



THE H&C NEWS

Annual General Meeting Wednesday

19th September 2012

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

SSAA-H&C-ACTIVITY PROGRAM-2012 (DRAFT VERSION – 13/02/12)

DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR
11/09/12	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
19/09/12	H&C AGM 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
22/09/12	SSAA State Meeting 12noon at CWA	Council
01 - 06/10/12	Bimbowrie CR & Boolcoommatta – cull	Phil J
13/10/12	Accreditation Course (theory)	Gil H
16/10/12	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
21/10/12	Range Day at NESSCI Range	George S
22-26/10/12	Witchelina (NFSA) Project	Kaz H
05 - 09/11/12	Dutchman Stern CP – cull	Kaz H
09 - 12/11/12	FFPP – cull	Kaz H
10/11/12	Range Day at Monarto – 10am – 3pm	Council
13/11/12	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
18 - 23/11/12	Vulkathunha-Gammon RNP – cull	Gil H
19 - 21/11/12	Brookfield	Ali W
05/12/12	H&C General Meeting 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
08/12/12	SSAA State AGM 12noon at CWA	Council
11/12/12	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 0418 824 461
Buckaringa (3/11, 7/11, 11/11) / Yookamurra	Mark P 8380 5336
Midweek Range (Monarto)	Graham H 8337 5388
SA North-East/Gluepot	Phil J 0408431750
Lameroo District	Evan R 8764 2169
Mt Brown CP	Rob & Sue S 8636 2691
Brookfield CP	Andrew D 0429362192 / Ali W 0412786281
Gum Creek Stn cat, fox, rabbit control	Dennis D 0409 098 687

Every effort will be made not to make changes, but PLEASE CHECK ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR UPDATES ON WEBSITE (www.hunt-cons.asn.au) and/or Activity Coordinator.



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.New Training Officers for Accreditation Courses.

Five members have been trained as Training Officers qualified to teach SSAA(SA) Inc "Firearms Safety and Proficiency Course."

As soon as paperwork has been submitted to SAPOL and these members have added Purpose of Use (7) -Other as provided by Registrar- to their Firearms Licences, they will be qualified to teach the "Firearms Safety and Proficiency Course" section of H&C's Accreditation Course.

Other members have signed on for the next course Greg Dodd, will conduct.

If you wish to serve your club, contact H&C Secretary and put your name down for next course.

Range Officers are also required in larger number than we have now.

Please contact secretary@hunt-cons.asn.au and signal your interest in becoming a Range Officer and wearing that blaze orange vest on range days.
George Sobolewski.

Bounty on ferals?

Transcript of radio discussion regarding the idea of a bounty on ferals proposed by [Dan van Holst Pellekaan](#) - Member for Stuart in South Australia

www.danvhp.com.au/

North and West Mornings - 31/05/2012 9:26 AM

Ann Jones Producer Ms Petria Ladgrove 08 8638 4811

[cont] Discussion of dingos escaping the dog fence and Dan Van Holst Pellekaan's proposal to introduce a bounty for landowners. Jones introduces Bill Thomson from the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia. Thomson says the SSAA has been around for 20 years and they are credited with culling thousands of goats from the Flinders and Gammon Ranges, leading to the re-establishment of the yellow footed rock wallaby. Thomson says most people think this was done by the government with baiting. He states bait, especially 1080, is not a good idea as it does not discriminate. Thomson comments they cull any feral pests anywhere in SA. He reports they have culled dingos on properties in the Arkaroola area. Thomson states their members are all qualified and experienced hunters, and argues putting a bounty on animal culling is not a good idea as it would lead to "yahoos" going on to properties without permission. He states people should get in touch with SSAA as they will shoot the pests free of charge. Jones notes Van Holst Pellekaan has said the bounty should only be available to land owners.

Thomson argues it is unnecessary. [cont]

Dan Van Holst Pellekaan is Shadow Minister for Regional Development.

Thanks to Scott J. for sending in this transcript.



The Punchbowl area of Onkaparinga National Park.

Pic: Tony Bainbridge

Book review

'OUTBACK SURVIVAL' by Bob Cooper

"Australia has, without question, some of the harshest conditions on Earth, with a host of wildlife and plants that can be both friend and foe in time of need.

Our massive tourism industry is constantly searching for ways to make travel in these conditions safe, but the news regularly features people who have underestimated the wilderness."

So says the blurb for Bob Cooper's new book.

Having heard Bob speak on ABC radio; impressed by what he had to say, and thinking his book might be of interest to us who do conservation work in harsh and arid places I went to Dymock's at Glenelg and put down my \$24.95 but the sales assistant noticing I had a seniors' card in my wallet without my asking reduced the price. Good one Dymocks.

H&C has rules on how much water each one of us must carry in the field.

So I was interested to read Cooper's chapter on dehydration.

Here is some of what he says.

"For optimum function, we require a minimum of 1 litre per 25 kg of body weight per day....A body fluid reduction of only 1 percent will start to impair our body's thermoregulation system and dehydration will kick in. The loss of just 2-3 percent of body fluid means you are acutely dehydrated, but even this does not stimulate your thirst sensation. (continued page 6)

Coulthard, Gil

Members of the SSAA Hunting & Conservation Branch (SA) extend sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gil Coulthard, who passed away at his home in Copley, in June. A proud and respected Adnyamathanha man and a friend to many members of H&C.

Vale Gil



Bounceback bags 82,000 goats and celebrates 20 years Trish Mooney, Bounceback Project Officer

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) annual aerial feral goat removal netted 6,195 goats over two weeks in March bringing to 82,000 the number of goats removed by aerial means across the Flinders, Olary and Gawler Ranges in the last 20 years.

The Bounceback goat control program aims to achieve long term suppression of goat numbers to reduce browse pressure on native vegetation across the ranges.

For the first time in 2012, the aerial goat program included properties in the Southern Flinders Ranges as part of the Living Flinders initiative of the Northern and Yorke NRM Board and support was also provided by the SA Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board for the second year running.

Aerial goat removal commenced in the Flinders Ranges in the early 1990s and expanded to include the Gawler and Olary Ranges in 2002. The program targets inaccessible terrain and allows coverage of large areas in a short time with minimal disturbance to tourist and pastoral activities. While several thousand goats have been removed from the Gawler Ranges in the past, the denser vegetation means that ground goat control is a more effective method in that region.

The aerial program complements ground control undertaken by the **Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Hunting & Conservation Branch)** and ranger staff in DENR reserves throughout the Bounceback target area.

Long term goat control is promoting the regeneration of native shrub and tree species, in particular the more palatable species that have been removed or damaged by goat browse, such as Bullock Bush (*Alectryon oleifolius*), Plumbush (*Santalum lanceolatum*), *Eremophila alternifolia* and some Bluebush (*Maireana* spp.) and Saltbush (*Atriplex* spp.) species.

The long term results of Bounceback's goat control programs show a steady decline in the number of goats removed from target properties in the 12,000 square kilometre treatment area in the Flinders, Gawler and Olary Ranges.

Sustained reduction in goat densities has been achieved where consistent and prolonged control has been undertaken – even in the good years that were experienced recently which have benefited these feral grazers.

In contrast, goat numbers continue to increase on properties where effective control is not undertaken, exerting migration pressure onto neighbouring properties including reserves.

The goat control program is funded through the Australian Government's Caring For Our Country and State NRM funding. ■

This article was taken from "Across the Outback" Number 60, June 2012

Thomas Jefferson (April 13, 1743 (April 2, 1743 July 4, 1826) was an American Founding Father, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence (1776) and the third President of the United States (1801–1809). At the beginning of the American Revolution, he served in the Continental Congress, representing Virginia and then served as a wartime Governor of Virginia (1779–1781). Just after the war ended, from mid-1784 Jefferson served as a diplomat, stationed in Paris

Here is some advice he gave his nephew Peter Carr. The letter is kept in the Yale Law School's Lilian Goldman Library

...An honest heart being the first blessing, a knowing head is the second. It is time for you now to begin to be choice in your reading; Read also Milton's Paradise Lost, Shakespeare, Ossian, Pope's and Swift's works, in order to form your style in your own language. In morality, read Epictetus, Xenophontis Memorabilia, Plato's Socratic dialogues, Cicero's philosophies, Antoninus, and Seneca. In order to assure a certain progress in this reading, consider what hours you have free from the school and the exercises of the school. Give about two of them, every day, to exercise; for health must not be sacrificed to learning. **A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercise, I advise the gun. While this gives a moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise, and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball, and others of that nature, are too violent for the body, and stamp no character on the mind. Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks.** Never think of taking a book with you. The object of walking is to relax the mind. You should therefore not permit yourself even to think while you walk; but divert your attention by the objects surrounding you. Walking is the best possible exercise. Habituate yourself to walk very far. The Europeans value themselves on having subdued the horse to the uses of man; but I doubt whether we have not lost more than we have gained, by the use of this animal. No one has occasioned so much, the degeneracy of the human body. An Indian goes on foot nearly as far in a day, for a long journey, as an enfeebled white does on his horse; and he will tire the best horses. There is no habit you will value so much as that of walking far without fatigue. I would advise you to take your exercise in the afternoon: not because it is the best time for exercise, for certainly it is not; but because it is the best time to spare from your studies; and habit will soon reconcile it to health, and render it nearly as useful as if you gave to that the more precious hours of the day. A little walk of half an hour, in the morning, when you first rise, is advisable also. It shakes off sleep, and produces other good effects in the animal economy...

So, if you want to be healthy, spend two hours a day walking around with a gun. Now that we are a Star Club, maybe the Department of Recreation and Sport will support us in achieving fitness this way!

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The following comes from SA Country Hour Facebook page from whence Casey McCallum's fox pic comes.

Welcome to the official SA Country Hour Facebook page. We want to strike up a conversation with our audience and we hope you'll be a part of it. We'll highlight our best features, ask for your input on the important issues and muse about the stuff.

You'll find us on air between 12-1pm Monday to Friday.

If you're in regional SA tune into your local ABC station and you'll hear us loud and clear.

If you're in metropolitan SA try tuning into 639 on the AM band. We're a bit fuzzy depending on where you are, but you can still hear us. Or if that's not working for you and you still want to get the daily buzz from rural South Australia head to our website abc.net.au/rural/sa and download our podcast, which is online by 2:30pm every day. You can also download us for free on iTunes.

NESSCI (Upper Hermitage) Range Days

The next Range Day at NESSCI Range will be on Sunday October 21st 2012

The range is on Range Road North, some 300 metres from the intersection of North East Road and Range Road North. (Formerly Tea Tree Gully, now, Upper Hermitage.)

There will be a red flag flying at entrance to site, NESSCI and AURRPC signs on cyclone fence next to gate

Follow track down hill. Take right fork where track divides.

George Sobolewski

Merchandise on sale at quarterly meetings

Long Sleeve shirts with H&C Motif	\$50.00
Short Sleeve shirts with H&C Motif	\$45.00
Khaki Polo Shirt	\$20.00
Yellow Polo Shirt (Small)	\$10.00
Orange Hats (no neck flap)	\$6.00
Orange Caps (with detachable flap)	\$5.00
Blue H&C Caps	\$10.00
Cloth Badges	10.00
Metal Badges	\$7.00
Range Tags (show rifle safe)	\$1.00
Stubbie Holders with H&C logo	\$6.00
Raffle Tickets -	3 for \$5.00

(Raffle helps pay for supper)

Fox flock

By Laura Poole – ABC SA Country Hour Friday, 10 August 2012

On Yesterday's Country Hour you might have heard me mention an amazing photograph that professional shooter Casey McCallum shared with us on our Facebook page.

It was of about 30 foxes gathered around roo remains and was taken [when] Casey was working north west of Glendambo.

Casey posted the photo with the comment: "Foxes are in large numbers in South Australia atm [at the moment] after the good seasons."

I haven't seen the numbers this large in the last 7 years of working as a professional Kangaroo shooter.

I was shooting them but bullets are to [too] costly and reloading takes time. It would be good to see South Australia adopt the bounty that Victoria currently has for foxes."

The photo has had an unprecedented response on our Facebook page and started a debate about the rights of shooters.

Casey McCallum says he was so amazed by the sight, he just had to share it.



Extracts from President's Address to June General Meeting

...And now to the ongoing question of safety. A member has asked me tactfully to remind you all that you must be visible from a distance of 300 metres, through 360 Degrees.

In the Gammon Ranges it appears some members were making do with an orange backpack or similar and weren't always as visible as they should be.

Please be seen. Also on safety.

There is an attitude amongst some members that when stalking, one carries one's firearm with a round in the chamber and the bolt lifted as a safety measure.

This practice is horrendously unsafe. A stumble, the rifle hits the ground, the bolt drops and you've got the job of telling the wife of your former buddy she can now apply for the widow's pension.

You will also have had your firearms seized, your licence revoked and a summons to the coroner's court in your letterbox.

Also, you might just lose your bolt. There is a SAKO bolt, property of an H&C member, rusting away somewhere in the Gammon Ranges.

So, when stalking, your rifle is closed on an empty chamber. You have a full magazine but the chamber is empty and the bolt is closed. So to make the point, you always hunt with an empty chamber.

You only load when you're ready to aim and fire.

After firing, you close on an empty chamber before going off to process the kill.

You ask your partner to check your rifle and you check his/hers, but if no one next to you, ensure you have closed on an empty chamber.

This policy, agreed on with DENR, (now DEWNR) is on website under "Check List for Spotighting". It applies in daytime as well.

Please be safe at all times. Anyone can make a mistake. Sticking to H&C policies and procedures will lessen that possibility. George Sobolewski

27/6/12 Quarterly meeting.

Wanted

Swedish Army Stainless Steel mess kit, complete with burner and bottle. Peter. huntcon2008@gmail.com

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Paul Caica. meets H&C members

Bounceback celebrates 20 years

Trish Mooney, Bounceback Project Officer

Bounceback, the program responsible for boosting Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby numbers in the SA Arid Lands, celebrated its 20th anniversary in July at a ceremony attended by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Paul Caica.

Bounceback is a natural resources management program which aims to restore habitats and foster recovery of native animal populations across the Flinders, Olary and Gawler Ranges.

Minister Caica joined 60 past and current Bounceback partners at the 20-year celebrations at the Old Wilpena Homestead.

'Bounceback is a magnificent success story for ecological restoration in South Australia,' he said.

'Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies are shy, beautiful animals and we came close to losing them forever, but now when you visit the Flinders Ranges National Park, you have a chance of actually seeing them in the wild.'

When the program began in 1992, there were fewer than 50 Yellow-footed Rock-wallabies in locations such as Flinders Ranges National Park and Plumbago Station in the Olary Ranges.

Their numbers had been brought low by the fur trade in the early days of European settlement, and later by the impact of feral pests.

At last count, the populations in these locations had boomed to more than 1000, with similar increases across the ranges, where coordinated pest control occurs.

Bounceback's broadscale 1080 baiting has significantly reduced losses of young rock-wallabies to fox predation. Reduced numbers of goats has not only benefited rock-wallabies, reducing competition for food, but also assisted the regeneration of native vegetation.

Key partners include the Adnyamathanha community, Landscape Partnerships, Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Biosecurity SA, Bush Heritage Australia, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Nature Foundation SA, NRM Boards, **the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, the Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby Preservation Association**, Zoos SA and local landholders and tourism operators.

Bounceback is part of the NatureLinks program, which manages and restores large areas of land across South Australia and aims to create corridors linking significant areas of native vegetation and native animal populations. ■ "Across the Outback" August 2012



“**Outback Survival**” by Bob Cooper *continued from page 2*

When you are thirsty you are already more than 3 percent dehydrated. As our fluid levels decrease, so too does our ability to perform tasks and think clearly.

The loss of 2 litres of body fluid through sweat and perspiration will reduce your ability to make rational decisions by as much as 25 per cent.

If you keep on losing fluid and not replacing it you will end up suffering from what is known as “dehydration dementia”.

Drink. Don't sip

Some have died from dehydration with water still in their water bottle. Why?

Because when they were nearly out of water they started sipping on their dwindling supply, trying to make it last longer, but *sipping does not prevent dehydration*.

When you sip water, first that small amount will be engaged with food digestion in your stomach, then your kidneys and liver will rob the remaining millilitres, leaving absolutely none for your brain to absorb and use to function properly.

In my opinion, the practice of sipping water must be the biggest single cause of dehydration in our great outdoors.

The water in your stomach is always better for you than the water in your bottle.

You should drink water at a rate of at least one standard cup (250 ml) each time you drink. In other words, instead of taking 200 small sips from a 2 litre supply, I suggest drinking that 2 litres in 8 good cups full. (You may sip that cupful, but consume it in the same amount of time you would take to drink a cup of coffee.)

That way a useful amount will enter your system, allowing you to stay hydrated and functioning well. Of course, if you need more, drink more.”

Bob Cooper also mentions his own experience of putting himself to the test (he is a survival instructor) and going without water for three days.

Not to be recommended to anyone.

Bob Cooper's book would be my recommended reading for all H&C cull participants.

George Sobolewski

Question: How many shots in a 6 shooter revolver?

Answer: Five. Cowboys always closed on an empty chamber. (At least the ones with all their toes did.)

Signs of Dehydration

The Signs and Symptoms of Dehydration

Symptoms of dehydration usually begin with thirst and progress to more alarming manifestations as the need for water becomes more dire.

The initial signs and symptoms of mild dehydration in adults appear when the body has lost about 2% of its total fluid.

These mild dehydration symptoms are often (but not limited to):

[Thirst](#), [Loss of Appetite](#), [Dry Skin](#), [Skin Flushing](#), [Dark Colored Urine](#), [Dry Mouth](#), [Fatigue or Weakness](#), [Chills](#), [Head Rushes](#)

If the dehydration is allowed to continue, when the total fluid loss reaches 5%; the following [effects of dehydration](#) are normally experienced:

Increased heart rate, Increased respiration, Decreased sweating, Decreased urination, Increased body temperature, Extreme fatigue, Muscle cramps, Headaches, Nausea, Tingling of the limbs

When the body reaches 10% fluid loss emergency help is needed IMMEDIATELY! 10% fluid loss and above is often fatal!

Symptoms of severe dehydration include: Muscle spasms, Vomiting, Racing pulse, Shrivelled skin, Dim vision, Painful urination, Confusion, Difficulty breathing, Seizures, Chest and Abdominal pain, Unconsciousness

Be aware that these are not the only symptoms of severe dehydration that may manifest in response to dehydration.

These are simply the most common.

Symptoms of dehydration will differ from person to person because the body is a complex network of systems and everyone's body is different.

When these systems are disturbed due to loss of fluids there will be several common symptoms shared by most bodies, but there may also be unusual or unexpected responses depending on the particular person in question.

Age also plays a part in the manifestation of symptoms. Signs of dehydration in a child will not be the same as those experienced by a teenager, adult or in the elderly.

Dehydration prevention is the best treatment for every age group. [heatstroke](#) is always around the corner.

Retrieved from: <http://www.symptomsofdehydration.com/>

<http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/Videos-Anguss-Plants-Aussie-Birds>

This is the web site of Birds in Backyards group. See trail cam shots of birds in their natural environment, learn how to attract native birds to your garden.



GIL COULTHARD

Most of us who have been to the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park and done "the loop", will have stopped at the "GIL'S LOOKOUT" spectacular viewing spot.

This viewing point was named in recognition of Gil Coulthard's vision of his Adnyamathanha country.

Some of us (the older ones) will remember Gil as the quiet, confident Adnyamathanha gentleman who generously shared his knowledge and gave good advice to many of us who were experiencing "the outback" for the first time.

In my case, although I had lived in Australia for 42 years, I had never come face to face and spoken to an Aboriginal person, nor been anywhere more "wild" than Wilpena Pound.

Being somewhat nervous in unfamiliar surroundings, I was reassured and inspired by Gil to the point of going to the V-GRNP up to four times a year for the next twenty years, and to develop a great empathy for Aboriginal culture.

Gil maintained a positive attitude to life, talking about riding his horses and ability to drive machinery when recovering from amputations following significant health problems.

We have lost an appreciated and respected friend – but his vision of regeneration goes on.

CORROSION PROBLEMS

If you have rust/corrosion problems with anything metallic, then a look at: www.zerust.com.au may be worth your while. Storage bags (even a rifle bag) and vapour capsules for enclosed spaces such as safes are available and said to be highly effective and used for military applications.

WITCHELINA

- is progressing very well, with comfortable accommodation, improved tracks, plenty of spotlighting opportunities – the large mobs of goats have been eluding us so far – perhaps next trip?

CODES & STANDARDS

I will have copies of activity check sheets and Codes of Practice for those of you who are not able to download from our website – also as a reminder to those who forget.

It is often assumed that we remember everything – safety protocols and ethical practices MUST always apply – we have not had any incidents, but vigilance and care must become habits.

COUNCIL MEETINGS – POLICY OF TRANSPARENCY

Just a reminder to the membership that Council meetings are open to all members – attendance is even encouraged, especially if anyone has an issue, wants information or input, or better still, wishes to help.

Please refer to the program for dates, the place is the Country Womens' Association on Dequetteville Terrace and the time is 7.00pm.

The H&C Branch has a policy of "transparency" – the rest is up to you.

At the end of the evening, you can have a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Kaz Herbst

Fox Traps Built From Donated Materials

Norm B. had a note in last (June 2012) "News" requesting wire and steel rods for the building of fox traps to help an invalid pensioner friend of his protect a private potoroo sanctuary from predation.

The traps have been built and installed and are working.

Norm wishes to thank Chris G. and Glen H. for their generous donations to the cause of conservation of native wildlife.

GS

Don't mess with Q Fever

Q fever is a potentially very debilitating disease, very easily picked up by contacting fluid discharge from an infected animal. That discharge can be blood, saliva, abdominal fluid, urine or faeces, and the animal could be a sheep, cow, kangaroo/wallaby, dog, cat or goat. The bug causing it, *Coxiella burnetii*, is a small organism, larger than a virus but smaller than a bacterium and very infectious to humans.

So infectious is it, that it is included in the list of the 10 most likely biological weapons, along with Anthrax, Smallpox, Ebola Virus etc. A successful biological weapon does not necessarily kill the victim: in fact if you can have a person sick and debilitated for a long time (months to years) you take both the sick person and his/ her carers out of the system. Q fever does this very well as the newly infected person will often be sick with fever, severe headache, muscle pain and weakness, nausea, chills and sweats, for up to several months. In some people this is followed by up to 10 years of weakness, exhaustion and more. If you are really unlucky you end up with permanent heart damage. The only two good things about it are that



people rarely die from it, and it does not seem to be transmitted from human to human.

Why should we worry? Obviously, because anybody who has been on the goat culls, slitting open abdomens will have been potentially exposed to the bug.

What to do? The tricky thing with this bug is that once you have been infected, you are never clear of it. 50% of infections develop the disease signs, and the other 50% develop life-long immunity.

However, the bug just remains hidden in the body, apparently in the bones, out of reach of the immune system.

There is a very good vaccine that protects for life; however, one must not be harbouring the bug for if so, the vaccine can set off an acute reaction.

Therefore, anyone contemplating Q fever vaccine must be tested for prior exposure to the bug before having the vaccine. This test is a skin and blood test. A positive result signifies one has had prior exposure to the disease, has developed immunity and must not be vaccinated. If one has a negative test result, the vaccination can go ahead.

Not every doctor is accredited to conduct the testing and vaccination, so you need to enquire.

Act now to protect yourself-don't wait until you get sick from Q fever.

Andrew D

This article is reprinted from June 2008 H&C "News". The reason for reprinting is that at a recent cull the subject of "Q" fever came up in camp fire conversation and members there were quite unaware of the dangers of "the disease."

Andrew D. a veterinarian by profession, made us aware of "Q" Fever, and the advisability of vaccination against it when he was a member of Council of Management.

Andrew organised for us to be inoculated at a clinic in Norwood, for as Andy says in his article, not every doctor is equipped to carry out the initial test and provide the jab.

If interested in inoculation, leave your name with secretary Kym Mck.

George Sobolewski

Cull Reports

Activity:Dutchman's Stern CP

Date: 18-22/06/12

Coordinator: Kaz H.

Participants: 9

Animals taken: 84 goats

Activity:FFPP&Bunkers CR

Date: 18-21/5/12

Coordinator: Kaz H.

Participants: 10

Animals taken: Foxes,5; cats, 42

Activity:Hollowilena

Date: 10/8/12

Coordinator: Dennis D.

Participants: 2

Animals taken: Foxes,1; rabbits 1,

Activity: Brookfield

Date: 20-24/8/12

Participants: 12

Coordinator: Ali W.

CO: Tony J.

Animals taken: 58 goats,8 rabbits

NFSA purchase Hiltaba Station

Most members know of Nature Foundation South Australia, most probably through the Witchelina arid land reserve project, 30km west of Lyndhurst.

Some members may not be aware that they have just acquired Hiltaba Station.

The below is an extract from the announcement:-

"The Foundation is very pleased to announce the acquisition of... Hiltaba Station, a 78,000 hectare former pastoral property bordering the Gawler Ranges National Park on the Eyre Peninsula.

Hiltaba contains habitat for nine Commonwealth species of significance, forty state listed

species of significance and four species which are endemic to the Gawler Ranges Region. The most significant conservation assets are the presence of three nationally listed vulnerable species: Yellow-footed Rock-Wallaby, Malleefowl and Slender-billed Thornbill.

The immediate focus of conservation efforts is management of feral pests, particularly goats and foxes, which pose a threat to these endangered species."...

SSAA Hunting & Conservation have been approached to implement a Fox / Cat monitoring program such as the program in the Flinders Ranges NP. In the first couple of years this will involve a minimum of 4-5 Fox/Cat spotlighting shoots and data correlation. NFSA in conjunction with the neighboring Gawler Ranges NP intend to bait very heavily over the next two years. In total, four aerial and eleven ground baiting programs have been planned. Should the program follow the results of the FFPP and Gawler Ranges NP the task will be a difficult one due to non grazing (high vegetation) and the more than expected increase in the feral cat population.

H&C have had an affiliation with Hiltaba Station for some time. Brian W and I as H&C members conducted several Fox/Cat shoots on the Hiltaba, Yarna and Lake Everard Stations in 2006-7. The data from these shoots have been passed onto NFSA.

NFSA have already conducted one Goat Muster netting 600+ Goats with more musters planned prior to any ground shooting.

Consequently, I am looking for members with suitable vehicles to help our West Coast members in the above program. Due to the terrain and vegetation, utilities with a shooting rack would be desirable. The property also has a very large Wombat population so much caution must be taken when driving on tracks. The program will be aligned to the new Moon in Jan, March, June, Sept and Dec. Members should contact me for further information or to register their interest.

Rick Fisher 041882461