



ADA Northern  
Branch Tasmania

**ADA NORTHERN BRANCH  
Social Meeting**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
6:30 pm Social BBQ and  
get together.**

**THE BUCK SNORT**

**NEWSLETTER**



**BRANCH MEETINGS ARE  
HELD IN OUR MEETING  
ROOM AT THE LONGFORD  
SHOW GROUNDS ENTRY  
OFF BULWER STREET**



## **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November Meeting Agenda.**

**6:30 – 8:00**                      **BBQ and get together.**

**8:00 – 9:00**                      **General business**

### **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.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Branch Meeting</b>
January	13 January	
February		6 February
March	10 March	
April		10 April Awards night
May	12 May	
June		12 June AGM
July	7 July	
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).

**2026 Branch Calendar**

Australian Deer Association Northern Branch 2026 Calender												Updated 4/11/2024	
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
1	Thursday	Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday Buck Snort Out	Wednesday	Saturday	Tuesday	Thursday	Sunday	Tuesday	1
2					Saturday			Sunday		Northern Branch General Meeting	Public Holiday		2
3	Saturday			Good Friday	Sunday AGFEST Marquee Setup					Saturday	Northern Branch Committee Meeting		3
4	Sunday			Saturday			Saturday			Sunday			4
5				Sunday Stag Season Closes			Sunday		Saturday			Saturday	5
6		Northern Branch General Meeting		Easter Monday	Wednesday AGFEST onsite Setup	Saturday			Sunday			Sunday	6
7		Saturday	Saturday Season Opens		AGFEST / Thursday	Sunday	Northern Branch Committee Meeting	Northern Branch General Meeting			Saturday		7
8		Sunday	Sunday		AGFEST / Friday	Duck Season Closes Kings Birthday		Saturday	Northern Branch Committee Meeting	Launceston Show Day	Sunday		8
9			Public Holiday		AGFEST / Saturday			Sunday					9
10	Saturday		Northern Branch Committee Meeting	Northern Branch General Meeting	Sunday Agfest Cleanup 0930					Saturday			10
11	Sunday			Saturday			Saturday			Sunday			11
12				Sunday	Northern Branch Committee Meeting	Annual General Meeting	Sunday		Saturday			Saturday	12
13	Northern Branch Committee Meeting					Saturday			Sunday			Sunday	13
14		Saturday	Saturday			Sunday					Saturday		14
15		Sunday	Antlerless Season Opens					Saturday			Antlerless Season Closes		15
16					Saturday			Sunday			Buck Snort Out		16
17	Saturday				Sunday					Longford Show Parking Dog's 0645			17
18	Sunday			Saturday			Saturday			Sunday			18
19				Sunday			Sunday		Saturday			Saturday	19
20						Saturday			Sunday			Sunday	20
21		Saturday	Saturday			Sunday			Buck Snort Out		Saturday Bushfest Bothwell TBC		21
22		Sunday	Sunday					Saturday			Sunday Bushfest Bothwell TBC		22
23			Buck Snort Out		Saturday			Sunday					23
24	Saturday				Sunday					Saturday			24
25	Sunday	Launceston Cup		ANZAC Day			Saturday			Sunday		XMAS Day	25
26	Australia Day Holiday			Sunday			Sunday		Saturday AFL Grand Final			Boxing Day	26
27	Buck Snort Out					Saturday	Buck Snort Out		Sunday		Northern Branch General Meeting	Sunday	27
28		Saturday Stag Season Open	Saturday			Sunday					Saturday	Boxing Day	28
29			Sunday		Saturday			Saturday			Sunday		29
30					Sunday			Sunday					30
31	Saturday									Saturday			31

**2026 Deer Season Dates (tentative)**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Buck season opens  
 Antlerless season opens  
 Buck season closes  
 Antlerless season closes

**2025 Duck Season Dates**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Duck season opens  
 Duck season closes

**Tasmanian Public Land Deer Hunting Project**

The TDAC, ADA & SSAA have been working with NRE over the last period towards opening Public Lands controlled by NRE and or PARKS, Parks are currently undertaking site inspected and audits to ensure they are suitable to be released for deer hunting and if any times of the year restriction may apply.

At this stage we are looking at including these new areas into the current Hunting Ballot Program run by NRE for the Stag Season and then open for general antlerless deer hunting after the Stag Season, this is still TBC as the lower graded areas may just be opened for Deer Hunting for the Seasons, all is on the table currently until we get a feel on interest from hunters and the quality of hunting on each block.

We are also asking members that are willing to assist in an assessment program to assess sites for suitability for deer hunting to contact us and we can supply more information and resources to help us grade these areas with suitability for hunting and level of deer numbers.

New areas for assessment:

- Deddington
- Swan River
- Royal George
- Osmaston
- Avoca
- Tunbridge Tier
- Triabunna

Current areas to be assessed:

- Tooms Lake CA - Tooms Lake
- Five Mile Pinnacle CA - Central Highlands, Southeast Miena
- Great Lake CA - Tumbledown Creek & Gunns March
- Top March - Central Highlands, West Miena South Little Pine Lake
- Buxton River CA - East Coast Swansea
- Great Western Tiers CA- North of Great Lake
- Central Plateau CA - Breton Rivulet Mother Lords Plains
- Great Wester Tiers CA- Parsons & Clerk Mountain
- Castle Carey RR - Rossarden / Avoca

If you can assist in site inspections, please mail Scott @ tasmania@austdeer.asn.au

With areas of interest and we can send back information and relevant area details.

## **2026 Branch Awards**

The 2026 Trophy Night will be held at the April 2026 meeting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April. This will include presentation of heads and other materials for the following awards:

- **Ernie Spencer Memorial Award** – awarded for the largest Tasmanian Fallow Buck taken in the 2026 season.

To be eligible to enter your buck in the branch awards categories:

- You need to be a financial member at the time of taking the animal.
- Antlers must be sighted by a Branch Committee Member within one week of the close of the buck season.
- Antlers must be measured by an authorised scorer
- Antlers must be displayed at the Northern Branch April Meeting
- Prize is awarded at the General meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June

- **2026 Photographic Awards** – awarded to the best photos in the following categories:

**General Hunting Interest**

**Secured Trophy**

**Trail Camera**

**Live Game**

- **FCA Competition** – present a photo of a feral cat taken humanely to be eligible for this award.

## **Bush Fire Awareness**

The Tasmanian Fire Service have no current restrictions in place at the moment. We recommend that all members keep on top of the current restrictions as different property owners have different rules around access during fire permit periods. The Tasmanian Fire Service regularly review the permit requirements and the requirement for a total fire ban. Before heading into the bush, please check the fire ban status at [Tasmania Fire Service](http://Tasmania Fire Service). Further information about what you can and can't do during fire permit and total fire ban days can be found at [Using Fire Outdoors](http://Using Fire Outdoors) available of the Tasmania Fire Service website.

## **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).

The Northern Branch Committee would like to thank Sports Hut for their support during the year. Including hosting the August social meeting at their premises and donations of prizes for lucky door prizes.





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69 MAIN ROAD, PERTH, TASMANIA

## **Merry Christmas**

The Northern Branch Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry festive season and look forward to seeing all members in the New Year.



## NORTHERN BRANCH

Committee Meeting held on the 4 November 2025

at Longford Meeting Room: 7:36 pm

**Present:** Phil Kimpton, Scott Freeman, Andrew Lockett, Martin Peters, Alex Grodski, Leigh Dennis, Gary Pearce,

**Via Teams:** Lyndal Kimpton, Heath Hall, Nathan Menegon

**Apologies:** Tanja Hodges, John Kerr,

**Previous minutes:**

Minutes were emailed out prior to the meeting for the meeting from 9 September 2025, these minutes were approved:

Moved - Lyndal

Second - Martin

**Correspondence:**

In: - Longford Show response re ignoring invoice  
- 3 new members in October  
Need to be more new member friendly when we send texts out about meetings to ensure they encourage

Out: - Longford Show response to the invoice requesting rationale for charge

**Treasurers Report:**

Available funds at 7 September 2025 \$10,282.42

Prizes (\$50.00)

Wheel for trailer (\$120.00)

Balance at 3 November 2025 \$10,112.42

Moved - Lyndal

Second - Gary

**Action items from previous meeting**

	Action Item	Responsibility	
1	Longford Show Committee wants contribution towards power.  Letter sent to Longford Show Committee based on Andrew's calculations. A response received, waiting on their next meeting for further communication.	Andrew & Lyndal	Response sent to Longford Show, waiting on response

2	<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
3	Andrew to speak to John Green in relation to a demonstration of the booking system	Andrew	Ongoing
4	Fern to ask David White from NRE to come and talk about Deer at some point	Fern	On hold at the moment
5	End of year meeting – suggested Newstead Hotel	Scott Lyndal	Not happening at this stage, BBQ at Longford this year.
6	Need to follow up Doug re North West meetings	Lyndal	Doug now has an ADA email address, waiting for dates from Doug.
7	ADA website wording needs to be updated for North West	Lyndal	Wording has been discussed by Scott and Doug, Lyndal to arrange for this to be updated.
8	New BHG members need to undertake the ADA Deer Management course, need to work out how we can record when this has been completed	Scott to talk to Sean	In Progress
9	<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	In Progress
10	Photographic awards, Gary to organise sponsorship	Gary	Launceston Camera House happy to sponsor prints to the tune of \$250
11	<p>Agfest</p> <p>It was agreed to attend again this year, Lyndal to do application.</p>	Lyndal	Scott did the application waiting on response
12	Longford Show	Lyndal	Completed



	Site applications now closed but Lyndal to see if there are any sites still available.  We have been requested to assist with parking dogs again.		
13	BHG flag system  Members want a way to identify if people are on adjacent blocks	Alex	Can't see a value of this from a safety perspective as you wouldn't know if someone came onto the adjacent block whilst they were already on the block. NFA
14	BHG Mentoring program  Alex to send out to BHG members and get their feedback.	Alex	Done, no feedback received yet

### **National AGM**

Scott, Phil & Lyndal attended the National AGM.

The current branch accounts at Westpac earn no interest. We can put money into a National Term Deposit to earn additional interest. Scott to discuss with Sean for the North West monies to be put into the term deposit, with Northern Branch topping up to \$10,000.

Policys approved – Textbook and equipment scholarship, Political donations.

AGM timing was late as they were waiting on the audit.

Discussion was also held on the amount of information the branch receives on new members. Phil to talk to Sean about what is sent by National to new members so we are aware.

Want to get a group chat together of the branch presidents which is being worked on.

They want to get the National conference up and running again.

National membership is up to around 7,000 members.

### **Advocacy update:**

Scott & Andrew met with Gavin Pearce the new minister for deer.

Discussions were held in relation to the deer survey results but assured there would be no knee jerk reactions.

Deer are still partially protected and will remain that way.

Need to narrow down the number of permits and the purpose of these.

Opening up public land for hunting, may not be the best ground for deer hunting, but is a good starting point. Will likely be bundled in with the other balloted public land for the buck season, and a booking system for the antlerless season.

30% increase in deer numbers 5 years 6% year on year which is in line with what the Government had anticipated and was sold as a good news story. The message is to reduce numbers and control the population we need to shoot more does, giving out more stag tags won't help with population control.

Need to look at how we incentivise this, one option could be meat only hunter gets a cheaper licence. There is a crop protection licence for possums, wallaby's and antlerless deer that is tied to the landowner, this has been available since 2024.

#### Public land hunting – draft block assessment sheet

This form has been developed for members to go for a bushwalk and have a look at the areas (without their rifles) fill in the forms and sending back to the secretary for compilation. This will enable a rating system to be developed for the land that becomes available. There are a number of new blocks they are hoping to be opened but may not be in time for the next buck season.

#### Landowner hunter matching service

There is funding available for this, it has fallen over with Tasfarmers. SSAA are advocating to use their farmassist program to assist with this. NRE may look at putting someone on to manage this role.

This is aimed at assisting property owners with their pest reduction when required.

#### New Game animal permits

There are currently 12 different permit types, need to reduce the number of permits and the red tape.

#### Illegal sale of Tasmanian Venison products

There has been some recent facebook posts about sale of venison for human and pet consumption. This has been reported to NRE who are looking into it. The Human consumption trial was only supposed to be for high end restaurants.

### **BHG**

#### BHG Update

Game Take as at 4/11/2025 for 2025...

Type	Number
Buck	7
Does	120
Bennetts	267
Rufous	292
Possum	289
Other	21

Total Wallaby = 559

Total Game taken = 996.

No concerns with game taken, Forico Quota met overall.

Good feedback and reports from newer members learning new hunting skills and enjoying the experience.

BHG Mentoring program sent out no responses as yet.

Plan to organise an update meeting with Forico in the next month. Any items to discuss please let us know.

Still awaiting confirmation on blocked properties from Forico.

### ATV Use Forico

UTV/side by side can be used on Forico, but they have to be registered and insured. ATV and four wheel motorbikes cannot be used.

The UTVs need to go through the same process as motor vehicles for BHG members and must stay on formed tracks and have the same rules as motor vehicles. Leigh to send out email to BHG members.

### Hunters Booking Camelford

From 11 July when the email was sent to the BHG members, Forico has been hunted 190 hours 58% of this was on Camelford, 66% of the bookings (134 bookings) were on Camelford. There are 4 blocks currently closed for hunting due to forestry operations, which will inflate these figures.

The hunt coordinators need to work with the members that are interested to take these members around the other blocks so they know where the entries, boundaries etc are to these blocks. Continue to encourage hunters to go onto other blocks, still give them access to Camelford for deer.

### Next General Meeting

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 6:30pm
- Speaker/ Theme BBQ at Longford
- Giveaways Sports Hut
- Meat Tray Fern
- Refreshments Fern

### General Business

- Longford show dog parking  
Wasn't very good this year, Andrew and Scott will mark out on the ground where the rows for the dog parking the Friday night before the show.  
  
Gazebo should be over half the car, it has been requested that the person controlling the dogs be there when the parking is happening.
- Marquee upgrades  
As part of Agfest application we needed a wind rating certificate for 80km/h wind. Alex Grodski has done an assessment to rate the marquee to 100km/h.  
  
Alex and Scott to work on what is needed and how to setup. Martin to organise 8 more axels.
- 2026 Calendar  
Everyone to look at and come back with any changes. To go in Bucksnot.
- Bushfest  
Southern Branch have put in their newsletter that we are assisting, which we weren't aware of. Lyndal to email them to see if Southern branch needs assistance.

### Buck Snort

- Public Land Hunting

### Next committee meeting

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Meeting closed** 10:01pm

**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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AND WHAT YOUR BRANCH IS UP TO

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## MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

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For any membership enquiries, please contact Carol at our membership office during Business hours.

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