

On Target

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Special points of interest:

- **The Knack, good tip**
- **Shooter's Party Portal**
- **Kevin 07 & the Jackaroo**
- **President's Report**

A Jackaroo from beyond the Black Stump attends a social function where Kevin Rudd is trying to gather more support for his new Health Plan. Once he discovers the Jackaroo is from outback Blackall and a National Party supporter, he starts to belittle him by talking in a slow, lazy drawl and single syllable words. As he was doing that, he kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around his head. The Jackaroo says, "Ar ya havin' some problem with them circle flies?" Kevin stopped talking and said, "Well, yes, if that's what they're called, but I've never heard of circle flies." "Well Sir," the Jackaroo replies, "circle flies hang around sheep 'n cattle properties, they're called circle flies because they're almost always found circling around the back end of a horse." "Oh," Kevin replies as he goes back to rambling. But, a moment later he stops and bluntly asks, "Are you calling me a horse's ass?" "No, Sir," the Jackaroo replies, "I have too much respect for the citizens of this country to call their Prime Minister a horse's ass." "That's a good thing," Kevin responds and begins rambling on once more. After a long pause, the Jackaroo, in his best outback, country drawl says, "**Hard to fool them flies, though.**"

"Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to ALL Members"

Shooters' Party "Portal"

After one and a half years, the shortcomings of the original Shooters' Party Portal site have reached critical mass. So, the Shooters' Party (SP) have moved to address the numerous user complaints about the old forum system by retiring it and deploying a commercially-licensed, unified content management system. One major benefit of moving to a new platform is the restructuring of the site around a portal page. You will be able to access sites, blogs and forums related to Federal, State and Branch issues. SP believe the provision of Web based branch sites will strengthen the party by providing an electronic meeting place to discuss branch and special issues irrespective of geography.

New Forum

As part of the new site migration, SP have deployed the first of many forums. The new forums are more sophisticated, robust and secure. Unfortunately, users will need to re-register to post or reply in order to realize the benefits of the SP new system. Despite the move to this new system, standing policy remains in force. That means free Webmail

addresses (such as, Gmail, Hotmail and Yahoo) will not be accepted during registration. Those who ignore this condition will be summarily rejected. Once registration has been reviewed and approved, the SP request that new members complete their profiles with valid data. If you wish to have access to and leverage the planned facilities and services as they are deployed, please enter your Party Membership Number. Of course, the standing privacy policy remains in force and will be published as soon as practical. SP apologies for the inconvenience of having to re-register, but it would have been required even had the old site survived.

Membership Pruned

The transfer of membership details to the new site revealed that around 10% of e-mail addresses had expired. The login details for all members affected by stale contact details have accordingly been pruned from the database. Regular pruning will happen. If you don't want to become collateral damage, then please keep your profile and contact details up to date.

<http://www.shootersparty.org.au/>

An extract from the SP Newsletter.

The Knack, Travel Tips For A Better Journey

Water storage in a vehicle, Large capacity water jerricans or plastic drums are both heavy to lift, and run the danger of a single puncture losing all of your water. Better alternative is to use 3 or 4litre fruit juice containers stored in a plastic milk-type crate.



Containers are free when you purchase the fruit juice. Each container usually has its own carrying handle, for ease of carry. The fruit juice containers can be filled or used individually. The milk-type crates are easily stackable without collapsing. A puncture may result in the loss of only a small proportion of your water. As you refill and purify each container, you still have pre-purified water ready for immediate use. Containers, especially with different colored screw caps, can be individually marked to monitor consumption per person.

Chairmans Report (2009 AGM)

I'm told it is possible to come to the end of a year and to ask yourself: "There is another year gone, and what do I have to show for it?" Fortunately, as each year draws to a close PFA is able to look back with satisfaction, and forward with eagerness. So how did 2009 rate in this regard? Once again we have seen concerted efforts by a very vocal group of individuals determined to make you conform to their idea of how your life should be lived. Fundamentally, this equates to: I do not agree with your choice of recreation, so we will ban it.

Legislative Council of State Parliament

Thankfully, through an unending effort by our Shooters Party representatives, Robert Brown and Roy Smith, your sport continues to gain acceptance as a legitimate activity enjoyed by law-abiding citizens. Through regular support, both by attendance at events and written contact, PFA continues to be seen as one of the better examples of how Shooters administer their sport. These gentlemen deserve our encouragement and support. Their success to date is out of all proportion to their numbers in the House.

Police Firearms Registry. PFA continues to be regarded as a 'showpiece' in administration and operation. This is entirely due to the sterling, and often unappreciated, behind the scenes efforts by Tere Alexeeff, Club Secretary, and Tony Mathews, Club Registrar. Yes, we all find the paper warfare at range shoots a pain, but these two people collate this information to meet the Registry requirements regarding, Range operation, regulation compliance, and reporting regarding your required attendances, all to enable your pursuit of your chosen recreation, shooting, to continue. PFA is currently an 'approved organisation' for 3 categories of 'genuine reason for holding a firearm licence, **Target shooting. Field hunting. Collecting.** Should other categories of licence arise which are of interest to PFA Members, these will be assessed and actioned if appropriate. **Game Council of NSW,** PFA, as a Hunting Club accredited by the Game Council of NSW, is regularly conducting accreditation courses to permit R Licence holders to hunt introduced feral game in State Forests. This move has opened hundreds of thousands of hectares on new hunting areas to suitably accredited hunters. Despite the nearly human bleatings of those opposed to this practice, the figures speak for themselves. State Forests were opened to R Licenced Conservation Hunters in March 2006. By June 2009 these Hunters had removed more than 25000 game and feral animals, mainly foxes, goats, pigs and rabbits. Since European settlement of Australia in 1788 more than 30 exotic species have established as serious pests in Australia. These feral pests cost our agriculture and environment in damage more than A\$720 million each year. Since March 2006 Conservation Hunters have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, with other forest users mainly unaware of their presence. Based on the above, we are watching with interest both the attempts to have State Forests again closed to Conservation Hunters, and to have Conservation Hunters utilised for feral animal control in National Parks.

RANGE REPORT, Derek Barratt-Thompson, who did much of the original spade work over the last several years, has now passed the "Range Development baton" to Tony Garland, and good things are continuing to happen, **watch this space.**

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PFA RANGE SHOOTS

Firstly a big 'Thank You' to St Ives Pistol Club for their ongoing co-operation in permitting PFA to use their B Range for our monthly range shoots, and their Training Room for Committee Meetings and new Shooter safety briefings. That said, it will be great to have our own Range and Clubhouse. Increased numbers of Shooters and Attendees comprising PFA Members, PFA Members as family groups. These young Shooters are the future of our sport. PFA Members bringing friends who are already licenced Shooters. PFA Members thanx to the recent changes in the Firearms Legislations with the P650 provision, bringing friends who are not yet licenced Shooters but are interested in 'giving it a try'. The simple logic of this change alone will see more people entering the Shooting sports. One significant feature of these groups is their stated enjoyment of the afternoons activity, due in no small part to the outstanding attitude and assistance always rendered by the Range Officers, so, a very special 'Thanx' to these guys. Members of other Shooting Clubs. A number of these people have also taken out PFA Membership, result, a waiting list for a bench or club firearm, a good problem to have. Range Officers, again, more needed, PLEASE! PFA is unable to conduct the monthly Range Shoots without sufficient trained ROs and it is not really fair to expect a small band of faithfuls to be on duty each and every shoot, often meaning that these people do not get the opportunity to get a shoot themselves. Put something back into YOUR club, become a Range Officer. If you are interested, please see Tere, Tony or myself or any Committee member.

2010? Your Committee sees PFA growing from strength to strength, Increasing membership, Financially stable, Hopefully ongoing development of our own Range and Clubhouse. Continuing input and representation in the preservation and expansion of the shooting sports, of all types and disciplines. Hunting as a legitimate activity stretches back to the very beginnings of civilization.

As a Committee, we trust our efforts over the last 12 months have met with your approval. Finally, there are a number of people and organisations to whom I'd like to propose a round of 'Thanx' to some special people.

<i>Tony Garland</i>	<i>The Stockade and the Range.</i>
<i>Tere Alexeeff.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
<i>Tony Mathews.</i>	<i>Registrar</i>
<i>Andrew King.</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>
<i>Derek Barratt-Thompson.</i>	<i>"On Target" Newsletter.</i>
<i>Bruce Crowe.</i>	<i>Mr Procedure.</i>
<i>Stephen Brown</i>	<i>Range Officers.</i>
<i>John Webek.</i>	<i>Committee Member.</i>
<i>Van Maclean.</i>	<i>Committee Member.</i>
<i>Ray Thompson.</i>	<i>Foundation Member.</i>
<i>Rod Mitchell & Caron Evans.</i>	<i>Sausage Sizzle at shoots</i>

And everyone who has worked so well in making PFA a success in 2009. **John Pashley, Chairman, PFA**

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc in 2010, Last Sunday of each Month. Shooting starts at 12,15pm with the last detail commencing at 3.30pm, **31 January, 28 February, 28 March, 25 April, 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August, 26 September, 31 October, 28 November, No Shoot in December**