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Hunting and Conservation Division

"Preserving Australia's Heritage"

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HUNTING & CONSERVATION NEWS

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Qld State Co-ordinator's Note

Dear Members,

It is almost the end of the year again and what a busy one it has been for us. I would like to give a personal thanks to both the Management Committee and the General Committee for all your help throughout the year. I would also like to thank you, the members, for your help in making these projects a success. That success has come because you attend each as a true professional.

Due to our organisation's growth we have made a few striking changes. The first being the need for a newsletter editor as it takes quite some time to put the newsletter together with the different reports and such. It has been very nice of late to see some articles coming in from our general members and please I urge you, if you have an article, item, etc. please send it in.

You will see a bit of a change in how we have put this edition of the newsletter together. If you have any comments or ideas please send them in and we will try them out in the next issue. The second position that we need to fill is WEBMASTER, if you have webmaster experience and would like to help us create/design our website either email or phone with your enquiry. Also if you have ideas as to what you would like to see on your web page call or email.

If you have a general enquiry about anything and need to call me please do so after 5pm. As understanding as my employer is, the volume of calls I receive per day is not fair to my employer. It also makes it hard for me to make the calls needed to the government departments and organisations that we work with as they are only open during business hours.

I would like to welcome on to the committee Brett Denholm, Phil Brooks, Mike Farrell, Damien Ferguson and Neville Milligan. Brett Denholm will be looking after New Member enquiries and helping them start in the club.

Phil Brooks will look after chasing up funding through grants. Phil will need lots of help to do this successfully as most of them come up at short notice. If you can give him a hand he is looking for people to be part of the grants sub-committee.

Mike Farrell has come on board as Project Officer (Bush Heritage). He will look after the Bush Heritage portfolio currently includes Goonderoo (neighbouring Avocet).

Damien Ferguson has also come on board as Project Officer (Agforce). He will look after the Agforce portfolio building our relation with the farming community.

Neville Milligan, with the help of Glen Farley, will start running accreditation courses for Hunting and Conservation in the Mt Isa and surrounding areas in the near future. Both Neville and Glen have been long standing

H&C members. Neville is the current President of SSAA – Mt Isa branch. Anyone wishing to do their accreditation, or wanting to help Neville and Glen kick start H&C in the area, please contact Neville.

You will notice on our contacts page we have listed the project leaders for each of our current long term projects. When wanting to attend one of the projects it is imperative you contact the person running the project. If you just turn up unannounced you will be asked to leave, as with most projects there are several things that need to be done in the lead up to the project (especially the team brief). All these processes are set out in the Trip Leaders Toolkit. Anyone wishing to view a copy of the Trip Leaders Toolkit, contact either Mike Farrell or Bob Pardon for an electronic copy.

Hopefully in the near future we will have the revised accreditation test ready to send out to the trainers in each region.

I hope to catch up with those in the Southern Region at the November/Christmas Training Weekend (14th - 15th) and I would like to thank all of our supporters from the shooting industry for their support throughout the year.

Wishing you all a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Happy hunting

Mark Woods
Qld State Co-ordinator

Deer Research Project

Just a quick update. Several members have gone through the initial induction process required to part of this project. Some have successfully done their dartgun accreditation. And for those wishing to use their own vehicle on the project we are about to do our 4x4 induction on to a Toowoomba Council workplace.

While this may seem a lot to do, to become a part of the project, in fact it is just common OH&S practice for any worksite.

Congratulations to those who have successfully completed these tasks.

If you are still interested in participating in this project please contact Geoff Jones on 0407 673 597 gsjones@bigpond.com

The Committee

Southern Region

With the current dry spell we are experiencing, Stewartdale accessibility has returned to normal. Both training weekends and feral control nights can now be run from H&C hill. With the introduction of the Energex carbon neutral tree planting program (approx 20,000 trees) We will have to put extra focus on hare control as they will predate heavily on the new seedlings.

Due to the recent pig activity we have scheduled extra control activities. These are at short notice and if you want to be put on the notification list please email Owen McIntyre.

We have had a steady flow of new members getting their theory accreditations done over the last couple of months. This has been good to see.

George Bernat from Sharpe Edge will be at the November training week end with his vast array of knives and accessories for those of you that don't know his Van is like a hunters Aladdin's cave So don't to bring some dollars along and shout yourself a new knife or two for Christmas.

David Gottschalk
Southern Qld Coordinator

Training focus

When am I ready to hunt?

This is a common question which is raised by both new and old shooters alike.

The answer to this question is not easily given as each person has to make this determination on their own considering their own personal circumstances and abilities. However some of the basic considerations are:

1. Can you shoot? Have you practiced enough from different positions (not

just from a bench) to enable a clean kill? Do you know the layout of the vital organs? No matter what the animal, it is the hunters' obligation to dispatch it as cleanly and humanely as possible whether it is perceived as a pest or not. Remember you are the only one responsible for pulling the trigger, you cannot recall or push the Esc button if things go wrong.

2. Are you prepared to kill a living animal? Different people are affected in different ways when they are faced with this choice. Whether you are shooting a rat or a buffalo you are taking a life. In our community of blister packed meat and processed foods people have lost the understanding of where our food comes from and what has to be done to secure it.
3. Do you know what your rifle is capable of, and here I do not mean those tales of deer taken at 600m with a .222 with open sights, I mean realistic capabilities which encompass the obligation as noted in point 1. Each calibre has limitations; some have been developed for specific types of shooting such as varminting. These calibres are designed to fragment on impact and therefore will not be acceptable if penetration is needed on bigger game.

Generally if you are confident with your rifle and respect the life of the animals you hunt you have the basics. Your fellow hunters can advise however there is no formula; you have to make the decision yourself.

Brett Marais

Conservation Matters

To be honest, I have no love for either of the last creatures in our series of "friend or foe" for 2009! One is credited with the "Aussie salute" the other is the known carrier of many diseases. If you haven't already guessed, I am talking about...

FLIES AND MOSQUITOES

Order Diptera

There are approximately 7000 species of Diptera (flies, mosquitoes, midges, etc) that have been identified in Australia so far, with at least 3 times that still waiting for identification.

Flies

Flies are distinct from other insects because they only have one, not two, sets of wings. The second set of wings has been adapted into a structure called a haltere to assist in balancing and flight control.

They feed on both dry and decomposing organic matter. As a result they are capable of carrying bacteria. Flies tend to lay their eggs in the decomposing matter, which in turn feeds the maggots until they reach adulthood.

Did you know flies that hang around that bowl of fruit on your kitchen table are not fruit flies but vinegar flies? Unlike fruit flies, they aren't eating the fruit, but rather are feeding on the bacteria and yeasts associated with rotting fruit.

Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes are actually a type of biting fly. Australia has 350 species of mosquito.

Male mosquitoes live on nectar and have a short lifespan of only a week or so. On the other hand, females live for up to a month. Just before they are due to breed females seek out a blood supply. They need the protein in the blood to produce eggs. They are attracted to carbon dioxide, body odours and body heat.

Mosquitoes lay between 100-200 eggs at a time on any still water surface. (This works out to be about 1000 eggs a year per female.) The larvae live in the water until maturing. In spite of this they need oxygen to breathe and some species do this by using a siphon-like breathing device to allow them to draw oxygen from the air above the water while they remain submerged.

Mosquitoes, like flies are also transmitters of disease. In Australia, these include Ross River Virus and Dengue Virus. These diseases are transmitted along with the saliva in the bite of the female.

Diptera in the Environment

Much as they annoy us around the BBQ this particular group of insects are very important.

Diptera are an important part of the food chain, providing a food source for many animals including, bats, birds, fish, etc

Some species of flies also play an important role as pollinators and can be seen hovering above various plants on a warm day.

As already mentioned, they spread disease. While at first this may not appear to be a positive thing, it actually helps control animal populations.

The use of maggots in forensic science is currently under investigation. It seems flies are the first to arrive on the scene, so by determining the age of the maggot it is possible to more accurately estimate the time of death.

Since maggots feed on rotting flesh, Medical Science is also considering the use of 'clean' maggots to assist in healing of certain wound types. This is a resurgence of an old practice.

Obviously, we haven't even scratched the surface in this short article so if you want to know about these guys please check out the websites provided as a starting place.

References

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<http://www.csiro.au/resources>

<http://faunanet.gov.au>

http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/environment/plants_and_animals/mosquitos

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas – hope there won't be too many flies and mossies in your backyard over the holiday period!

Glenys-Julie Harris

Thoughts and hints

These are a few personal observations on air travel in Australia with firearms and hunting accessories.

The rules do change frequently and should always be checked before you travel. The Australian Government has the current list on Smart Traveller at - http://travelsecure.infrastructure.gov.au/domestic/prohibited_list.aspx

Not on the list, but will be taken from you if carried on board are string, rope and any form of tape e.g. electrical, duct so remember to check your hunting backpack if you take it on board as carry-on luggage.

Then the Civil Aviation Authority has another list of dangerous items at - http://www.casa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?WCMS:STANDARD::pc=PC_90371

And of course, each airline has its own list as well! For example QANTAS will permit empty liquid fuel camping stoves but Virgin Blue staff will not, even though their website says they do. Staff advised that it is at their discretion and usually they say "no".

QANTAS has a very helpful dangerous goods manager Laurie Willoughby his email is - dgenquiries@qantas.com.au You need to contact him in advance if you wish to carry ammunition with you. You will have to give him your shooters licence number and flight number. He usually issues a one or two year permit for carriage of dangerous goods. You can have up to 5 kilos in original packaging. If you are a re-loader without original packaging Laurie will let you carry it in hard plastic MTM type containers if you ask in advance. Also the rules state that the bolt of a firearm has to be removed. I carry a pump action with trigger locks and this is acceptable, but again I asked in advance and then kept a copy of the permit in my gun case and one with my travel documents.

There was a good article about QANTAS and Laurie in Australian Shooter a few years ago.

From the QANTAS website what you need to supply by mail or email are - Name and Address, Flight Details, Firearms

Licence number and expiry date and type of ammunition, return email, fax or postal address. If you are only planning to carry firearms, no further action is required, however the firearm must be declared at time of check-in, and it must be unloaded and securely packaged for check-in.

With Jetstar it is easiest to obtain a permit through QANTAS.

Virgin Blue do not issue permits in advance and in theory you can arrive at the airport with rifle in case and ammo in check-in bag and get on the plane. In reality, it very much depends on who you get at the airport. Most check in staff will ask their supervisor for help. Best tips: be early by at least 90 minutes before flight and be POLITE. I have spoken to Virgin Blue about getting permits in advance but they do not plan to change at this time. Their main issue can again be ammunition not in original containers - cardboard as people look at the written rules not the sense that plastic is much more durable.

Gun Case - has to be lockable and hard to break into. It cannot say "gun case" on the outside. Last trip most people who saw us asked what band we were in. Timber cases are ok if lock and hinges cannot be removed when the case is locked.

Weight – the domestic limit is now 23 kilos including your gun case with the rifle. Remember that you cannot pack your ammunition inside the gun box. It must be packed in one of your other locked bags. Do not accept advice from check in staff that it is ok to put the ammo in with the rifle as I have had it happen this year. You can take two carry on bags of up to 7 kilos each and I usually take my hunting back pack plus a sports bag with my hunting boots and other heavy items. Anything over 23 kilos will currently cost you \$10 per kilo excess baggage.

International Travel - the best I have dealt with are QANTAS and Air New Zealand. JAL have a rule of no firearms ever!

You need to plan well in advance as you need forms from the State Police (Form B709A Importation of Firearms – Police

Confirmation and Certification Form) and an export permit from Australian Customs. This can take a minimum of 15 working days to process the permit.

Hire of rifles is possible in New Zealand and other destinations and can be easier for some trips.

If you plan to bring hunting trophies back to Australia that is another issue in itself. That also needs to be planned well in advance.

Some important links and contacts are listed below:

- ✚ Customs information centre
Telephone: 1300 363 263
E-mail: information@customs.gov.au
- ✚ Forms for Import and Export of Firearms can be found at -
<http://www.customs.gov.au>

Rodney Clarkson

GEAR TEST

As we head towards mid-summer, some of our hunting concerns are heat, flies and mozzies. Never- the- less it seems timely to consider some of the discomforts of winter hunting.

The H&C division now has significant commitment to feral animal control. A large component of this is spotlighting from the back of vehicles. Gloves, beanies and heavy jackets with a high collar can help to keep warm but protection for the face and nose can be difficult, even with a cumbersome scarf.

A very simple yet effective device is available to make winter spotlighting more tolerable. It is a face mask of lightweight neoprene, with a polar fleece lining. The mask is comfortable and is secured with velcro at the back of the neck. The shaped nose-cone sits on the bridge of the nose and allows for breathing. The mask extends downwards to the collar area and is sold as the "Neoprene Face Mask" and is manufactured by OK Co. It is currently available at AUSSIE DISPOSALS, Margaret Street, Toowoomba. 07 46396622 They may be available at other disposal stores.

Robert Michael

UHF Radio Channel Allocation

Below you will find a list of UHF Radio channel allocations. There are many channels that have been established by law including the Emergency channel 5 and the data transmission channels 22 and 23.

- 1 to 8 - These channels, which are established by law, can be used when sending a signal to a repeater which will help increase the communication distance
- 5 - This channel, which is established by law, can be used by anyone but only in an emergency situation
- 9 - Used for conversations
- 10 - Used by 4WD enthusiasts, clubs, convoys and in national parks
- 11 - Calling channel. This channel, which is established by law, is used to call or locate another station. Parties will then switch to another channel to continue with their conversation
- 12 to 17 - Used for conversations
- 18 - Holiday maker's communication channel (e.g. when in a convoy)
- 19 to 21 - Used for conversations
- 22 and 23 - These two channels are used for data transmissions and are established by law. Voice transmissions are not allowed on these two channels
- 24 to 30 - Used for conversations
- 29 - Highway **Communications** which are mainly used by truck drivers and other highway users
- 31 to 38 - These channels, which are established by law, are received by a repeater and re-transmitted on channels 1 to 8 to help increase the communication distance
- 35 - Can be used in case of Emergencies
- 39 - Used for conversations
- 40 - Highway **Communications** which are mainly used by truck drivers and other highway users

With thanks to www.ExploreOz.com.

Mike Farrell

News from Central Region

Hello from Central Queensland.

Well our most recent outing was "Avocet" which I would say was a successful trip with a couple of dogs, 2 large pigs, 1 large black cat and several hares and rabbits taken. We certainly put in the hard yards this trip with a lot of walking (paid off though). Some dam sitting was also on the agenda, but no luck there this time.

On arrival, boundaries were checked using bikes and a quad, looking for any movement of target species. There was not a lot of sign found but they are there. Also, the cat traps were reopened and set, and checked each morning over the week. Disappointingly, the only captures were one Northern Bandicoot and one Rufous Bettong. Both were released to live a happy and fruitful life.

The Emerald team are hoping to spend more time on location to set up a few things at the camp site.



Dan with one of the large pigs taken on the Avocet trip

The Gladstone pig project went extra well this trip with the team removing 90 pigs. Yes, that is ninety pigs, with conditions and tactics working well and a lot of hard yards put in by the team.

The Taunton results will be in the next issue as the team is away at the time of writing this.

Note on Hydration with a lot of walking being done this summer, personally I have found that about 500ml per hour of water keeps me properly hydrated. I'm about 90kg and reasonably fit. Thought this might be of some assistance in planning walks.

Safe Hunting and Merry Christmas from the Central Region.

Rod Costin & Brad Hughes

North Queensland Report

North Queensland members have been busy over the last few months with regular trips to our Hughenden and Collinsville projects. The weather up here is typical of the late dry season, cool nights and warm to hot dry days, with creeks and waterholes starting to dry up, ideal for our projects, but we are now starting to get a few storms, so trips over the next few months could be touch and go.

Our trips have been successful, with a number of pigs taken on each, even though dogs and cats have been elusive. On the September trip, we had the pleasure of the company of a member from the Southern Area, who was in Townsville on personal business and joined us on his way home. It was good to get information on other projects and to know that, although, as an organisation, we are widely spread but still operate under the same guidelines.

There are some prospective projects in the wind, but may take some time to get under way

Membership is still growing, with several new members accredited and several very interested enquiries and good attendance at our practice days.

Until next time, good hunting

Geoff Sloman
Nth Qld Co ordinator
Townsville Training Officer

Cairns Region Report

Away at time of print

Lindsay Rodgers

Southern Training Weekends

Remember, you can camp both Friday and Saturday night, and the whole weekend only costs \$15.00.

Don't forget this is the Christmas Shoot with lots of prizes from Highland sports, Queensland Shooters Supplies, Winchester, QGE, Remington, Rebel Gun Works, and many more.

The Committee

Follow up Report

WILD DOGS – ECONOMIC IMPACT

In our September newsletter it was reported that the cost of wild dog attacks was about \$33million annually. This was the most recent information and referred to the 2003-2004 year.

A recently released report by AGFORCE, the primary producers organization, reveals that sheep and cattle producers in Queensland lost over 500,000 head of stock which has cost the rural community an estimated \$67 million. By far the greatest loss was due to the predation on sheep calves and lambs.

Rowena McNaughton reported (Qld. Country Life - 1 Oct 2009) comments by Brent Finlay (Agforce Sheep and Wool President and Chairman of the National Dog Offensive Group) that these statistics could be echoed in every State.

The report also states that surveys completed in 11 sale yards across the state reveal that dog bitten beasts caused an average of 30% downgrade on the price received for the product. Two saleyards said that they would not receive bitten beasts where damage was to expensive cuts of meat.

Robert Michael

Accreditation Courses

Shooting accreditations - you can do your shooting qualification targets at any range as long as you are observed by a range operator or range officer and that they sign it as so.

Any members wishing to do the theory part of the accreditation course should contact their Regional Training Officer as listed below

**Northern Region
Townsville and surrounding area**

Geoff Sloman on 4723 8852.

Cairns and surrounding area

Lindsay Rogers on 4053 3307
parkerhale58@yahoo.com.au

Mount Isa and surrounding area

Neville Milligan on 0414 239 574
smilligan@tpg.com.au

Central Region

Emerald and surrounding area

Bill Sandeman on 4987 7855 or 0429 877 855

Southern Region

Colin Penfold 0438 457 452
sallycolin@virginbroadband.com.au

H&C Contacts

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Phil Brooks

Grants Officer

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Glenys-Julie Harris

Conservation Officer

Phone: 0407 032 534

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PROJECT LEADERS

If you want to participate in any of the projects listed below please make sure you contact the relevant project leader.

Stewartdale project : Owen McIntyre

Phone: 0417 615 505

Email: owenmcintyre@optusnet.com.au

Blackbutt Rabbit Project: Peter Dobson

Phone: 0412771356

Email: petedobson@optusnet.com.au

Calliope Pig Project: Robert Pardon

Phone: 0427 674 249

Email: robert.pardon@bigpond.com.au

Gladstone Pig Project: Robert Pardon

Phone: 0427 674 249

Email: robert.pardon@bigpond.com.au

Dingo Cat and Dog Project: Rod Costin

Phone: 0417 747 063

Email: coscarp@bigpond.com

Emerald Cat Project: Rod Costin

Phone: 0417 747 063

Email: coscarp@bigpond.com

(Dates are short notice call Rod to be put on the Email list)

Avocet Project: Mark Woods & Brad Hughes

Phone M.W.: 0438 098 469

Email : markwoods2@bigpond.com

Phone B.H.: 0429 017 093

Email : hughes-5@bigpond.net.au

Collinsville Project: Geoff Sloman

Phone: (07) 4723 8852

Email: geoffms@yourhub.com.au

Hughenden Dog Project: Geoff Sloman

Phone: (07) 4723 8852

Email: geoffms@yourhub.com.au

Members Adverts

Camelbak Ranger Camouflage 3 litre Hydration Pack

Ideal for the all-day hunter or hiker, the Ranger has enough room to carry anything you may need in the course of a day-long adventure.

Included in the 30L of storage space are a large main compartment, dual-zippered side pockets and an exterior pocket with an organizer for smaller gear.

Integrated into the pack is an easy-to-clean OMEGA Hydrotitanium 3L reservoir that is also easy to fill. A Bite Valve cover keeps the Big Bite Valve protected and clean. The lightweight and rugged exterior material is quiet and water-resistant. An Independent Suspension Harness teams with side compression straps to keep the load stable as you walk.

Weight with reservoir full is 9.1 lbs or 4.13 kg and empty 2.66 lbs or 1.2kg. Colour of pack is mossy oak new break.

Used for one trip and has new unused 3 litre bladder. Great day pack but I have now bought a bigger one for multi day trips. New price \$199.00 this one for \$100 plus postage if needed or pick up from Gold Coast.

Rodney Ph 0418 723 615

Our Supporters

The businesses listed below support us in different ways, whether it is through direct discounts to members, donations to the Christmas Shoot, or items loaned for field use.

When purchasing items from these businesses please be sure to mention you are a Hunting & Conservation member for discounts where applicable.

Rebel Gun Works

Ph: 3391 6744

Fax: 3391 8835

Queensland Gun Exchange

Ph: 3393 0933

Fax: 3393 0711

Email: sales@qldgunexchange.com.au

www.qldgunexchange.com.au

Barclay Transport

Ph: 0412 764 000

Fax: (07) 5533 9079

Emails: btranspt@bigpond.net.au

Queensland Shooters Supplies

Ph: 3202 2111

Fax: 3812 8071

Emails: sales@qss.org.au

Or for the indoor range: sales@qir.org.au

Mercury Marine

www.mercurymarine.com.au

Go to the Dealer Locator for your nearest dealer.

Creek Marine

Ph: 3354 1475

Fax: 3354 1455

Upcoming Activity Dates

Be sure to mark the dates below in your diary and plan to come along. You never know – you might just be free on that date. We have kept this page separate so you can put it up on the fridge too!

Hunting Activities

Attendance at activities **must** be arranged with the Team Leader (Contact) as most activities will have a safe operating limit.

Date	Activity	Region	Contact
November			
6 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
14 th – 21 st	Calliope: Pig Project	Central	Bob Pardon
14 th -15 th	Southern Training weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
27 th – 30 th	Hughenden Dog Project	Northern	Geoff Sloman
28 th	Training Day	Northern	Geoff Sloman
28 th – 29 th	Avocet : Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
December			
5 th	End of Year Social	Northern	Geoff Sloman
12 th – 19 th	Pig Project: Gladstone area	Central	Bob Pardon (THIS IS A DATE CHANGE)
12 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
13 th	Project Training	Southern	Owen McIntyre
January			
16 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
February			
20 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
27 th -28 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
March			
5 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
6 th -13 th	Dingo Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
13 th -20 th	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Bob Pardon
20 th -21 st	Southern Training weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
27 th -28 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
April			
2 nd -10 th	Avocet : Emerald Week Long	Central	Brad Hughes / Mark Woods
17 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
May			
15 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
22 nd -23 rd	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
June			
4 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
12 th -19 th	Dingo Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
19 th -25 th	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Bob Pardon
19 th -20 th	Southern Training weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
26 th -27 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
July			
17 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
24 th -25 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
August			
21 st	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
28 th -29 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes

September			
3 rd	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
18 th -19 th	Southern Training weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
25 th - 2 nd	Avocet: Emerald Week Long	Central	Brad Hughes/Mark Woods
October			
16 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
23 rd -24 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
November			
5 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
20 th -21 st	Southern Training weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
27 th -28 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
December			
18 th	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre

Project Target Species

Avocet – Primary - Foxes, Cats, Dogs. Secondary – Rabbits, Pigs

Collinsville - Primary – Pigs, scrub cattle

Stewartdale - Primary - Hares, foxes, cats, dogs. Secondary – Pigs