

On Target

June 2019

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IMPORTANT NOTICE **FOX BAITS**

Members are advised that National Parks and Wildlife will be conducting Fox Baiting from the 1st February 2019 through to 31st July 2019 both through buried 1080 and 1080 capsules via Canid Pest Ejector Devices (CPE). Do not touch Baits or Ejector devices and 1080 is lethal to Domestic pets.

Range Officers (RO) needed to assist in the running of our shoot days. The more qualified RO's we have the fewer times ROs need to attend, simple.

Have you some time to spare? Take up the RO's course and assist at our regular shoots, the more the merrier and the lighter the load. Volunteer now, contact the club and nominate, put your name down to become an RO.

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Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

DEER HUNTERS SHOOT DOWN A NEW RECORD

By Allan Thompson (*reprinted, with thanks. ED*)

Hunters bagged more than 100,000 deer in Victoria for the first time last year. An estimated 106,275 deer were shot by about 37,000 recreational hunters in 2017, a record for both deer numbers and hunters. It topped the previous record of 97,776 deer killed in 2016. A report by Victoria's Game Management Authority and the Arthur Rylah Institute found 88,816 Sambar and 15,515 Fallow deer made up the majority of the record number. Based on regular telephone surveys of licensed deer hunters, the report revealed the number of Deer harvested had increased 73 per cent since 2009 while there had been a 147 per cent increase in deer hunters. GMA chief executive Greg Hyams said the 2017 deer harvest continued the trend of increasing numbers of deer being recreationally harvested by a growing number of licensed hunters.



Working Bee/s

PFA range is now close to being up and running, just waiting on Council to give us our Interim Occupation Certificate . A great result from everyone who committed so much of their time, effort and energy over the years, to everyone, **Thank You All.**

With this wonderful asset comes some added responsibilities and these are not shooting related, we must now accept that this wonderful range and clubhouse requires ongoing maintenance and some work on improvements over time.

Work/maintenance schedule/lists will need to be in place to take care of and maintain the range to its high standard and to also minimise on the cost of outsourcing range work that can comfortably be done voluntarily by willing club members. A work bee attendance, a trade repair or cleaning, whatever you are able to contribute will be added to your attendances and ensure a well, kept/maintained range and lessen the negative impact on our bank balance. **What can you do for your club?**



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Put your hand up now or anytime you find you have some free time and nominate your speciality, be it garden care, carpentry, cleaning, painting or general maintenance work, all will be welcomed. Contact the committee. As a foreign politician once said. "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB", OK not quite 100% accurate but I'm sure you get the gist of what's meant.

Look forward to seeing you at future work-bees.

Derek BT. Editor.

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How to prepare Tofu:

- a. Throw it in the rubbish**
- b. Grill some red meat**

NEW RULES

From today, 16th November 2018, some of the normal rules for hunting wild deer in NSW have been lifted. Landholders and land managers struggling with persistent drought conditions and abundant wild deer herds are now able to apply more effective control methods and access licensed, reputable assistance from volunteer hunters.

The changes apply to the whole State of NSW for three years, on both public and private lands. However, not all rules are lifted on public lands due to public safety issues. It's important to check the deer hunting rules that apply for the land you plan to hunt.

Licensing requirements have not changed though hunters must hold a NSW General or Restricted Game Hunting Licence before they may legally hunt deer in NSW. Also, you must always have permission to hunt from the landowner or manager before entering any lands.

What has changed?

- No seasonal restrictions - hunt all deer species, all year-round.
- Attract deer using baits or lures.
- Hunt at night (private land only).
- Hunt from a vehicle (private land only).
- Use spotlights and other electronic devices (private land only).

Hunting regulations around the use of dogs when hunting deer remain in force to ensure animal welfare standards are maintained.

Deer Assistance Hunter Register

Hunters holding a current NSW Game Hunting Licence (either General or Restricted) may add their contact information to the **Deer Assistance Hunter Register**, which can be accessed by landholders seeking assistance with wild deer. You'll be asked to nominate which of the 11 Local Land Services regions you're able to hunt and information about your experience and qualifications.

Remember, adding your details to the register is not a guarantee of being contacted or securing lands to hunt.

Contributions wanted for "On Target"

Articles for your club newsletter are wanted, your stories, experiences, and interests to share. We have the facility on our website for you to submit articles for "On Target". The section on the website for "members only" where you can submit your text and images, via the form under the "members" tab, EASY. We may need to edit it slightly but we'll do our best to get it in the next issue. **Derek BT. ED.**

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According to a report from the NSW Department of Primary Industries, hunting and hunting related activities and jobs injected \$1.8bn into NSW in 2017-2018. Hunting, game management and employment benefits span beyond the firearms and ammunition industries to camping, hunting and safety equipment, down to fuel, food, accommodation, tours and private game bird farms.

Inclusive of the substantial economic lift for regional NSW, there are major environmental benefits for primary producers. Threatened ecosystems and species are protected by licensed hunters and programs like Farmer Assist help control introduced and native wildlife numbers.

Furthermore, after successful lobbying by the shooting associations, the Federal Government, under **Bridget McKenzie Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and Decentralisation**, conducted a nationwide survey this (covering 2018) year on the many economic benefits of shooting and hunting.



My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked the dinner, so I took the batteries out of the smoke alarm

SAFE STORAGE

The firearms legislation sets out your responsibilities as a firearms owner in relation to safe storage.

Different categories of licence require different levels of safe storage.

However, across all licences and permit categories, the legislation provides that any person who possesses a firearm must take all reasonable precautions to ensure that the firearm:

- Is kept safe;
- Is not lost or stolen; and
- Does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2019.

Last Sunday of each Month.

**30th June, 28th July, 25th August,
29th September, 27th October & 24th November.**

**ALL "SHOOT DATES" UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE ARE
ATTENDANCES ONLY UNTIL THE
FINAL APPROVALS ARE IN PLACE.**

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