

# RUBS 'N ROARS

## BRISBANE BRANCH NEWSLETTER



March  
2020

## Branch Meeting

Fri. 27th March 2020

ADA Building @  
SSAA Complex

292 Mt Petrie Rd,  
Belmont

BBQ from 6:30pm  
Meeting from 7:30pm



### HUNTER'S CODE

The hunter should conserve wildlife resources and not exploit them, and the hunter's behaviour should be guided by respect -

- For the deer and all wildlife
- For the land, forests and crops
- For the landholder and his property
- For everyone who enjoys the bush

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# Australian Deer Association

## Brisbane Branch

### March 2020

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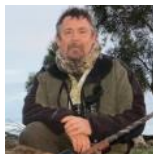
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Daniel Petterson

**MEETING CANCELLED**  
**for**  
**27th March 2020**



#### From The President : Brian Slatter

Well, for most of us the most exciting time of the year is nearly here. Still after well over 20 years of hunting the Red and Fallow deer ruts, the build up to this time of year is still as enjoyed as much as ever. To all our new members all I can say is if you haven't chased roaring Red stags or grunting Fallow bucks you need to make a plan to do it, once you do I'm sure you will be back to do it again.

My days of seriously hunting Queensland trophy reds and fallow are pretty much over, I will still take a couple of culls of each species but it's more about helping mates and leaving good heads to those who really want them. The areas I hunt now rarely produce great trophies, but that should never decide whether to hunt there or not, an over 30 inch 6x6 from this area is as hard earned a trophy as you will find anywhere.

We have organised 3 weekends down near Ballandean for our mentored Fallow hunts. We can only take 3 hunters per weekend, so this is for those with virtually no experience at all. If you fit this requirement, talk to one of our executives at the next meeting. All participants will need to attend at least one of John Bennets shoots on every 4th weekend.

The branch and the State are running hunts at Nundle at the end of April, if it is open.

It is only a couple of months till our AGM, we really need some new faces on our committee and executive, don't be scared, it isn't that hard a job.

We are also looking for someone to run our once a year shotgun shoot and someone to run the rimfire shoot as well.

On a last note any contributions for our newsletter are always greatly appreciated, photos or stories, it's your branch as well don't leave it to the committee to supply it all. Send anything to our editors email address.

Ed Ballie is doing a butchering demo at our next meeting.

Keep safe and good hunting.

Brian Slatter



# AJ Productions—Deluxe Universal Game Caller

Review by Adam Simons



## Main Hand Unit Features:

- Larger Speaker: **75mm**
- 15 volume control levels
- Volume Output: **120+ decibels** (no need to use any accessory Amplifier)
- **Two x Interchangeable sound cards slots = 10 recordings**
- Operates on **4 x AA batteries** for extra longevity (not supplied)
- Alternative DC 6-12V DC power socket
- New STOP button design: features STOP/PAUSE.

The productions game caller is a universal caller that takes memory cards you insert into the back of the caller, the caller has 2 card slots with each card having 5 different calls. The caller requires 4 AA batteries that last a good amount of time, there is the option to hook up a remote to the caller so you can have the speaker a few meters away from you. (this can be purchased later)

There are a total of 24 different sound cards that range from Red Deer calls to upland birds. There are two different Red Deer cards, one recorded from a young stag and the other from an old stag, there is also a hind call included in one of the cards.

The overall build quality is fairly good however upon receiving mine, one of the buttons on didn't work. After contacting them about the issue, I was quickly sent out a new button pad to replace the faulty one.

The caller retails for \$160 nzd and the cards are \$40 nzd. For the price, variety of cards and battery life, I think if you're in the market for a caller you'd be hard pressed to find something of better value for the same quality.

Safe Hunting!

Adam Simons





# February Guest Speaker

Last month, we had Lewis Reid pop in and have a chat about his hunting in and around the South Pacific. For those that missed out on this amazing opportunity, here are a few pics from the night.







# 2020 ADA Brisbane Branch Raffle



**Prize :** *A handmade hunting knife created by Dan Pettersen*

**Cost:** *\$5 per ticket*

- *Once all tickets have been sold, the raffle will be drawn at the next Brisbane Branch meeting.*
- *If not present at the meeting when the raffle is drawn, the winner of the raffle will be notified by phone by a member of the ADA Brisbane Branch executive.*
- *Tickets in the raffle can only be purchased at a Brisbane Branch meeting*



N.B. For the purposes of this raffle, note that the "winner" of the 2020 ADA Brisbane Branch raffle is the person who's name and contact number appears on the drawn ticket stub. The winner of the 2020 ADA Brisbane Branch raffle does not need to be a financial member of the ADA, or a member of the ADA Brisbane Branch. The prize will be held in trust with the ADA Brisbane Branch executive until the winner can collect their prize, whether that be in person, or via an authorised person collecting on their behalf. The ADA, ADA Brisbane Branch, or any member of the ADA Brisbane Branch committee & executive, do not accept any responsibility whatsoever if the prize is collected by an authorised person on the behalf of the prize winner.



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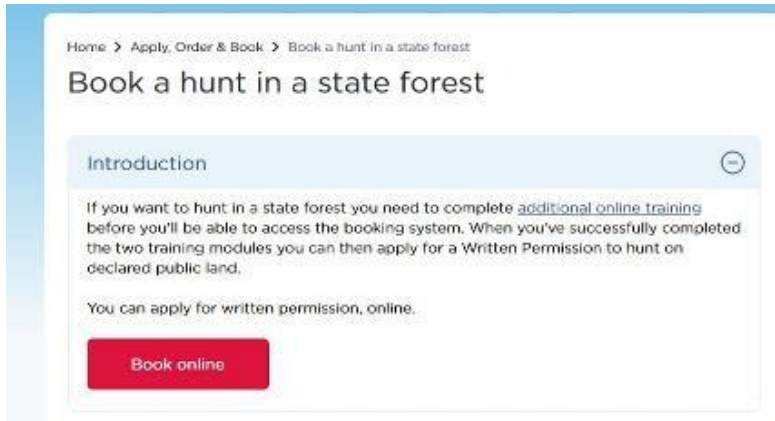




The 2020 Committee is now open for filling. All positions are open and we will happily take nominations from the floor on the night. It would be great to get some new blood into the committee. There is nothing hard about being apart of the team. The general theme is an ongoing commitment to our new members who've never had a chance to hunt before. So being able to help in this area and provide mentorship would be great.

Following on from that; We're looking to put together a raffle that provides one lucky person/couple the opportunity to have a fully guided/mentored hunt. If you have access to outfitters or your own property and can create an experience, please let the committee know more about what you can offer.

# Upcoming Branch Hunts 2020



**Where:** TBA

**Possible game:** TBA.

**When:** TBA

**Campsite:** TBA.

A NSW DPI R-License is required to hunt these forests. If you need to sit the course, speak to our Branch trainer John Bennet to arrange a time to sit the course.

Make sure you are self-sufficient on these hunts, as in most cases the closest shop is a mile away. Make sure you have enough food and water plus anything else you may require.

Check NSW DPI's website for changes in regulations, It's up to you to make sure you are compliant.

## UPCOMING QLD STATE EVENTS

There is a State hunt down at Nundle in NSW from the 19th to the 26th April.

Adrian Fichle is the contact for this.

Ph: 0434 072 290



## 2020 ADA- Brisbane Branch Membership Calander

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### Branch Meetings

7th Feb

27th March

5th Jun

7th August

9th October

5th December (Christmas Party)

### **ADA Shelley Hunting Camp (2 April to 8 April inclusive, 7 nights)**

The Northern & Yorke Branch of South Australia is once again hosting the Shelley Hunting Camp in NE Victoria. Headquarters for this 2-8 April event is the Shelley Forest Camp, located midway between Tallangatta and Corryong on the Murray Valley Highway. The dates of the camp correspond to the early part of the fallow deer rut and the red deer roar.

NE Victoria is mountainous and a mosaic of native forest, open dairy country and pine plantations. The area has abundant fallow and sambar deer, and a smaller population of red deer.

The Shelley Hunting Camp will run for seven (7) consecutive nights between (Thursday) 2 April and (Wednesday) 8 April inclusive. ADA members from any branch are welcome to stay for all 7 nights, or as little as 1 night. There are no outdoor powered sites; however, persons camping outside will have full and equal access to all indoor amenities.

The cost is \$35 per person, per night for clean, dormitory style accommodation, and \$30 per person per night for camping outside (swag, tent or self-provided caravan). Prices include great fellowship, an excellent kitchen, mess and lounge facility and 24/7 hot showers.

Unlike in previous years, attendees will NOT be required to pay a one-off surcharge.

For insurance reasons, the Shelley Hunting Camp is only open to financial ADA members.

**Prior to registering for the camp, please read the **Essentials Info-Pack (below)**.**

**To register for the camp, e-mail the following details to [michaelsen@geologist.com](mailto:michaelsen@geologist.com):**

- A. Your name,**
- B. ADA branch & membership number,**
- C. Mobile Telstra number, active email address**
- D. Vehicle make, model, colour & registration number,**
- E. The number of nights (from/to days) of your visit, and**
- F. Whether you intend to sleep indoors or camp outdoors. Please also indicate the name(s) of your preferred roommates (if any) should indoor accommodation be tight.**

ADA hunters who register early and according to the above details will be prioritised when hunting areas are selected on the first night of the camp.

**Please, only telephone the organiser after thoroughly reading the Essentials Info-Pack (below).** Bookings will ideally be made without a phone call.

Bernd Michaelsen (Secretary, Northern & Yorke Branch, SA) **0419 832 995**

*Enquiries only:* [northern-yorke.sec@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:northern-yorke.sec@austdeer.asn.au)

*Firm bookings with required details as outlined above:* [michaelsen@geologist.com](mailto:michaelsen@geologist.com)

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### **Shelley Hunting Camp: Essentials Info-Pack**

We ask that all ADA members bring their ADA membership cards so that we can check their credentials for insurance purposes. All hunters need a current firearms licence (from any state) and a Victorian Game License (<http://www.gma.vic.gov.au/licensing/apply-for-a-game-licence>).

1. The minimum legal calibre for hunting sambar and red deer in Victoria is 270 Win. For transport in Victoria, firearms and ammunition should be secured in separate locked compartments (e.g. portable hard-case/ammo tin) both attached to the inside of the transporting vehicle; note that the transport of spotlights with firearms in deer habitat (i.e. NE Victoria) is prohibited by law.
2. Shelley is at 800 metres altitude and therefore cold at night. A -5 degree sleeping bag is advisable. No linen will be supplied for indoor accommodation.
3. During the camp, all ammunition and firearms are banned from the buildings. Ammunition and firearms must remain locked-away and out of sight in vehicles.
4. Attendees are responsible for obtaining their own map(s), navigation equipment and other gear for the bush; however, there will be a very limited supply of maps available free, or for purchase. Note that "print-ready" and new 2019 "web-based" maps are downloadable from



the Victorian Game Management Authority (GMA) website. GMA maps are essential to delineate legal hunting areas in this complex terrain.

5. On the first evening of the camp, people will choose the area they wish to hunt and inform the camp organiser(s) of their intentions, by outlining/marketing individual hunting areas on a large-scale wall-poster map, and by recording details in a log-book. The area is vast, therefore nobody will miss-out on a good hunting opportunities. However, in the case where someone's preferred area is taken by another hunter, we ask that everyone respects that fact.


The immediate area around Shelley has NOT been affected by the January 2020 bushfires, although some areas beyond 6 km from the camp have been burnt. This should not overly impact the choice of hunting areas.

6. Telstra mobile phones are essential for NE Victoria and the High Country – no other network services these areas. Having said that, phones will have limited use in most hunting situations. We insist that hunters have a 2-way radio, GPS, laminated maps and a compass. An emergency bivy-bag and realistic survival gear must be carried in a rucksack no smaller than 25–30 litres.
7. Hunters can operate alone in the bush; however, upon arrival at camp they will team-up with a "hunting buddy". "Hunting buddies" will not necessarily hunt together, although some might. A "hunting buddy" must understand the day-to-day intentions of his mate (e.g. where his car will be parked, which direction he is stalking). The rationale is that if something goes wrong, the alarm can be raised quickly, in the first instance by the buddy. Blaze orange needs to be worn by hunters operating in areas where other hunters are likely to be encountered.
8. All people attending the camp must have had some hunting experience. However, even people with no experience of eastern Victoria are encouraged to attend. Such people will find their feet quickly as long as they arrive prepared and with the correct equipment.

Most of the dorm rooms have two beds; several have 3 or 4 beds as bunks. We will do our best to place people in the groups they want – that has proved easy in past camps. However, if you definitely want to sleep indoors, please bring an air mattress/swag for the very large "family rooms" in the unlikely event that the dorm rooms are full.

The trick is to be flexible, and bring a tent/swag/ air-mattress in case the dorm rooms are full: that way you will not miss-out.

11. Payment for accommodation at Shelley must be made in CASH ONLY on the evening of Thursday (2 April) or the day of arrival – NO EXCEPTIONS. The closest flexi-tellers are 42 km away at Corryong or Tallangatta, therefore everyone is advised to bring the exact change upon arrival.
12. There are no shops at Shelley. The closest modern supermarkets are at Wodonga, 82 km to the west; Wodonga Woolworths is open between 6 AM and midnight, seven days.



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## 2020 Shooting Dates to Remember!

**Please note that it is always the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month.**

Standing post area @ SSAA Brisbane, Belmont Complex



January 26th—Marksmanship training

February 23rd —Marksmanship training

March 29th —Marksmanship training

April 26th —Marksmanship training

May 24th —Marksmanship training

June 28th —Marksmanship training

**July TBA — ADA vs SSAA Ripley Shoot**

August 23rd —Marksmanship training

**September 27th — Marksmanship training (Morning) &  
Shotgun shoot (Afternoon)**

October 25th —Marksmanship training

**November TBA —Night Rimfire Silhouette TBA**

**December 5th — Christmas shoot**



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## Membership Application

- Please select:
- ☐ New member
- ☐ Current member renewing
- ☐ Previous member re-joining

To pay by Visa or MasterCard visit [www.austdeer.asn.au](http://www.austdeer.asn.au) and join on-line or call the National Membership Office on 0499 892 320 (Int: +61 499 892 320)

To pay by cheque, please complete the following form and mail to the NMO as instructed below

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☒ Please select preferred or nearest branch:

### Victoria

- ☐ Melbourne (Heidelberg)
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- ☐ Gippsland (Tyers)
- ☐ East Gippsland (Bairnsdale)
- ☐ Central Vic (Bendigo)
- ☐ Murray Valley (Wangaratta)
- ☐ Western Victoria (Lake Bolac)
- ☐ Geelong (Lovely Banks)

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☐ **ACT & Southern Regions** (Narrabundah)

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- ☐ Adelaide (Hectorville)
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- ☐ Brisbane (Belmont)
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- ☐ Gympie/Mary Valley (Gympie)
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- ☐ Northern (Launceston)
- ☐ North West (Burnie)
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☒ Please select type of membership and period:

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Please clearly write **Family** names, dates of birth and email addresses (if appropriate) on the reverse of this form

**I hereby apply for membership of the ADA and agree to uphold the Association's objectives and to abide by its Code of Conduct. I have been given access to the ADA code of conduct prior to signing this document.**

Signed:

I enclose a cheque/money order payable to  
**"The Australian Deer Association Inc"** for \$  
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**Mail to: ADA National Membership Office, PO BOX 454 Croydon VIC 3136 Australia**

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# ***The Australian Deer Association is pleased to announce a new member benefit.***

***As from 1 April 2017 all financial members have cover for their firearms and/or associated equipment whilst in transit, stored in a locked vehicle and/or building in accordance with State Law and if damaged or destroyed whilst on the range or in the field but not when the firearm is being discharged. Traditionally, the responsibility of this insurance purchase has been left to the individual member but now, should you have no cover in place, the Association will provide cover under your membership [subject to the terms and conditions of the insurance policy].***

This insurance is designed to protect each member up to \$12,000 with the option to increase this limit to \$25,000 for an additional \$10 payable by the member. The policy has an excess of \$50 each and every claim and protects members anywhere in Australia, 365 days of the year, plus overseas for 21 days in any one year.

***Just another way that your  
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Details or inquiries can be made to our Insurance Broker, Marsh Advantage Insurance via:

**Lauren Coburn**

Phone: 08 8385 3616

Email: [lauren.coburn@marshadvantage.com](mailto:lauren.coburn@marshadvantage.com)

**Janine Hook**

Phone: 08 8385 3624

Email: [janine.hook@marshadvantage.com](mailto:janine.hook@marshadvantage.com)



***There's more to deer than hunting***



## Trading Post

*Have you got something you no longer need?*

*Maybe you need to sell a few "toys" to help finance a new "toy" or hunting trip.*

*Do you want to sell an item? Email the details of your item to us at: [brisbane.editor@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:brisbane.editor@austdeer.asn.au)*

- ◇ **ONE** Leupold Centenary 3x9 scope and Leupold skinning knife, sealed in unopened factory box.
- ◇ **PAIR** Fujinon 8x40 binoculars, excellent Japanese quality, new.
- ◇ **ONE** Winter Camo Hunting Coat. Men's medium outer layer jacket. Fully zip up, with ample pockets & hood. Long enough to cover your rear. Ideal for cold weather, wind & rain.
- ◇ One Pair Ladies outdoor boots size UK2/US3
- ◇ One Pair Ladies Outdoor boots VGC, Size UK6 US8 (Brand Columbia)
- ◇ One Pair Scarpa Hunting Boot EC worn one trip! Size 7

**CALL** *Graham Edwards* on 07 3841 6053.

# A quick word!

*Benjamin Jones*

Rubs 'N Roars editor

*The views expressed below are the personal opinion of the editor only*

I just wanted to quickly take this opportunity to ask that more of our amazing member base furnish us with some content. There are a great many of us hunting still, or doing other things associated with hunting, that I'm sure our members would love to hear about.

Please don't be shy, send me some photos and a 250 words article, and we'll include it in our up and coming news letters.

Get out there people!

Benjamin Jones