

AUSTRALIAN DEER ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN BRANCH TASMANIA

August Meeting Cancelled

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

Next meeting Friday 30th October 2026

North Hobart Bowls Club

Corner Ryde and Leticia Streets

North Hobart

Starting at 6:30 pm



Conservation is a state of harmony
between men and land—Aldo Leopold

AUGUST MEETING CANCELLED

Due to many of our regulars being away during August, the decision was made to cancel the meeting. We regret doing this but in the interests of having good, well attended meetings, we felt this was our only option.

We hope to have a couple of interesting speakers at our October meeting so it will be well worth attending. Hope to see you then.

Outgoing Presidents Report

At our June meeting, we received the resignation of our President, Rod Hughes. Rod has been President for the last nine years and stepped up when we lost our previous President to Melbourne, Charles and his partner Michelle, who carried out the secretary, treasurer and newsletter roles. At a difficult time for the Branch, losing so much administrative capacity, Rod was prepared to guide us through those difficult times. Rod attended virtually every meeting as well as Branch events including Brighton show and Bushfest, where he organised setting up, manning and pulling down of the Branch stall despite having to travel further than most of us. His hunting expeditions to South Africa over 14 years with his great friend, Mel Kleinhans, resulted in four donations of hunting safaris that raised very significant revenue for the Branch and kept us in a viable financial position. Carols contributions to our Branch should not be underestimated. Always the first to help out at Branch events, manning the kitchen at Christmas dinners and donating lady's prizes for our annual Christmas meetings, her contributions, despite not being a hunter, should not be taken for granted.

In his time, Rod has spent 32 years as a member of the Tasmanian Fire Service and is now Fire Chief in his local Tunnack fire Brigade. He continues to run his farm and looking after his daughter. This significant drain on his available time has meant that his role in our Branch had to be relinquished, as it should under those circumstances. We are fortunate that Rod and Carol will continue to be a big part of our Branch into the future.

As a Branch, we would like to pass on our sincere thanks to both Rod and Carol and look forward to them being part of our Branch well into the future.



Rod and Carol, both long-term members of the Tunnack Fire Brigade



Rod with his excellent Fallow taken in 2024

Our Incoming President



At our June meeting, we welcomed our new President, Simon Kalis. Simon is overseas for two months enjoying the sights, sounds and no doubt the fine food of Europe as well as a fishing/hunting expedition in Canada. In the next newsletter, and after he returns from his travels, Simon will write up a summary of who he is and what his vision for the Branch into the future will be. As most of us know, Simon is a qualified Chef and an enthusiastic producer of smallgoods, particularly based on venison and game. We are hoping there will be opportunities to sample some of Simon's excellent products at our meetings.

We congratulate Simon and thank him for taking on this role and look forward to having him as our Branch leader.

August 2026

Meeting Venue, Dates and Times

October Friday 30th, 2026

December Friday 18th, 2026

Unless advised, all meetings will be at the North Hobart Bowls Club corner of Ryde and Leticia Streets, North Hobart

Meetings are usually the last Friday of every second month but may be changed depending on room availability

Branch Structure

As of June 2026

President/Meeting Coordinator – Simon Kalis – southerntas@austdeer.asn.au

Treasurer – Kerry Bedelph - southerntas@austdeer.asn.au

ADA State/National Correspondence – John Toohey - southerntas@austdeer.asn.au

Newsletter Editor – Neil McCormick - southerntas@austdeer.asn.au

Property – Kerry Bedelph - southerntas@austdeer.asn.au

Sponsorship – Shane Broadby - southerntas@austdeer.asn.au

TREASURERS REPORT – AUGUST 2026

Opening Balance	26/6/2026	\$5,452.62
Income		\$00.00
Expenditure	Plaque for Mel Kleinhans Present	\$20.00
	Bushfest Site Fee	\$247.50
Closing Balance	28/8/2026	\$5,185.12

June Meeting

At our June meeting, we were fortunate to have Jason Graham from the Rainbow Lorikeet and Mallard Duck Management Group who gave a very interesting presentation of his organisation's efforts to remove these introduced invasive species from Tasmania. The program commenced with public sightings of Lorikeet populations to gauge the range and approximate numbers followed by control methods, mainly trapping in cages. Jason's organisation are also working on control of Mallard ducks that are interbreeding with native ducks and producing very aggressive hybrids. We hope to have a presentation on their efforts with this species sometime in the future. Thanks go out to Jason for making himself available and attending our meeting with a comprehensive slide display.



Jason and Carlo
with the cages
used to trap
Lorikeets



Jason talking
about the
rainbow Lorikeet
control program.

JUNE MEETING

At our June meeting, our new office bearers were agreed upon and appointed. After some discussion, the following people offered to fill in the required roles.

President – Simon Kalis stepped up to take on the role after the resignation of our previous President, Rod Hughes. Simon is currently on an overseas trip and will commence his duties at our October meeting.

Meeting Coordinator – Simon again offered to take on this role and suggested some interesting opportunities he has planned for the future.

Treasurer – Kerry Bedelph stepped up to take on this role.

State and National Correspondence – John Toohey, who has performed this role admirably in the past few years has agreed to carry on.

Sponsorship – Shane Broadby, who again, carried out this role for many years, will continue bringing excellent sponsors to our Branch.

Property – Kerry Bedelph will continue keeping track of the Branch's property.

Newsletter – Neil McCormick will continue to produce the Branch Newsletter.

The Branch would like to sincerely thank the people who have stepped up to ensure our Branch continues operating into the future.

In order to thank Mel Kleinhans for his continued support, the Branch decided to get a Tasmanian Shield made up as a keepsake gift to him and his family. The shield was organised through Peter Geard, who had a friend who made them, and it is presented on a piece of Tasmanian wood. Thanks to Rod and Peter for suggesting this and to Peter for organising it.



Shane recently negotiated sponsorship from Aussie Skull Hookers. These mounts are excellent for mounting that skull and set of antlers that are worth displaying but not worth the expense of a full taxidermy mount.

We will be giving away one of these skull mounts as a door prize at the August meeting and the company have provided a code for the lucky winner to claim their prize.



**“HERE, TAKE THIS, I’M GOING
BACK FOR THE WIFE.”**

JUST FOR A LAUGH

Some things are just more important!!





A recently harvested cull buck taken with a damaged antler. Often young bucks get over enthusiastic while sparring with their mates and can damage or break the pedicles that are still quite long and thin. Older bucks have much shorter pedicles that are thicker and stronger. This buck was unlikely to overcome this damage and would likely have a malformed antler throughout its life.

Recently, Shooters, Fishers and Farmers put out some advice you must do in the event the Police seize your firearms. Given what has happened in the past, this is very good advice.

- 1. Be polite and calm at all times, don't let Police bully or coerce you.**
- 2. Get the Officers name and badge and record it in writing. Ask for a business card if they have one.**
- 3. Get a full receipt before the Police leave. It must list all the firearms seized, the make and serial number, the reason for seizure, the event number, the the date and time and the Officers signature.**
- 4. Remove your scopes from your firearms, they are not gun parts and you do not want them damaged.**
- 5. Case your firearms in protective cases, gunbags or even wrapped and taped in blankets.**

In Tasmania, as distinct from NSW, you must apply to the Firearms Division of Tasmania Police to find out when and how you can get your firearms returned.

Win a prize for your hunting story.

In order to generate more material for the newsletter, the Branch is proposing that members be invited to submit stories for inclusion in the newsletter. The winning story selected will win a prize from our stock of merchandise. If we think the story is suitable and if the member is agreed, we will forward the story on to Daniel Burke at Wild Deer and Hunting Adventures for inclusion in his magazine. Daniel is a very generous supporter of the Branch with donations of subscriptions and merchandise every year.

The story can be about any hunting adventure, recent or past. Stories submitted that don't get selected in the next newsletter will be held over and entered in the running for future newsletters. Stories should be accompanied by as many good photos as are available, the best will be selected to go in the newsletter. Stories can be produced as emails or in word and emailed to neil-mccormick@outlook.com

All members will have stories that we are interested in, whether it was a hunt this year or many years ago. We are happy to proofread and edit any stories if the member wants.

The prize for the next hunting story published will be one of the Kings Trail Cameras.



Shane working hard and again, securing sponsorship from “Walk N Stalk”.

Guys get on the net and check out “Walk N Stalk”. Read about the Game Bar
And check out the Game Bar + Bundle. I've got one coming for the branch \$485 retail !!



Shane has been in contact with Kurt, the producer of the Walk and Stalk Game Bar and Bundle. He has provided the following Youtube links to see exactly how it all assembles and works.

Youtube User Guide Playlist link below (lots of demos of how the gear comes together and is used in the field).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jySZSTq9Mms&list=PLFuK2ntMu423zqdHpQ3z4-wtyzYWgq_5W

Youtube assembly guide link below (shows all the different configurations)

<https://youtu.be/ZzRCnjyk7cw?si=cCrc6YXW-Meg9Gac>

Thanks again for your support.

Regards,

Kurt

WALK'N'STALK

walknstalkstore.com

PRINT THIS OUT AND KEEP IT WITH YOU WHEN CARRYING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

Safety requirements for conveying other firearms

The following are safety requirements for conveying a firearm that is not a prohibited firearm:

- (a) the firearm is to be in the unloaded condition;**
- (b) ammunition is to be in a closed container, completely separate from the firearm;**
- (c) magazines are not to contain any ammunition;**

At least one of the following requirements is to be met:

- (i) the firearm is to be in a locked receptacle;**
- (ii) the bolt of the firearm is to be in a closed container, completely separate from the firearm;**
- (iii) the firearm is to be fitted with a mechanism that locks or disables the trigger or action and prevents the firearm from being used.**

Sponsorship

Shane Broadby took on the role of Sponsorship Officer for the Branch a few years ago. He has consistently chased up and secured sponsorship from past and new corporate sponsors. This year is no exception, and Shane continues to secure the following goods from sponsors.

Wild Deer Hunting Adventures – Daniel Burke

6 x Twelve month subscription to WDHA Magazine
Daniel has indicated he will continue this donation
Into the future.



R & N Blades

R&N are continuing as great supporters with yet another generous donation
Of a quality knife for us to raffle. Keep them in mind if you are looking to buy
A good knife for yourself or someone else.



Yeti

Yeti have supported us in the past and, as yet, we do not have confirmation
of their continued support. As with other sponsors who have supported us
previously, we will continue to advertise their excellent products.



High Calibre Cleaning Supplies

High Calibre Cleaning Supplies have again promised goods and we are very grateful for their continued support.



Dog & Gun Coffee

Dog & Gun Coffee have continued with their generous support, and we are very grateful to receive their excellent coffee products.



Double Tap Gunshop Campania

Double Tap have been a generous sponsor in the past and we are hopeful of their continued support.



Sherriff Agencies

Sherriff Agencies have been excellent sponsors in the past and Shane has got them back on board again this year.



Tonic Eyewear

Tonic Eyewear have been brought back on board again by Shane. Most of us have seen Merve Hughes advertising these excellent Sunglasses on TV. They are very good quality, and this is great sponsorship from them. Kerry Bedelph won the donated pair Of sunglasses at this years Xmas dinner. The estimated value of this donation is \$340.



ADA Southern Branch Merchandise for Sale to Members



\$100 (Members Price)

The Adventure Kings Game/Trail Cam comes with a strap and a wall mount for easy securing in a variety of positions, and the 2.36" screen and easy-to-use controls make setting it up a piece of cake.

With an IP66 rating, it's designed to work where you want it to, when you want it to, and comes with a one-year warranty for peace of mind.

A photograph of a male deer with large, dark antlers standing in a grassy field. The deer is facing right, and its body is dark brown. The background features a line of trees and a hillside. The image is framed by a black border. At the bottom, there is a white text overlay that reads: "3.82 37.85 10/25/2021 07:17".

Cameras will be available for purchase at our meetings.

The Australian Deer Association Membership

Membership of the Australian Deer Association includes not only advocacy by the Association on your behalf, but a Bi-monthly magazine as well as \$20 millions public liability insurance. This can only be afforded by the Association making a deal with insurance brokers to cover our many thousands of members. It would not be affordable as an individual.

Most landowners and managers now insist that hunters on their land have an adequate cover of liability cover.



The Australian Deer Association is pleased to announce a new member benefit.

As from 1 April 2018 all financial members have cover for their firearms and/or associated equipment whilst in transit, stored in a locked vehicle and/or building in accordance with State Law and if damaged or destroyed whilst on the range or in the field but not when the firearm is being discharged. Traditionally, the responsibility of this insurance purchase has been left to the individual member but now, should you have no cover in place, the Association will provide cover under your membership [subject to the terms and conditions of the insurance policy].

This insurance is designed to protect each member up to \$12,000 with the option to increase this limit to \$25,000 for an additional \$10 payable by the member. The policy has an excess of \$50 each and every claim and protects members anywhere in Australia, 365 days of the year, plus overseas for 21 days in any one year.

Just another way that your ADA is working for you!

Details or inquiries can be made to our Insurance Broker, Marsh Advantage Insurance via:

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 Australian Deer Association
There's more to deer than hunting

ADA Membership

Are you ready to join the great outdoor adventure?

With more than 5,000 members and with branches in all Australian states and territories, the Australian Deer Association is the largest deer organisation in Australia. There is undoubtedly a branch near you!

By joining the ADA, you will gain access to the most reliable and up-to-date information on all aspects of deer in Australia and begin your journey to becoming the most knowledgeable deer manager and hunter possible.

Advantages of Membership

- The Association produces the prestigious journal Australian Deer keeping you factually informed on the Australian deer-hunting scene.
- Meet interesting guest speakers at Branch Meetings.
- Branches produce newsletters providing you with up to the minute information on local events.
- You have the opportunity to make local, interstate and overseas contacts.
- By talking to other members at meetings you can obtain leads on where it is best to hunt and when.
- You have the opportunity to voice your opinion and be heard at regular meetings
- Trophies can be entered in competitions and the internationally recognised Australian Antlered Trophy Register.
- You can test your skills by competing in photographic competitions.

- You can participate in conservation and research and management projects in your area, which will help ensure the future of your chosen sport.

Member Insurance: ADA has a \$20 million public liability insurance cover that protects its members from legal liability that may arise out of any activity endorsed by ADA, including legal hunting on public or private land anywhere in Australia as well as coverage for some of your hunting gear while out hunting, and all as part of your annual membership.

Join the Australian Deer Association and secure the future of deer hunting throughout Australia. You will also gain access to like-minded hunters, up-to-date information and regulations, together with insight into the advocacy work provided by the Australian Deer Association, to protect your right to hunt.

The easiest way to join the ADA is to go to the website and join online, its easy and quick. We should all seriously consider joining up young people, there is a junior membership or family membership and they will be the future of hunting both here in Tasmania and in Australia.

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Www.highcaliber.com.au

Shane recently received this donated gun
cleaning package from High Calibre.
Thanks again to them for their support.



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Heritage Farms Tasmania



Double Tap Gun shop Campania
Next to the Pub in Campania.



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