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Sambar's Roar

NEXT MEETING

Healesville RSL

5:30pm on Wednesday 18 March 2026

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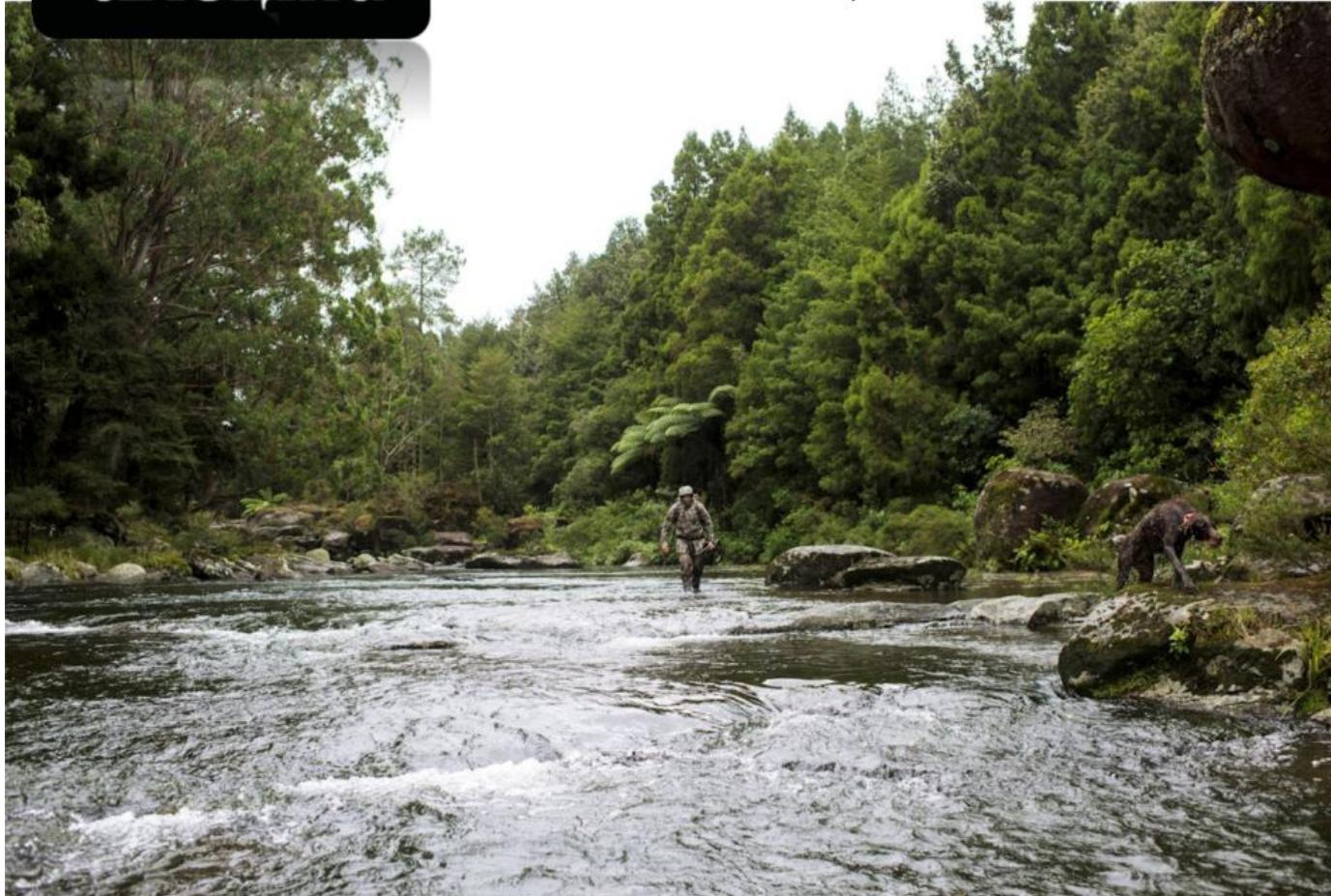
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting

Time, 7pm Tuesday 18 November 2025

Location, Yarra Valley Grand Hotel Yarra Glen

Chair, Derek Postlethwaite

Minutes, Derek Postlethwaite

ATTENDANCE

Jack Dixon, Peter Fraser, Nathan McStay (by phone), Mario Napolitano, Billy Pemberton & Derek Postlethwaite

Apologies: Fred Partier, Paul Rogers

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

The minutes of the committee meeting of 16 September 2025 were accepted without amendment.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Derek Postlethwaite reported that ADA National advised:

- Can assist in retailing “Hunting Australia’s Deer” as required
- Two new members joined UG branch in October.

MEETING MINUTES

Shelley #2 Hunt/Camp

21 hunters attended, with an average of 10 hunters in camp most nights. 13 Deer taken. 40 target-rich hunting blocks available. 16 Rooms available plus two bunk rooms. Excellent kitchen and heated lounge. Good showers and toilets. Good deer processing facilities. Facilities available for hire by UG ADA at approximately \$30/p/n. Action: Paul to research potential for UGADA to hire venue directly.

Annual General Meeting

Good meeting, well organised. Attendee numbers down on past years largely due to poor weather on the preceding day and evening. Consider that the venue worked well but consideration should be given to other venues for 2026 event.

Buckland Valley Hunt/Camp

Good camp site at Ah Youngs. Many hunters in the area but few hunting the farm fringes. Good quality deer sign including good stag sign sighted. Several deer seen.

CRB Hut Hunt/Camp

Good camp, excellent weather. 12 hunters including 3 new hunters and 4 juniors attended. Little good sign. Several deer sighted. Roast dinner on Saturday night was well received. Facilities have been booked for 1st weekend in July 2026.

TREASURER'S REPORT – 16 September 2025

Nathan McStay reported that there have been no major changes to UG branch's financial position as reported to the General Meeting in October. Takings from General Meeting Raffle will be added to the summary below.

Treasurer's Report 16/09/2025
Opening Balance At 1st April 2025
\$11,772.73
Comprising
Bank
\$11,572.73
Petty Cash
\$200.00



KING BILLY HUNT/CAMP REPORT

Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent, Nathan McStay and Hudson McStay attended the King Billy Hunt/Camp on the weekend of Friday 31 October to Tuesday 4 November. They reported that the weather was very windy. There were several other hunters in the area and a lot of vehicle traffic over the weekend. Very little deer sign was observed.

BEST REPRESENTATIVE HEADS FOR 2025

Best heads and photographs competition will run substantially as per 2024. UG members will be encouraged to enter by posting deer head photographs, trail-camera photographs and hand-held photographs, taken in 2025 in the TeamApp gallery, or emailing directly to Fred Partier

before 31 December 2025. Awards and prizes will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in June 2026.

ACTION: Derek P will advertise on Team App and membership mailout.

ACTION: Stephen ORN will advertise on social media.

“HUNTING AUSTRALIA’S DEER” BOOK SALES

Billy Pemberton has taken delivery of 130 copies of Hunting Australia’s Deer at \$5 per copy. Meeting decided that UGADA should sell all 130 copies at \$50 per copy. Book will be advertised on TeamApp, social media and via next issue of Sambar’s ROAR. The following committee members have received copies of the book at this meeting.

- Peter Fraser 1 copy
- Jack Dixon 1 copy
- Derek Postlethwaite 2 copies
- Mario Napolitano 2 copies

ACTION: Derek P will advertise via TeamApp and membership mailout.

ACTION: Stephen ORN will advertise on social media.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Meeting confirmed “end of year” celebration will take place at 12 noon on Saturday 6 December. Suggested format includes nibbles at club expense and drinks and meals at member’s expense. Event will include a committee meeting immediately prior to start to review a draft calendar of events for 2026. “Hunting Australia’s Deer” books to be available for sale and as a possible raffle prize. UGADA banners to be on display. Alexandra Hotel has been contacted but are yet to respond. Meeting requested that an alternative venue be found. Molesworth Hotel was suggested.

ACTION: Derek P to contact Molesworth Hote and advertise by membership mailout.

MANSFIELD HUNTING & FISHING EXPO

Meeting confirmed participation at the MH&F EXPO scheduled for Saturday 28 February 2026. UGADA members will assist MH&F on the day and run a club raffle. Committee suggested that UGADA banners should be on display along with deer heads and merchandise such as caps. Opportunity for “Hunting Australia’s Deer” books to be available for sale.

ACTION Stephen ORN to lead coordination with assistance from Fred P.

BRANCH MEETING AT HEALESVILLE 18 MARCH 2026

Mario N advised that the Healesville RSL facilities are available at 5:30pm on Wednesday 18 March 2026 for a branch meeting. Food will be available from the RSL menu and drinks will be available from the bar. A booking fee of \$250 is required. Committee requested Mario N to book the venue. Committee suggested that the evening include:

- Guest speaker (Beyond the Divide?) (Parks Victoria on hunting Errinundra and Snowy National Parks)
- Raffle with big prize (4WD tyres from Fast Freddie?, Clay target shoot at Melbourne Gun Club?)
- “Hunting Australia’s Deer” books on sale
- UGADA merchandise on sale
- Deer heads and club trophies on display
- Presentation of the 2026 Calendar of events

ACTION: Mario N to book RSL

HUNT LOCATIONS FOR 2026

Discussions on potential new hunt locations for 2026 club Hunt/Camps included:

- Errinundra & Snowy River National Parks
- Tatong, Myrrhee 15 Mile Creek
- Pineapple Flat King River
- Warrenbayne, Baddaginnie
- Strath Creek, Tallarook
- Mt Cobbler, Catherine River, Mustering Flat
- Howqua River

Committee agreed that some emphasis must be placed on scouting potential locations prior to 2026 hunting season.

IDEAS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION/MEMBERSHIP

Committee discussed:

- Survey members to understand interests
- Attend other branch's meetings to gather ideas
- dedicating some events toward Juniors, such as the CRB Big River Hunt/Camp

UG ADA MEMBERSHIP – 1st October

Two new members joined in October.

Total	164
Ordinary	105
Family	17
Additional Family	25
Junior	1
Others	3
Gold	0
Silver	6
Bronze	6
Family Bronze	1



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FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELLBEING

All people attending club camps must provide an emergency information sheet and confirm their attendance with Billy Pemberton on 0408 536 826. This is a requirement of the club, the committee and the ADA.

Blaze orange hats or shirts must be worn at all branch camps

2026 Calendar of events

DAY	DATE	MONTH	EVENT
	TBC	January	Informal Committee Meeting
Tuesday	24	February	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	25	February	ROAR 1 Submissions deadline
Saturday	28	February	Mansfield Hunting & Fishing EXPO
Monday	9	March	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday	11	March	ROAR 1 publish
Wednesday	18	March	Branch Meeting Healesville RSL
Wednesday	18	March	Opening - Duck Hunting Season
Friday	13	March	Start Shelley 1 National Camp
Monday	23	March	End Shelley 1 National Camp
Friday	27	March	Start Catherine River King River Tatong Strathbogie Ranges Scouting Camps
Sunday	30	March	End Catherine River King River Tatong Strathbogie Ranges Scouting Camps

Wednesday	1	April	Opening - Hound Hunting Season
Friday	3	April	Start - School Holidays
Friday	3	April	Good Friday
Monday	6	April	Easter Monday
Friday	10	April	Start Eildon Duck & Deer Boat Camp
Tuesday	14	April	End Eildon Duck & Deer Boat Camp
Monday	19	April	End - School Holidays
Saturday	25	April	ANZAC Day
Saturday	2	May	Range Day Violet Town - To Be Confirmed
Saturday	TBC	May	Alexandra Charity Wood Auction
Tuesday	19	May	Committee Meeting
Friday	22	May	Start Strathbogie Ranges Camp
Sunday	24	May	End Strathbogie Ranges Camp
Saturday	30	May	ROAR 2 Submission deadline
Friday	5	June	Start Shelley 2 National Camp
Monday	15	June	End Shelley 2 National Camp
Saturday	6	June	ROAR 2 Publish
Saturday	6	June	Start Duck Hunt Camp
Monday	8	June	King's Birthday Holiday
Monday	8	June	Close Duck Hunting Season
Saturday	13	June	Annual General Meeting
Friday	19	June	Start Buckland Valley Branch Camp
Sunday	21	June	End Buckland Valley Branch Camp
Saturday	27	June	Start - School Holidays
Friday	3	July	Start CRB Hut Branch Camp - First-time Hunters Welcome
Sunday	5	July	End CRB Hut Branch Camp - First-time Hunters Welcome
Monday	12	July	End - School Holidays
Tuesday	21	July	Committee Meeting

Friday	24	July	Start Shelley 3 National Camp
Monday	3	August	End Shelley 3 National Camp
Tuesday	4	August	ROAR 3 Submission deadline
Tuesday	11	August	ROAR 3 Publish
Sunday	16	August	Branch Meeting - Molesworth
Friday	21	August	Start Bennies - King River Branch Camp
Sunday	23	August	End Bennies - King River Branch Camp
Tuesday	15	September	Committee Meeting
Friday	18	September	Start Shelley 4 National Camp
Saturday	19	September	Start - School Holidays
Friday	25	September	AFL Grand Final Holiday
Monday	28	September	End Shelley 4 National Camp
Saturday	3	October	Range Day - To Be Confirmed - Deer Management Program practice shoot
Monday	5	October	End - School Holidays
Tuesday	6	October	ROAR 4 Submission deadline
Tuesday	13	October	ROAR 4 Publish
Tuesday	20	October	Branch Meeting Alexandra
Friday	30	October	Start King Billy - Nobs Creek Branch Camp
Sunday	1	November	End King Billy - Nobs Creek Branch Camp
Tuesday	17	November	Committee Meeting
Monday	30	November	Close - Hound Hunting Season
Saturday	12	December	Christmas Celebration

OUT AND ABOUT



Rono shot this stag at a local property we have using his Winchester Extreme 338WM with a 225g Woodliegh Hydro measuring 26 ½ x 25x 20 ½ wide



Rono shot this hind at a local property we have using his Winchester Extreme 338WM with a 225g Woodliegh Hydro

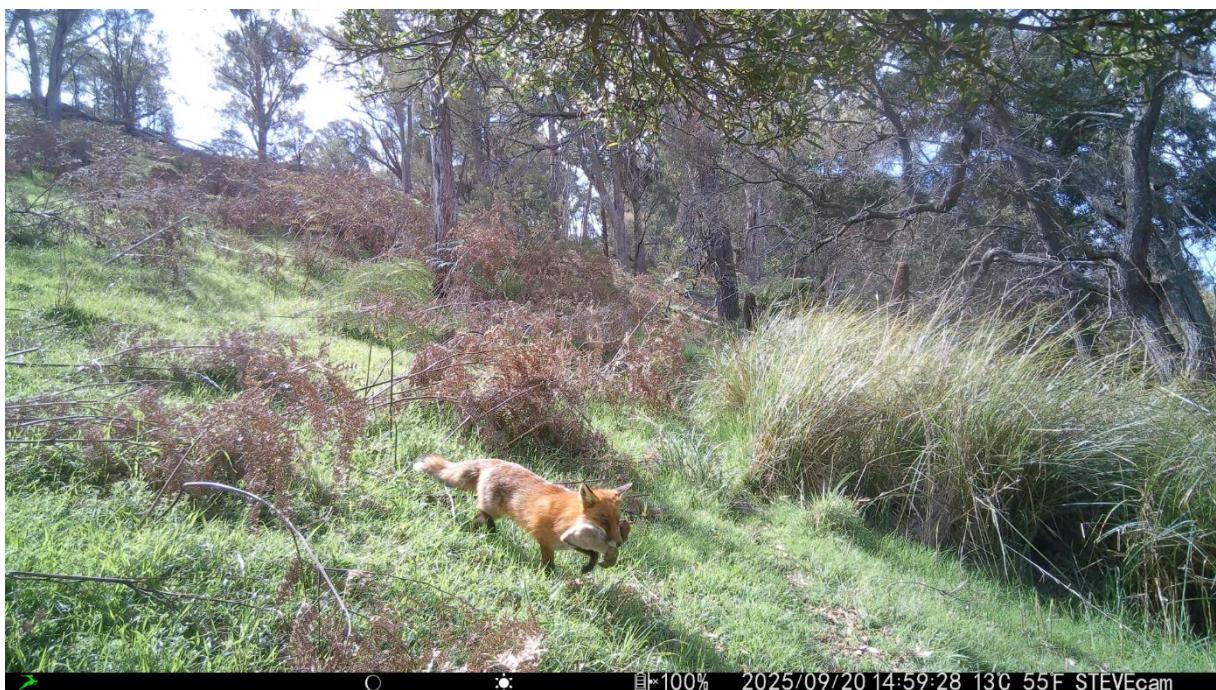


Rono shot this hind at a local property we have using his Winchester Extreme 338WM with a 225g
Woodliegh Hydro

If you have any hunting photos or stories, please send them to
sambar3006@gmail.com for the next roar.

**Please send in your best heads
and photographs for 2025**

TRAIL CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHS

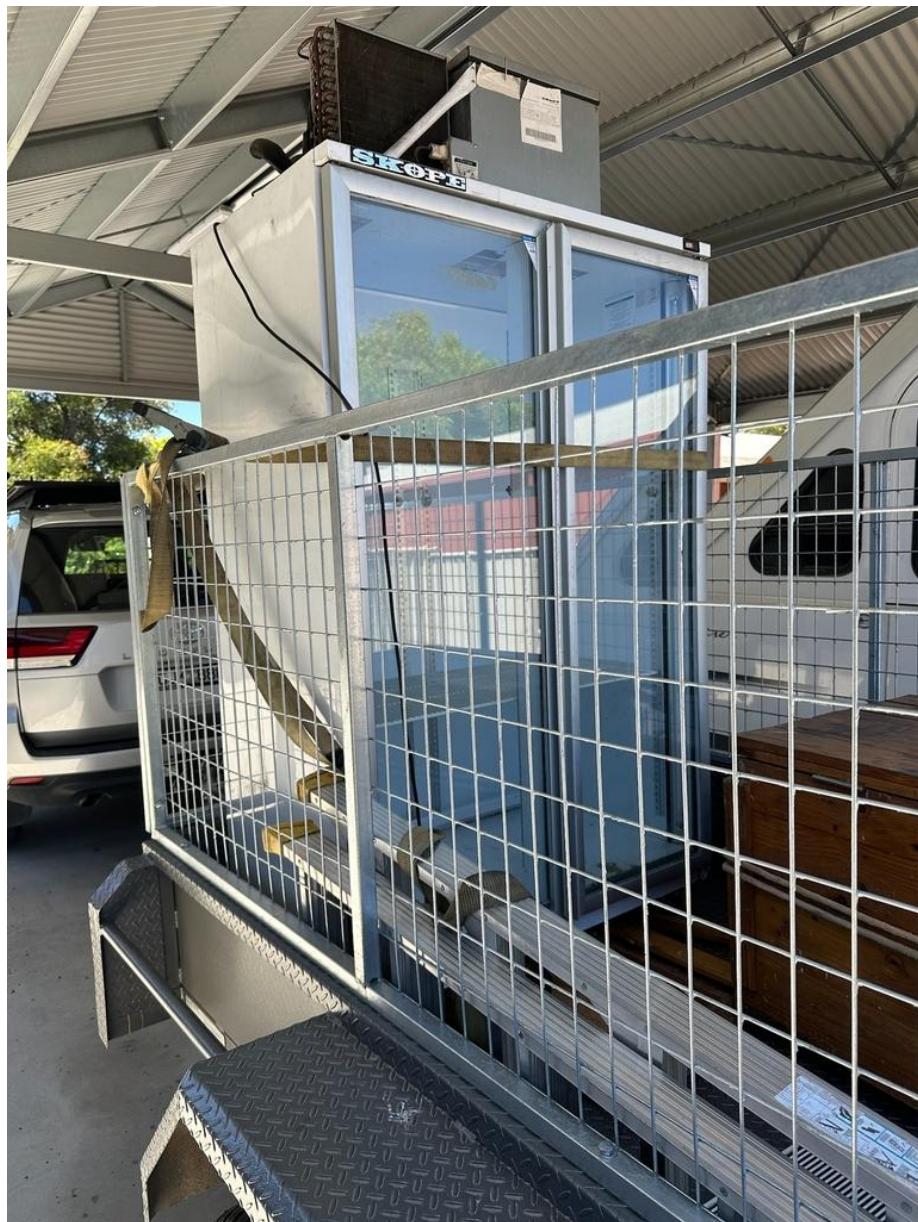






Thanks to UGADA Member Stephen Rondinelli for sending in his game camera photos some real interesting pictures amongst them

TRADING POST



Graeme Kerr has a fridge, suitable for hanging legs of venison, for sale at \$450

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