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EAST GIPPSLAND BRANCH

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HUNTER'S PLEDGE

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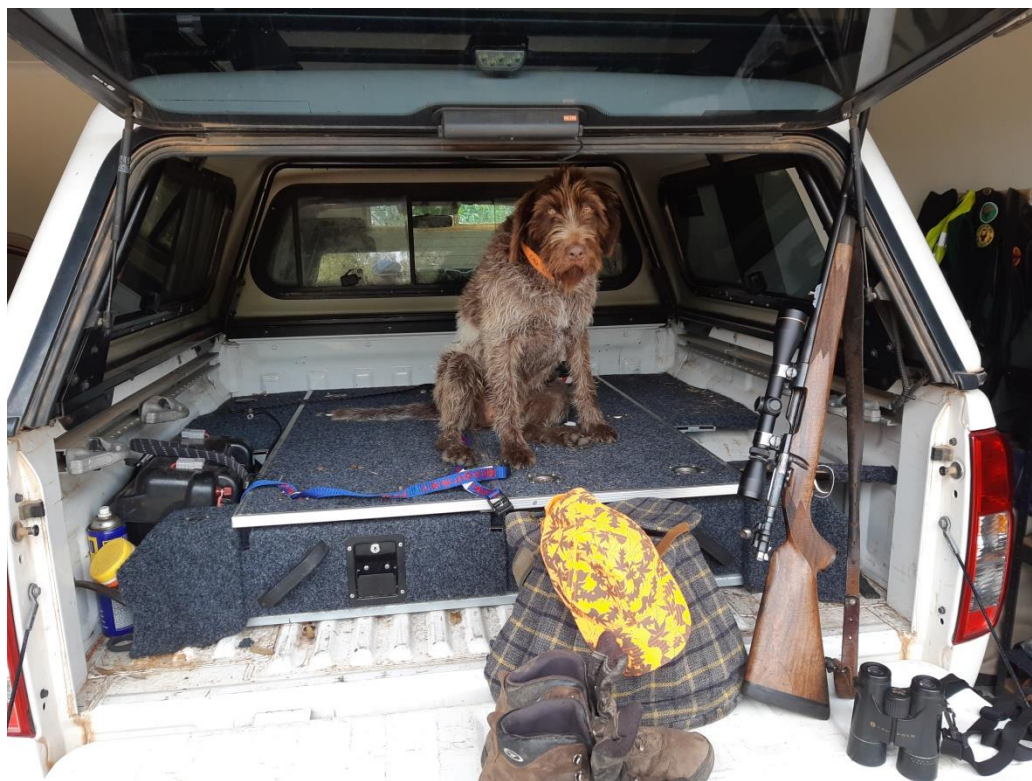
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Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.
:--Aldo Leopold



FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



“All dressed up and nowhere to go”

This is the sad scene across the deer hunting world for now

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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 Trophy Presentation Night
 Thursday 9th April 2020 **Cancelled**
 Thursday 11th June 2020 Annual General Meeting
 Thursday 13th August 2020
 Thursday 8th October 2020
 Thursday 10th December 2020 Christmas Break up

President's Report

Welcome fellow deer hunters.

What can I say? The world has changed and no one knows when things will return to normal. Sooner the better I think. How are you dealing with the cabin fever? Sorted out the hunting and fishing gear? Loaded a few rounds? Tied a few rigs? Knife Sharpening? Dig over the vegie garden? Sort the sock draw? The list goes on. Yes I'm bored!

I'm sure you were all looking forward to getting back into it after such a harrowing summer.

The hog deer season had just kicked off. The weather had cooled off with a nice bit of rain, perfect for getting out after an early season sambar. The delayed duck season was just around the corner.

Now all hunting and fishing have been banned indefinitely while some other outdoor pursuits including bushwalking are allowed. This inconsistency makes complying to these bans a little hard to take.

I was very offended by the reasons behind the ban on the purchase of firearms and ammunition. To suggest that law abiding firearm owners and users are likely to harm their families because of the current crisis is absurd!

This is more an indication of how we are viewed by the current government. The police already have complete control over the sale of guns and ammunition via the existing permit system. There was no need for this knee jerk reaction from the government. This goes to show how ignorant they are of who we are what we are about. I would also suggest that this skewed attitude applies to all of us who live beyond the end of the tram tracks.

Country and outdoors people have different attitudes and interests to most of our city cousins. We deserve the same respect they expect from us. So much for the much vaunted embracing of "diversity" in our society. The erosion of our freedoms is now an avalanche!

That said, I ask all members to be patient and comply with these restrictions until this madness passes. It will not do our cause any good at all should you get caught Sneaking out for a hunt or a fish.

Stay Patient & Healthy
Cheers Pedro

Wairewa Deer Control Program

On Hold for now.

I have been in contact with the people at DELWP in charge of this project. They are keen to continue with this program once the restrictions ease.

The residence of Wairewa are getting their lives and business back up and running. Blaze Aid have done an enormous job cleaning up and restoring fences. I expect the burnt areas to be off limits to hunting and wood gathering for safety reasons for at least twelve months.

If the situation changes, you will be kept informed via the newsletter or our face book page.

Blond Bay Ballot

The three hunting periods have been completed at Blonde bay and Boole Poole. As expected conditions were tough with deer hard to find.

Only one hind was taken on Boole Poole, and five deer at Blonde bay. I think most of the deer taken at Blonde bay were young stags.

Two of our local stalwarts, Doug Harvey and Doc Carpenter were drawn to hunt on Snake. Unfortunately for these two hunters their hunts have been cancelled.

However a couple of nice stags were taken on the island in the early periods before the cancellation due to the virus lock down.

Let's hope for a better season and luck next year.



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Upcoming Branch 40th Anniversary Celebration

WHERE WERE YOU ON NOVEMBER 7 1980?

Memories have mostly faded, some have drifted away or are no-longer with us, and likely quite a few current members weren't even born back then. However, this coming November 7 is an occasion for celebration as it represents the 40th anniversary of the formation of the East Gippsland Branch based in Bairnsdale.

Plans are afoot to recognise this significant milestone in some way, perhaps with a dinner or a barbecue at a venue in the Bairnsdale area – your branch executive is starting to stir their grey matter on the subject of what, where and when (and of course depending on the evolving COVID-19 situation). Ideas on a venue and event are welcomed!

A history of the Branch is being written for the occasion that will be published in our Roar, in Australian Deer magazine and for the local papers. It would be great to have an array of photos in this history and for a display on the evening, so if you have some in an album please dig them out and get them to Ken Slee, President Pedro or Secretary Bruce.

While we have a few months to bring this event together, now is the time to start planning! It would be great if lots of members past and present got involved to celebrate with us!

If you have any great ideas about the dinner. How about giving me a call to assist with planning?

Cheers Ken

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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.



Hunting About

H&S Firearms Sale, put on an evening recently featuring Davey Hughes, AKA” The Swazi Man” as guest speaker.

The H&S shop at sale was filled to overflowing with hunters from all over Gippsland (standing room only). They were all there see and hear what Davey Hughes had to say. And no doubt pick up a few of the bargains that were on offer.

Davey’s story was both entertaining and informative. A larger than life guy, and a seasoned performer. He grew up hunting and fishing in New Zealand. He spent a large part of his life living in Africa. At one stage he spent over a year walking across Africa north to south. As part of his role with Swazi Outdoor Clothing Company, the poor bastard gets to hunt all over the world. As well as his hunting exploits he is a champion of endangered wild life across the globe. He talked about programs he has helped put in place to save the rhino and elephant from poaching in Africa. He has done the same for the critically endangered snow leopards and tigers in the far east of Asia and Russia.

H&S are to be congratulated for taking the initiative and putting on a night like this. There was well over a hundred hunters there, young and old, male and female.

There should be more of this.



Pedro & The Swazi Man
Please ignore the photo bomber
(Yabbie Smith)



The Crowd at H&S Firearms

Ranga Ramblings, the thoughts of a Ranga

Can we hunt or not?

I got asked that the other day so figured I would ramble on a bit and fill up some space in the Roar.

To be honest and upfront I'm buggered if I know.

What I do know is that there is a lot of conflicting information out there that is just confusing the crap out of everyone.

Social media (Facebook etc) is full of supposed "Official" documents, letters and statements so that it has become impossible to make an informed decision. Likewise calling the Government departments will give you just as many differing opinions.

What I do know is that we are expected to limit our travel, stay at home if possible and try not to become a statistic or assist in the spread of Coronavirus. That really doesn't seem that hard to do.

We can't travel interstate, we can't just wander around because we feel like it, we really should assist with minimising the spread of this virus. So to me that means we most likely shouldn't go hunting. Ducks, deer, Quail, whatever I don't think you can use the argument that it's to provide food for the table. There's only one way I know that can pretty much guarantee you a deer and unless you have access to private country and permission it's illegal and it's not hunting. Don't pull the "they are feral or pests" argument cause that has bigger holes in it than the Titanic.

The argument is not really about whether you can, the argument is whether you SHOULD.

Should you put other people in danger or at risk because you can't stay home and do what you have been asked to do?

Why should you put my family in danger of Caronavirus because you can't do stay in your own dung heap?

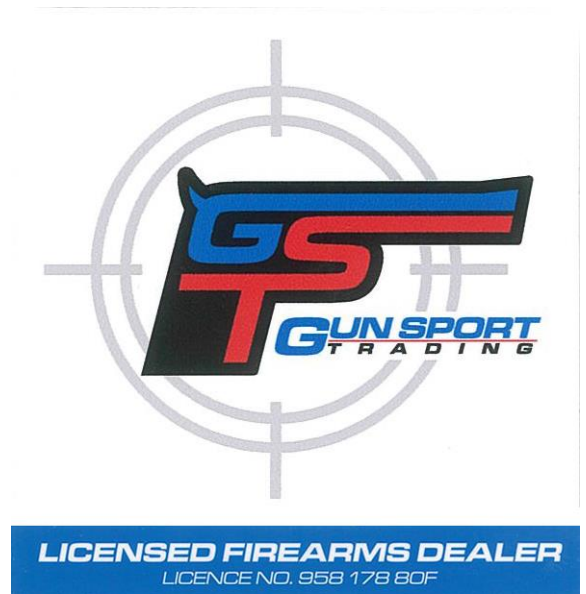
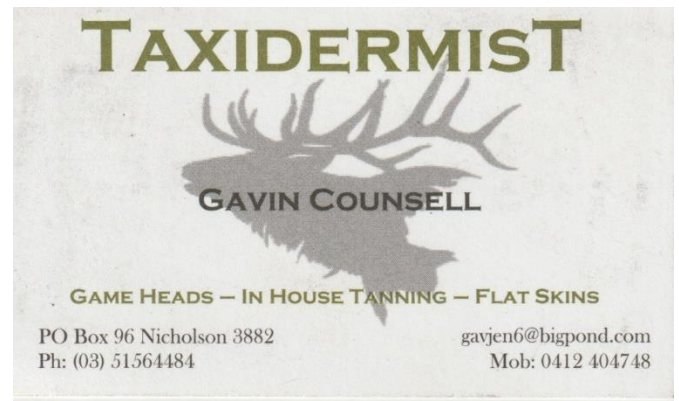
The people out there that have NO SOCIAL CONCIENSE don't give a rats bum about everyone else. They will still go and do whatever they want. They just don't care. They don't care about hunting regulations and laws, they are not going to stay home, they are potentially going to stuff it up for everyone.

So am I able to tell you if you can hunt? NO. But I can damn sure give you my opinion.

Should you hunt? NO. Why should you put other people at risk just to fluff your ego.

In my opinion if you don't live in East Gippsland stay the ##### away we don't want you here.

Once was a Ranga!



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No I don't know where it came from
I'm led to believe it's over Thirty!!

Piscatorial (fishing) News



This would take your mind off not
being able to go fishing!!!

April Meeting Agenda

Cancelled due to the bloody Virus

June Meeting Agenda

Annual General Meeting

Details in the next Roar.

**If you want your sport of recreation deer hunting protected.
it's time for you to step up.**

See Pedro if interested

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MINUTES OF THE LAST Committee MEETING

Held at the Nicholson Hotel, Thursday 00/00/2020

Canceled

Trophy Competition Entry Forms

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.....

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- ALDO LEOPOLD

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