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Range Update

The wheels are turning slowly, well not as slow as they had in years gone by, but at least now they are turning, and in the right direction. We have had the land surveyed, this took a little longer than expected due to rain and some bad weather, the drawings/plans have now been registered and the lease advertised in the local media, and the only response was from a potential new member, fantastic, no objections at all to the issue of the lease, none at all. We now have the draft lease and are just waiting for the final figures (yes we will be paying rent) and the actual wording of the lease to be finalized and we are then underway, as long as everything is agreeable to all, we could be signed up and walking on our own dirt before the end of this financial year. Crikey it's close now, so close I can almost smell it, the lease that is.

Derek BT

Welcome to all PFA Members to On Target

More Strange People

Reading a trade magazine the other day I came across a couple more gems I thought you would enjoy

When Turkey's Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan, fainted from low blood sugar, his security team rushed him to hospital but mistakenly locked him and the keys inside his "fortified" car, after they pounded on it for a while, with no success, a nearby construction worker with a large sledgehammer saved the day.

And who knows, maybe saved the PM as well

A 33 year old Maryland USA, man was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the burglary of a restaurant at which he was the assistant manager. Police managed to "crack" the case, so to speak, when he was identified by clues from CCTV footage. Four (4) employees recognized the burglar's body shape, clothing and (when he bent over) the distinctive top portion of his buttocks. The owner of the restaurant said that he had to counsel the assistant manager "more than once" about the inadvertent exposure of his "butt-crack"

Being recognized usually means that your face is known to people, unuuuhm

A 58 year old Oregon USA, woman faces charges for shooting her husband in the shoulder, apparently in retaliation for him having shot and killed her favorite chicken.

I guess that's where her priorities sit, just don't touch the chook.

DBT

Chairmans Message

Where To From Here?

The New South Wales state election is now history. We know who is in and who is out in Macquarie St for the next parliamentary season.

Toasting the Shooters Party success – and acknowledging the formidable job that Robert Brown and now Roy Smith have ahead of them – the logical question was asked: how come the total number of votes polled by the Shooters Party was less than half the number of licenced Shooters in the state?

Any number of answers are possible: apathy; indifference; underestimation of the threat facing the future of shooting sports. The most likely, however, is a lack of knowledge, a misunderstanding, of how our electoral system works.

Basically, Parliament in New South Wales is divided into two houses :-

Legislative Assembly (the lower house) – this house frames our laws. The Shooters Party does not stand candidates or contest seats in this house.

Legislative Council (the upper house) – this house acts as a 'house of review' and rejects or ratifies the laws which govern our state. This is the real place of power, and where the Shooters Party representatives work to protect our sport.

Each voter has the opportunity to vote for the candidate of their choice in each house – hence two ballot papers – thus it is possible to vote for different groups in each house. You can support the major political party of your choice in the lower house, and the Shooters Party in the upper house.

The next State Election is only about four years away. Our opponents are already preparing their campaigns to further consolidate their positions, the base from which to impose their political and social agendas upon the community.

Yes, the Shooters Party did get a second representative into the upper house – however, lets not forget that of the two minor parties which also successfully fielded candidates, neither view the shooting sports favourably.

The time to start preparing for the next state election is now – speaking with your friends and fellow Shooters to ensure they understand the voting system, the value of their votes in both houses, to actively promote the shooting sports, and to support those who represent you.

To quote Winston Churchill: *"The British Army is always training for the last war, not the next war. If we continue to operate in this manner, our survival can not be assured."*

Let's all get into the game, and do our bit for our sport.

To all those who gave their time leading up to and on election day – a hearty Thank You for a job well done.

Regards ...

John Pashley



Have you ever had the time when you both took “the” shot and neither of you could agree on who the trophy grunter belonged to, well, here’s one that you’d not be arguing over. “Yep, it’s yours, you can keep it, I didn’t want it anyway”. **BUGGER!!!**

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This puts a whole new slant on target practice, Crikey, you’d want to have some faith in the ability of your fellow shooters



What about a caption, to add to the picture, send in your caption for this picture and win a prize, we don’t know what yet, but it’ll be worth a go, so send in your ideas before the next issue, c’mon ‘ave a go,

How can you tell when a politician is telling lies???
Easy, His or Her lips are moving. ED

What's the difference between an Australian zoo and a English zoo?

An Australian zoo has a description of the animal on the front of the cage along with... "a recipe.."

Extract from the Shooters Party Newsletter
Comments from Robert Brown MLC
“DOUBLEDUKE STATE FOREST DOG SHOOTING INCIDENT, THE FACTS

Members may have seen some media coverage about an incident in August in the Doubleduke State Forest, in which a dog was shot by a licensed hunter. Yesterday (30th August) I (Robert Brown MLC) asked the minister to enlighten the Legislative Council on the facts of the matter, as opposed to the distorted statements made by the Greens. Mr Macdonald said the State Government was taking the shooting of the dog at Doubleduke State Forest seriously. He said both the Game Council and Forests New South Wales had responded and a full investigation conducted. This included an on-site inspection and liaison with NSW Police and the RSPCA. He said that while the situation that led to the dog being shot was regrettable he had been advised the hunter apparently feared for his safety after being confronted by an unleashed, unaccompanied dog. Wild dogs are known to be present in Doubleduke State Forest. The minister said the community could rest assured that the hunter was licensed and accredited to use firearms. He said the hunter acted immediately by reporting the incident to Evans Head Police and the Game Council, and police have since advised that no action would be taken against the licensed hunter.”

Once again, or is it STILL, the Greens are in there stirring people up with their lies. ED

SHARE THE EXPERIENCE

We all make promises and some of us have had the pleasure of fulfilling them, this was one such time.

As the result of a comment made while on an overseas trip last year, “when you next visit Sydney we will show you the real Australia” we found ourselves on the 24TH of February 2007 at 6:30 am picking up two Hungarian tourists at Bondi for a 14 day trip out West. We Aussies take for granted the wonderful expanse of our “outback” the ratio of area to population is incomprehensible to people in Europe.

After the normal Sydney to Port Macquarie trip, then up the Oxley highway, to show them the contrasts. Uralla, Tamworth, The War-rumbungles (including a 14k hike to the top), Coonamble, Lightning Ridge, Brewarrina and Bourke, we said, “and now for the real thing”. Let me tell you this couple, George & Clara had just left Budapest in the winter and here we are in 50C on a dusty corrugated road in an old Kombi (VW Van) with no air conditioning and they are loving every second of it.

From North Bourke to Quilpie via Fords Bridge, Hungerford, Toompine, with stops, took us three days and we didn’t see a single vehicle on the road.

We camped out every night, cooked either on the gas stove or preferably on the fire, had many wonderful conversations and have memories that will last forever.

However we did see, willy willies, some shingle back lizards, snakes, emus, kangaroos, wedge tailed eagles, kites, king fishers, owls, turtles, all sorts of parrots, yellow bellies, yabbies (delicious), catfish, perch, goats, pigs, millions of stars, fabulous sunrises and sunsets, spectacular dust storms, terrifying lightning storms and trillions of flies.

Yes, we took our rifle and no we didn’t shoot anything, because we didn’t bother taking an esky, however we had a few shots to keep our eye in.

If you have the opportunity of taking visitors from overseas to the outback just do it. Take the risk and hopefully they will enjoy it or they may never visit Australia again fourteen days four thousand kilometers and my visitors just cant wait for their next outback experience!

Contributed by John Webeck