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# **THE C&WM NEWS**

## **December 2014**

**General Meeting Wednesday 17th  
December 2014, 7.00 pm at GAZA Sports  
& Community Club, Corner of Main North  
East Rd and Wellington St Klemzig.**

### **SSAA-C&WM -DRAFT ACTIVITY PROGRAM-2015**

Please refer to website: [www.conservation-wildlife.asn.au](http://www.conservation-wildlife.asn.au) for latest news.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>
13/01/15	Council Meeting	COM
??/01/15	Caroona CP	Shane Fantinel
17-19/01/15	FFPP	Kaz Herbst
??/01/15	Dutchman's Stern	Kaz Herbst
18/01/15	Monarto Range Day	Gil Hartwig
07/02/15	Accreditation	Gil Hartwig
07-13/02/15	Gawler Ranges	Rick Fisher
??/02/15	Pandappa CP	Phil Johns
23-28/02/15	Flinders RNP	Gil Hartwig
04/03/15	Quarterly Meeting	
TBC/03/15	NESSCI Range Day	Tony Nizzola
17/03/15	Council Meeting	COM
16-20/03/15	Brookfield	Ali Wilkie
11/04/15	Monarto Range Day	Gil Hartwig
14/04/15	Council Meeting	COM
??/04/15	Pandappa CP	Phil Johns
03-09/5/15	Bimbowrie CP	Phil Johns
12/05/15	Council Meeting	COM
16-18/05/15	FFPP	Kaz Herbst



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??/05/15	Pualco	Phil Johns
17-22/05/15	Vulkathunha NP	Gil Hartwig
TBC/05/15	NESSCI Range	Tony Nizzola
13/06/15	Accreditation	Gil Hartwig
??/06/15	Dutchman's Stern	Kaz Herbst
15-19/06/15	Brookfield	Ali Wilkie
16/06/15	Council Meeting	COM
17/06/15	Quarterly Meeting	Gil Hartwig
12/07/15	Monarto Range Day	
21/07/15	Council Meeting	COM
??/07/15	Pualco CP	Phil Johns
01/07/08/15	Gawler Ranges	Rick Fisher
TBC/08/15	NESSCI Range	Tony Nizzola
15-18/08/15	FFPP	Kaz Herbst
18/08/15	Council Meeting	COM
15/09/15	Council Meeting	COM
04-09/10/15	Bimbowrie CP	Phil Johns
TBC/10/15	NESSCI Range	Tony Nizzola
20/10/15	Council Meeting	COM
31/10/15	Accreditation	Gil Hartwig
??/11/15	Pualco CP	Phil Johns
08/11/15	Monarto Range Day	Gil Hartwig
14-16/11/15	FFPP	Kaz Herbst
15/12/15	Council Meeting	COM
16/12/15	Quarterly Meeting	

This is a first draft. Every effort will be made not to make changes, but PLEASE CHECK ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR UPDATES ON WEBSITE ([www.conservation-wildlife.asn.au](http://www.conservation-wildlife.asn.au)) and/or Activity Coordinator.

### President's Notes

**Resumption of Activities:** Good to see we are returning to "normal activities". Please see the draft 2015 program. There was a very noticeable increase in numbers of goats and other ferals culled in the Gammon / Vulkathunha Ranges recently – not unexpected given the free run they have had. The new administrative procedures with DEWNR are falling into place and with refinements that come with practice,

should have little impact on individual members.

**Re-accreditation for POU7-Wildlife Management:** Despite the short notice, these went well. It was heartening to see the genuine application members put into these courses. While recognising the initial reservation of some members, I look on the POU7 – WM accreditation as potentially a great asset to our club. As the only organisation whose members carry such "official" accreditation we can promote ourselves along the lines of –



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**“We put the safest, best trained and formally accredited volunteers into the field, making SSAA – Conservation & Wildlife Management the natural first choice for any organisation requiring Wildlife Management services”**

Any members who have POU7-WM on their firearms licenses, who have not attended a re-accreditation course (other than new members with their initial accreditation since Jan 1 2014), please advise the Secretary if you require ongoing POU7-WM endorsement. We need to contact all such members as soon as possible.

### **Spreading the Administration Load:**

This has been raised over the last few years, but has been pushed to the side due to more pressing issues. It is a common problem in volunteer organisations where a few dedicated members do a large proportion of the work in running the association. Our Council meetings have always been open to all members and we encourage interested people to come along and be involved. And we certainly have good numbers who come along. We want to build on this good practice by dividing up the workload – particularly the Secretary's - by allocating some specific tasks to separate individuals.

Specifically we require someone to take on the role of Minutes Secretary – to take minutes at our monthly Council meetings and quarterly General Meetings, and document them. Our practice is to record the meetings electronically and transcribe them later. This will take a good “slice” of work off the overloaded Secretary.

We will have several other modest-sized administration tasks to fill. All Activity applications are now directed to the Secretary for checking of membership, POU7 status and current Shooter Participation declarations with DEWNR. We are also looking to keep more of our activity data on a centralised database. If you can assist with this type of administrative role, please come and see myself or Chris Carroll (Secretary), or any member of the Council.

As we go on, we will also be looking for an additional Certificate 4 accredited trainer to assist with our volunteer accreditation courses, and additional Activity Coordinators.

**Wild Dog Program:** Members may have seen the recent Landline program highlighting the growing wild dog problem in the pastoral areas north of the dog fence. We (together with ADA) have been approached to see if we can assist with the control programs in these areas. This will require people with substantial experience in remote locations, who can be self-sufficient with vehicles, equipment and supplies. Teams of two vehicles / two people per vehicle may be the way to go, but at this stage all the details are yet to be worked out.

Given the location, trips will be longer and the distances greater. There is a reasonable chance of some funding via NRM grants to landowners – also still to be clarified.

At this stage we are looking for “expressions of interest” from members so we can see what we can potentially



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provide to this program. If you are interested and capable, please advise the Secretary so we can progress to the planning stage.

**Finally** – on behalf of the Council – I would like to wish all our members a safe and happy Christmas and lots of good hunting in the New Year.

Tony Judd

### PASSING ON

One of our members passed away recently, leaving a substantial collection of everything to do with target shooting, collecting and hunting. Sadly, his wife has been left not only with great grief but the task of trying to deal with a lot of specialist matters and materials with which she may only be partially familiar.

May I suggest that those of us who may be approaching our “use by date” find a friend or family member, who is familiar with our special interests to handle matters legally and practically in accordance with your wishes.

If you come across this situation and you wish to deal with it quickly and efficiently i.e. fast transfer of firearms and prompt settlement, I have been helped out by a collector of antique firearms who is also licenced Firearms Dealer. His name is Oliver Venuti and he can be contacted on 0418 820 905 (preferably after 5pm).KH

### YELLOW-FOOTED ROCK-WALLABY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

This is a group which was created as a result of our activities some fifteen years

ago, culling goats at Willow Springs Station, east of and adjacent to the Flinders Ranges National Park, which operates the Bunkers Conservation Reserve (including the Caernarvon Track).

The initial membership of 100 consisted of some 80% SSAA-H&C/CWM members who had contributed \$1000 each to purchase the property and establish the organisation. With time, removing the goats and foxes, and letting nature take its course, has enabled the wallabies to recover, but there is potential to do more – and more action by members could achieve more.

With age and development of other interests, membership transfers are becoming available at about \$1800, and it would be appropriate for SSAA-CWM to maintain an involvement in this conservation project.

Kaz Herbst

### Signed, sealed and delivering on conservation in SA

The future of a previously extinct iconic species in parts of South Australia is further secured thanks to a valuable partnership between a conservation and wildlife protection group and the nation's premier shooting body. The Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia (SSAA) will provide \$60,000 to the [Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species](#) (FAME) to aid in the efforts to [reintroduce the western quoll](#) (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) to the Flinders Ranges.

The much-needed funding will help relocate and release more quolls from Western Australia to the Flinders Ranges. The



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partnership will also see the SSAA assist with monitoring efforts and work collaboratively with landowners surrounding the national parks to reduce the biggest threat to the project: feral cats.

The success of the program since it began in April has largely been attributed to the [SSAA's 20-year involvement in Operation](#)

[Bounceback](#), which saw hunters from the [SSAA South Australia Conservation and Wildlife Management](#) (CWM) branch assist the State Government with pest animal control in the region's national parks.

FAME Chief Executive Officer Cheryl Hill said the organisation approached the SSAA because of its renowned contributions to conservation management and the role SSAA SA CWM has played in Operation Bounceback.

"With a respected group like the SSAA and the determination to make a difference to this project, this partnership will be very valuable going forward," she said.

SSAA Chief Executive Officer Tim Bannister said the project fits with the SSAA's many other environmental activities, making the decision to back the initiative clear.

"Our commitment to successful and responsible conservation and wildlife management is demonstrable, with our hunter members credited for the overwhelming success of Operation Bounceback," he said.

### **Matthew Godson**

Special Project Officer - Pest & Wildlife Management

SSAA Farmer Assist Coordinator

**SSAA National**

### **North Eastern Sports Shooting Club Swap Meet Sunday 22 February 2015**

The North Eastern Sports Shooting Club swap meet will be held at NESSCI Range (Range Rd North 200 metres off the North East Rd, Upper Hermitage-the range C&WM use 4 times a year)

Entry for buyers will be \$10 and \$20 for sellers.

If you wish to book a table as a seller contact Bob Perry, [bob@perry.net.au](mailto:bob@perry.net.au) or [www.perry.net.au/nessci.htm](http://www.perry.net.au/nessci.htm)

Inland 'free-tailed' bat, scientific name *Mormopterus planiceps*, (two species, either: a 'long' or 'short' penis)

Photo taken at the Bunkers Cabin at night, after it collided with the building and was unconscious for about 5 mins before flying off.  
John Drummond



### **Activities Summary**

Gum Creek: 16-18/06/14 (spotlighting-rabbits, cats & foxes)

Activity Coordinator: Dennis Donovan

Members: 2

Animals taken: 64 rabbits, 2 cats



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Pualco: 29-27/06/14

Activity Coordinator: Phil Johns

Members: 4

Animals taken: 123 goats, 1 rabbit

Witchelina: 7-11/07/14

Activity Coordinator: Kaz Herbst

Members: 4

Animals taken: 6 horses, 4 rabbits

Maintenance works undertaken as well

Bush Blocks: 21-25/07/14

Activity Coordinator: Ali Wilkie

Members: 7

Animals taken: 16 goats, 21 rabbits

Bendleby: 28-30/07/14 (spotlighting-rabbits, cats & foxes)

Activity Coordinator: Dennis Donovan

Members: 3

Animals taken: 7 foxes, 5 rabbits

Karte & Peebinga CP: 8-11/08/14

Activity Coordinator: Scott Jennings

Members: 6

Animals taken: 3 goats

Comments: sighted a few malleefowl & active mounds

Buckaringa: 20-24/08/14

Activity Coordinator: Mark Purdie / Steve Ioakim

Members: 3

Animals taken: 37 goats, 7 rabbits, 3 foxes

Brookfield & Bush Blocks: 15-19/09/14

Activity Coordinator: Ali Wilkie

Members: 14

Animals taken: 48 goats, 13 rabbits, 1 cat

Comments: lots of wombats observed in early afternoon

Arkaba: 30/08-02/09/14 (spotlighting-rabbits, cats & foxes)

Activity Coordinator: Dennis Donovan

Members: 3

Animals taken: 71 rabbits, 1 cat, 7 goats

Hiltaba: 19-23/09/14

Activity Coordinator: Rick Fisher

Members: 6

Animals taken: 37 goats

Bimbowrie & Boolcoomatta: 6-11/10/14

Activity Coordinator: Phil Johns

Members: 14

Animals taken: 249 goats, 85 rabbits, 2 cats\

Witchelina: 19-24/10/14

Activity Coordinator: Kaz Herbst

Members: 4

Animals taken: 14 rabbits

Maintenance works undertaken as well

FFPP –FRNP: 24-27/10/14 (spotlighting-cats & foxes)

Activity Coordinator: Kaz Herbst/Ian Lochert

Members: 5

Animals taken: 14 cats

Waterfall Gully: Oct/Nov 14

Activity Coordinator: Kaz Herbst/Rocco Viselli

Members: 4

Animals taken: 1 fallow deer

Vulkathunha – Gammon Ranges NP: 2-7/11/14

Activity Coordinator: Gil Hartwig

Members: 21

Animals taken: 484 goats, 31 donkeys, 39 rabbits

Karte & Peebinga CP: 21-26/11/14

Activity Coordinator: Scott Jennings

Members: 4

Animals taken: 11 goats

Comments: Retrieved one Judas goat collar

Karte CP: 22/11/2014 (Malleefowl Survey)



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Activity Coordinator: Scott Jennings

Members: 4

Comments: 20 mounds surveyed, 2 active

Yankalilla: 28/11/2014

Activity Coordinator: Kym McKenney

Members: 2

Animals taken: 4 Western grey kangaroos

Bush Blocks: 24-28/11/14

Activity Coordinator: Ali Wilkie

Members: 7

Animals taken: 4 rabbits

Moorundie: 26-27/11/14 (spotlighting-rabbits,  
cats & foxes)

Activity Coordinator: Ali Wilkie

Members: 3

Animals taken: 1 fox, 2 rabbits

Yookamurra: 26/11/14 (spotlighting-rabbits,  
cats & foxes)

Activity Coordinator: Ali Wilkie

Members: 3

Animals taken: none

## Membership Renewals are now due.

Bulk Purchase of Max Trax.

I have been to ARB who will sell me a set  
of Max Trax for \$295

If I were to buy 2 sets the cost would be  
\$265 a set.

5 sets would cost \$250 per set.

They would have to be bought in one lot  
and club membership cards shown.

Have checked out Max Trax copy at  
Anaconda (\$200 a set) but they appear to  
be less well made than the original.

If interested contact Dennis Donovan  
[drjad@bigpond.net.au](mailto:drjad@bigpond.net.au)