

On Target

December 2017

Special points of interest:

- **Hunting Economy**
- **Show me yours**
- **Vale x 2**
- **£9 gun, £10 wife**

The time has come around again for everyone to relax, take holidays and enjoy family and friends, good food, good wine and most of all each other, it's Christmas!!! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.



Derek BT
Editor.

I rode to the bottle shop today on my bicycle, bought a bottle of Bundy rum, and put it in the bicycle basket. As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that if I fell off the bicycle, the bottle would break. So I drank all the Bundy before I cycled home. It turned out to be a very good decision, because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.



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Welcome to all PFA Members to "On Target"

NSW DPI report details economic benefits of hunting. 3rd August 2017. The New South Wales Department of Primary Industries has released a report titled Economic impact of recreational hunting in NSW. This report was the result of a study commissioned by the Game Licensing Unit (GLU).

The report focuses on the economic impact of expenditure by hunters if, a) the expenditure was associated with recreational hunting (rather than hunting for primary production, or professional pest control);

b) the hunting occurred in NSW; and c) the hunting occurred between March 2016 and February 2017.

The results showed that 19,000 NSW game hunting licence holders generated \$119 million of the gross state product (GSP) within the NSW economy. A staggering 860 full-time jobs were created as a direct result of game hunting licence holders. It was also determined that 207,000 non-game licence holders accounted for between \$446 million and \$1.3 billion of GSP and created between 3932 and 11,572 full-time jobs across the state.

The main expenditure items were determined to be hunting equipment (27 per cent of total game hunting licence holder expenditure), vehicles (20 per cent), food and drink (14 per cent), fuel (13 per cent) and ammunition (10 per cent). The contribution to the NSW GSP by game hunting licence holders was calculated for both public and private land. **Public land** (state forest) firearm hunting contributed \$29 million, bowhunting \$3 million and pig dogging \$3 million for a total of

\$34 million. **Private land** firearm hunting contributed \$63 million, bowhunting \$9 million and pig dogging \$13 million for a total of \$85 million.



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The totals across both public and private land equal \$92 million for firearm hunting, \$12 million for bowhunting and \$15 million for pig dogging. This gives a grand total of \$119 million. The contribution to NSW employment by game hunting licence holders was also calculated for both public and private land, the totals across both public and private land equal 664 jobs created by firearm hunting, 86 by bowhunting and 110 by pig dogging. This equals the grand total of 860 full-time jobs created by hunting.

Attention All Members.

Have your licence, Show your licence.

It is important to remember that to shoot on any range, it is law, that you must be in possession of your shooters licence and must produce it on request, to a range officer before being permitted to shoot. When you visit SIPC or PFA's own range and intend to shoot, you **must** have your licence and be able to produce it on request, you will NOT be permitted to shoot unless you are able to produce your licence.

Do not put the PFA range staff in the awkward position of having to decline your shoot due to not having your licence with you. Keep your licence with you at all times when you are in possession of your guns and intend to shoot. Don't blame the PFA range staff for your mistake, don't ask them to overlook the law, even if they know you, they are not allowed to ignore the law. If you miss your shoot due to you not being in possession of your licence, that is your responsibility.

Shooting on a range without a licence is against the law and penalties apply, it also puts the range licence in jeopardy and could cause restrictions to be imposed on the range and its operation, you do not want to be the cause of these problems to SIPC or in fact our own range (very soon). Comply, carry your licence, produce it when asked for it and enjoy your shoot with all your mates. Shoot well. **Ed, Derek BT.**

A shooter and gun owner (a true gun lover)

I was so taken with a story told to me recently by a PFA member I felt compelled to share it with you. I have changed the names of the people involved to protect the innocent, or more to the point save the husband. We'll just call him "Dave".

Many years ago, "Dave" was transferred to England for work and was expected to be there for 18 months. The company he worked for had a target rifle club so he decided to join and purchased a BSA lever action target rifle, a much loved rifle that he still has to this day. On this working trip he also met and fell in love with his soon to be wife and eventually returned to Australia with both the rifle and wife. The story goes on, as he told it to me "the rifle cost me £9 pounds and the wife cost me £10 pounds". The lovely lady of this story is of the opinion and said, **"that today, the rifle is, of the two, in better condition because it was better looked after"**. (oops, "Dave" needs to be careful. Ed) I trust that the wife has a good sense of humour and all is in jest or "Dave" could be in a lot of trouble. **(and thanks for the book "Dave". ED)**

The 2017 AGM has now been and gone.

Held on Saturday, 9th December, upstairs in the SIPC meeting room, unfortunately OH&S removed our option to hold it at our own range (still officially a building site) but we will certainly be there in 2018, that's for sure, with a sausage sizzle I hope.

We had a good roll up, filled the room, with enough seating for all, the meeting kicked off promptly at 10.02am, everyone keen and eager to get the latest news.

Reports were presented with all getting the "nod" from the assembled members, indicating that the club is in a good, solid position.

The Chairman's report and Range report was well received and gave us all reason to smile, good things come to those who wait.

At the 2016 AGM it was proposed by Norm Pacey and at the 2017 AGM it was finally ratified, that our Secretary, Tere Alexeeff, be given a life membership of PFA Inc. Norm Pacey spoke in support of the proposal, justified as it was, the meeting voted unanimously and Tere was rewarded for her hard work and dedication by becoming one of a select few lifers of PFA.

Most attendees stayed back for a chat and a refreshing beverage, which was most welcome.

We'll have a more detailed article, with reports and pictures, on the 2017 AGM in the next newsletter in 2018.

Derek BT. Editor.

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VALE. Dick Byrne.

Dick Byrne passed away on the 23rd of December 2016, We were recently made aware of the sad and untimely passing of another of our long standing and enthusiastic members. The well-known and much liked Dick Byrne, who had been a member of our club since 1999 passed away on the 23rd of December 2016, just two days before Christmas, a very sad time.

Dick was a good club member, always helping out when he could, and regularly used to help out on the front desk at our regular shoots.

He, had been ill for quite some time and was just 83 when he left us.

Sadly, as time passes we mourn the loss of yet another much liked member.

VALE. Charles Thuez

Charles Thuez, passed away in August 2017 On the 11th of October we received the sad news of the passing of another long, standing member of PFA Inc. All too frequently we have the sad task of informing members of the loss of another well-known and well liked PFA member.

Most of you will remember Charles from our regular PFA club shoots which he attended frequently, participating in the shoots always with great enthusiasm. He was ever a staunch supporter of the club, helping in many ways and had been a member since 1998 almost 20 years.

Charles, much loved and enjoyed by his friends at PFA, you will be missed by all who knew you.

We hope that we have no further such announcements for the foreseeable future.

NOTICE TO ALL PFA MEMBERS.

*The Australian Border Force, (ABF) the nation's border watchdog has reminded firearm owners about the importance of completing **the correct paperwork** when importing firearms, parts or accessories. ABF contacted shooting associations directly to request that we share the import guidelines with our members, to ensure new and seasoned shooters alike are aware of the current requirements.*

<https://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Impo/Proh/Firearms-and-weapons>

Shoot Dates for PFA Inc. in 2018. Last Sunday of each Month.

**25th February, 25th March, 29th April, 27th May
24th June, 29th July, 26th August, 30th September,
28th October and 25th November.**

Check www.pfainc.org.au regularly for any updates or changes. Shooting is scheduled to start at 12.15pm with the last detail commencing at 3.30pm

NO SHOOTS IN JANUARY AND DECEMBER