

SAMBAR'S ROAR

EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH

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HUNTER'S PLEDGE

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

AUSTRALIAN DEER ASSOCIATION INC.

Conservation is a state of
harmony between men and land.
:--Aldo Leopold



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

FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



This Image of what remains of the Wairewa trestle railway bridge, is just a small example of
the summer endured by East Gippslanders

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held bimonthly on the second Thursday of the month
 Commencing at 7:30pm at Howitt Park Hall, Princes Highway
 Bairnsdale unless otherwise advised.

MEETING DATES FOR 2020

Thursday 13th February 2020
 Thursday 9th April 2020
 Thursday 11th June 2020
 Thursday 13th August 2020
 Thursday 8th October 2020
 Thursday 10th December 2020



President's Report

Welcome to 2020 fellow hunters.

And what a start to the New Year it has been. Large tracts of the sambar range have been destroyed by the fires across East Gippsland, and no doubt many deer have perished. Our thoughts are with those who have lost their homes and livelihoods in these fires. I watched from the vantage point of Eagle Point Bluff when the fire to the north of Bairnsdale took off that afternoon. I couldn't help feeling that many of my friends' homes were being damaged or destroyed. I sure it was terrifying for everyone in the path of these fires. The recovery process will in some cases could take years. I know that many members have been actively involved in helping out in the aftermath. Removing burnt fences and clearing away the debris. I take my hat off to everyone involved in volunteering to do this hot and dirty job.

You can call it climate change or whatever you like. What I say is that the seasons have become warmer and dryer in my lifetime. I'm a hunter, fisherman and an outdoors person, I have noticed these changes over my lifetime. Debating the cause is not going to change it. We are going to have to adapt.

It will rain again and hopefully soon, the landscape will recover.

In the light of the previous four or five major fires in our region in the last twenty years. We know the deer will take advantage of the recovering bush, and do very well in the years to come. We are going to have to play our part in managing their numbers in the areas where they become over abundant.

Government departments have shown in the past that they lack the knowledge, skills and resources to control deer numbers in the areas where they have become a problem.

I call on government to manage the hunting resource (us). We number in excess of forty thousand strong and growing. We are self-funded, equipped and motivated to help manage the inevitable boom in deer numbers in the years to come. It's time for governments and bureaucrats to cast off their prejudices and biases think outside the box. And work with us to manage wild deer.

Wairewa Deer Control Program

This program is understandably on hold for the foreseeable future.

Much of the Wairewa valley has been decimated by the recent bush fires. Some of the residence that we had been working with to control the deer have been very badly affected. In some cases they have lost everything. A few of our members have been back up there to do what they can to help out. It is fair to say that controlling deer is probably the last thing on the farmer's minds at the moment.

The recent rain events have caused the pasture to jump out of the ground. It's a bit surreal to drive through the valley and see burnt building and fences in a sea of green. There is every chance that the surviving wild life will be taking advantage of this situation. The surrounding bush remains in a devastated state, trees blackened to the crown, ash covers the forest floor.

Blonde Bay Ballot

The first periods of the Blonde Bay, Boole Poole and Snake Island ballot hunts are about to commence. For the first two of these locations are still suffering the effects of three years of drought. Conditions will be very challenging for hunters in those locations. Deer numbers appear low and water is scarce.

On the other hand South Gippsland has had a good season so prospects for hunters on Snake Island should be good if they get the weather.

Two of our local stalwarts, Doug Harvey and Doc Carpenter are drawn to hunt on Snake. There should be no excuse for Doc. This is the second year in a row that Doc has drawn Snake so he should be able to use last years' experience in a Monster Stag.

Good luck to both hunters.

Upcoming Branch 40th Anniversary Celebration

Cheers Pedro



Hunting About

Branch Hoodies

The popular branch hoodies are available again. At the time of writing, only two sizes remain in the Green, Large and Extra Large. All sizes are available in the Charcoal.

\$70 a pop If you would like one, contact Michelle Young at the meeting or on 0400 168 173. Stocks are limited so be quick. If there is enough interest we will be doing another run.



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Piscatorial (fishing) News

BAIRNSDALE TYRE SERVICE
Ross & Peter Davidson (Props)

GOODYEAR  **DUNLOP**

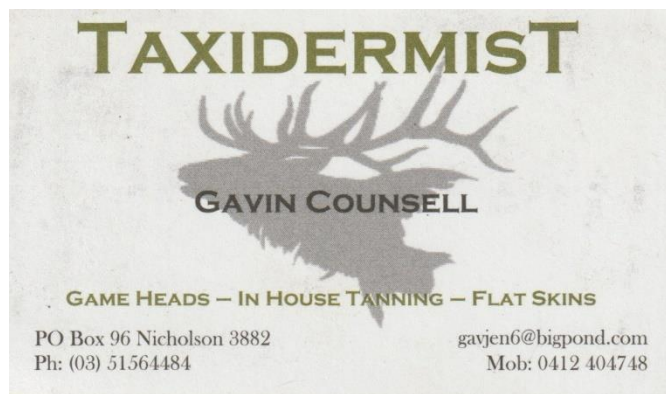
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February Meeting Agenda

Our February Meeting is a combination of branch Get Together and Trophy Presentation Night. It will be again held at the Retreat Hotel Nicholson. Kick off at 6:30 with a few drinks and a meal before the trophy presentations begin. Meals and drinks will be from the bistro and bar.
 If you are intending to come please give me a call so I can get an idea of numbers.
 Hope to see you all there.



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MINUTES OF THE LAST Committee MEETING

Held at the Nicholson Hotel, November 14.... 2019

Not Available
Will publish in the next roar

EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH 2018 TROPHY COMPETITION

NAME.....ADA Membership No.....
 ADDRESS.....Postcode.....

PHONE..... DATE ANIMAL TAKEN.....

SPECIES BEING ENTERED (*please circle*): HOG FALLOW.....SAMBAR....RUSA CHITAL..... RED

I declare that the animal was a free roaming wild deer taken in a legal, ethical and sportsmanlike manner without the aid of an artificial light, bait or lure and that I was a financial member of the East Gippsland Branch at the time it was taken.

* The trophy **MUST** have been taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 or during the prescribed season, if applicable.

* A copy of the OFFICIAL score sheet and a photo of the trophy (to be retained by the branch) are to be included with each entry.

SIGNED:.....DATE OF ENTRY: / /2019

EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH FIRST DEER AWARD 2019

* This should be the **FIRST DEER** taken by the hunter and must be taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19.

* The deer must have been a free-roaming wild deer of any Australian species and of either sex.

* The hunter **MUST** have been a member of the East Gippsland Branch when the animal was taken.

* A photo of the trophy (to be retained by the branch) to be included with the entry.

NAME.....ADA Membership No.....

ADDRESS.....Postcode.....

PHONE..... DATE ANIMAL TAKEN.....

SIGNED:.....DATE OF ENTRY: / /2019

EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019

* **HUNTER & DEER** – taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 with manually operated camera.

* **LIVE DEER** – Of free-roaming deer taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 with manually operated camera.

* **GENERAL INTEREST** – That relates to deer hunting or the ADA.

* **BEST TRAIL CAM** – Of free-roaming wild deer taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19 with a non-manual camera.

* Your photograph will be retained by the branch and placed in the branch photo album.

SECTION BEING ENTERED (*please circle*): **HUNTER & DEER** **LIVE DEER Photo** **LIVE DEER Video**

GENERAL INTEREST **TRAIL CAM Stag** **TRAIL CAM Hind**

NAME.....ADA Membership No.....

ADDRESS.....Postcode.....

PHONE.....

SIGNED:.....DATE OF ENTRY: / /2019

BEST OVERSEAS TROPHY 2019

* The animal must have been a free-roaming wild animal and may be of any overseas species.

* The trophy must have been taken between 1/1/19 and 31/12/19.

* A brief story on how the animal was taken is to accompany the entry form and photo of the trophy which will be retained by the branch.

NAME.....ADA Membership No.....

ADDRESS.....Postcode.....

PHONE..... DATE ANIMAL TAKEN.....

SPECIES.....

SEND ENTRIES TO: ADA EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH
TROPHY & PHOTO COMP
PO BOX 140 BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875



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

First Name:										Surname:																			
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Occupation:															Date of Birth:														
Home: ()					Work: ()					Mob:																			
Email for receiving branch notices and other contact from the ADA (use CAPITAL letters for clarity):																													
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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
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