

Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia

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## THE C&WM NEWS

June 2018

General Meeting

Wednesday 20th June 2018

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

### All members to note.

#### Mentor Reports

I remind members that getting your mentor report from the Team Leader or Coordinator of the cull activity you have attended, is up to you. Team Leaders should be aware who the probationary members are on their activity so their attention to the completion of mentor reports is appreciated. I do not chase down reports. All members require 3 probationary mentor reports on separate activities, before they can be stepped up to full members, as well as 12 months membership. Both requirements have to be achieved

Timely completion and having them sent to me or the Assistant Secretary will enable the member to progress that bit further towards full membership. I understand there are a number outstanding from a recent activity(ies).

#### Forms

I know it seems we have a form for everything and that is probably true. However, for the purposes of proper governance of CWM, they are necessary and accordingly they need to be completed in full and where indicated, signed and dated. Most, if not all forms used, are available on the website as a download and most are 2 pages. We are receiving an increasing

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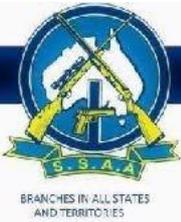
number with only single page completed. They are mostly activity registrations and SPD's where the signature page is missing. Unsigned forms can not be processed and will be returned to you which only slows down whatever you are trying to achieve. Please pay attention to all pages and all questions.

#### Q-Fever

Q-fever continues to be very topical in recent months. Given that we have already gone through a substantial vaccination process and to do that we needed minimum numbers, CWM is no longer in a position to arrange this for you. I suggest you have a look at the following link and determine a local medical practitioner who may be able to administer the vaccination, as not all doctors can administer it. Please note there is a strict timing regime between skin test and reattendance, which you must adhere to, or you'll end up wasting your hard earned. [Q Fever](#)

In the past we have used, Dr Thorpe at Trinity Gardens Clinic. If you talk nicely and mention you are a member of CWM, you may be able to negotiate the fee, or get a few of yourselves together. All it needs is one of you to coordinate it with like minded members. Raise it at the next general meeting.

#### Category 7



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For our recently joined members, please remember you must complete and pass the full day theory accreditation training course, as well as undertake the Practical Firearm Assessment over 100 metres and offhand, to be eligible to apply for Category 7 on your licence. The shoot can be undertaken at any range however, you must have the range officer complete all the details on the form and sign it where applicable. That form then needs to get back to me and the training coordinator. We do not want your target,

regardless how good it looks. The form is available on the website.

Once you complete these and can show me the evidence of completion, contact me for the necessary documentation. Do not go to the Firearms Branch without first speaking with us first and getting all your paperwork together.

Stay safe.

Rob Parkes  
Secretary  
[SSAA - C&WM \(SA\) Inc](http://www.ssaa-cwm.com.au)

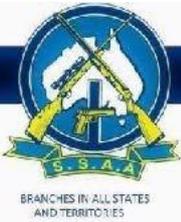
### Eagle's nest.

Pic taken from Twitter account of KI Ranger Patrick Hodgins @terraineecology.



Wedge-tailed eagle nest in the [#aridzone](#) of [#SouthAustralia](#). Out here all vegetation matters including small to medium trees like this mulga.

Credit: <https://twitter.com/terraineecology>



### **WASHPOOL DEER - UPDATE.**

One team only at a time is operating until Forestry SA land is accessible again – with community support continuing.

Peter Hall has been doing great work with mapping and maintaining contacts with property owners, and has been achieving good results – about 4 per activity.

Overall, there are enough participants for the time being, but those already registered, needing to commit more regularly.

### **CHASA**

The Conservation and Hunting Alliance of South Australia (CHASA) is one of the common interest groups with which SSAA-CWM has an affiliation. Its other members include: SAFGA, ADA – SA Branch, Working Dogs of SA, Quail Tomorrow, Field and Game Australia, Hellenic Shooting Sports Association of SA, as well as some individuals and other shooting/hunting groups.

Effectively, CHASA's main purposes lie in promoting and protecting hunting ("social licence") and associated interests, which is done by a very professional standard of representation and contact with influential levels of government departments, conservation bodies and politics.

Activities include conservation projects, hunter training (currently a book: "Modern

Hunting in SA" is in production), fund raising, and the annual Game Dinner – the 9<sup>th</sup> this year – on 2<sup>nd</sup> November – usually a sell-out!

### **COMMITTEE / COUNCIL WORKLOAD**

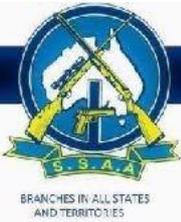
Please folks, realise that SSAA-CWM is a **totally volunteer** organisation, operating in a very sensitive area and having to comply with issues from many controlling organisations such as SAPOL, Safework SA, differing "clients", even some "antis" and occasionally obstreperous and demanding members. So please pull your weight, be understanding, and help out whenever possible.

Council meetings are once a month and open to all members – come and take a pew/say a few words.

### **DEWNR to DEW**

The grapevine has it that the "Natural Resources" and (now former) CEO have been moved after the recent election and DEW will now be our new client. The change is already showing signs of closer cooperation, with our new contact Vicki Linton spending a couple of days with CWM participants "in the field" at the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges NP activity – a very welcome and appreciated development.

***Kaz Herbst***



### **Briefing of Team Leaders and Coordinators by Vicki Linton DEW.**

*Vicki, a/director Regional Programs, Parks and Regions for the Department for Environment and Water (DEW, formerly DEWNR) addressed Coords and TLs about the new elements of the operational framework for culling on DEW land.*

Speaking Points for C&WM meeting 10 May 2018

I appreciate you have taken the time to attend tonight. The key things I want to cover are:

- A reiteration of the DEW operational process and our expectations, specifically our expectations of Activity Coordinators and Team Leaders
- The learnings from the investigation post November 2017 incident, and to remind you of the importance of clear communications throughout activities, especially when multiple teams are in the field, along with the processes involved
- The importance and relevance of briefings and debriefings, and being able to discuss matters as they arise
- The importance of keeping DEW informed in the event that there is an incident.

The department and C&WM have had a good working relationship which commenced in 1992.

The adoption of the new procedures around Ground Shooting Operations that the Department implemented post 2014 has benefited both organisations.

Look forward to continuing the relationship in delivering feral animal control programs. This relationship is two way and relies on trust and open communications at all levels.

DEW supports and appreciates the way the investigations into the allegations from the October/November 2017, Vulkathunha-Gammons Ranges NP operation were undertaken by C&WM and the outcomes of the investigation.

The investigation and the subsequent response was both thorough and prompt.

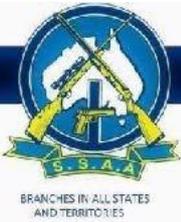
I would like to reiterate the need and importance of understanding, and adhering to, all elements of our operational framework for ground shooting operations.

Activity Coordinators and Team Leaders play a key role in liaising and building relationships with Departmental staff and coordinating team members in the field.

### **Briefings & Debriefings**

Briefings are essential elements in the operational framework, to ensure all parties are aware of their requirements; areas of operation, safety considerations, communications, gazetted period enabling the commencement of activities, target species etc.

There is **no exception** to commencing activities prior to the gazetted closure time. Discharging a firearm on a reserve outside the gazetted closure or the time detailed within the Operations Plan is in effect a breach of the Plan, and a breach of the *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1972*. This could have implications for public safety and the safety of other team members, it could also have ramifications to members with fines or charges under



the Act, expulsion from the reserve and future involvement in DEW operations.

Debriefing is an important component to close out the operation between the Project Officer and Activity Coordinator and Team Leaders (as a minimum) to review how everything went, while team members are available – where possible.

This needs to be a transparent process which enables open discussion; identify what worked well and what didn't, where things could be improved for the next operation or applied more broadly to the plans or activities.

Discussing the operation allows for learnings to be put in place for future activities.

If incidents or issues have arisen they need to be raised and worked through during the debrief (if not raised at the time they occurred, or otherwise being brought to the attention of the Project Officer). This isn't to apportion blame, but rather ensure everyone is alright and look to see how it may have been prevented and try to prevent it happening in the future.

### Communication

Knowing where everyone is and what they are doing is a key safety requirement. I want to remind you of the importance of communication throughout activities. Where there are multiple teams involved, teams **will not**, under any circumstances, move into an adjacent area without prior approval from the adjacent team. Where possible/applicable this should include discussions with the Activity Coordinator so they are aware of the arrangement and

areas in which teams will be operating. This is not negotiable.

### Key Outcomes

1. Department has revised the current Briefing document to address communication processes, particularly where one team is wanting to access another team's allocated area to shoot.
2. The Briefing document has also been updated to ensure gazettal times are explained as part of the briefing (and adhered to).
3. The Debriefing document has also been reviewed to record that topics have been addressed and discussed and the requirement to notify DEW of any incident, however insignificant.

These requirements will also be communicated to relevant staff responsible for coordinating operations.

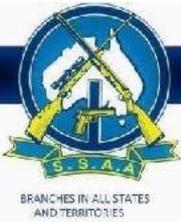
While no new operations have been approved since December 2017 as a result of the allegations and investigations, we expect this will be revised soon.

Thanks again to the Executive and C&WM for the way you have responded, we look forward to continuing to partner in delivery of feral animal control activities into the future.

**Vicki Linton, Acting Director  
Regional Programs  
Dept for Environment and Water**

**Don't hide your light under a bushel.**

If you have any ideas on how Council of Management could better advance



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the interests of this association and its members, then please come to a Council meeting, (listed in calendar of activities; held monthly on a Tuesday at 7 pm at Country Women's Association building) or quarterly meeting and debate your issue.

Council of Management welcomes input from members and of course invites applications from members to join new COM which will be formed

after September Annual General Meeting.

All positions will be vacant and there is hope new blood will come forward.

It would be a shame and a detriment to this association if your ideas and well considered criticisms, were to fall by the wayside because you didn't speak up.

**George Sobolewski**

### **CWM Report to Friends of Parks Annual General Meeting**

#### **SSAA – Conservation & Wildlife Management (SA) Inc. - Chris Carroll, President**

The following activities were undertaken by SSAA – C&WM (SA) Inc.

In 2017 Conservation and Wildlife Management (SA) (formerly Hunting and Conservation (SA) Inc.) celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, having been a FoP member group for over 16 years. The first activity in 1992 was undertaken in the Vulkathunha–Gammon Ranges National Park to reduce the impacts of feral goats. From this initial activity our partnership with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) has grown considerably, with forty six (46) feral animal control activities undertaken in 2017 across departmental reserves.

These activities were undertaken within six (6) Regions throughout the state being; SAAL, N&Y, AMLR, SAMDB, EP & SE, covering twenty (20) DEW reserves.

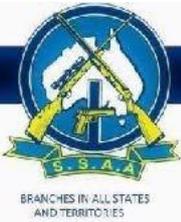
257 members participated in activities across SA, which included some members attending multiple activities. This resulted in 6,983 volunteer hours across the membership solely for DEW activities, with members travelling 146,329 km.

The following represents the numbers of feral and pest animals removed during DEW activities:

<b>Feral and pest animals controlled</b>					
Rabbits	Cats	Foxes	Goats	Deer	Wild dogs
19	59	10	4,361	4	1

SSAA – C&WM have continued to give strong commitment to the western quoll and brush-tailed possum re-introduction program in the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park. This is an important initiative which C&WM has given priority to attending, to ensure the program is a success through the removal of feral cats.

C&WM undertook malleefowl monitoring at Karte CP, which we have been doing since 2013. Activity was less this year, but still in-line with the average for the site. Malleefowl activity



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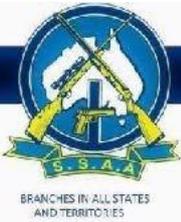
continued to be high in Peebinga CP, while this grid isn't monitored by C&WM it falls within the same area as Karte CP where we undertake feral goat control, with goat numbers remaining low.

Activities were undertaken in a range of reserves such as: Ikara-Flinders Ranges and Vulkathunha–Gammon Ranges NP in the SAAL Region; Gawler Ranges NP in EP Region; Karte, Peebinga and Brookfield CPs in the SAMDB Region; Dutchman's Stern, Telowie and Mt Brown CP in the N&Y Region; and Onkaparinga River NP in the AMLR Region, Mount Monster and Jip Jip in the SE.

I commend this report to the Friends of Parks AGM.



*"Vision splendid of a sunlit plain extended"* – Banjo Paterson  
**Photo by Kym McKenney**



**C&WM Activity Report Summary (as of 16 May 2018)**

**Belair NP: 09-16/03/18 (2 occasions)**

Activity Coordinator: Peter Rowe

Members: 2

Animals taken: 4 feral goats

**Onkaparinga River NP: 12/04/18**

Activity Coordinator: Ali Wilkie

Members: 8

Animals taken: 3 feral goats

**Waterfall Gully: 27/02-30/04/18 (multiple occasions)**

Activity Coordinator: Kaz Herbst

Members: 2

Animals taken: 2 feral deer

**Dutchmans Stern CP: 3-8/03/18**

Activity Coordinator: Kaz Herbst

Members: 5

Animals taken: 122 feral goats, 3 foxes

**Mt Brown CP: 3-9/03/18**

Activity Coordinator: Alan Zubrinich

Members: 7

Animals taken: 66 feral goats, 1 fox

**Little Para: 14/03/18**

Activity Coordinator: Brendan Atkinson

Members: 4

Animals taken: 18 kangaroos, 4 feral deer, 1 fox, 1 hare (Destruction permit)

**PPPMP: 11/03/18 (1 occasions)**

Activity Coordinator: Alan Zubrinich

Members: 4

Animals taken: 190 feral pigeons

**Southern Mallee (Karte & Peebinga CP): 22-27/03/18**

Activity Coordinator: Bob Pettitt

Members: 6

Animals taken: 38 feral goats, 1 fox

**IFRNP - Quoll Protection Program: 13-15/04/18**

Activity Coordinator: Peter Rowe

Members: 3

Animals taken: 4 feral cats, 1 feral goat

**Washpool: 14-18/04/18**

Activity Coordinator: Kaz Herbst

Members: 3

Animals taken: 4 feral deer, 1 hare

**Hiltaba: 20-20/04/18**

Activity Coordinator: Rick Fisher

Members: 5

Animals taken: 182 feral goats, 3 feral cats, 28 rabbits

**VGRNP: 29/04-04/05/18**

Activity Coordinator: Trevor Goodfellow

Members: 21

Animals taken: 952 feral goats, 2 feral sheep

**Bimbowrie CR: 07-11/05/18**

Activity Coordinator: Phil Johns

Members: 6

Animals taken: 373 feral goats, 1 feral cat, 1 rabbit

**Boolcoomatta: 07-11/05/18**

Activity Coordinator: Phil Johns

Members: 4

Animals taken: 21 feral goats, 1 feral cat, 1 rabbit