



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

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## ***HUNTING & CONSERVATION NEWS*** ***September 2007 Edition***

### ***Old State Co-ordinator's Note***

Dear Members,

It has been an exciting couple of months with Northern and Central regions starting some interesting new projects.

Our Northern coordinator Geoff Sloman has just started off their first project south of Hughendon and has had contact with a research institute regarding collecting blood samples.

Central has been kept busy with 8 separate trips across three different projects.

Southern region has had some more success at Stewartdale and various members have been involved in projects in the other regions.

Southern region also has an LGA (Local Government Authority) project running that is covered by a confidentiality agreement.

Please remember activities are open to all members so don't be afraid to volunteer for activities in other regions.

The management team has been involved in quarterly Environmental Networking Partnership (ENP) meetings. ENP brings together environment and catchment groups in the Ipswich and western catchments region of SEQ to share news and views on common issues and to support and strengthen each other's activities. Some of the attendees are SEQ Catchments, Ipswich

City Council, A.R.R.O.W. (Australian Rescue and Rehabilitation of Wildlife Association), O.N.A.R.R. (Orphaned Native Animal Rear and Release), S.G.A.P. (Society for Growing Australian Plants) Ipswich Region, Birds of Australia, F.A.U.N.A. (Foster care of Australia Unique Native Animals Association), B.I.R.O. Birds Injured Rehabilitation Orphaned and Ipswich Koala Protection Society to name a few.

In these meetings we are learning about other conservation groups concerns and where we can fit in and work with them. One of our common concerns is the effect that the impending influx of people and housing into the Ripley area will have on the Ripley Valley and its wetlands.

In the future we will be forwarding the SEQ newsletter to our members.

Which comes first - the chicken or the egg? We don't know the answer to this question but we have a similar one of more importance. In new areas do we need trained members first or do we need projects first? All of us would like to have projects first but you cannot service a project if you do not have trained and accredited members. So we ask you to bear with us

So in saying this each regional coordinator needs help in setting up and running training programs and members must be prepared to attend them so that we have the trained resources to service projects.

For our organisation to grow we need members with good hunting skills and a good

understanding of conservation practices to give us a hand in areas such as:

- liaise with NRM (Natural Resource Management) groups
- talk with landholder groups and landholders
- help with training sessions
- help with accreditation courses
- **the most important - just help in general**

Regards  
Mark Woods  
Qld State Co-ordinator

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### ***4 Wheel Driver Training***

At the last training weekend we had an informative talk from Kev of Australian 4WD Driver Training and Tours. It was so good that we have organised a one day training course on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

They have given H&C a 10% discount for this event bringing the cost down to \$225 dollars. This covers the primary driver and a passenger. The primary driver gains the certificate, however the passenger is encouraged to take part in both the theory and practical sessions.

We highly recommend that you attend the day even if you are an experienced offroader as techniques are being improved all the time.

The day is also open to friends and family of H&C members.

For more info about Australian 4WD Driver Training and Tours have a look at <http://www.australian4wd.com.au/>

Contact Mark Woods or David Gottschalk by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September to confirm your attendance.

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### ***Welcome to New Members***

We look forward to seeing you out at our Training and Development weekends and on the various activities in the coming months.

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### ***Advertising***

For any firearms related items you wish to advertise, you need to include your Firearms Licence Number and the Serial Number (if applicable).

At this stage there will be zero cost, but if you are wishing to make a small donation towards the running costs of putting out the newsletter it would be appreciated.

The Committee

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### ***Special Offer for members***

We are pleased to announce that Wildlife Animal Captures, owned and run by Tony Searle in Queensland, has offered all current H&C members a 5% discount on any of the soft jaw traps he carries.

Tony has quite a large range of both soft jaw and cage traps. The latter can be made specifically to your specifications, if required. He also carries dog and fox lures and a variety of handling equipment.

Tony can be contacted on ph: 4661 7066 (You can call Mark Woods for a copy of Tony's flyer as soon as we get our scanner working!!!)

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Did you receive this newsletter via Australia Post? Do you have an email address? To receive your newsletter faster and to be kept up to date with what is going on make sure that we have your email address on our mailing list! (Keep in mind there needs to be room in your mailbox to receive mail.)

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## ***Training focus***

### **Spotlighting from within the vehicle.**

Due to the fact that not everyone has an open back ute there will be times when you need to spotlight and shoot from within a vehicle.

When doing this ensure that all get a fair turn at shooting during a session by rotating the role of primary shooter. When you change primary shooters you may need to change positions in the vehicle as a left handed shooter will shoot better from the right hand side and vice versa.

Maintain some balance when rotating roles as the vehicle owner may not want someone else driving their vehicle or another may not want to use a shotgun etc. (On the flip side please don't get offended if someone declines your offer to drive their vehicle).

Where possible the driver should position the vehicle to suit the primary shooter as this will reduce the need to get in and out of the vehicle. Getting in and out of the vehicle creates noise, costs precious time and can be made awkward by your gear.

Be flexible when you are the primary shooter. Enforcing your turn could lose the target as there will be times when another person is better positioned for a shot or can sight the animal better.

Happy Hunting  
The Committee

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## ***Conservation Matters***

A recent sighting of this month's entry by one of our members has prompted us to tell you a little bit more about...

### **The Northern Brown Bandicoot (Isodon Macrourus)**

It is perhaps the most common and best know species of bandicoots. It is also the largest species with males which are a little bigger than females, reaching about 70cm in total length and weighing about 2 kg. It is

common in forested environments and often visits suburban gardens fossicking for food.

Its home range is mainly located along the coast from as far south as the Hawkesbury River, as far north as Cape York and west to the Kimberley.

Bandicoots are solitary animals that forage on the ground at night for insects, spiders, seeds, berries and a wide range of similar fare often digging into the soil or rummaging in the leaf litter.

By day they sleep in well concealed nests that lack an obvious exit or entrance. These consist mainly of loose heaps of leaf litter scraped together on the ground, sometimes roughly roofed with soil.

Reference: Lindsey, T. 2000-2001, *Green Guide Mammals of Australia*, New Holland Publishers, Australia. p.24.

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## ***Cooks Corner***

This quarter's recipe has been brought to you by the Penfold family.

### **Camp Oven Lamb Shanks**

- 2 diced onions
- 2 cups of water
- 4 tablespoons mint jelly
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- oil for browning

Put the shanks in to brown  
Remove shanks and then brown the onion  
Add all ingredients  
Simmer slowly with lid on until cooked  
(approx 1 ½ hours)

Happy Cooking,  
Marks Woods

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## ***A Conservation Reminder***

As we all seem to come from a vast array of working backgrounds, we are looking for anyone who has a degree or sound working knowledge in the many aspects of the conservation field to help us in an advisory capacity on our various projects. If you are

interested in helping in this way please feel free to contact me. Alternatively, if you know someone who might be interested, but does not belong to H&C then feel free to give them my contact details (Available at the end of the newsletter.)

Remember we can collect samples from foxes we have shot, trapped or found as roadkill. Fox samples should be no older than three to four days before being put in the specimen bottle. **The kits are available from Mark Woods.** The samples should be returned to me at my home address: 22 Celosia Street, Daisy Hill, 4127.

**P.S** Please remember to return the vials. Don't wait for the next fox.

For more information please go to the website: [www.foxDNA.animals.uwa.edu.au](http://www.foxDNA.animals.uwa.edu.au).

Mark Woods  
Qld State H&C Training Officer.

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### ***Thoughts and hints***

When on an activity bring ammunition that is suited to the target species. Ammunition for thin skinned animals is constructed differently to that for thick skinned animals. Using the wrong ammunition can turn a clean kill into a flesh wound. A heavily constructed bullet will not expand sufficiently on a thin skinned animal and can pass through with little damage. Conversely, a lightly constructed bullet will fragment on the surface of thick skinned animals and leave a flesh wound.

Also bring your best loads on control projects. Your best load should be the one that is the most consistent meaning you are more likely to be on target. Your other loads will have a greater chance of being off target leading to you missing which we want to avoid. On many of our projects you will only get one chance per animal so do yourself and our projects a favour and put your best foot forward.

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### ***News from Central Region***

Since putting pen to paper in the last newsletter we have all been fairly busy up

here in the central region. We continued our weekly assaults on the feral cat population at a local property with numbers steadily climbing towards the fifty mark. It's not easy work as the cats have learnt quite well, however patience is a virtue as more than one or two cautious tom cats discovered to their detriment. The majority of our local members have been involved in this operation and all of them have enjoyed the experience.

We have had two trips down to Avocet with only the one dog being taken just recently. It's been a worthwhile exercise though, as some of our guys have not been to Avocet before and these trips were valuable familiarisation time for them. Our plan is to increase the frequency of these visits as the September project looms.

Two trips to a nearby property to familiarise ourselves have proved fruitful both in getting to know the lay of the land and also in being able to build a good solid relationship with the local stakeholder. These trips culminated in an 8 day operation, in conjunction with our fellow members from the Southern region. We collected 3 cats for our efforts after many hard hours in the field. There was a lot of strong wind and some rain thrown in for good measure which made all activities difficult and kept the ferals at home.

Congratulations to all members involved, a great effort and a great result all round for both the stakeholder and H & C.

It was great to see some of our local members at the range recently, fine tuning their rifles and generally enjoying their chosen sport. There were some very tidy groups witnessed during the day and some bright smiles to go along with them.

Bill Sandeman  
Central Region

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### ***Southern Region Reports***

#### ***Avocet Report***

Our second trip for the year starts on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September and goes to the 29<sup>th</sup>.

The amenities should have been improved by then due to an up and coming working bee by Hugo and the Central members.

Janelle Lowry will be there with a wildlife ranger, Jason Countryman, to help continue the trapping program.

Avocet is a great opportunity for the family as there are non hunting activities that they can be involved e.g. wallaby trapping, wallaby tracking and there are tourist activities in the local area.

Team Avocet

### ***Stewartdale Report***

You may have noticed some earthworks in the dry lagoon. This is being done to create three islands and to retain more water in the lagoon. We have also been constructing log piles for birds to roost on.

The increased urban development in the Ripley Valley seems to have moved predators from their usual haunts and onto Stewartdale as on the last hunt we spotted 1 dog and 3 foxes. The new predators are extremely wary and hold off further than usual plus our fields of fire are also becoming more restricted from the extra activity.

This wariness and standing off by the predators highlights the need for us to know our rifles trajectories and to be ready to take a shot once the animal is identified.

Indian Mynas are becoming more common on the property and we are developing plans for controlling them.

We would encourage new members to come out to this activity as it is a good introduction to H&C and our methods. We also need our experienced members to help keep the pressure up on the predators.

David Gottschalk  
Southern Qld Co-ordinator and Activities Co-ordinator

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### ***Southern Training Weekends***

### ***Quarterly Training Weekends***

With the onset of the colder weather, we have noticed that attendances at the quarterly training weekends have not been as well attended as they should be.

Please keep in mind, that as we have specialty projects operating at the moment it is important that you attend these weekends as some of the training is geared towards them.

So with the onset of Spring, I greatly encourage those that have thought that it was a little cold or a little wet, please attend the next couple of training weekends. Attendance is strongly encouraged for the September training weekend, as a few out-of-the-ordinary things will be covered on this weekend. (See the training schedule attached.)

Mark Woods  
Old State Co-ordinator.

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### ***Northern Regions (Townsville) Report***

Our numbers are growing steadily with 2 new members passing their Accreditation Course this month.

Our first project is about to start in early September with four members scheduled to visit a property 100km south of Hughenden where we will be running a feral control program.

We are also collecting blood samples from feral pigs and dogs, and, if possible, cats for the School of Veterinary Science at James Cook University to help with research into the relationship between Q fever and feral pigs and dogs. This project may be expanded to collecting samples statewide, depending on how samples can be sent to the university for analysis,

The next Accreditation Course is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September and we have a practice shoot every 4th Saturday afternoon at the S.S.A.A. rifle range (Harvey Range Rd Range).

Geoff Sloman  
Townsville Training Officer

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## ***Northern Region (Cairns) Report***

The Wangetti Range has now been reopened for about a month after a four month closure so now is a good time to get some practice in.

As with all things starting off in an area, there is a lot of groundwork needing to be put in, people to be met, relationships to be built and education to be performed. This is not a role for just one person but for many. In the past I have asked from you, the members within this area, for a hand in performing some of these tasks. As you can see, the other regions are doing quite well with various projects and this is only because of a lot of people going those few extra miles. So if you do have a few extra hours during the week or can help here or there please step forward and give me a hand.

Ross Harvey  
Northern Co-ordinator

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## ***Upcoming Dates***

Be sure to mark these dates in your diary and plan to come along. You never know – you might just be free on that date.

### **Hunting Activities**

Attendance at activities must be arranged with the team leader as most activities will have a safe operating limit.

### ***Northern Region***

#### **Hunting Activities**

#### **Feral Animal Control**

**Location:** Hughendon

**Species:** Feral dogs, cats, some pigs

**Calibres:** Centerfire

**Dates:** TBA

**Team Leader:** Geoff Sloman  
4723 8852

### **Training Activities**

Every fourth Saturday afternoon  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2007

### **Accreditation**

22nd September

### ***Central Region***

#### **Avocet - Project Flashjack**

**Location:** Avocet – Emerald

**Species:** Cats, dogs, foxes

**Calibres:** 17HMR upwards

**Dates:** 22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007

**Team Leader:** Mark Woods

0438 098 469, 3808 4881

#### **Pig Control Project**

**Species:** Pigs, foxes

**Calibres:** 25-06 up

**Dates:** 15<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2007

3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007

8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007

**Team Leader:** Mark Woods

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### ***Southern Region***

### **Hunting Activities**

#### **Stewartdale Wetlands Preservation (mostly an afternoon/evening activity)**

**Location:** Ripley Rifle Range

**Species:** Dogs, foxes, cats, (hares maybe)

**Calibres:** centrefires to 22-250 or .22mag or 17HMR only

**Dates - 2007:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sept

6<sup>th</sup> Oct

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

1<sup>st</sup> Dec

**Team Leader:** David Gottschalk 3849 8869

### **Training Activities**

15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2007 – Ripley Range  
17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007 – Ripley Range

Project training; 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sep  
7<sup>th</sup> Oct  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov

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### ***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**

Ross Harvey on 4057 8868 or 0418 199 505

### **Central Region**

#### **Emerald and surrounding area**

Bill Sandeman on 4987 7855 or 0429 877 855

### **Southern Region**

Mark Woods on 0438 098 469 or 3808 4881.

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## ADVERTISING PAGES

### FOR SALE (Gary - 0416 833 866)

<b>Factory Ammo</b>		Hogue rubber grips fit Ruger Redhawk	\$10.00
<b>.45 ACP</b>		Pistol Rest-sighting in etc	\$25.00
20 Win RN 230 gn	\$15.00		
10 Shotshells x 2 boxes	\$10.00	<b>Rifle Stocks</b>	
		Genuine Ruger plastic stock from M77 MK II	
Mixed box approx. 50 rounds	\$15.00	short action	\$40.00
<b>9 mm.</b>		Ramline stock for Ruger M77 MK I short action (New)	\$50.00
50 NORMA 118gn RN	\$20.00	Full military wood for 6.5 x 55 Swedish Mauser-	
		includes all hardware	\$50.00
100 mixed 147gn SWC	\$20.00	Sporter stock suit 6.5x55 Swede (from military	
35 Win. 115gn FMJ	\$12.00	original-Acraglas Bedded, oil finish, recoil pad)	\$35.00
15 mixed shot shells	\$5.00		
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<b>.38 S&amp;W</b>		Tasco 4-16 x 40 Silver--as new	\$200.00
29 145gn lead cartridges	\$10.00	Tasco 3-9 x 40 Black	\$85.00
21 cases		Tasco 4 x 32 fixed-Black	\$35.00
		Tasco 1.5 x 20 Pistol Scope- Black	\$35.00
<b>Projectiles-.45 ACP:-</b>		Simmons 3-9 x 32 Black	\$25.00
330 CBM 175gr SWC Lead	\$30.00		
200 Ranier 230gr RN "Lead Safe"	\$25.00	<b>Reloading equipment</b>	
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Pistol case-soft zippered	\$10.00	Lee .45 ACP Factory crimp die	\$15.00
Cabela's "Sack-ups" pistol sack	\$5.00	Lee 9mm Factory crimp die	\$15.00
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**FOR SALE (Bryan – 0419 676 305)**

Steyr Scout .223 (S/No: SC 1032849). Includes Leupold VX-II 6-18x40 Long range target in Leupold QR-w mounts. This rifle has 1in8" twist barrel ,built in tripod, spare magazine onboard and consistently shoots 55gn ballistic tips into 0.5 MOA. It has logged 358 rounds fired since new. Cost well over \$3000.00 Lic no: 10078407.	\$2000.00 firm
Steyr Scout .376Steyr (S/No: SC 1004984). Includes Leupold VX-II 2-7x33 in Leupold QR-w mounts. This rifle is in as-new condition and has fired 38 rounds since new. Lightweight hard hitting rifle ideal for sambar. Included are nearly 100 cases, mostly unfired. Cost around \$3000 Lic no: 10078407	\$2000.00 firm.
Steyr Scout .308Win (S/n SC1041124). This rifle has fired 784 rounds since new. Integrated bipod and spare mag. Steyr original rubber recoil pad fitted. Cost \$2450.00 new. Lic no: 10078407	\$1600.00 firm
Mauser 98 (FN Belgium manufacture) 30-06,(S/No 2206). New matt blued varmint weight barrel (fired approx 390 rds), mag-na-ported, timney adjustable trigger, bridge scope mount w/1" rings, Piers synthetic stock w/recoil pad. Lic no: 10078407.	\$600.00 firm.

**FOR SALE (Phil – 3816 1538)**

Spotlight 100w projector bulb type aussie made	\$55.00
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