



ADA Northern  
Branch Tasmania

## ADA NORTHERN BRANCH

Social Meeting

Sports Hut

5 Doyne Street

Invermay

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August

6 – 9 pm

# THE BUCK SNORT

NEWSLETTER



## Members' Social Night 2026

### Back by Popular Demand!

Following the outstanding success of last year's event, the **Australian Deer Association Northern Tasmania Branch**, in association with **Sports Hut**, is excited to invite members and their guests to another fantastic evening of hunting, gear, great food and good company.

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 **Venue:** Sports Hut, 5 Doyne Street, Invermay

 **Date:** Friday, 7th August

 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

 **BBQ:** Venison Sausages & Hamburgers served from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**ADA Members Event** Members and their guests are welcome to attend.

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### Guest Presenters

#### Mark – Groundforce International

Discover everything you need to know about **Nocpix Thermal and Night Vision** technology, including the latest products, practical hunting applications and expert advice.

#### Danny – Huntsman

Learn about the newest **HIKMICRO Thermal and Night Vision** equipment and how it can improve your hunting experience.

#### Matt – Spika / YETI

From quality hunting apparel to packs, accessories and premium outdoor gear, Matt will showcase the equipment you need to make every hunt a success.

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### On the Night

- ✓ BBQ Dinner Included
- ✓ Exclusive One-Night-Only Specials
- ✓ Product Demonstrations
- ✓ Hunting Tips & Advice from Industry Experts
- ✓ Great Company with Fellow Hunters

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Whether you're new to hunting or a seasoned deer hunter, this is a great opportunity to catch up with fellow members, check out the latest equipment and hear from some of Australia's leading hunting brands.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Upcoming Events & Reminders

### **2026 Branch meeting dates**

The upcoming branch and committee dates are detailed below. Please put these in your calendar, more information will be disseminated prior to each branch meeting.

All members are welcome to attend the committee meetings.

| Month     | Committee Meeting | Branch Meeting |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
| August    |                   | 7 August       |
| September | 8 September       |                |
| October   |                   | 2 October      |
| November  | 3 November        | 27 November    |

### **Northern Tasmania Branch Facebook**

Just a reminder to follow us on Facebook by following **Australian Deer Assoc Norther Branch Tasmania**

If you have any items you would like posted on the Facebook page, please send these to the Secretary at [northerntas.sec@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:northerntas.sec@austdeer.asn.au).

### **New ADA Northern Tasmania Branch Committee**

As a result of the Annual General Meeting the new Northern Tasmania Committee comprises:

President Phil Kimpton

Vice President Heath Hall

Secretary/Treasurer Lyndal Kimpton

BHG Coordinators Leigh Dennis

Alex Grodski

Committee members Scott Freeman

John Turnbull

Andrew Lockett

Martin Peters

John Kerr

Tanja Hodges

Nathan Menegon

Gary Pearce



## Tassie Doe Competition 2026

ADA Northern Branch Tasmania is running a Photo competition to promote the taking of Female Deer to control animal numbers in the herd until the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2026. When you harvest a DOE send your picture of the doe to [tassiedoes@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:tassiedoes@austdeer.asn.au) to enter the competition. Enter as many times as you want, every time you harvest a doe send in your pictures. You will go into a random number draw bimonthly for a prize. At the end of the doe season, you will also go into a final draw for a grand prize. All previous entries from the bimonthly draws will go into final draw automatically. So, get out there and harvest as many does as you like and send in your entry's.

**Entry is open to Tasmanian ADA Members**

**Final Draw Grand Prize is a Knife Supplied by**

**R & N Blades**

Our first bi-monthly winner was announced at our August meeting

Congratulations Matt O'Grady who scored a \$50 Sports Hut voucher.

## From around the grounds

It is always interesting to hear stories from the membership. If you have any hunting or related stories that you would like to share with the membership, send them through to [northerntas.sec@austdeer.asn.au](mailto:northerntas.sec@austdeer.asn.au).

### Ernie Spencer Award

Congratulations goes to Lyndal Kimpton who was awarded the Ernie Spencer award for the largest fallow buck shot in the 2026 season and was presented at the April general meeting.

Lyndal's buck scored 228 7/8DS



## **Shooting Hunting Outdoors Tasmania (SHO Tasmania)**



### **Make Your Voice Heard – SHO Tasmania Letter Writing Centre**

The Australian Deer Association Northern Tasmania Branch encourages all members to support the advocacy work being undertaken by Shooting, Hunting and Outdoors Tasmania (SHOT Tasmania).

One of the most effective ways to influence decision-makers is by writing directly to your elected representatives. To make this as simple as possible, SHOT Tasmania has developed a comprehensive **Letter Writing Centre** containing:

- Practical guidance on writing an effective letter.
- Key discussion points on current issues.
- Contact details for your local elected representatives.
- Simple tools to help you prepare and send your letter.

We encourage every member to take a few minutes to visit the SHOT Tasmania Letter Writing Centre and send a respectful, well-considered letter to their local representatives.

Access the Letter Writing Centre here:

<https://shotasmania.com.au/shot/letter-writing-centre>

### **Help Strengthen Our Voice**

While you're there, we also encourage you to:

- Sign up as a SHOT Tasmania supporter.
- Join their mailing list to stay informed of important developments.
- Follow SHOT Tasmania on Facebook to receive campaign updates and opportunities to get involved.

A larger and more engaged supporter base gives our community a stronger collective voice, not only on current issues but also in responding quickly and effectively to future challenges affecting hunters, recreational shooters and the outdoor community.

Every letter sent and every new supporter makes a difference. Together, we can help ensure our voices are heard and continue to advocate for sensible, evidence-based policies that support Tasmania's hunting and shooting community.

## **Consultation on the Firearms Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026**

### **Your Voice Matters – Have Your Say on the Firearms Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026**



Tasmania Police

The Tasmanian Government has released the draft **Firearms Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026** for public consultation, and this is an important opportunity for every licensed firearms owner to have their voice heard.

Whether you are a recreational hunter, deer manager, primary producer or sporting shooter, the decisions made through this process have the potential to affect how firearms are owned, used and regulated in Tasmania for many years to come. The consultation is open until **Friday 7 August 2026**, and we strongly encourage every member to take the time to make a submission.

The Australian Deer Association Northern Tasmania Branch believes that legislation affecting responsible firearms owners should be practical, evidence-based and developed in consultation with those who use firearms safely and lawfully every day.

### **What's Being Proposed?**

The draft Bill includes a range of amendments, including:

- Reclassification of certain firearms, with a proposed buyback scheme for affected firearms.
- New Australian citizenship and Tasmanian residency requirements for firearms licensing.
- Stronger penalties for firearms theft and possession of stolen firearms.
- Administrative changes to licensing and notification requirements.
- A range of other amendments intended to strengthen the Firearms Act.

Whether you support, oppose or have concerns about any of these proposals, now is the time to provide constructive feedback.

### **Why Individual Submissions Matter**

Governments receive submissions from organisations, industry groups and individuals. While the ADA will continue to advocate on behalf of hunters, **individual submissions from licensed firearms owners carry significant weight.**

Every member brings a unique perspective—whether that's managing deer populations, hunting on private land, participating in conservation activities, mentoring new hunters or contributing to regional communities.

When preparing your submission:

- Be respectful and constructive.
- Explain how the proposed changes may affect you personally.

- Support your comments with practical examples wherever possible.
- Focus on outcomes that improve both public safety and responsible firearms ownership.

Well-reasoned submissions are far more influential than emotional or confrontational responses.

## **Responsible Hunters Are Part of the Solution**

Tasmania's deer hunters play an important role in wildlife management and conservation. Hunters invest significant time and money into training, licensing, secure firearm storage and ethical hunting practices.

The overwhelming majority of licensed firearms owners are responsible, law-abiding members of the community. It is important that the experiences and perspectives of those who safely use firearms for hunting and deer management are represented during this consultation.

## **Have Your Say**

The consultation documents, information sheet, questions and answers, and submission details are available on the Tasmania Police consultation website:

<https://www.police.tas.gov.au/consultation/consultation-on-the-firearms-amendment-miscellaneous-bill-2026/>

The consultation closes on **Friday 7 August 2026**.

This is an opportunity to help shape legislation that balances community safety with the legitimate needs of responsible firearms owners. If we want our voices to be heard, we need to participate.

**Make your submission. Encourage others to do the same. Every respectful, informed submission helps ensure the views of Tasmania's hunting community are considered.**

## Thanks to our sponsors



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## NORTHERN TASMANIA BRANCH

Committee Meeting held on the 14 July 2026

at Longford Meeting Room: 7:30 pm

**Present:** Phil Kimpton, Scott Freeman, Lyndal Kimpton, Leigh Dennis, Heath Hall, Nathan Menegon, Alex Grodski, Gary Pearce, John Kerr

**Apologies:** Martin Peters, Andrew Lockett, Tanja Hodges

Previous minutes:

Minutes were emailed out prior to the meeting for the meeting from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were approved:

Moved – Nathan                      Second - Heath

**Correspondence:**

In: - Jason Graham – Rainbow Lorikeet – after discussion it was agreed to invite him to present at our October meeting.

- 2 new members in May, 1 in June.
- Firearms amendment
- Invite to TDAC meeting

Out: - Application to have a stand at the Longford Show

## Treasurers Report:

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| Available funds at 12 May 2026 | \$13,469.49 |
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| Raffle income | \$32.00 |
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| Balance at 12 May 2026 | \$13,501.49 |
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Moved - Lyndal                      Second - Leigh

### Action items from previous meeting

|   | Action Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Responsibility       |                     |
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| 1 | <p>Trainer to run a session on firearms safety</p> <p>This should be run for all ADA North members, to be looked at for a future meeting.</p> <p>Discussed that this should be mandatory for BHG members as part of their membership. To look for appropriate courses.</p> | Scott, Alex & Lyndal | Park for the moment |
| 2 | Andrew to speak to John in relation to a demonstration of the booking system                                                                                                                                                                                               | Andrew               | Ongoing             |
| 3 | North West Branch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Scott                | Ongoing             |

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|   | Scott to contact Sean re future of NW and discuss with Doug.                                                                                                                             |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4 | ADA website wording needs to be updated for North West                                                                                                                                   | Lyndal              | On hold at the moment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5 | <p>ADA Tas Hunters Education Program.</p> <p>Scott to continue developing the course, Lyndal to provide assistance. Gary to provide materials from previous hunter education courses</p> | Scott, Lyndal, Gary | <p>In Progress, try to roll some into general meetings.</p> <p>May need to step up hunter education with the current climate.</p> <p>Look at contacting some members that are trainers in relation to assisting with training Alex and Leigh to follow up</p>                                                                        |
| 6 | Photographic awards, Gary to organise sponsorship                                                                                                                                        | Gary                | <p>Launceston Camera House happy to sponsor prints to the tune of \$250</p> <p>Lyndal has contacted to confirm sponsorship of \$250.</p> <p>Advertise for the Buck season</p>                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7 | <p>BHG Mentoring program</p> <p>Alex to send out to BHG members and get their feedback.</p>                                                                                              | Alex                | <p>A couple of members have said there is not enough mentoring going on.</p> <p>No other feedback received.</p> <p>Could be expanded to the public land blocks and not just limited to the BHG.</p> <p>Bucksnort – Lyndal to create for Alex to have a look at.</p> <p>Sent out to members.</p> <p>Remove from the action items.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Longford Show</p> <p>Andrew &amp; Scott to mark out on the ground where vehicles should park on the Friday before next years show.</p>                                                | Lyndal              | <p>Lyndal to email requesting a site.</p> <p>Apply for a double site, for a double marquee with the view of having SHOT with us. 17 October.</p> <p>Site requested, waiting on notification whether we have received a site</p>                                                                                                      |
| 9 | Bushfest                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     | Consider attending Bushfest next year, but running                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|    | Lyndal to contact Southern Branch to see if they need assistance with Bushfest | Lyndal                                  | <p>sessions on the hour or so such as douglas scoring etc.</p> <p>Potentially look at getting someone down to present some topics, such as Paul Boag.</p> <p>Discussed below as part of NRE funding.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10 | Doe Competition                                                                | Scott                                   | <p>Create a branch award for does, send a photo in of the doe you have shot then go into the draw for a prize. 1 prize bimonthly from all entries with a major prize at the end of the year, prize being a Sportshut or Allgoods voucher.</p> <p>To announce at the next general meeting. Scott to organise the email address tassiedoes@austdeer.asn.au. with Don Hopping.</p> <p>Advertised on Facebook and to go into Bucksnot</p> <p>Completed</p> |
| 11 | BBQ at BHG blocks to show the membership what the program is about             |                                         | <p>Phil has talked to Dave, but there lease agreement only allows 10 people on site so this can't be held at the house. Looking at alternate location.</p> <p>Potentially look at holding it at the Blessington Hall.</p> <p>BHG coordinators to check with Forico whether we could bring some ADA members that aren't BHG members onto the blocks</p>                                                                                                 |
| 12 | Rifle day at the Guild for all ADA members                                     | Nathan to contact the Guild to organise | <p>It can be slotted in next year. There is a rifle day the weekend before the season.</p> <p>This is a goer, can be done on Sunday. Nathan would be responsible for the range. \$10 per person. BBQ and time on the range.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|    |                                                                                                      |  | Open to all ADA members, limit to first 30 people that pay their \$10.<br><br>Bring forward to next meeting to determine the dates. |
| 13 | AGFEST/Bushfest<br><br>Separate meeting to be held 20 May to debrief on Agfest and plan for Bushfest |  | This was cancelled due to illness. Remove from the agenda.                                                                          |
| 14 | Messenger group for volunteers and information                                                       |  | Done                                                                                                                                |

**Advocacy update:**

- CPCA Deer Control Program wrap up  
Debrief on the control program. Due to an issue with dates and trout season, the control weekend had to be moved. Only one weekend hunting and only 6 deer shot.  
  
Parks have an infrared drone that might be used to reconnaissance where the deer are prior to the control weekend.
- Firearm review submissions  
Discussions were held on the ADA response to the consultation on the firearms amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2026.  
  
Representatives from NRE went up the lakes with Scott and Andrew. There is a lot of noise about deregulation at the moment. This is not a done deal so we need to keep the pressure on the politicians.  
  
TDAC meeting had discussions around removal of deer from nature conservation act and reclassified as game species. Include other species that are introduced to game, similar to Victoria. This removes them from the same classification as native animals which is part of the concern for the conservationists.
- SHOT letter writing campaign  
Include in bucksnot and advertise on Facebook
- Review of the wild deer management plan  
This review has been brought forward and is now open for consultation, the recent amendments announced by the Minister are potentially going to be in effect for next season.
- Hunter education funding by NRE  
NRE want to give us money (\$10,000) for hunter education. Need to determine what education is required and what we need to run.  
  
Needs to add value, need to consider the focus that both NRE and ADA want to take with this.  
  
Potentially use this to bring Zeb down for Bushfest.  
  
Feedback to Scott by 24 July.

**Blessington Hunters Group (BHG)****Game Take Summary**

| Game Take at 17/7/2026 |     |     |
|------------------------|-----|-----|
| Bucks                  | 4   |     |
| Doe                    | 71  |     |
| Bennetts               | 179 |     |
| Rufous                 | 144 |     |
| Wallaby Total          | 323 | 81% |
| Wallaby Target         | 400 |     |
| Rabbit                 | 5   |     |
| Possum                 | 109 |     |

We are now halfway through the year and have achieved approximately **81% of our wallaby target**, which is very encouraging.

For members **who have not yet contributed towards their annual quota**, a reminder has been sent out

Most importantly, **thank you to everyone who has contributed so far**. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Please continue to hunt safely and enjoy your time in the field.**

#### **Forico BHG Audit – 29 June 2026**

On **Monday, 29 June 2026**, Forico commissioned an independent consultant to conduct a comprehensive audit of the ADA BHG hunting access program on Forico land.

Thank you once again to all BHG members for your commitment to safe and responsible hunting. The fact that we continue to maintain a **zero-incident record** reflects the high standards of our membership and certainly contributed positively to the audit process.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable remainder of the hunting year.

BHG Hunt Co Ordinators.

#### **2 Stag Tags**

Consideration needs to be given to whether 2 stag tags should be used on BHG. Consideration given to 1 tag being used for a true inferior cull stag and 1 for a trophy. For further discussion at next meeting.

#### **Next General Meeting**

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Speaker/ Theme Meeting at Sports Hut
- Giveaways Sports Hut
- Refreshments BBQ – Phil & Lyndal
- Open to all members, members can bring a guest.
- Gary and others to cook the BBQ.
- Lyndal to send something to the southern members.

#### **General Business**

- Meeting idea of how to break down a carcass.
- Field dressing of carcasses
- ADA sticker to give out for support our deer etc
- BHG members should have a sticker to show they are members for the year so that other members know that car belongs to an ADA member.

#### **Buck Snort**

- Doe competition

- SHOT
- Firearms consultation

**Next committee meeting**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Meeting closed**      10:15 pm

**President**

Phil

**Secretary**

Lyndal



# ADA COMMUNICATIONS

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To ensure you are up to date with what is going on nationally and locally, remember to update your details via your personal login on the ADA website or with the NMO.

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