of Castlemaine. The foxes were shot over the past three months.

Mrs MacFarlane said when she pulled up to take a photograph last week, several other people did as well. "It's so unbelievable you have to take a picture or people won't believe you," she said. The fence, adjacent to the Midland Highway at Yapeen, south of Castlemaine, is the handywork of farmer Glenn Stuchbree and daughter Kayley. This is the second winter the Stuchbrees have adorned their fence

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with the results of several months' hunting. While now media-shy apparently after complaints from a few animal activists they have made a very public statement about the fox problem. Each pest animal on the fence has been scalped as recommended by the State Government, which offers a \$10 bounty for each dead fox. The only downside for fellow fox haters such as Mrs MacFarlane was trying to get all the dead foxes into one shot. "I'm not sure how the neighbours go either, they will get a bit whiffy," Mrs MacFarlane said. Shooter Glenn Stuchbree is pleased his fox-laden fence in central Victoria is attracting as much attention as it does. "We reckon about 100 cars pull up there each day," Mr Stuchbree said. He spoke to The Weekly Times after the publication of pictures of his fox fence sent social media into overdrive last week. Publicity over the fox fence on his Yapeen farm did not attract the same support last year. "We had the fence cut in several places and a banner put up," he said. "Some people thought we were being cruel to animals, but people in the country will tell you that's actually the reverse."



Mr Stuchbree said he and his daughter Karley, 16, usually hunted across his own and about a dozen neighbouring farms in May, June and July each year. "We spend about 20 hours a week on it," he said. "Always we do it during lambing, when the foxes can make a real mess of things." He said he intended his fox fence to send a message. "This is not about trophies, but about creating awareness, foxes are a real problem," Mr Stuchbree said.

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He keeps accurate diaries on his hunting trips and the tally is rising each year, despite the attraction of a \$10 a head Victorian Government bounty. "Even when you shoot as many as we do the bounty doesn't do much, just a bit of petrol money," he said. He has added to his fence in the past few days and says there are now 257 foxes. "The total last year was 194. "Foxes are out of control, they are getting worse, that's our message," he said. "We see it as a great way to bring it to people's attention". He also hopes the carcass smell keeps other foxes away. "I think it has been a success. Plenty of people are talking about it," he said. A part-time truckie, Mr Stuchbree is the fifth generation on his farm. **END.** (Our thanks to Ron O. Member 8 for his contribution, which made interesting reading. Can anyone give me a lift to VIC?. Ed)

Update on PFA's Range

Well 19 years after the PFA was started we finally have progressed to our own range. Eleven years in the planning have culminated in the design of what we believe will be a state of the art rifle range. The construction of our range is well under way, with the clearing of the 2 levels where the range will be constructed, together with all the other necessary areas. We have started by clearing the site and accumulating dirt for our mound, and by the time you are reading this we will have the survey markers in for the footprint for the building and the surrounding walls and possibly have the footings poured and maybe some walls will be coming out of the ground. It is imperative that no-one attempts to gain access to the site. This is to comply with all OHS systems, proper site management and relevant legislation, and to ensure a safe work environment for all concerned. We are aiming to have electronic targets with Wi-Fi technology that can be used with smartphones. We plan to have the No Danger part of the project completed by the end of March 2017 with a total completion target date of the end of October 2017 for the club house, car park and landscaping. Initially once the range is suitable for shooting we will be conducting further acoustic testing complete with baffles and the mound, to satisfy the EPA noise level requirements. The range has been designed to be totally self-sufficient with solar panels and accumulator batteries and storage capacity for 40,000 litres of rainwater. Congratulations to all that have been involved in getting PFA to this point.

D.A. Garland (Tony) - Chairman PFA

The builder, Osawood, has requested that the members be informed that the area is now designated a "construction site" and has been duly fenced off. It is imperative that no-one attempts to gain access to the site. This is to comply with all OHS systems, proper site management and relevant legislation, and to ensure a safe work environment for all concerned. Should any of our members wish to inspect the site, this will require a request in writing to ensure that all obligations are met. If any member of the club should not adhere to these rules, then the builder and the club could be up for extra expenses in both manpower and fines. Thank you for assistance in this matter.

Tony Garland, Chairman, Tere Alexeeff, Secretary

Attention All Members

Please note that the Peninsular Firearm Academy Inc no longer has any affiliation whatsoever with the gun shop at Terrey Hills. Accordingly, please refrain from attending those premises for club business.

All correspondence for PFA should be posted to PO Box 571, Terrey Hills NSW 2084, or if you wish to deliver it in person, please contact the club on 0431 581 259 and arrangements can be made to do so.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period. Once the range and club house are completed, we will have our own premises. Thank you again for all your support, especially during this very exciting time.
Tere Alexeeff, Secretary, Tony Garland, Chairman

One of our members, Phil J, #560, has come up with a novel idea for raising funds for the construction of the range, and ongoing funding of the club. His suggestion is that you choose your most favourite calibre, for him .243, and donate that figure in dollars to the club. He has put his money where his mouth is, and donated \$243.00 to the club's funds. Thank you Phil for a great idea and I can't wait to see how many others follow suit. Needless to say, that all donations for any calibre, from .17, 177, .22 up to .460 will be gratefully accepted. These donations will be acknowledged in an honour roll to be displayed at the new club house. **Tere A Sec.**

New Fees & Levies New Structure from 1st Jan 2017

Adult New Member

1 year \$75.00, cash, cheque or card
2 years \$150.00, cash, cheque or card
3 years \$225.00, cash cheque or card
5 years \$375.00, cash, cheque or card

Adult Renewal

1 year \$75.00, cash, cheque or card
2 years \$135.00, cash, cheque or card
3 years \$202.00, cash cheque or card
5 years \$337.50, cash, cheque or card

Juniors ½ of the above fees to apply

Range attendance Fee New Structure from 1st Jan 2017 \$15.00

Here the latest issue of On Target, the newsletter of PFA Inc. If you receive this issue by Aust Post it means that we (PFA) do not have an e-mail contact address for you. To make the distribution of club information, club news and the newsletter, easier, quicker and a saving on costs, we are requesting that, if you have an e-mail address that you contact the club registrar at registrar@pfainc.org.au or the club secretary at secretary@pfainc.org.au and provide your e-mail address, PLEASE. Derek BT.

"Political Correctness."

"Political correctness is a doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and rapidly promoted by mainstream media which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by the clean end."

All persons owning firearms in NSW must comply with the safe storage requirements as outlined in the Firearms Act 1996 (Act), the Firearms Regulation 2006 (Regulation) and as recommended by the Commissioner of Police.

This FACT sheet provides information on the possession, purchase, sale and safe storage of ammunition.

What is ammunition?

Section 4 of the *Firearms Act 1996* defines ammunition as including:

- * any article consisting of a cartridge case fitted with a primer and a projectile, or
- * any article consisting of a cartridge case fitted with a primer and containing a propelling charge and a projectile, or
- * blank cartridges, airgun pellets, training cartridges or gas cartridges, or
- * Any other article prescribed by the regulations for the purpose of this definition.

Who can possess ammunition?

Section 65 (3) of the Act states that a person must not possess ammunition unless:

- * The person is the holder of a licence or permit for a firearm that takes that ammunition, OR
- * The person is authorised by a permit to possess that ammunition.

Section 65 (4) of the Act allows for possession of ammunition by a person carrying out duties in the business of a carrier or a warehouse operator.

Who can sell Ammunition?

Section 65 (1) of the Act requires that a person must not sell ammunition for any firearm unless:

- * The person purchasing the ammunition is the holder of a licence or permit for a firearm which takes that ammunition, OR
- * The person purchasing the ammunition is authorized to purchase it by a permit.

The seller must sight a valid licence or permit of the buyer prior to the transaction taking place.

Who can buy Ammunition?

Section 65 (2) of the Act requires that a person must not purchase ammunition for any firearm unless:

- * The person is the holder of a licence or permit for a firearm which takes that ammunition, OR
- * The person purchasing the ammunition is authorised to purchase it by a permit.

What are the storage requirements in relation to Ammunition?

A licence holder must keep ammunition in a locked container, separate from the firearms - sections 40 (1) (d) & 41(1)(c) of the Act. The ammunition storage may be separate altogether, or may be a separate locked compartment or receptacle within the firearms safe storage unit.

Ammunition kept by a firearms dealer, club or the holder of a Purchase and Sell Ammunition permit must be kept in a locked container, locked display case or in a restricted area not accessible by the public.

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The Commissioner of Police has determined the following as the minimum standard applicable to the ammunition storage container and locking mechanisms for a licence or permit holder:

The ammunition container must be:

- * Made of plastic, wood, metal or steel which is sturdy, not easily penetrated (ie cash box/ammunition box); and
- * Fitted with a lock which is either:
 1. An internal locking mechanism (ie cash box or similar) which is operated by means of a key, combination lock or other similar locking mechanism (ie pin number), OR
 2. Locked by the use of a hasp and staple (or similar) and fitted with a padlock.

The Commissioner has not evaluated or approved any individual receptacles for safe storage of ammunition. However, any receptacle or lock meeting or exceeding these features is approved for the purposes of sections 40(1)(d) & 41(1)(c) of the Act.

NOTE: The key to the lock/padlock must not be kept within the firearms receptacle, or within the immediate vicinity.

NOTE: Police have the authority to seize firearms or ammunition under section 42 of the *Firearms Act 1996* if they have reasonable cause to believe the firearms or ammunition is not being kept in accordance with Part 4 of the Act.



Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only.

Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Firearms Act 1996* and the *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

This is an original piece from Adrian Rogers, which was part of a 1984 sermon, and was also included in another work of his titled "Ten Secrets for a Successful Family" *You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the industrious out of it. You don't multiply wealth by dividing it. Government cannot give anything to anybody that it doesn't first take from somebody else. Whenever somebody receives something without working for it, somebody else has to work for it without receiving. The worst thing that can happen to a nation is for half of the people to get the idea they don't have to work because somebody else will work for them, and the other half to get the idea that it does no good to work because they don't get to enjoy the fruits of their labor.*

(how true and appropriate today, **DBT Ed.**)

I WENT TO A BOOKSTORE AND ASKED THE SALESWOMAN, "WHERE'S THE SELF-HELP SECTION?" SHE SAID IF SHE TOLD ME, IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.

PFA Inc, held it's 2016 AGM on Saturday 10th of Dec 2016 which dawned bright and sunny with a clear sky forecast, a good looking day for the AGM.

After getting ready to leave home I checked my watch and realised I'd left it a bit late and would be cutting it fine to arrive by 10am, clear traffic, a good run and made it with time to spare, albeit not much.

We had a quorum before the scheduled start time, which was pleasing although unusual, must be the anticipation the Range Development is creating among the members, I was personally surprised there was not a few more in attendance, although it was a cracker of a day, plenty of choices I suppose.



All (most) the committee were set and ready to go but Bruce C was quite obviously not well, he looked and sounded less than 100%, I admit I did avoid him at the meeting, no offence Bruce, I hope you are better soon. Apologies were read and accepted, the Minutes of previous AGMs were read and accepted unanimously, reports were duly provided and eagerly absorbed by all with the combined Chairman's and Range Development report provided by Tony G the centre of attention, all good news here. After 19 years in the making, 9 years since the actual signing of the land lease, we (PFA) are about 6 to 12 months away from being able to shoot on our own range, you could sense the excitement and happiness in the room, a wonderful feeling.



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20 shooting bays, modern, hi-tech targets and projectile collection at 100m, onsite waste treatment and a full solar/battery power system, what wonders of modern technology. NO guns stored on site, NO ammunition stored on site and NO retail facilities on site, all part of our DA, but I'm sure we will manage as we have for the past 19 years and better, what a range we will have, SOON.

The Secretary, Tere A made an emotional announcement to the meeting of the passing of Van McClean, a member of long standing, and very close friend of Tere and Tony, Tere had difficulty getting her words out, obviously very emotional at their (and our) loss. Van contributed much to the club, serving on committee and producing the drawings for the upcoming range and clubhouse, very, very sad Van won't see the culmination of all our hard work. He was a good friend and member and will be sadly missed by all that knew him, our heartfelt sympathies to his family. Most adjourned to the now open bar for a few early refreshments (well, it was almost 12 midday) and to join in a vigorous and welcome discussion after a long week and an enjoyable AGM.

The new PFA Inc committee for the year of 2017 is,

Chairman, Tony Garland

Vice Chairman, Ray Barratt Thompson

Secretary, Tere Alexeff

Treasurer, Andrew King

Bruce Crowe, John Webeck, Stuart King, Michael

Inch, Joanne Vaughan, Graeme Turner

Welcome to the new committee members and our thanks to all that have accepted the challenge of committee for another year, an eventful and busy year, of that we can be sure.

Derek BT, Editor.

*The AGM is held annually at the Belrose Bowling Club, known as **Club Belrose** and is located at 146 Forest Way, Belrose NSW 2085, a nice club to visit. There is an easy carpark entry at the rear, turn 1st left off Forest Way and then 1st left again around the corner then left into the driveway at the rear, too easy. Lovely club, good amenities great food and a nice welcoming small club atmosphere, like the small clubs of times gone by, give it a try, you'll enjoy yourselves, I'm sure. DBT Ed.*

We have enough gun control
What we need is idiot control

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. for 2017.

Last Sunday of each Month.

**26th February, 26th March, 30th April, 28th May
25th June, 30th July, 27th August, 24th September,
29th October and 26th November.**

*Check www.pfainc.org.au for any updates or changes. Shooting is scheduled to start at 12.15pm with the last detail commencing at 3.30pm
NO SHOOTS IN JANUARY AND DECEMBER*

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