



**Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia**

**Hunting & Conservation Branch (SA) Inc**

PO Box 188 Kert Town SA 5071



# THE H&C NEWS

**March 2010**

## Quarterly Meeting

**TUESDAY MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**NOTE CHANGE TO DATE**

**7.00 pm At GAZA Sports & Community Club, Corner of Main North East Rd and Wellington St Klemzig.**

**SSAA-H&C-ACTIVITY PROGRAM-2010 (VERSION 4 – 03/03/10)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>
13/03/10	Accreditation Course (theory)	Gil H
16/03/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
30/03/10	H&C General Meeting 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
31/03/10	Onkaparinga River NP - cull	Kaz H
12 -16/04/10	Bimbowrie CR & Boolcoomatta - cull	Phil J
18/04/10	Range Day at Monarto – 10am – 4 pm	Council
20/04/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
9 -14/05/10	Vulkathunha-Gammon RNP – cull	Gil H
14 -17/05/10	FFPP	Kaz H
22/05/10	SSAA State Meeting 12noon at CWA	Council
25/05/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council

14 -17/06/10	Flinders RNP – Wildlife Surveys	George S / DEH
15/06/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
21 - 25/06/10	Dutchman Stern CP – cull	Kaz H
30/06/10	H&C General Meeting 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
13/07/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
25/07/10	Range Day at Monarto – 10am – 4pm	Council
<b>?- ?/08/10</b>	Gluepot	Phil J
6 - 9/08/10	FFPP	Kaz H
7 -13/08/10	Gawler RNP – cull	Rick F
17/08/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
21/ 08/10	SSAA State Meeting 12noon at CWA	Council
22 - 27/08/10	Vulkathunha-Gammon RNP – cull	Gil H
04/09/10	Accreditation Course (theory)	Gil H
14/09/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
22/09/10	H&C AGM 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
11 - 15/10/10	Bimbowrie CR & Boolcoomatta – cull	Phil J
19/10/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
5 - 8/11/10	FFPP – cull	Kaz H
8 - 12/11/10	Dutchman Stern CP – cull	Kaz H
13/11/010	Range Day at Monarto – 10am – 4pm	Council
16/11/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
21 - 26/11/10	Vulkathunha-Gammon RNP – cull	Gil H
08/12/10	H&C General Meeting 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
11/12/10	SSAA State AGM 12noon at CWA	Council
14/12/10	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council

NB: - All cull dates cover shooting from first sunrise to last sunset excepting FFPP and PESTCAM which are from first sunset to last sunrise.

OFF PROGRAM (IRREGULAR) ACTIVITIES – please check with Activity Coordinator for details before registering.

Barossa/Hills – quick response/SA Water/Forestry SA	Graham H 8337 5388
Fleurieu – Forestry SA	Jim A 8390 1882
Telowie/Burra/Redbanks	Shane F 8634 4362
Everard/Thackaringa/Mantung	Rick F 8447 6905
Kangaroo Island	Jorge N 8357 0903
Buckaringa / Kalamurina / Yookamurra	Mark P 8380 5336
Midweek Range (Monarto)	Graham H 8337 5388
SA North-East private reserves & Corella culls	Phil J 0408431750
Lameroo District	Evan R 8764 2169
Mt Brown CP	Rob & Sue S 8636 2691

Every effort will be made not to make changes, but PLEASE CHECK ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR UPDATES ON WEBSITE. ([www.hunt-cons.asn.au](http://www.hunt-cons.asn.au)).

## **Firearms Branch Records**

A member recently had a firearms inspection conducted at his premises and the police had a print out of all firearms registered in his name.

A firearm that the member had sold over 10 years ago was still registered to him.

Luckily enough the member had kept all transactions of selling and buying firearms and produced the receipt from the gun dealer through whom he had sold it.

The police accepted this and said they would follow up with the dealer in question. It seems the wrong serial number was entered.

Members can produce their firearms license at any police station and request a printout of all firearms registered in their name.  
Phil J.

On receiving this item from Phil I went to my local police station, showed my licence and asked for printout of firearms registered in my name.

At first the officer thought only Firearms Branch would have such information but she contacted Firearms who explained to her how to access the information, and she was able to provide me with a printout.

My local station is Sturt but I assume all stations have the same electronic access to firearms registry.  
George S

## **H&C awarded NRM Community Grant for 2009/10**

**Subsidy for travel to culls: Well done Andy (editor: on behalf of us all)**

In the latter half of 2009, H&C applied to be included in the current round of NRM Community Grants. These are grants of up to \$50,000-00 given to community organizations involved in projects for soil, water, fauna and flora conservation. They are annual grants and the money has to be spent and accounted for by the 30<sup>th</sup> October of the following year.

Our application was based on the established and continuing success of our involvement in the Bounceback program in the northern national parks, [Gawlers, Vulkathunha-Gammons, and Flinders].

It was noted that as the goat numbers have been reduced over the years that we have been involved, the cost per culled goat in terms of time, effort and resources has dramatically increased, to the extent that many H&C members were becoming reluctant to make the commitment to go to those parks.

For many years there have been three cull trips per year to these parks, and with falling member participation, one alternative would have been to reduce the frequency of cull trips.

However this would give the remaining goats free-run to decimate the re-growth in the trees and shrubs that is now becoming evident everywhere through the parks.

The \$10,000-00 grant that we have been allocated is to be used as a subsidy to members travelling to those remote parks to participate in the weeklong culls.

This will mean that members participating in the one Flinders, two Gawlers, and, two Gammons culls before 30<sup>th</sup> October this year will receive a subsidy of \$100-00 per trip.

This will be limited to twenty members per trip, paid to the first twenty registrants for each trip.

It is important that the NRM board be aware that the actual costs to members are actually much greater than \$100-00 for the week, so anyone wishing to take advantage of this subsidy needs to submit to their cull-coordinator all receipts for costs expended to participate in the relevant cull, at the completion of the cull week.

All these costs will be collated and be included in the final report to the NRM board after 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Andy D.

## **Website of interest**

<http://www.stikbowhunter.com/> is a very well edited and most interesting magazine, aimed at bow hunters but with many articles of interest to us, such as GPSs and navigation, how to develop fitness for the field, gear reviews and so on.

Well worth a download.

George S

## H&C Member Survey

Members will find a survey accompanying their March newsletter.

Please take the time to read through it and answer all the questions.

This survey is for you, the member to give feedback to the Committee & Activity Coordinators and help to improve and move the club forward into the future.

Any suggestions & ideas that you feel should be addressed or will help better & improve the club are all welcome.

Please mail your responses to H&C Branch (SA)  
P.O. Box 188 Kent Town SA 5071  
Phil J.

## Flinders Ranges National Park Wild life Surveys

Flinders Ranges National Park Wildlife Surveys (15-18 June) are an occasion for H&C members (and oftentimes friends- you don't have to be H&C accredited for this activity) to enjoy free accommodation at Oraparinna in return for daily walking surveys of kangaroo populations.

Department of Heritage and Environment equip you with Government Radio Network radio, compass and map. You walk 8-10 kilometres on a compass bearing, counting kangaroos.

To be recommended to anyone who enjoys being out in the Flinders, in the pleasant coolness of June. Fuel expenses are re-imbursed. For details see Kaz H., George S. Leonardo B. or Kurt G.

## POLITICS

It used to be said that if you wish to keep your friends, do not discuss religion, sex or politics. What I propose to say is pretty innocuous and I believe to be to all our advantage.

In case you have been far away or under long term sedation, you must be aware that there is a state election on 20<sup>th</sup> March and I most sincerely hope that you read this before that day.

The Combined Shooters & Firearms Council of SA Inc has done some homework and their information is somewhere in this newsletter. (See page 5 -Ed.)

What I would like to add is that there is a **Shooters' Party in SA** and there is a brave individual: **Michael Hudson**, who is offering himself for election.

From experience his chances are probably "zilch", however, whatever votes (especially if significant number) he receives, will be well noted by other political parties, and our interests may receive more consideration.

For your information, there are over 100,000 firearm owners in SA – sadly, only some 3,500 being SSAA members.

NSW has succeeded in having TWO Shooters' (and Fishers'?) Party representatives in their Upper House – even just one would be great in SA! It is possible!

My suggestion is that you give your "1" spot to Mike Hudson and your "2", "3", "4", etc... to whatever political parties you would be otherwise inclined to vote for.

## THAT "GUNG HO" FEELING

Just once more I would plead with members to exercise a little sensitivity in dealing with our "Clients" – they may well ask for our assistance, but may well be doing so uncomfortably, with trepidation and/or some reluctance for a number of reasons – from fear of firearms, "Bambi" syndrome or other anthropomorphic perceptions.

When you are referred to a landholder – PLEASE play your part with great care and caution, even when everyone appears to be happy with the situation.

Many have second thoughts and subsequently come back and say that they were unhappy with someone's "Gung Ho!" attitude to what was a heart-wrenching event for them.

So – please show empathy to clients at all times – we all have different sensibilities and recognising that pays!  
Kaz H.

## GOOD DEEDS

Everybody's thanks to Vince R and John S who undertook spraying of boxthorn bushes at the Dutchman Stern CP early this year. These were found by Vince and John in an area seldom (if ever) visited by DEH staff but often used by us to reduce the trekking to the Western Springs.

## DEER – GAME or PEST?

DEH have recently decided to involve the ADA in the control of feral deer in SE DEH managed reserves.

The idea of directing more resources to feral deer control seems effective, and as conservationists many of us will support such a move.

The fact that the ADA objective is to conserve deer (as a game species) will put them in a quandary, as it did many SSAA-H&C members some years ago.

It will be interesting to see how this develops.

Kaz H

## **Succession Planning is planning for the future of H&C**

In the theatre each principal actor has an understudy who knows each line of the play and is ready to step up to the footlights should the star player be unable to do so.

In monarchies, the crown prince or princess is groomed to step into the role of king or queen the moment the reigning ruler's soul wings its way to its just reward. Hence the saying "The king is dead, long live the king."

In the USA the Vice President is, as the saying goes, "Only a heartbeat from the Presidency", ready to be sworn in and lead the nation the moment the President can no longer do so.

Organisations like monarchies or republics run well because of the work and talents of those in positions of influence. These organisations continue to run after the monarch's life comes to its end or beyond the tenure of office of a President because there are those behind who are ready to step forward when it becomes their turn to accept the responsibility of office.

In H&C a small group has guided the fortunes of the club since its inception some 18 years ago. It has done so most successfully, as the reputation of H&C is high in the conservation community. However, this group will not always be able to guide the fortunes of the club. This group will pass but H&C will continue.

Each year at the AGM, one might say. "The COM is dead, long live the COM".

So that there always be a Council of Management ready to pick up the baton from the preceding COM, the current Council wishes to invite all interested members to attend Council of Management meetings, learn what it is each member does, and to stand for election to COM at next AGM.

Obviously, one is best equipped, to stand for a position on Council if one has attended monthly

COM meetings and noted what actually happens during these meetings; the tasks and duties COM members accept.

Meetings are held at the Country Women's Association building 30 Dequetteville Terrace Kent Town (entry from Little Angas St) and are included in the Calendar of Activities.

A good number of members ready to step up to the crease when current COM office holders retire to the pavilion can only strengthen our club and will ensure continuity for H&C is assured  
George S.

### **NEW RANGE OPPORTUNITY**

Arrangements have been made with **Mike Hudson** (co-incidentally **Shooters' Party** candidate for Legislative Council at March 20 election) and the COM of North East Security Shooters Club Inc (NESSCI) for H&C members to use their 100m range at Range Road North, Tea Tree Gully.

The dates set for this trial are **Sunday 11 April, Sunday 23 May** and **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August**.  
Time: 11-4 on each of these dates.

Council of Management will pay for hire of site during trial period and make a decision on whether to negotiate a long-term agreement on the basis of attendance at these scheduled shoots.

The range is on Range Road North, some 300 metres from the intersection of North East Road and Range Road North, Tea Tree Gully. There will be a red flag flying at entrance to site, NESSCI and AURRPC signs on cyclone fence next to gate.

**For more details contact George S or Chris G.**

**COMBINED SHOOTERS & FIREARMS COUNCIL OF SA Inc GPO Box 1662, ADELAIDE, S.A., 5001**

### **STATE ELECTION**

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS & CLUBS**

Mike Rann has left calling the election to the absolute last minute and accordingly it is not yet known who will be standing and their positions etc. on the ballot papers for both Houses until Friday 5th March 2010 just prior to the long weekend.

The Combined Shooters & Firearms Council of SA Inc's policy is to remain politically neutral save and except when it is necessary to advise all Firearms Owners (whether they be recreational or competitive shooters, collectors, hunters, dealers, farmers etc.) just who supports and has supported our interests.

The Labor Government through Police Minister Wright and others have been particularly unsupportive, in two recent areas of legislation and the application of it.

Consequently Combined Shooters & Firearms Council of SA Inc (the Council) had to resort to the Legislative Council (Upper House of review) to seek fairness and justice for Firearms Owners and others.

Robert Brokenshire (and Dennis Hood) of Family First, independent John Darley and the Liberal Opposition members in the Upper House all supported a Disallowance Motion and discarded the draconian and overkill regulations covertly introduced by the Labor Government. Dennis Hood and John Darley are not up for re-election.

If not for the Legislative Council our interests were at risk – and still are, with other current policies endorsed by the Government being implemented.

**The Shooters' Party** is fielding a candidate (**Mike Hudson**) in the Legislative Council. It would be in the interests of all Firearms Owners and their families if their vote could be in favour of Mike Hudson for the Shooter's Party. It is understood those preferences would flow to Rob Brokenshire (should it be necessary) and then to the Liberal party who supported Family First in their efforts to assist Firearms Owners.

Council is not advocating to your group or members how to vote, the purpose is to inform all Firearms Owners just who supports their interests and are concerned at the manner in which the current Firearms Legislation is formulated and administered.

Please ask your members and their families to consider the above.

On the reverse side is a list of members of parliament who have assisted the interests of Firearms Owners, and those who have not. Please ask your members to contact their local candidates for both houses and especially the Legislative Council and ask what their views are, and vote accordingly.

Authorised by: R J Carn President Combined Shooters & Firearms Council of SA Inc

### **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE COUNCIL AND INTERESTS OF FIREARMS OWNERS** **HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:**

Isobel Redmond (Heysen)(via David Ridgeway)  
Iain Evans (Davenport) Vicki Chapman (Bragg)  
Martin Hamilton Smith (Waite)  
Graeme Gunn (now his replacement candidate)(Stuart) Liz Penfold (Flinders): all **Liberal**. Tom Kenyon **ALP** Newland) -yes!! He was very fair and helpful)

### **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Robert Brokenshire Dennis Hood \*(**Family First**) David Ridgeway Robert Lawson Rob Lucas, Terry Stephens John Dawkins Michelle Lensink Caroline Schaefer Stephen Wade(**Liberal**) John Darley \* (**Independent**)  
\* Dennis Hood and John Darley are not up for re-election  
(All Statewide representatives)

### **THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ASSISTED THE INTERESTS OF FIREARMS OWNERS ARE:** **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Paul Holloway ALP John Gazzola ALP  
Gail Gago ALP Carmel Zollo ALP Russell Wortley ALP Bernard Finnigan ALP Ian Hunter ALP Ann Bressington Independent  
Mark Parnell Greens

### **HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

Michael Wright ALP Karlene Maywald  
NSA (but exhibited Government Cabinet solidarity)

From Combined Shooters' & Firearms' Council

### **Southern Brown Bandicoot Research**

Jasmin Packer from the University of Adelaide is researching the impact of blackberry on habitat for the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot.

She is seeking volunteers to assist with bandicoot surveys in the Adelaide Hills

Each survey includes setting up sites, 5 nights live trapping of bandicoots, animal handling, invertebrate and vegetation surveys, then packing and cleaning traps. Experience is not essential, although a positive attitude and good level of fitness is!

Limited places are available, and priority is given to people with experience in fauna surveys.

Dates for 2010 surveys are:

Autumn: 23 March - 1 April, 13-19 April and 21-29 April

Winter: 1-31 August (further details closer)

Spring: 21-30 September, 2-9 October and 12-21 October

Summer: 30 Nov-9 December, 14-22 December and 3-9 January 2011

For more information email Jasmin:  
j.packer@adelaide.edu.au

John D.

### **Email against 1080 cruelty from NSW Shooters' Party MLC Robert Brown**

"These (New Zealand) links contain some very distressing material related to the effects of 1080 poisoning.

How can the NSW authorities responsible for Pest Management in the State, condone the use of this stuff (around 500,000 baits were used in a recent Northern NSW program) over the humane method of ground shooting?

The hoary old argument that ground shooting is "ineffective" because of its cost is no longer valid, due to the growing availability of volunteer Conservation Hunters and the Game Council.

The first of these "youtube" clips had me in tears. Then I got so angry I had trouble speaking...

Maybe a couple of you may care to send a copy of these URLs to Kristina Keneally and Frank Sartor and urge them to support my Game and Feral Animal Control Act Amendment Bill."

[Robert.Brown@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Robert.Brown@parliament.nsw.gov.au)  
Obscene Cruelty Part `1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrCQZ1B4ks0>

Obscene Cruelty Part 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gCwlxIOxds>  
END SONG:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smp2TdbOPaI>

## **Cull Reports**

**Activity:** *FFPP*

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**Date:** 21 - 22 August - 2009

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**Coordinator:** *Kaz H*

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**Attending members:** 7

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**Animals taken:** 15 foxes, 9 Cats

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**Comments:**

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**Activity:** Wheal Motley

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**Date:** 27-31 November 2009

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**Coordinator:** Phil J

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**Attending Members:**5

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**Animals taken:** 86 Goats, 5 foxes

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**Comments:** Numbers down due to recent trapping/mustering.

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Great effort by attending members.

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Goats were in average condition.

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**Activity:** Tintinara

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**Date:** 5th December 2009

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**Coordinator:** Kevin K

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**Attending members:** 2

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**Animals taken:** 20 Rabbits, 2 Hares

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**Comments:** This is a new activity and will be on a as required basis - Off Program.

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Main species are Rabbits, Hares & Foxes

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**Activity:** Napperby/Telowie

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**Date:** 26-31 December 2009

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**Coordinator:** Shane F

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**Attending members:** 7

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**Animals taken:**83 Goats

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**Comments:** Vegetation regrowth in area of recent burn off.

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Goat sign evident in Nelshaby area.

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**Activity:** Pandappa

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**Date:**3-8 December 2010

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**Coordinator:** Phil J

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**Attending members:**3

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**Animals taken:** Goats - 58, Fox - 1

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**Comments:** Goats moving through the area

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daily, two large mobs sighted.

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Goats not living in area as sign very low.

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Goats were in very good condition.

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**Activity:** Burra

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**Date:** 3-8 December 2010

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**Coordinator:** Shane F

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**Attending members:** 9

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**Animals taken:** Goats 63, Cat 1, Fox 9,  
Rabbits 63.

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**Comments:** Goats were found to be  
scattered in different areas than last activity.  
One area had high numbers of rabbits.

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**Activity:** Coromandel Valley (Mansion)

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**Date:** 4 January 2010

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**Coordinator:** Graham H.

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**Attending Members:** 5

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**Animals taken:** 24 Pigeons

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**Comments:** Timing of activity will  
influence results ie- later in day when dark  
may increase numbers taken.

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**Activity:** Samuel Winery

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**Date:** 4-5 January 2010

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**Coordinator:** Andy D / Kaz H.

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**Attending members:** 3

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**Animals taken:** 5 goats

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**Comments:** Ongoing activity.  
Client to advise when members  
are required for follow up.

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**Activity:** Montacute -Orchard

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**Date:** 5 & 8 January 2010

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**Coordinator:** Graham H/John D

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**Attending members:** 5

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**Animals taken:** 178 birds

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**Comments:** Birds not active on hot days.

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**Field**

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**Hours:84**

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**Activity:** Dutchman Stern C/P

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**Date:** 11-15 January 2010

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**Coordinator:** Kaz H / Brian F.

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**Attending members:** 8

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**Animals taken:** 32 Goats, Fox 1, Rabbit 1.

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**Comments:** 12 m.hr spent removing-  
poisoning boxthorn bushes on  
route to western springs.

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1x Brown snake & 1x Thorny Devil seen  
near western springs.

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**Activity:** Mt Brown C/P

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**Date:** 22-26 January 2010

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**Coordinator:** Rob S

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**Attending members:** 6

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**Animals taken:** 66 Goats

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**Comments:** Numbers up from previous  
years.

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Kangaroo numbers also up due  
to abundant feed in area.

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**Activity:** CB Corella cull

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**Date:** 7-19 February 2010

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**Coordinator:** Phil J

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**Attending members:** 3

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**Animals taken:** 70  
corellas

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**Comments:** Birds very flighty, ongoing  
project

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