

On Target

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Range Update

It's official We can tell you that it's happened at last, we have signed the lease for our own land, a large block of land, in fact more area than we first envisaged and the official start date for the PFA lease is the

1st of Sept 2007

HAPPY DAYS!!!!

"The work has finished and now the work begins" Most of the work to date involved in securing the lease was lots of legwork, persistent and regular communications, discussions and meetings with our prospective Landlord, and many hours spent discussing issues and lease details with your dedicated committee and it has all been worthwhile, as we have achieved what we set out to, "got the lease". The next few stages, however will require some input and assistance from others, people from within the club, people with particular areas of expertise. So if you think you have the expertise and some spare time and are willing to assist, please get in touch with your club and let us know.

We can use your help, call us now.

Derek BT

Welcome to all PFA Members to On Target



John Pashley & Derek Barratt-Thompson

Chairmans Message

The theme of this message is quite unique for these days of range closures and prohibitive firearms legislation.

It is with great pleasure that the Committee is able to announce to PFA Members that our application for a lease for a Firearms Range has been granted by the Dept of Lands - effective **01/Sept/07 for 20 years.**

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No other sport is as heavily regulated as the shooting sports, despite our impressive safety record.

The development of this facility will be indicative of the regard Shooters have for their sport, and will assist in its survival for future generations. PFA thanks the NSW Government for having confidence in our Club.

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I would take this opportunity to thank Derek Barratt-Thompson for his dedication, patience, time and efforts in liaising with the various statutory authorities in securing our Lease.

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Next comes the exciting part: getting the range operational. Your Committee will keep you advised as to how YOU can be involved - starting with the inaugural BBQ and 'staking of the claim' on **Sun/28th/Oct/07 at 12.00.**

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Won't it be great to stand on our Range and say: "I am leaving a tangible legacy to the next generation."

John Pashley Chairman PFA

DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!

Wendy's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a cheque."

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my bulldog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!" "I REPEAT, DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!" When the repairman arrived at Wendy's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking bulldog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

"Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"

"How's this for a shot"



If you haven't yet discovered "Earth Google" here is a picture from the satellites in orbit above our planet. The picture is of the area known as St Ives Pistol Club (the area with the buildings) the other area that looks all lush and green is a section of what is now known as PFA's Lease and will become our centre of operations, what a spot, and what a view. When you're next in front of your PC, check out Google Earth.

Congratulations and many thanks to the six (6) members currently becoming Range Officers, what better way to enjoy your sport than by sharing the load and helping others enjoy themselves also. **DBT**

The Fox DNA Project – How hunters can help

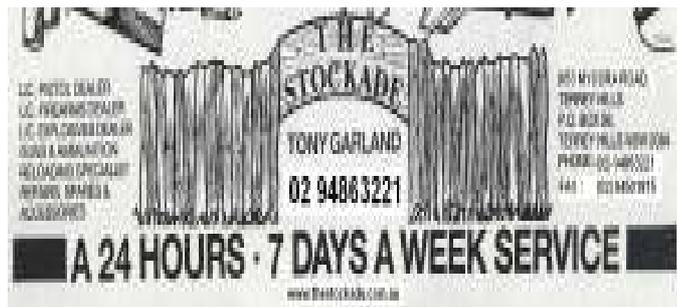
Using the genetic tools typically used in forensics to design more effective fox control.

The Fox DNA Project is an Australia wide study of the genetics of feral foxes. The projects 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, www.foxdna.animals.uwa.au/welcome/aims, alternatively, contact Dr Oliver Berry on freecall 1800633097



“Who me ? ” “Wot Wabbit ? ” “I never saw a Wabbit”



The winner of our first “On Target” Caption Competition is Roger Gates, member #249 and his winning caption is:

"I used to be the Range Safety Officer, but with you blokes accuracy, this is much safer." Congratulations Roger, contact the club to arrange picking up your prize, or come along to the BBQ and pick it up there.

Your club needs Range Officers (RO), we need ROs to assist in the running of the PFA range shoots.

We are currently utilising the range at St Ives Pistol Club, but soon (see front page, ED) we will be meeting our licence commitments on OUR OWN RANGE.

As the saying goes, “many hands make light work”, well this applies 100% to your club’s need for ROs, the more qualified ROs that are able to attend the shoots and assist, the fewer times ROs need to attend, sounds confusing? Not really.

PFA hold approximately eleven (11) organised shoots a year requiring approximately four (4) ROs to run the range for the afternoon, which means that if we had forty four (44) ROs they would each only need to run the range once a year, using the same calculation, if we have only four (4) ROs the poor buggers will be required to attend every shoot, unfair? a bit out of balance? I hear you say, ABSO-bloody-LUTELY. If we can encourage a few of you to take up the challenge and become qualified ROs (not too hard) then participate in the regular running of our shoots we can all share the load and everyone has a great time, and the currently overworked members (ROs) who are there to help you have your complying shoots will be able to have some time off and have a shoot themselves.

PFA run the RO course free of charge and it’s very straight forward and practical, it’s not rocket science, most of it is common knowledge and commonsense, you’ll “walk it in” and enjoy yourself doing it.

Fulfilling the duties of an RO is fun, you’re with your friends and fellow club members doing what we all love and it also complies as an attendance/shoot for your licence requirements, so it’s a good thing all round.

Contact your club NOW, **9990-5771**, leave your details and take the next step towards a better club for all of it’s members.

2007 Shoot Dates to Dec

26 Aug 30 Sept, 28 Oct BBQ, 25 Nov, no shoot in Dec

BBQ Invitation to Members

All members are invited to come along and join us on the **28th of October at 12.00** for a “Land Warming” BBQ, a get together to celebrate the successful signing of our lease and the commencement of our range. This is a BYO arvo, so bring along your Esky and something to drink and the club will provide some tasty little morsels for the BBQ.

We will not have a “shoot” on this day, but your attendance at the BBQ will be a club activity and will go towards your attendances for the reporting year. Come and look over the lease-land and our soon to be PFA range and take in the spectacular views. Catch up with old friends, make some new ones. Join in and be part of your great club, meet with like minded shooters and share some good times and have some fun.

Let us know if you plan join us so we can be sure to have enough “snags n stuff”. Ring PFA on 9990-5771 and leave your details or contact the Stockade, 9486-3221, and let us know that you will be coming, and how many.

See ya on the day. **Derek BT**



Finley, a town in the southern Riverina, 650 kilometres SSW from Sydney. Is an Eden for small game hunting particularly ducks, quail, foxes, and rabbits. The Riverina Hunting Club recently invited members of the Australian Hunters club to a weekend of fox driving the results were, as you can see, unbelievable, abso-lutely fantastic.