



THE H&C NEWS

General Meeting Wednesday 6th March 2013

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

SSAA-H&C-ACTIVITY PROGRAM-2013 (DRAFT VERSION – 01/02/13)

DATE	ACTIVITY	COORDINATOR
06/03/13	H&C General Meeting 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
10/03/13	Range Day at NESSCI	George Sobolewski.
15-21/03/13	Hiltaba – Spotighting & cull	Rick Fisher
19/03/13	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
23/03/13	SSAA State Meeting 12noon at CWA	Council
25 - 29/3/13	Brookfield	Ali Wilkie
13/04/13	Range Day at Monarto – 10am – 3 pm	Council
15 - 19/04/13	Witchelina (NFSA) Project – S/L & cull	Kaz Herbst
16/04/13	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
01/05/13	Onkaparinga River NP - cull	Kaz Herbst
06 -11/05/13	Bimbowrie CR & Boolcoomatta - cull	Phil Johns
10 -13/05/13	FFPP - S/L + BCR Bait & cull	Kaz Herbst
12 -17/05/13	Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges RNP - cull	Gil Hartwig
21/05/13	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
26/05/13	Range Day at NESSCI	George Sobolewski
27 -31/05/13	Brookfield	Ali Wilkie
01/06/13	Accreditation Course (theory)	Gil Hartwig
07 -10/06/13	Hiltaba – Spotighting	Rick Fisher
15/06/13	SSAA State Meeting 12noon at CWA	Council
17 -21/06/13	Dutchman Stern CP – cull	Kaz Herbst
18/06/13	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
24 -28/06/13	Flinders & V-G RNP – Wildlife Surveys	George Sobolewski/ DEWNR
26/06/13	H&C General Meeting 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
08 -12/07/13	Witchelina (NFSA) Project – S/L & cull	Kaz Herbst
14/07/13	Range Day at Monarto – 10am – 3pm	Council
16/07/13	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
03 -09/08/13	Gawler RNP – cull	Rick Fisher



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09 -12/08/13	FFPP - S/L	Kaz Herbst
11/08/13	Range Day at NESSCI	George Sobolewski
20/08/13	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
02 -06/09/13	Hiltaba – Spotlighting & cull	Rick Fisher
04/09/13	Onkaparinga River NP – cull	Kaz Herbst
16 -20/09/13	Brookfield	Ali Wilkie
17/09/13	H&C Council (meeting 7.00pm CWA)	Council
21/09/13	SSAA State Meeting 12noon at CWA	Council
25/09/13	H&C AGM 7pm at Gaza Comm Club	Council
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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 Heneley 8337 5388
Fleurieu – Forestry SA	Jim Ayliffe 8390 1882
Telowie/Burra/Redbanks	Shane Fantinel 8634 4362
Buckaringa (3/13, 5/13, 8/13, 11/13) / Yookamurra	Mark Purdie 8380 5336
Midweek Range (Monarto)	Chris Carroll 8374 2175
Gluepot, Pualco, Pandappa	Phil Johns 0408431750
Lameroo District	Evan Roberts 8764 2169
Mt Brown CP	Rob & Sue Scarman 8636 2691
Gum Creek Stn cat, fox, rabbit control	Dennis Donovan 0409 098 68

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



Book Review

"After The Future-Australia's New Extinction Crisis" Tim Flannery Quarterly Essay

Tim Flannery, former Museum of SA director and writer on conservation argues that our fauna is at risk of a new wave of extinctions because governments put a low priority on conservation.

Examples he cites are how then Environment Minister Peter Garrett refused to expend the piddling sum of a few hundred thousand dollars to save the Pipistrelle Bat of Christmas island when the species could easily have been preserved.

Flannery points out that extinction is to be deplored not only because of the loss of an unique species but also because of the effect that extinction has on the whole eco-system.

An animal like the now extinct bat plays an important role in its ecosystem by pollinating, scattering seeds, reducing moth and mosquito numbers and serving as food for other animals.

A species disappears and the ecosystem is altered.

Other examples of thoughtless government decisions are the Victorian Government's 2012 decision to allow collection of firewood on public land. Fallen timber is crucial habitat for many species.

Allowing it to be collected may win some votes but has huge effect on the web of life.

Flannery also points out Animal Rights often militate against species protection.

On page 22 he says, " Before 1959 (in Victoria) no land whatsoever had been set aside explicitly for wildlife conservation, yet by 1966, with the help of the duck shooters' levy,100,000 acres had been reserved for the protection of water fowl, seabirds and rock wallabies amongst other species, and a string of research stations covering many different habitats was being planned"

But, on page 28, Flannery notes that "Despite the venerable history of the state's duck shooters as environmental custodians, today they are vilified by a small group of animal rights activists and their activities are viewed with suspicion by many urbanites"

The duck hunters protected the species they hunted; preserved its environment and protected many other species living in the same place.

Flannery makes no mention of any conservation activity by Animal Rights people.

A similar situation arose on Kangaroo Island some years ago when the koala population (koalas are not native to KI) expanded to beyond the capacity of the environment to feed it.

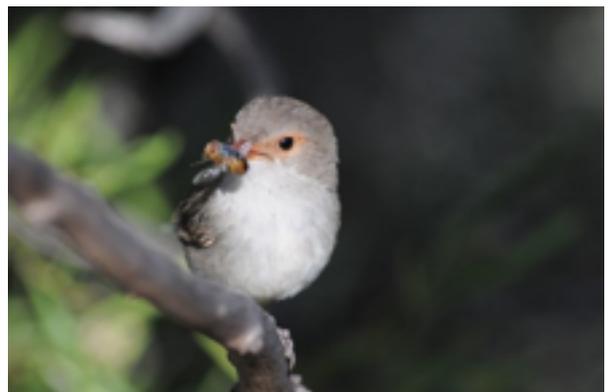
Though culling by firearm would have been humane and inexpensive, the government bowed to a noisy minority and instituted a policy of sterilization.

The cost of pulling koalas out of gum trees and sterilizing them meant other environmental priorities were ignored.

Again, as with Pipistrelle Bat conservation was neglected because governments don't see conservation as a vote getter

I fervently hope those who decide environmental policies read Flannery's Quarterly Essay

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Short term cull participation

The committee has become aware that a number of members believe that to nominate for a one week major cull that it is necessary to attend for the full duration.

This is not the case as many have work and family obligations also to proportion their time between.

You are able to travel on a Friday and return early in the week as needs demand.

The most important thing is that people check in when arriving in an area and even more importantly that they check-out when leaving the area.

In this way members are able to utilise a weekend and have an input to the valuable work that we undertake.

Please specify your arrival and departure dates when you register for your preferred cull.

In shooting Gil Hartwig OAM

Monarto Range: Mid-week sighting in

Chris Carroll has agreed to coordinate mid-week shoots at Monarto.

Mid-week means Monday to Friday (by arrangement) but shoots can only happen if an attender is an RO.

So if you want to use range, sign up for RO Course.

Chris will be the only H&C member authorised to contact the farmer who crops in vicinity re access to Monarto Range mid-week.

Each of the other clubs which shoot at Monarto will also have a member authorised to contact farmer.

The names of these seven club coordinators will be issued to farmer by SSAA State Monarto Management Committee and he will not discuss access with anyone else.

The farmer has absolute right to refuse access.

Chris can be contacted on isgar2@adam.com.au or 8374 2175

PS Hon Sec. Kym McKenney will add your name to list of RO Course applicants. GS

NOTICE TO S99 AND S01 MEMBERS

There is a pride in being able to stand and say "Yes , I'm an H&C member.

H&C now goes into its 21st year of operation with a list of achievements and acknowledgements accumulated over the last 20 years. Our harvest figures show just how many ferals and surplus native wildlife have been removed to create a balance to the biotic communities in the landscape.

We have achieved this supporting members with a "duty of care" and backed by our insurance cover of TWENTY million dollars with SSAA Insurance.

Should something go amiss can you prove you are an H&C member.?

Are you currently a financial SSAA member ?– if not your H&C membership is void.

If you have an S99 branch code on your SSAA membership card it shows you are a resident of South Australia but not belonging to a SSAA Branch.

The SSAA (SA) Inc constitution section 5 (i.e.2) states that once you join a branch you shall change your branch code to that of your parent branch – in the case of H&C that is S09.

Unless you as a S99 or S01 code member not being a SSAA (SA) Inc Life Member nominate another SSAA Branch to which you belong as your parent branch then your Branch code will be amended to read S09 (SSAA Hunting & Conservation Branch (SA) Inc) on the SSAA Inc (National) database and will be printed on your SSAA membership card at your next renewal.

You have 14 days to reply to vary your parent branch to other than S09.

Thanking you in anticipation for your attention to this detail.

Gil Hartwig OAM Membership auditing



H&C member Patrick Kerin's letter to Attorney General John Rau re proposal to ban possession of bayonets

The Hon John Rau MP January 25, 2013
GPO Box 464 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Dear Minister Rau,

Thank you for your response to my letter regarding Yuen v Police and the matter of bayonets. Your invitation to comment is very much appreciated and I submit the following observations.

1:

Your proposal to reclassify bayonets as Prohibited Weapons will achieve a measure of success in creating a legal framework for possession of said bayonets, but overlooks the questionable need for classifying them at all. I maintain that a bayonet is in no way remarkable in the world of bladeware, especially if compared with swords. A sword of any type is a potentially formidable weapon, whereas a modern-day bayonet is by design a multi-purpose tool issued to military personnel. Without being attached to a rifle, it cannot be used in the offensive role it is designed to serve in combat, which relegates it to more mundane uses like digging, hacking, chopping, or in civilian hands, simply as a collector's piece of militaria. Older-style bayonets like mine are virtually all in the hands of collectors or descendants of original owners and as such command high values, either intrinsic or emotional. There are many knives legally available, which fall outside the definition of 'bayonet', but that could conceivably be used as weapons, so why choose to classify bayonets? The most obvious example of an unclassified potential weapon would be a machete, but there are many others. Are these to be classified as Prohibited Weapons too? Screwdrivers are a popular choice of weapon, I understand, so will they be singled out next? Suffice to say that any item that is used as a weapon can be said to be a weapon and sanctions should apply pursuant to their use. My suggestion on this point is simply to remove 'bayonets' from any list of prescribed items.

If simplicity is what you seek, I suggest adding the following to the Summary Offences Act;

'Anything used as a weapon shall be classified as a weapon, for the purposes of the Act.' Thus, if a bikie brawl involves the use of bar stools as weapons, the bikies could be charged with the use of a weapon. How's that for simplicity and universality?

2:

Crossbows are an expensive piece of sporting equipment used by practitioners of archery for target shooting sport or hunting. If crossbows are to be listed as either Dangerous Articles or Prohibited Weapons, why are compound bows not listed? It is only the visual similarity of crossbows to firearms that sees them singled out for classification, I believe, and the need for their inclusion on any list is likewise questionable. If they are deemed to be so similar to firearms in use and effect, then it would be more appropriate to treat them as firearms and require their possession and use to be licensed. Moving them to this dubious status of Prohibited Weapon is legislatively lazy and denies those who have a legal use for them the ability to do so.

3:

Instead of the changes you propose in your letter, I would suggest the following: Abolish both classifications 'Dangerous Articles' and 'Prohibited Weapons' and replace them with a single classification, namely 'Prescribed Dangerous Articles'. Prohibited Weapons should be reserved for things like Rocket Launchers, Hand Grenades and other military-grade weaponry that has no place in the hands of civilians. Prohibited Weapons would be prohibited; there would be no exemptions. Prescribed Dangerous Articles would then include all items of sufficiently dangerous and unusual nature to warrant inclusion on such a list, based on the need to protect society from such articles. To be included on the list, it should be necessary to demonstrate some justification for inclusion. I would suggest there is no justification for including bayonets on such a list. I believe that the list of persons who have been bayoneted outside of a war zone would be extremely short. I believe the number of people who have been assaulted, robbed or even killed with kitchen carving knives would be very much longer. So why prescribe bayonets? There is no justification for this in my opinion and I thank you for the opportunity to share it with you.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick J Kerin



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Trail cameras are a great tool to confirm numbers and times when goats are coming into water. Early mornings and after mid day seem to produce the most activity at this dam! Photo: P. Johns (C)

Thanks to Phil Johns for allowing reproduction of his trail camera photos (above and on page 8) in "News".

You can see more of Phil's photos and text at: <http://www.australianhunting.net>



Cull Reports

Activity: Tintinara
Date: 30-31 October 2012
Coordinator: Brian Whittenbury
Attending Members: 2
Animals Taken: 3 Deer, 46 Rabbits, 2 Foxes, 1 Cat

Activity: Heaslip Road
Date: 2 November 2012
Coordinator: Vince Ruggiero
Attending Members: 1
Animals Taken: 4 Pigeons

Activity: Gum Creek
Date: 9-11 November 2012
Coordinator: Dennis Donovan
Attending Members: 3
Animals Taken: 6 Cats, 1 Fox

Activity: FFPP
Date: 9-12 November 2012
Coordinator: Kaz Herbst
Attending Members: 9
Animals Taken: 10 Foxes, 44 Cats

Activity: 2nd Valley
Date: 21-22 November 2012
Coordinator: Jim Ayliffe
Attending Members: 4
Animals Taken: 4 Deer
Comments: Not many around.

Activity: Brookfield
Date: 18 -23 November 2012
Coordinator: Ali Wilkie
Attending Members: 11
Animals Taken: 129 Goats
Comments: Large mobs sighted.

Activity: Gammon Ranges
Date: 18-23 November 2012
Coordinator: Gil Hartwig & Kym McKenney
Attending Members: 12
Animals Taken: 337 Goats, 2 Cats, 2 Rabbits

Activity: Tintinara
Date: 26 November 2012
Coordinator: Brian Whittenbury
Attending Members: 2
Animals Taken: 21 Rabbits

Activity: Hindmarsh Tiers
Date: 30 November 2012
Coordinator: Kym McKenney
Attending Members: 6
Animals Taken: 11 Kangaroos

Activity: Hindmarsh Tiers
Date: 8 December 2012
Coordinator: Kym McKenney
Attending Members: 2
Animals Taken: 10 Kangaroos.

Activity: Buckaringa
Date: 8-9 December 2012
Coordinator: Mark Purdie
Attending Members: 2
Animals Taken: 27 Goats

Activity: Terowie, Napp/Nelsh
Date: 26-31 December 2012
Coordinator: Shane Fantinel
Attending Members: 10
Animals Taken: 213 Goats, 2 Foxes



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Activity: Pandappa
Date: 6-12 January 2013
Coordinator: Phil Johns
Attending Members: 3
Animals Taken: 73 Goats
Comments: Two large mobs in area.

Activity: Carooana/Redbanks
Date: 7-11 January 2013
Coordinator: Shane Fantinel
Attending Members: 7
Animals Taken: 225 Goats, 8 Foxes, 11 Rabbits, 1 Hare, 1 Deer.

Activity: Dutchman's Stern
Date: 7-11 January 2013
Coordinator: Kaz Herbst
Attending Members: 7
Animals Taken: 93 Goats

Activity: Hiltaba
Date: 11-13 January 2013
Coordinator: Rick Fisher
Attending Members: 2
Animals Taken: Goats 16, Rabbits 47, Cats 8, Foxes 5

Activity: Mt Brown
Date: 24-26 January 2013
Coordinator: Rob & Sue Scarman
Attending Members: 6
Animals Taken: 54 Goats, 1 Rabbit, 2 Foxes.
Comments: Goats In small groups.

REMEMBER TO SECURE YOUR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SEPARATELY.

SAPOL IS STILL CONDUCTING RANDOM COMPLIANCE CHECKS



Numbers were found to be most active in the mornings at this trough with some found drinking here in the dark during warm weather! Photo:P.Johns (C)

SSAA(SA) Hunting and Conservation Branch Inc business cards

You will have found several H&C Business cards in the envelope which brought you this newsletter.

Put them in your wallet or handbag. When you meet someone who expresses interest in H&C activities and the aims and objectives of this club, hand out one of these cards.

The interested party can then go to our website and learn more about who we are and what we do to promote conservation of our fauna and flora. GS

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