



FIELD HUNTER'S CLUB
December 2018



Merry Xmas and Safe Hunting



FIELD HUNTER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Presidents Message



Merry Christmas to you all. Yep it's that time of year again. The annual break-up dinner is with us again and after all the hard work from Theo and Billy last year we decided to give them a break and let Bruno do it all. Last year we were kicked inside and it was a resounding success so we are doing it again. If you haven't booked don't worry come along anyway, you will be most welcome.

The raffle prizes will be a \$1,000 and a \$500 voucher and you will need your membership card to be in the draw, the same as the dinner.

You should have received an email from our secretary Danny Spooner declaring his resignation from the committee. I thank him for hard work he put in during his short tenure and wish him well with the surgery **to try and fix his back. I won't get into a slinging match with what he said but will move forward.**

This weekend the Hunting Sub-committee is out there chasing up more properties and also doing some hunting so it is looking good for the future.

All the best for the festive season and new year

PS.

WANTED:

Secretary, simply someone who is happy to take the minutes at committee meetings and organise the meeting agendas. Contact the President.

Andrew Yeomans

Christmas Dinner

Dear All The Christmas dinner will be held at the normal place in Dec 2018.

Date: Wednesday Dec 5th, 2018

Time: 7:30pm

Place: SSAA Springvale Range, Princess H'way Springvale.

Please email secretary@fieldhuntersclub.org.au if you wish to attend so we can plan for catering.



Here is the Menu for the Xmas Party :

For Starters, Finger Food :

Mini Quiches

Sausages Rolls

Risotto Balls

Salt & Pepper Calamari

Pizza

For Main Buffet Style :

Roast Beef

Roast Pork

Roast Chicken

Gravy/Apple sauce

Bread and Butter

Roast Vegetables or

Three Salads :

Greek Salad

Garden Salad

Coleslaw

For Dessert :

Sticky Date Pudding

Pavlova

Cheese Cake

Two Fruit Platters



Southern Riverina Hunting Club

I recently received an invite to join the Southern Riverina Hunting Club and though it was a good idea to share it with you. We have limited opportunities to hunt in Victoria and maybe they will have contacts that some of our members may wish to use to hunt in NSW. I have limited information about the club but the chance to go **hunting can't be missed. This club has over 300 members and is engaged in activities similar to us so if you are interested look up www.southernriverinahuntingclub.com.**

Andrew Yeomans

Ducks On The Rice.

I have been chasing up properties for our annual duck hunt to no avail. My mate in Tocomal informs me **no one is putting in rice, the same in the Moulamin and Warcool areas. Apparently the Department want's a bank load of money for the water and no one is willing to pay. And yet the Gunbower is being flooded for "Environmental Flows"- anything to appease the Greenies. So if anyone hears of rice going in could you let us know?**

4WD Education.

After the talk by our mate from Mountain Top Experience re 4wd training the committee thought we could **subsidize the cost of the training. I'm not sure how much at this stage so if people could message me at andrewy52@hotmail.com if they are interested we will get it underway.**

The last point, We have had a retirement from the committee due to personal reasons so we could do with a few extras to fill in the gaps. Please consider as the club can only work successfully if we have the people.





facebook

Join us on Facebook , simply drop an email secretary@fieldhuntersclub.org.au to sign up. It is a Closed Secret Site which means only members can see your posts. It's a great way of telling your mates what's been happening and to arrange trips with your hunting friends.

Knife Sharpener

The club has a professional knife and sharpening service available for members. Please see Jim Marsden for further details.

We Need Content.

Looking for content for the newsletter.....

Photos, Stories, Hunting reports, Product tests, reviews, How to's, Technical & web links.

Please send content to secretary@fieldhuntersclub.org.au

FHC Website Access

www.fieldhuntersclub.org.au

Using the password FHCmembers2016 ...

Check out the items in the member's area while you are in there.

Name Badges

Place your order for name badges at any meeting. Cost \$10 per person Please see the secretary to place your order.



Insert Name Here

Club Patches

Membership badges 8 cm are sold at \$5 each. See the treasurer to purchase one.





Report Illegal Hunting

CALL 136 186

Don't tolerate suspected illegal behaviour.

It could threaten the future of hunting.

Report any suspected illegal hunting activity and protect your recreation. All information will be treated in strict confidence. Helpful information includes;

- Time and date of activity
- Location
- Number and description of people involved.
- Vehicle registration

NSW R-LICENCE

Sit your NSW R-License test for FREE just for being an FHC member. email secretary@fieldhuntersclub.org.au to register your interest.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/education-and-training-for-hunters/restricted-licence-accreditation>. <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/education-and-training-for-hunters/additional-training-for-public-land-hunters>

Fire Arm Safety 10 BASIC RULES

Rule 1: Treat every firearm as loaded

Rule 2: Always point firearms in a safe direction

Rule 3: Load a firearm only when ready to fire

Rule 4: Identify your target beyond all doubt

Rule 5: Check your firing zone

Rule 6: Store firearms and ammunition safely

Rule 7: Avoid alcohol and drugs when handling firearms

Rule 8: Never have loaded firearms in the car, home or camp

Rule 9: Never fire at hard surfaces or water

Rule 10: Don't climb fences or obstacles with loaded firearms

FHC Feral Animal Control Program



As many of you may be well aware, the Field Hunters Club has over the years played a critical role in the delivery of the Feral Animal Control Program (FACP). This initiative has primarily been targeted at supporting farmers in the regions North of Melbourne, and we have historically helped around with **controlling problems with foxes, rabbits, hares and kangaroos**. Due to whole host of reasons, which I won't enter in to - this program has sat idle for the past 2 years.

In exciting news for the club, we (members of the committee) have been working very hard in reactivating the program, so that we can provide hunting opportunities for both Novice and Experienced club members alike. Over the past 6 weeks, we have been in contact with in excess of 40 properties, some that the club **has previously worked with, and numerous new properties**. We have clocked up more than 4000 km's and 40+ hours of effort travelling around the state do a range of activities including calls, email outs and door knocking.. And are now finally gaining some real traction. What we are hearing from the older contacts around the Longwood East area is a steady decline in Landowners keeping livestock. A lot have said openly that there just enjoying lifestyle and are too old to be bothered with stock. Likewise, vermin in the higher area's is **no longer as important as it once was**. And from accounts, numbers are declining. With properties visited from areas including; Longwood, Locksley, Gobur, Euroa and Pranjip and the surrounding areas we **are building new relationships, and rebuilding the FHC brand with some past relationships**. We've also entered in to preliminary discussions with completely new regions including the Mornington Peninsula and hopefully would like to approach landowners North of Yarra Glen towards Yea. This will require the assistance of members prepared to go for a drive and drop off some Flyers and or just door knock. New Handouts are being drafted and when ready made available to those wishing to help.

Also, these efforts haven't been without its challenges, and we still have a lot of work to do. But we are confident that we will shortly be in a position to provide the club with some detailed updates on how we can roll out the program for all members to benefit in 2018 and moving forward.

Please bear with us, your patience is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate ask.

Cheers

VINEYARD BIRD CONTROL PROGRAMME

Bird shooters are sought for this season. The season runs from approximately the third week in January 2019 to duck opening weekend. Places are available for weekend and weekday shooting both AM and PM. Shooters are expected to reasonably consistent in turning up but we realize that cannot always be the case over several weeks. It will be shotgun shooting only with ammo supplied. Target species include all introduced birds and native birds specified by the DWELP permit (still to be issued). At this stage we only have two vineyards but are trying to get a third.

If you are interested please forward your NAME, MOBILE NUMBER, EMAIL and your preferred times, i.e. DAY(S) and times AM or PM in order of preference to pjw3777@gmail.com. Double check your details are correct. If you wish to shoot with mates please send a group request. Positions will allocated in order of receipt and the availability of days you select.

Peter & Brad.

Hunting's future depends on you



Hunting is an important cultural pastime in Victoria. Tens of thousands of Victorian, interstate and overseas game hunters generate thousands of jobs and contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to the State economy, particularly in rural and regional Victoria. When you are enjoying Victoria's great hunting opportunities, be mindful that the future of hunting depends on how you conduct yourself as a hunter. Every hunter should be an ambassador for the recreation.

As a responsible hunter, you should always:

Respect animals

- Only take what you can use
- Make optimal use of harvested quarry (have a minimum/no waste approach)
- Shoot only when you can retrieve your quarry
- Shoot only when a humane result is possible
- Use the right equipment to effectively and humanely hunt animals
- Look after your hunting dogs

Respect the environment

- Take all your litter (including empty cartridges) with you
- Bury or remove animal remains
- Drive only on designated tracks
- Keep campfires safe
- Leave your campsite clean
- Protect our wetlands and waterways (e.g. don't leave animal remains in or near waterways)
- Take part in efforts to protect and restore wildlife habitats

Respect other hunters

- Be respectful and courteous if hunting or camping in the same area as other people
- Be safe and abide by the law so everyone is on a level playing field
- Share your knowledge and skills with others

Respect the hunt

- Hunt safely and abide by the Firearms Safety Code
- Lead by example
- Respect our cultural heritage
- Always hunt within the law and report illegal behaviour
- Uphold the highest ethical standards
- Promote and praise good behaviour
- Know your skill limits and hunt within them
- Improve and maintain your skills through practice and/or joining a club

Respect non-hunters

- Help others and be courteous
- Thoughtfully carry hunting equipment and harvested quarry (e.g. cover quarry during transit)
- Respect the opinions of non-hunters
- Only enter private property with permission
- Share the harvest with a non-hunter and promote the culinary/sustainability benefits of hunting

Respect the laws

- Take time to know the laws and act within them at all times
- Work with Authorised Officers; they are there to help you and ensure safe, sustainable, humane and equitable hunting
- Don't tolerate illegal behaviour - report suspected offenders on 136 186.

For more information visit www.gma.vic.gov.au

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Caldermeade—Danny's Fox Drive

Contact Danny Dyall 0427 277 001



When and Where; Sunday at 8 am.
The meeting point is 55 Caldermeade Road, Caldermeade VIC.
Rough directions are that you turn left off the Gippsland Highway at the McDonalds. BP service station. Then go down Caldermeade road about 500 meters. You will see all the people parked on the side of the road. IF you are late you will be left behind.

What to bring
Shotguns only and Ammo. BB is the largest shot size.
Radio. Preferable with a ear piece. Make sure that you have a WORKING RADIO with fully charged batteries. You need this to be able to get direction into you spot and directions during the hunt.
Lunch some drinks (water) etc.
1 piece of Hi Viz Fluro – either hat or Vest.
Gumboots.
Dog lead. This is also a must. You need to help catch the dogs at the end of the beats.

If you try to call Danny leave a message. But if he does not return your call **don't worry as he is busy. So just go on the Sunday. Remember to enjoy yourself in the great out doors.**

Bendigo - Raven Wood Fox Drives

- Contact Ian Dean 0419 131 910
- When and Where Every Saturday. The meeting place changes so call Ian to get the meeting place for this week.
- What to bring Same as Danny's fox drivers above except bring some no 7 shot as well for the beats.
Also bring a noise making device. A lot of the people use a whistle.
Sport referee whistle. You need to make a noise while walking a beat.
Some people just shout but you can get hoarse.
No dog lead or gum boots required.
Just good walking shoes or boots.
Remember the Hi Viz.
Take lunch as you are in the forests so there is not always a take away shop near by.
If you want to lift club please give me a ring on 0409 706 878. I will glad for the company if I am going.

Shepparton: SSAA Shepparton Fox Drive

- Contact Andrew McCormack email amac3629@bigpond.com
- When and Where Normally on a Saturday in the Shepparton area each week changes
Email Andrew and he will provide you with the details.
- What to bring Equipment is the same as Bendigo
Take lunch and water

For Sale - ANSCHUTZ 1416 D HB Sporter .22LR

In exceptional condition,
Taken care of it mainly used for target,
rings and scope not included, case included
Mixture of ammo for hunting and target,
Includes two 5 shot magazines,
One of the most accurate Rimfire i have every had the pleasure to use.
Reason for selling upgrading to centre fire,
\$1100.00
Paul 0407493095
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For Sale a Remington 270 & Pulsar night vision N 970

Comes with custom rail with a pulsar night vision N 970 current model YU76339.
Sill under warranty. Built in range finder up to 400m.3.5 to 14 magnification 9 hour rechargeable battery.
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Also for Sale;
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Kevin 0457199384

Night vision For Sale Pulsar 970,

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For sale Anschutz Straitline .22 single shot, threaded muzzle, a good kids gun \$80.

For sale stand up shooting sticks, trigger lock tripod \$80.

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Contact Kevin 0457199384

2 X 12,000 In Winches 4WD

2 X 9,000 In Winches 4WD

David Gudgin

FOR SALE Holden Rodeo LT Dual Cab 2002,

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