



THE ^{H&C} NEWS

March 2001

Gawler Ranges Cull Report.

Fifty three members attended the Gawler Ranges Cull from the 11/2/01 to 17/2/01. Our reputation as Rain Makers is still intact with rain falling on the Sunday and Monday nights with a total of 11mm. The weather was perfect with temperatures in the high twenties every day.

Feral numbers taken were

Goats	652
Double wool Sheep	11
Rabbit	17
Fox	5
Cat	1

These results were pleasing considering that over 700 goats were mustered from the Park in the week preceding our visit.

As well as removing ferals our members gathered valuable information for the DEH staff eg native animal sightings, old buildings, water sources and others.

On a personal note my team had a couple of visitors to our block who claimed they were lost (likely story), the mistake they made was they got caught. It will not happen again will it fellas.

The next Cull is likely to be next year.

There are opportunities for people wanting to do animal surveys in the park so if you are interested let me know. Accommodation is supplied.

Brian W.

THE COUNTRY MEMBER AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

Submitted jointly Gil H, Dave B

I was asked the other day how can a country member maintain an active and financial status in the branch?

The financial part is easy, simply pay your membership on time. As for the active part there is usually only one reason for needing to be active.

Do you need an endorsement on your firearms license for "club use"—if not then why have one?

Do you belong to another branch or firearms club? If you do then you will need a chit from that club only, unless your annual attendance for your "Active and financial " status is shared between clubs.

If your requirement is met by one club and you belong to several other clubs, branches or associations then 'Big Brother' does NOT need to know you belong to the others—so don't tell him.

SAPOL have asked for chits from multiple clubs—this is not on. If this happens to you, let us know and we can make firearms branch aware that you only need club activity from one club to have club activity as one of your genuine reasons to own firearms.

The more info you give them the more it will be used against you.

If its not in the Act/ regulations then it is not required.

However: If you are in remote country areas or are able to take part in the usual activities for what ever reason then there are several things you can do.

Apply for a leave of absence, if you work has taken you away from home for an extended period, do this now, not when the license renewal turns up in the letter box - its too late then.

Talk to your local authorities, council, plant and pest control, primary ind, npws, water or soil boards.

You may be able to take part in or initiate a project of conservation value.

Write a letter to the H&C committee outlining the project, it does not have to be all shooting, applying for it to be recognized as an official H&C activity. Ask for some "Activity sheets " to be filled out detailing the activity, time spent, goals and outcomes.

**QUARTERLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 28
8.00 PM KILBURN**

An explanation of annual fees and related expiry dates.

Gil H President

To fully understand what has been done and why let's first look at the constitutional requirements which bind our actions and members responsibilities.

5.(c) Application for Ordinary or Junior Membership shall be made on the prescribed form and lodged with the appropriate fee with the Association Secretary. In addition all members of this Association will pay the fee(s) prescribed at any Annual or Special General Meeting of this Association

27. Every member of this Association shall within fourteen (14) days communicate to the Secretary his change of address.

24 (b) Annual subscriptions, affiliation fees, or any other per capita fee or levy will be fixed by this Association at the annual general meeting.

28. If any Ordinary or Junior Member shall fail to pay the annual subscription within **one Calendar month of the due date cited on the renewal notice** posted to the member by the Membership Secretary of this Association, that member shall **cease to be a member of this Association.**

So what do we understand from all the legals.

1. the fees are set at the AGM which is held mid September each year.
2. as in 28 above if you do not pay the prescribed fee within one month of the due date you cease to be a member. **To rejoin after this you are treated as a new member and are required to pay the \$50.00 joining fee.**
3. we dispatch the renewal notice, usually with a newsletter, to all members, in the last week of September and we allow one full calendar month for payment, that is the due date is 31st October.
4. In our generosity we have allowed the previous financial year to run on to December, hence the expiry date on the Membership card has always been 31st December.

5. because so many people were forgetting to pay their fees during the "silly season" over 50% some years, we have pulled back to our legal option of 31st October, to negate the burden on the Christmas purse strings.
6. This action has seen the unfinancials at the due date pull down to 25% of the membership, some of these members were confused by the conflicting dates, some moved and neglected to notify us while some others neglect their financial liabilities.
7. this means added costs in the form of posting out "Final Notices"
8. at the December 2000 meeting a \$5.00 levy was vote on as a late fee to cover the additional paper work and postage.
9. for the year 2001 the expiry date of 31st October will be enforced, which means that as of 30th November the list of non financial members will be forwarded on to SAPOL Firearms Branch.
10. Don't blame us if the "local copper" comes knocking on your door shortly there after.
11. Please remember that your committee are all volunteers and we would like to get out and shoot too.

Gil H

Q FEVER (Brian W)

Q Fever is an acute febrile illness that causes chills, headache, weakness, malaise, and severe sweats.

A variety of animals, both domestic and wild, may be infected, but remain well. These include kangaroos, dogs, cats, cattle, sheep, wallabies, and goats. Cattle, sheep and goats are the most significant source of human infection.

Handling infected animals transmits the infection.

The organism is mainly transmitted by the respiratory route by droplet infection through aerosols or inhalation of "dry" organisms in infected dust. The organism may be disseminated in dust or fomites such as wool and hides.

Symptoms may have an abrupt onset, usually with muscle pain, severe headache and high fever.

The fever settles after 5-15 days and convalescence is usually rapid.

As the disease progresses, there may be evidence of hepatitis or pneumonia. Complications can occur the most serious of which is

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Endocarditis (inflammation around the heart).
Chronic recurrent complications have been reported.

This disease is fairly common so follow normal hygienic procedures.

A vaccine is available so if you have any concerns contact your local Doctor.

This information is not meant to scare members but to emphasise that we all need to be careful.

Spy Mal G tells me DERMASOFT Sanitising Hand Gel as mentioned in the December H & C News is available from Coles Supermarkets on request. Coles Burnside Villiage has it in stock.

PROJECT TO ERADICATE RABBITS ON NARRUNG PENINSULA.

A grant has been received and is primarily to fund a Project Officer to work with landholders and community groups to map and control rabbit populations remaining on the peninsula. Bill Gemmell (H&C member) was the successful applicant for the Project Officer position. Expressions of interest from members is now required. All applications to our P.O. Box please.

A H&C coordinator is still required for this project and if a volunteer is not found our involvement is in doubt. Your committee can only handle so much. So for those people who have some spare time now is the time to get involved. If you are interested in helping coordinate this program please contact a committee member. The more projects we have on line the more trips we all get to on.

FOR SALE / WANTED

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With Scope mounts (Weaver) 240 cases all neck turned.

5/8 Simplex dies.	\$300
Tasco 6 x 24	\$250
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Cheekpiece. \$500 ono

Ring David 82971030 B
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303.25 dies full set of 3 wanted but others considered.

Rem 700 action wanted for project. Long action preferred. Complete rifle considered
Brian W 0408854124 M.

Guest Speaker

Bob Price will be our guest speaker at the February 28 Quarterly meeting. He will speak about hunting and Parks in South Africa

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Subject: NEWS - Australia hunting website

I wonder if you would do a review of a hunting website in the product section of the magazine. A friend of mine has started a portal site called Australian Hunting Net. This is a website where hunters, target shooters, archers and outdoors lovers can find information. Some features of the site are forum 'chatboards' where visitors can make comments and ask questions on a wide range of topics. There is also a classifieds section and a members showcase where you can display your favourite hunting or fishing photos. The best thing is that membership is absolutely free. I would really appreciate your help in letting the wider shooting public know about this great resource. If you need any more information pls. let me know. The address is <http://www.australianhunting.net>

Y.F.R.W.P.A. UPDATE

Hello All

In December we anticipated that since we had signed the purchase contract the sale documents would be processed and were hoping for this to be completed around Christmas.

When nought happened by early January we followed up with the vendor's broker and were advised that they were awaiting approval of the pastoral lease changes and surrender of this part of the lease to the crown. The broker indicated some concern regarding assessment of stamp duty on the sale (approx \$12000) which we had been advised would not be payable as the contract was for surrender to the crown.

In light of this and to facilitate any settlement we engaged Piper Alderman Solicitors to act as our broker and determine if any charges are applicable to the sale

Kaz and I both continued to follow up what was delaying the approval and about 4 weeks ago Kaz was informed that Grant Ortlep (DEH Pt Augusta) had received the Ministerial approval for the surrender of the lease and it had been posted to the Vendor's broker. After a week nothing had happened and the vendor's broker declared he had not received the documents. Finally Kaz found out that the documents had been sent to the wrong address and a new set were being processed for the Minister's signature.

Finally this week the lease surrender documents were received and today we were advised by Brenton Reynolds that he has signed the "Release" documents and returned them to his broker.

The next step is for the vendor's broker to prepare a settlement statement giving details of the financial arrangements with all adjustments and forwarding this to our broker for his agreement. Our broker will then forward a certified final statement including our costs, which we will forward to the Commonwealth. On receipt of this they will forward a Cheque(s) to parties as requested (mortgagee or vendor etc). On receipt of this we can add our cheque to it and our broker can effect settlement. This could still take up to 6 weeks from now.

It seems a never ending saga but now the release documents are fully signed it is only the settlement arrangements which have to be completed.

The proclamation of the land as a Reserve and the Ministers signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Associations management of the Reserve are separate to the sale and can then be followed up through DEH (Trevor).

Jim K

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Have you completed your availability survey and sent it in. Have you submitted your E-mail address. The next H&C News will be sent via the net to those who have submitted their details. Please E-mail if you do not wish to receive your newsletter etc this way.

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