



Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (Qld) Inc. Hunting and Conservation Division

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HUNTING & CONSERVATION QLD **January 2005 Quarterly Newsletter**

A happy New Year to all members for 2005, and let's hope if another productive and interesting year. 2004 certainly kept us busy with administration, Avocet and Stewartdale projects and of course planning for 2005.

This year has kicked off to a whirlwind start. A membership drive will take place via the Australian Shooter, the official member's magazine of SSAA. This will be targeted at South East Qld and Central Qld. The organisation is still of course in its growth phase, and part of that growth is to attract new members and increase the amount of work on-ground for them.

This is not as easy as it might sound, as a large part of the issue is to promote H&C Qld as a professional, focused organisation with sound credentials and policies.

It is important that you read and take note of the section 'reminders for members'. This section will bring you up to date with H&C Qld operations for 2005 and how H&C Qld runs generally. None of it is new, as it has been mentioned in the last two newsletters. However, if you don't take note, don't say we didn't tell you.....

General news

H&C is generally moving along pretty much as planned, and there is a great deal of enthusiasm and effort going into 2005 already. Only three weeks into the year and two flyers have been developed, a number

of contacts made and all round it looks like shaping up to be a hugely positive year.

The two flyers that have been developed are for two purposes. The first is a promotional flyer for H&C Qld and is available electronically for all members. It has been designed to sell our services to landholders, government, natural resource management and biodiversity conservation groups. Please feel free to ask for a copy (electronic only) if you wish to show it off to people or want something that tells in a nutshell what this organisation does.

The second flyer is designed as an insert in the Australian Shooter, and really captures the essence of what H&C Qld is all about to members. Again, if you wish to have electronic copies of this please ask.

We expect a number of quite different opportunities to arise this year for members to get out in the field, and a number of different hunting styles could well be required. More as this develops.

North Qld is gearing up for a busy year too. After only starting in August last year with a few members, two properties have been identified for training purposes, with one a possibility for feral animal control at a later stage. 10-15 people have shown interest in their next accreditation course too, to by the looks of it we will have a good strong branch in NQ.

Members around the State should remember that field operations are open to all members, regardless of the division they are associated with. So keep you eyes on this newsletter to see what's happening around Qld – there could be a trip up north

or down south worth making! Stick your head in to say G'day too if you're passing as well.

Early last year H&C held its national AGM in South Australia. There is an awful lot of work being done around the country, particularly in South Australia itself and Western Australia. Strong links have been made in these states with government, landholders and conservation groups. It is well worth checking out the web site for SA to have a look and see where we could get heading in terms of activity levels as long as we increase member participation rates.

http://www.hunt-cons.asn.au/index_main.htm

Qld State Co-Coordinator

Welcome one and all to the first newsletter for 2005. I hope all of you had a safe and happy Christmas holiday with your families. As we all have seen, Christmas 2005 will be remembered for the great Tsunami disaster which has hit our part of the world. With a tragedy so large it is possible that some of us may know people who have been injured or killed in the disaster, which brings the tragedy even closer to home.

On another note the focus for this year in South East Queensland is going to change from monthly training weekends to three monthly weekends. We are in the process of developing a number of new projects across the southern part of the state so that we will get the opportunity to hunt on a more regular basis. The first activity for the year will be a family camping weekend at Wivenhoe Dam in the Brisbane Valley where Mark Woods has organised a number of fun events for all the family to participate in. Please try to make this weekend and bring along your families so they get a chance to meet the other people from the club and form new friendships. A list of the dates for this year is included in this newsletter so please mark your calendars and diaries.

Last year was a busy year for the group in terms of getting the North Queensland group up and running under Spike and Joe, and conducting a weekend at Chinchilla for Bill and his group from the local SSAA

Branch. The hospitality and camaraderie of fellow shooters shown to us on our travels across the state makes developing H&C a fun experience for us all and opens us to new ideas to how we conduct our sport. This year will see us develop more groups across the state as the year progresses and I can only urge all members to support us in our endeavours to grow our discipline and make H&C an important part of shooting for the future of our sport.

Let us all hope that the year to come is one which turns out better than how it has started.

Safe Hunting

Brett Robertson
H&C State Coordinator

New staff!

A very warm welcome is extended to Owen McIntyre in SEQ. Owen has stuck with the group for the last two years, and is never backward about coming forward with ideas. He will assist in organising activities for the SEQ division, which should hopefully keep him busy this year.

Owen is a keen shooter and brings a great deal of enthusiasm to the group here in the South East. Good on you Owen!

Statewide project news

Remember, all projects are open to all financial, accredited members of H&C Qld, regardless of which division you operate under. Members – you need to contact us (see contact details below) if you wish to participate in field operations. Now totaling close to 100 members, we cannot ring around any more. This means only the proactive members will get into the field.

The next newsletter will have dates for events for 2005. Mark them down and ring us to put your name down for field trips.

Operation Flashjack:

Location: Avocet, Central Qld

Next Field Trip: 25th March – 1st April

Notes: There will be 2-3 trips to Avocet this year, two less than last year. Our resources will instead be channeled into increasing membership in CQ and making Avocet into a project that operates on regular 2-4 day weekends. This should increase the success of the project and mean that the local members will have an ongoing project of huge value both to conservation and H&C Qld generally.

Stewartdale

Location: Ipswich Shire, SEQ

Next Field Trip: *members please contact us for details as trips have to be organised to fit in with external activities.*

Notes: This project is a local project for the SEQ members mainly, although of course anyone is welcome. The main targets are cats, foxes and feral dogs, with hares being secondary. A project outline has been completed, as is necessary for all projects. Field trips will generally be run over a single night or weekend (Fri/Sat). Trapping and shooting are the methods used. The property is SSAA owned, and adjoins a 3000ha nature reserve. Large numbers of feral dogs have been noted, and the property contains high biodiversity, including threatened species.

Staff Profile

NAME: Doug Harvey

AGE:

FAVOURITE FOOD:

PREFERRED VEHICLE:

INTERESTS:

Reminders for members

IMPORTANT READING

- As stated previously, members will no longer be rung personally to get involved with projects. It is already too time consuming, with a dozen or so calls taking up to 3 hours. We will be well over the 100 member mark shortly, and while this system worked well while we were fledging, it is no longer tenable.

The project dates are set for the year. If you enjoy hunting and doing what H&C Qld is all about, then contact Mark Woods or Brett Robertson and TELL them which project you want to be involved in this year. We want all members to have time in the field, and there is scope to have plenty of opportunity if you let us know. There is no mad rush, but as long as you let us know at least **4 (four) weeks** prior to the activity and there spaces left, then no worries!!

- Members are reminded that no field operations are to take place without the endorsement of H&C Qld. This means that no shooting takes place anywhere unless the dates are specified in writing and the, it is part of an endorsed project and the regional coordinator knows all about it. If you want to get out there and get stuck into it as part of an up and running project, simply ok it with your regional coordinator. There are number of very basic common sense reasons for this, not the least of which it threatens the organisation and the benefits to other members.
- No dogs are to be taken on any H&C Qld project. While dogs may have a place in certain activities non-H&C Qld related, for H&C Qld purposes they are a threat to the wildlife of operational properties and create a disturbance counter to the aims of H&C Qld.

HELP!!!!!!!!!!

Positions vacant

Field Operations Assistant Coordinator State Management

This position is to assist with the coordination of field operations Statewide, assist with the general management of

H&C Qld and liaise with other State management members and Regional management members across Qld. You must be based in SEQ in order to operate from the central office.

General Assistance

H&C Qld requires assistance with general running and administration at the main office in Ipswich, SEQ. Most of the work is done by H&C State Management, but we NEED help. You will be trained in the procedures, help with all sorts of little jobs and be assisting establish H&C Qld as a major project throughout the State. You will get to know new people, esp. in north and central Qld, and have input into establishing important procedures.

A time commitment is required, and an outline of specific tasks is available. However, the time commitment is flexible and can be suited to the individual's circumstances. In fact, two or even three people would mean the jobs could be evenly shared. Admin work is all centralised at the H&C Qld office in Ipswich.

This is your discipline, so please help make it grow.

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Events & Activities 2005

Please make a note of the dates in you calendar

February

- 11th – 13th. Family fun weekend at Wivenhoe dam – fishing, BBQ's and generally enjoying this great country with all the family!! See and above flyer for details

March

- 19th – 20th. Training weekend, Ripley. See above for details
- 25th mar – 1st April. Operation Flashjack, Avocet, CQ. Up to 6 members required.

June

- 18th – 19th. Training weekend, Chinchilla.

September

- 17th – 18th. Training weekend, location TBA.

October

- 3rd – 9th. Operation Flashjack, Avocet, CQ. Up to 6 members required.

November

- 19th – 20th. Training weekend, location TBA.

Other

Watch out for other trips as they are developed. Avocet may have one more trip this year too.

