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Hunters Pledge

The Hunter should conserve wildlife resources and not exploit them.

The hunter's behaviour should be guided by respect:

- For the Deer and all Wildlife, For the Land, Forest and Crops, For the Landholder and his Property, For Everyone who enjoys the Bush.



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Next Meeting Details:



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Branch Meeting

Wednesday 5th February

At the meeting we will be joined by a representative from Garmin Australia who will go through their current product range. We encourage you to bring along your Garmin Rino, Daz Horkings will conduct a session on how to get the most out of your device when hunting.

**Doors open at 5:30pm for a BBQ and Bar Open
Meeting starts at 7:30pm**

**Pearcedale Community Centre
710 Baxter Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale, VIC**




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GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Westernport Branch of the A.D.A. meets bi-monthly on the first Wednesday of February, April, June, August, October and December, unless otherwise advertised.

HUNTING, GENERAL NEWS & ADVERTISEMENTS:

E-mailed to the Editor or relayed by telephone.

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MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS? –

Notify the National Membership Office on Ph: 03 9870-1175 Fax: 03 9870-1173/E-mail: natmem@austdeer.asn.au ADA

SCORERS - more on the ADA Website

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WPB Calendar



February Meeting: GARMIN

General Meeting

Presenter: Garmin Australia & Daz Horkings
Doors Open 5:30pm - Meeting Starts at 7:30pm

BRANCH HUNT

Wonnangatta Valley

Date: Friday 24th - Sunday 26th April
TBC...

April Meeting:

General Meeting

Presenter: Australian Dingo Foundation - TBC
Doors Open 5:30pm - Meeting Starts at 7:30pm



The Victorian Bushfires

The ongoing bushfires in Victoria is very close to those in the hunting community, some own property in the impacted areas, others have family or friends that live there, some of these people have been impacted directly. Most have hunted on the current fire grounds.

What has been very pleasing is the response from ADA members, goods collected and delivered, financial donations, others have used their skills to help others. Here are few initiatives that I am aware of.



Rob Herbet made a beautiful knife which was donated to the ADA, in know time at all Barry Howlett had the knife up for raffle. \$5,000 raised in a matter of hours and dontated to the Gippsland Emergency Fund. AMAZING WORK



My wife Chelle suggested we should fill the ute and trailer with food and water and do a quick drive down to Bairnsdale, from little things big things grow, over 20 Australia Post crates where transported down in the end. A number of late nights but all worth while.

Steve Robinson from **Bolt Action Productions** created a facebook group called

Hunter Assist

A group for hunters to assist other hunters who are doing it a bit tough.
Brilliant idea which has already seen over 800 hunters join.
Some wonderful hunters have already passed on goods to help out fellow hunters.
Search for Hunters Assist on Facebook.



Some of the ADA's finest got together to create

HUNTERS FOR BUSHFIRE RELIEF

Thanks so much to all the people involved in organising, the individuals and organisations that donated the prize pool.



1 HUNTERS FOR BUSHFIRE RELIEF
1ST PRIZE WORTH OVER \$11K

- 1 ON 1 Guided Sambar Backpack Hunt with Rob Fickling \$3,000
- Return Domestic Airfares up to \$850
- \$1,500 Spending Spree at Moroka.30
- Tikka T3 Rifle \$1,500 Voucher from Beretta Australia
- Swarovski z5 3.5-18 x 44 Rifle Scope \$1,990
- Zeiss Terra 10x42 Binoculars \$760
- R&N Blades Southwind Sambar Handle Belt Knife \$435
- ADA Victorian Hunter Education Course \$526.30
- SSAA Range Vouchers \$300
- Sarah Trumble Signed Deer of Australia Print (1/50) \$300

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MAJOR RAFFLE WINNER

Robert Herbert receiving his new rifle from Committee Member Marty Phillips





WILD DEER and **DUCK HUNTING EXPO**

29 February - 1 March 2020
Bendigo Stadium
9am – 4pm



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Forest Edge CYC
405 McKenzie Road, Neerim East, VIC

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd May



Story



OK Boomer, who are the people who will lead us in the 2020s?

By Barry Howlett

Before we begin, we need to all understand what a “meme” is. The fact that it needs to be explained to some of us kind of illustrates the point of this article.

Author Kerry Maxwell penned this useful explanation for those of us who are of sufficient vintage to need these things explained:

“A meme, or, more precisely, an internet meme, is some kind of idea or piece of information that spreads very rapidly across a large number of internet users. It’s a bit like the online equivalent of an inside joke, a fashionable, attention-grabbing concept that a large number of internet users become aware of. A meme often takes the form of a hyperlink, propagated via email, blogs, social networking, instant messaging and so on, like a kind of virtual Chinese whisper. A meme might be a joke or quotation, a rumour or simple fact, an image, piece of video, or even a particular website — virtually any titbit that can be passed from one person to another via electronic communication. A key facet of a meme is that it is voluntary, a communication which spreads from one place to the next without any kind of compulsion or automation. Memes might stay the same as they transfer from one source to another, but can sometimes ‘evolve’, modified or expanded by each new recipient. They can also fade as fast as they spread, ascending in popularity and then disappearing within a matter of days.”

A popular meme at the moment is “OK Boomer”. Again, at the risk of redundancy, a brief explanation is necessary — Boomers (Baby Boomers) refers to the generation born between 1946 and 1964. “OK Boomer” is a dismissive phrase used to mock Baby Boomers (or essentially anyone older than the person levelling the insult) in a good-natured way for being old-fashioned and out of touch with the realities of the modern world.



For example, if an older person says something like: “Millennials need to stop complaining about never owning a house when they keep spending all their money on avocados. When I was 18, I already had two houses and I ran a successful business.” The appropriate response would be “OK boomer”, which is essentially telling them to shut the hell up.

It’s a variation on a theme which has been a constant between generations since at least 900 years ago when Peter the Hermit wrote:

“The world is passing through troubling times. The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age. They are impatient of all restraint. They talk as if they knew everything, and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness with them. As for the girls, they are forward, immodest and unladylike in speech, behaviour and dress.”

Why is any of this relevant to deer, deer hunting or to the Australian Deer Association? Because our cultural institutions, including the ADA, were built by “Boomers” for “Boomers”. The structure which developed though the 1960s, 70s and 80s served us well. The generation that built the ADA wanted to change the world, and they did, for the better.

But the world has changed. While the values that our great institutions were built on are as relevant and important as ever, the operating models — the way we go about carrying on with those values — need to change or there simply is no future.

Associations expert Belinda Moore from Strategic Membership Solutions explained both the challenge and the potential solutions, in her recent essay *Association Apocalypse*.

“Without immediate and rapid action some associations will find themselves rendered obsolete and replaced by newer, more adaptable competitors. For those organisations that don’t adapt quickly, the coming changes represent an apocalypse they will not be able to navigate.

For associations with the will to move forward, grasping new technologies and opportunities, it will be a chance to transform into something more powerful than ever before as they navigate the following six shifts:

Technological — The integration of machine-thinking and AI into association management software will make the mass personalisation of membership possible. The first associations to successfully implement this will be able to rapidly expand their scope of influence and gain a potentially unassailable position in their industry or profession.

Generational — Associations need to bridge an ever-widening generational divide. They must be able to pivot enough to create an organisation that younger people want to join and/or engage with in sometimes new ways, while also retaining (and not alienating) existing members.

Competition, mergers and consolidations — An influx of new and powerful competitors will disrupt the existing competitive landscape. Associations must deal with these new competitors, as well as the existing range of competitors. They will also need to navigate the impact of mergers and consolidations between associations and amongst the members of their associations.

Tangibility — People are looking to engage with organisations that can deliver results, not rhetoric. Associations must develop measurements of success around productive outcomes (not membership numbers) and be able to demonstrate the tangible difference they make.



Personalisation — The highly personalised nature of the services we experience in our daily life has created the expectation of customisation amongst members. Associations cannot afford not to meet these baseline expectations, which makes the need for associations to segment and personalise their offer and communications to target different groups more vital than ever before.

Community — People are driven by the need to belong and connect. Associations that can harness this desire and become the facilitators of positive connections amongst their community and tribes will have created a powerful competitive advantage for themselves."

The Australian Deer Association is well progressed in addressing the technological, competition, tangibility and personalisation challenges; the generational challenge is one that we must all meet together — it means that us older members (for the record I'm a Gen X-er) will need to embrace some changes in the way we do things, particularly at branch level, as millennials move into leadership roles and go about making our values and our great mission relevant to new generations.

Ok, Boomer?



Higgins Hut Branch Hunt

The branch hunt at Higgins Hut was popular as always with over 25 members in attendance which including experienced and new hunters alike. Not a lot of sambar seen over the long weekend with only the one stag being taken on the Thursday afternoon right on last light. What an amazing property, surrounded by plains, State Forrest on one side of the road and the Alpine National Park on the other. Plenty of laughs, stories told, knowledge shared but most importantly great comradery between the members.



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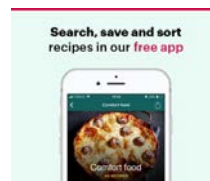


Recipe

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Venison meatloaf



Ingredients

- 12 thin rashers streaky bacon
- 1kg minced venison
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 good-quality pork sausages, meat squeezed from the skins
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves, plus sprigs to decorate
- 50g fresh breadcrumb
- 1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- splash of Worcestershire sauce
- 1 egg

Method

1. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Stretch out the bacon with the back of a knife, then trim off and finely chop any stray bits. Line a 900g loaf tin with the bacon, leaving an overhang, and set aside. Tip the rest of the ingredients into a bowl and scrunch well with your hands.
2. Pack the mix into the tin, pat down well and wrap over the bacon. Put the tin on a tray and bake in the middle of the oven for 1 hr 15 mins or until firm and cooked through. Leave to rest for at least 15 mins, then serve sliced – or leave to cool completely and serve sliced cold for a buffet with salad, or stuffed into a roll. Either way, Cumberland sauce is a must (see tip, below).



Download the **BBC Good Food app**: bbcgoodfood.app.link

Recipe taken from <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/venison-meatloaf>



Photo Wall

Westernport Branch Members Photos:

Mark and his son Matt Bedingfield recently returned home to Te Anau in NZ to visit family. A big year for Matt not only has he managed his first sambar he has now taken deer in two countries!



Photo by
Callum Sheard



Westernport Branch Members Photos:

Westernport Treasurer Don McDonald staking his claim to be known as the "Guru". A little in house joke but a cracker all the same. Well done mate!



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