

On Target

June 2022

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Men have feelings too, for example we feel hungry

Imagine how scary it must have been setting off from home in the olden days, knowing that if something went wrong, you would be completely stranded, with no way to call for help.

People who lived in the 1980's, before cell phones were Sooo brave

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"

Announcement from the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party (SFFP)

Today, the 22nd of June 2022, we celebrate 30 years of our SFF Party. Over 25 federal, state and by-elections contested with 5 sitting members across Australia - we are incredibly proud of how far we have come.



Originally, the Shooters Party grew out of resentment at the 1992 Firearms Act. Shooters and hunters felt it was designed to make them the scapegoats for criminal misuse of firearms by others.

Since 1992, we have continued to be the powerful voice for those nobody is listening to – particularly shooters, fishers and farmers.

We are committed to delivering real, meaningful, and lasting results for our voters, members and supporters alike. As always, SFF will continue to be Your Powerful Voice and Bias for the Bush.

Thank you for your continued support, none of this would have been possible without it.

Bring on the 2023 NSW State Election.

We have your back!

Here's to another 30 years, Team SFF

Become a Member

Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party

www.shootersfishersandfarmers.org.au/

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A system of government where the least capable to lead are elected by the least capable of producing, and where the members of society least likely to sustain themselves or succeed, are rewarded with goods and services paid for by the confiscated wealth of a diminishing number of producers.

I want one of those jobs where people ask, "do you actually get paid for doing this?"

HOW TO BEAT DEHYDRATION

In extremely high temperatures, your body loses large amounts of fluids as it tries to cool and regulate your core temperature. It's essential to replace these fluids by drinking the right amount of water or an electrolyte drink which also replaces lost minerals caused by perspiration. Once your body overheats, you become susceptible to conditions such as heat stroke.

Also take note of the colour of your urine. Dark urine is a sign of dehydration, so drink enough fluids to maintain light coloured or clear urine. Heat stroke can be potentially fatal. If you notice any of these symptoms you must immediately stop any physical activity and rest in a cool shaded area.

- * Throbbing headache
- * Little or no sweating
- * Muscle cramping and weakness
- * Nausea and vomiting
- * Rapid heart beat
- * Rapid and shallow breathing
- * Confusion or disorientation
- * Fainting
- * Seizures in extreme circumstances.

If you think you or any of your hunting party is suffering from heat stroke, call for help and apply these first aid steps to cool the person's core temperature.

- * Get them out of the sun
- * Fan air over the person's body
- * Sponge or hose cool water over their body (Do not use iced water as this could cause shock)
- * Apply ice or cold packs to the back of the neck, forehead and armpits
- * Make sure they drink cool fluids slowly. Do not allow them to drink large amounts of fluids quickly as this could induce vomiting.
- * If you are close to a river, creek or dam, sit the person in a safe spot in the water making sure you do not leave their side.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

Now, here's a message from the past, the very distant past, 1939 to be exact, 83 years ago, before most of us were even born, let alone shooting.

This piece comes from a sporting journal named ANGLING AND GUN SPORT dated April 30th, 1939. I discovered it while recently going through some magazines owned by my Stepdad, Dave, who passed away many years ago, Dave spent much of his younger years on the land, he was a builder, carpenter worked with horses, farm machinery and quite obviously a shooter and definitely an avid fisherman. The wording is as it was printed in 1939, unchanged and un-edited. Derek BT Ed.

AN APPEAL FOR WILD LIFE

When a new country is first occupied by white people, the primary duty is to provide for their material needs. From that moment trouble commences for the wild things that inhabit the land and water.

Progress in settlement increases those troubles, not only by the killing of the animals themselves, for food and other purposes, but by the destruction of their habitat and food supplies. Such is the history of wildlife in relation to civilisation.

Every country in the world today is trying to grapple with the problem of diminishing wild life, to restore, in some measure, the beautiful things that have been sacrificed by the sins of past and present generations. Australia, which should benefit by the experience of other countries, perhaps has done least of all in the matter of caring for our wild life.

Our Murray Cod, Lyre birds, Koalas and other species, entirely unique to this country, have been depleted to such an extent that unless prompt and logical action is taken they will cease to exist at all.

Our laws, so far as they go, are not so bad, but their administration leaves much to be desired. How many qualified scientists are there employed in the administration of our game and fisheries laws? If a census were taken, we would be surprised to learn that there are more than a few.

The solution to our problem, then, is to employ scientifically qualified officers, to work in conjunction with those of practical experience, to remedy the results of past short sightedness in and indifference to, a matter of such grave national importance.

The demand for proper wildlife management is becoming more insistent everyday and can be heard from all sections of the community; the angler, the hunter, the nature-lover and the general public, all are dissatisfied with the lack of effective control and care which exists today. Only ignorance, mismanagement and wanton destruction could bring about the present position of our wildlife. Let us, then, set about the job of restoration in a business-like way. Lack of knowledge of our birds, fishes and animals, their habits, food requirements, environment, can be rectified by investigation.

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This should be followed up by the practical application of the knowledge acquired, together with effective policing to ensure the maximum results of these efforts. It is up to the Commonwealth Government to take the initiative in this matter and to the respective State Governments to extend their whole-hearted support.

There are many public-spirited sportsmen and women, nature lovers and members of the general public who would give their support, once they were assured that the Governments were in earnest.

We invite our readers to give their views on this matter and to indicate if they are prepared to help and in which direction.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PFA Inc COMMITTEE.

2022 is turning into another very busy year for your Management Committee. Having had to withdraw the modification for extra days from the Northern Beaches Council (NBC), we are now busy putting together a new Development Application (DA) to get the extra days to enable us to shoot on a more regular basis.

We are also keeping a close eye on any available grants to help bolster the club's finances, both from the NBC and from the State Government. So, if any of you have expertise in this area, please let our Secretary, Tere, know as she would appreciate the help.

Those of you who attended the May shoot will have seen a change to the way the shoot is run. The changes were made to make the shoot more enjoyable for all and to ensure the shooters got on target much more quickly. The results spoke for themselves with a very positive outcome.

As you all know, we have stopped the organised working bees due to a total lack of interest. However, that is not to say that if you want to help out you can't. Tere and Tony are at the range most days and would love to see those of you wishing to lend a helping hand, especially with the maintenance of the garden beds, and the weeding around the tube stock.

The whipper snipping is being done professionally, but the grass in the cages can only be removed by hand to give the poor little trees a fair go at growing. So, if some of you are feeling like doing some weeding, it would be a perfect time to do it now, before the weather gets much warmer, to encourage the good plants to grow more quickly come spring.

Another job that is coming up is the replacement of the target faces of the 100 m targets. This will require 3-4 people to get it done fairly quickly and efficiently. The job entails putting the crosses on the target face, then replacing both the front and back of the targets. Once that's done, the old targets need to be repaired/renewed so they are ready to be put in place when the second lot needs replacing. This will be an ongoing job which will need to be done on a regular basis. How often will depend on how many extra days we get, and how busy those days get.

So, let's hear from you if you're at a loose end and want to help with the maintenance of your club. **Tere**, our **Secretary** can be contacted on the club phone, **0431 581 259** or via email on **secretary@pfainc.org.au**.
The Committee of Management

You Die Suddenly - Now What Happens With Your Firearms?

We will all pass away at some point in the future. If it is an event you can anticipate, all well and good, you will have time to act. But, should it happen suddenly, e.g., run over by a bus, your demise might leave your nearest and dearest with the task, not only of coming to terms with your death, arranging a funeral, complying with the terms of your Will, etc., but also of disposing of your firearms collection. It is also possible that you might not die but become seriously incapacitated.



It would seem to be a reasonable act of preparedness and a kindness to those you leave behind to have a plan in place that would relieve the surviving and grieving relatives from having to worry unduly about them. One course of action, and assuredly there will be others depending upon your circumstances, would be to prepare a list of the firearms you own along with all relevant details for each such as serial and FAR registration numbers, a list of spare parts and accessories and a market value or the purchase price and to put a copy of this list in your gun safe along with your instructions for disposal. These instructions could, for example, direct your survivors to particular friends who could take charge of the collection and dispose of it, to the Club Secretary who might be able to advise, and/or provide contact details for a gun dealer such as Magnum Sports (no specific endorsement is intended) who know what to do to take charge of and ultimately dispose of a firearms collection. It would also be necessary to reveal where to find the registration documents and any other paperwork (manuals, etc.). Having all the details of the collection in your safe means that you can easily make sure that it is kept bang up to date. You would also need to prepare a brief letter saying where your safe keys are kept (because only you have access to these, right?) and attach this, in a sealed envelope (only to be opened in the event of death or serious incapacity) attached to your Will, wherever that is lodged. Alternatively, you may have a trusted friend you could leave it with. The advantage of attaching it to the Will is that it would hardly ever need to be amended or reissued, but the family should know it is there or with the trusted friend.

The above is intended to be food for thought, not a set of instructions. It would be a considerable kindness to your surviving family or friends not to burden them with more than is necessary at such a time as your untimely departure or incapacity. **Contributor Anon.**

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The Engineer...

An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates, Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell.

It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell. He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?" Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next." "What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake, he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!" God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue." Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"



WHAT IS DIRECT SUPERVISION?

Courtesy NSW Police, Firearms July 2022

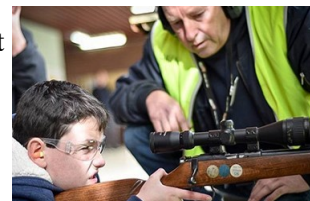
Direct supervision must not exceed a ratio of one unlicensed person to one licensed supervisor.

The licensed supervisor must be present at the firing line and not leave whilst shooting activities are being undertaken by the unlicensed person.

The unlicensed person must at all times be in the direct line of sight of the licensed supervisor and the licensed supervisor must at all times be ready and able to give directions and render immediately assistance to the unlicensed person.

The licensed supervisor must personally convey the firearm and ammunition to be used by the unlicensed person from its place of storage to the firing line.

The licensed supervisor must personally convey the firearm and ammunition from the firing line to the place of storage upon the conclusion of shooting activities.



Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2022.

Last Sunday of each Month.

31st July, 28th Aug, 25th Sept, 30th Oct, 27th Nov, 18th Dec.

Check www.pfainc.org.au for any updates or changes.

Shooting is scheduled to start at 10.00 am and finish on the day at 5.00pm (AEST) (6.00pm AEDT)

To ensure "on-time" detail start times please arrive 15min to 20min prior to your scheduled start time.