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# *Sambar's Roar*



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## Firearms Registry

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## Game Licensing Unit (DPI)

Locked Bag 21

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## Using ADA as a Genuine Reason

Don't forget if you use your ADA membership as a Genuine Reason for having a Firearms License, please remember that you are required to attend a minimum of two (2) branch activities. Whether they are shoots, meetings or club hunts, it is your responsibility to ensure you meet the requirements. The secretary is required to submit attendance records to State on a regular basis, who in turn collate attendances for the Firearms Registry.

## Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, excluding December and January. Locations will be advised through the newsletter and email communications.

## Newsletters

If you would like to submit an interesting article or photo, please send it to the email below. Articles must include the name of the author.

We are interested in a wide range of outdoor activities.

The Central West Branch executive no longer have access to membership details. All communication is now via Sean Kilkenny ([sean.kilkenny@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:sean.kilkenny@austdeer.asn.au)) and Penny ([ada.admin@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:ada.admin@austdeer.asn.au)) from National. Please ensure that your details are up to date, especially your email address as all communication is via email. That way you will continue to receive communications from the branch.

Don't forget to send in any articles or photos to be included in the newsletters. Let the other members know what you have been up to. Email to [centralw.editor@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:centralw.editor@austdeer.asn.au).

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## Coming up:

**Club Hunt** – Bago State Forest, 11-12<sup>th</sup> July. No July meeting.

**August Meeting** – Bathurst Bushrangers, 189 Browning St, Bathurst, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of August, 6:00pm

**Possible Club Hunt** – Victoria – Lake Cobbler Area, August. TBA.

**September Meeting** – Bathurst Bushrangers, 189 Browning St, Bathurst, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 6:00pm

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**Cover Photo: Bachelor mob. Pic by James Leven.**

## Club Hunt to Bago State Forest.

Pack your camping gear and join us for a fantastic weekend at the **ADA Central West Branch Camp** in the beautiful **Bago State Forest**. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, share hunting experiences, enjoy the campfire, and spend time in one of New South Wales' most iconic deer hunting regions.

### Event Details

- 📅 **Saturday 11 July – Sunday 12 July** (Some members will be going down Friday and staying to Monday).
- 📍 **Paddy's River Dam Campgrounds** Back Creek Road, Tumbarumba NSW 2653.

### What to Expect

- A relaxed weekend with fellow ADA members
- Campfire chats and hunting stories
- Opportunities to discuss deer management and conservation
- Family-friendly camping environment
- Access to the stunning Bago State Forest region

Whether you're a seasoned hunter, a new member, or simply looking to spend a weekend with like-minded people, we'd love to see you there.

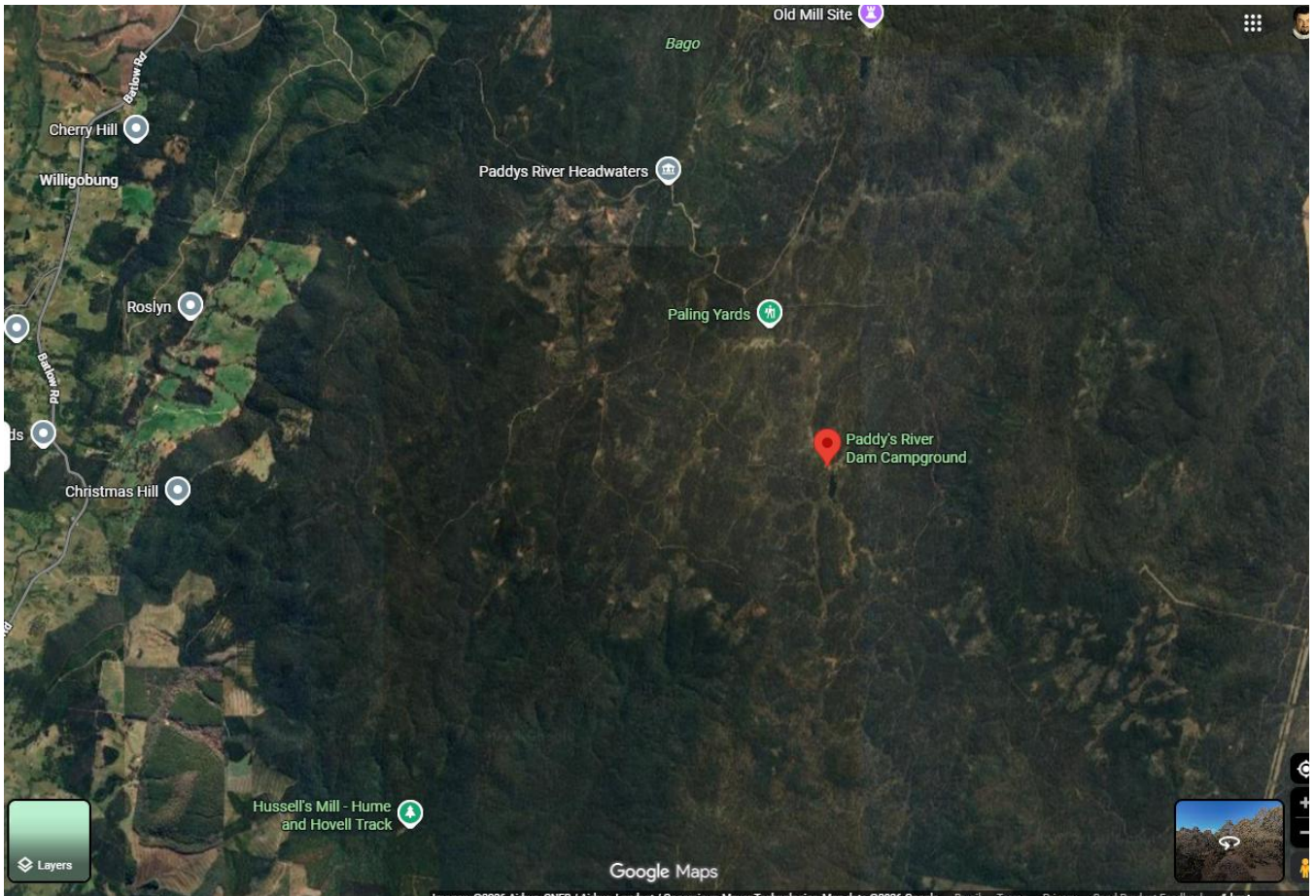
### What to Bring

Camping equipment  
Food and drinks for the weekend  
Warm clothing for alpine winter conditions  
Camp chair  
Firewood (where permitted)

We look forward to seeing you there for a great weekend of friendship, hunting, and the outdoors.

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## Possible Club Hunt to Victoria – Lake Cobbler Area.

There is a proposed club hunt to Victoria coming up in August. This hunt has not been finalized at this stage and will depend on member interest. If you would like this event to go ahead contact the club to make arrangements.

## The Hunting App.

There is a new app out that may be used instead of Avenza. The Hunting App is free and DPI maps can be uploaded to it. It seems to be a good program according to those that have played with it. Check it out.

## *Out and About – What the members have been up to.*

ADA Central West branch member Chris Horsburgh recently harvested the sambar deer hind pictured below on a hunt in southern NSW. Chris was scouting the forests around Tumbarumba ahead of the branch hunt being held in July. The hind stepped out of thick native forest into an open area along a creek just before sunset.



Cody and family have been into the deer and pigs. It's great to see the kids involved.





Ian took a fallow buck a couple of weeks ago. The skull mount came up nice.



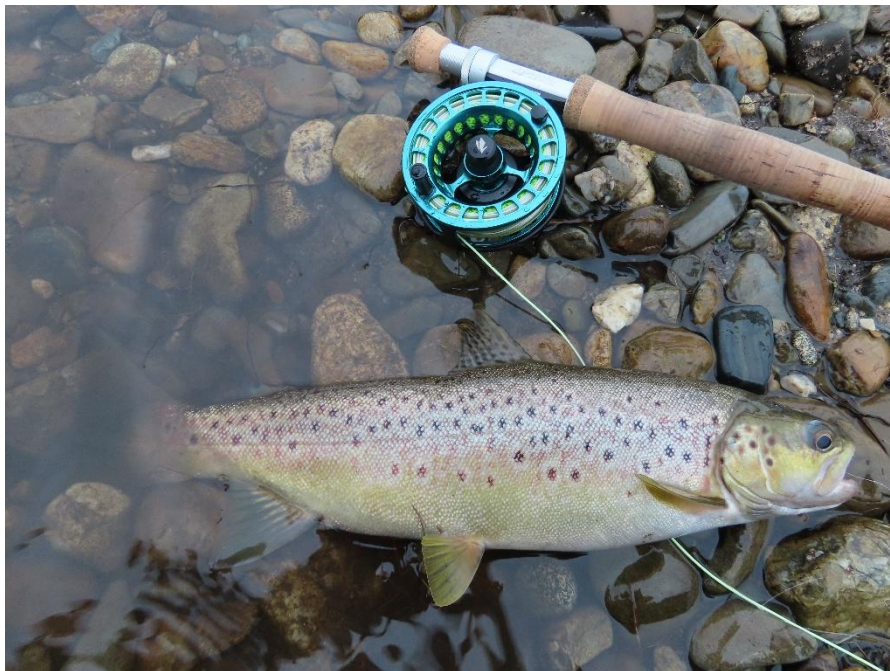
James and Dan had a fishing trip to Kozi at the end of May. The days were mostly sunny but there were big frosts in the morning that froze the fly lines in the guides. Most of the action was in the mornings up to about 9:00am so it paid to get on the river at first light. The best fishing was a rainy day where the fishing was pretty hot all day. The average size trout were around two to three pounds with a few in the five and six pound class. On the rainy day Dan hooked a big brownie that would be in the 10 pound class, which is the holy grail in trout fishing. It caused a few issues as it wouldn't fit in James' net. In the end it twisted off the small #14 hook and was gone. Not to worry as it was going to be released but a photo would have been nice.

Kosciusko is a fabulous place with howling dogs, sambar and brumbies (there are still a few left). A sambar was honking the first two nights next to the camp and a young stag stood in the headlights one morning 200m from the swags. All up it was a great trip with good numbers of trout caught and released, with many more lost fish and missed bites. We'll definitely be going back next year.



James hooked up. Check out that water.





The best fishing came from the fast water, but it made detecting a take hard.





The upper Eucumbene River. Good grasshopper water in the summer. That sounds like a good excuse for another trip.





And before I forget, John with the results of a tanning project. That's a nice rug for the lounge room.

