ADA Brisbane Branch

Rubs N Roars Newsletter: August 2026



Volunteers required for the ADA Brisbane catering tent across both days of this event.

Any members in a position to support please contact Brian Slatter or Greg Rashford .

*** We are always looking for fresh content for the ADA Brisbane newsletter ***

Photos, hunt stories, recipes or product reviews or perhaps you have a new idea – It's always great to hear from our members, new and old.

All article submissions received in the 2026 calendar year will go into the running to win free participation in one of the 2027 branch paid property hunts.

(Winner to be announced at the Christmas party)

To enter, send your submissions to brisbane.editor@austdeer.asn.au

Upcoming branch meetings:

- **Friday 14 August** – **Branch General Meeting**
  Guest: Gunsmith Lee Trengrove, owner of Trentech Engineering will hold a discussion on all things firearms.
- **Friday 28 August – Committee Meeting** (all welcome to attend)

6:30pm for 7pm start at ADA Clubhouse @ SSAA Complex - 292 Mt Petrie Road, Belmont QLD 4153

From the President: Brian Slatter



As you can see, the Branch has me back as President again.

First, I would like to thank Greg Rashford for the time and effort he put in as President over the last few years. I will do my best to keep the branch running at the same level he achieved.

Our branch paid access hunts at Ridgemount and Nolimba have been organised for next year, if you wish to be on these fallow and other game hunts, turn up to a meeting and put your name down.

We have again been invited to do the catering at the Venture Hunting and Outdoor weekend on 15th,16th August, this is our largest source of revenue for the club. Any members who can volunteer for a half a day either Saturday or Sunday, will be greatly appreciated, those interested contact either myself or Greg Rashford, our details at the front of the newsletter.

The guest presenter at the next meeting is Lee Trengrove, a local gunsmith with extensive experience. This will be more of an open discussion rather than a fixed presentation, and Lee is well placed to offer advice on custom rifles, ballistics and load development, maintenance and marksmanship so bring along any firearm related questions for him.

An incentive from the branch to increase member contributions to the newsletter is up and running. The best member contribution for our newsletter for the year will receive a free hunt on one of our paid access hunts, that's $300 value, so if you have a story or photos or anything send it in to brisbane.editor@austdeer.asn.au

As I write this, the annual ADA vs SSAA Ripley shoot is next weekend, hopefully the ADA shooters can do us proud. (Write up and results included in this newsletter – Editor)

Regards Brian Slatter

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- Michael Gronert
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- Dilan Ponnudurai
- Mitch Lee

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Australian Deer Association

New logo gear available
Meeting.



ADA Brisbane Branch

Containers for Change Member Details

Team Member number

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Brisbane Branch Calendar 2026

Month	Date	Event
August	Friday 14th – 6:30pm for 7pm start	General Meeting
	Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th	Venture Hunt Fest - ADA BBQ
	Saturday 15th – 12pm	SSAA Field Rifle Comp - Belmont
	Saturday 15th Sunday 16th	SSAA Shot Show Sydney
	Friday 21st – Monday 24th	Piliga State Forest Branch Hunt
	Friday 28th – 7pm start	Committee meeting
September	Saturday 12th	SSAA Shotgun Day and Social Drinks
	Saturday 19th – 12pm	SSAA Field Rifle Comp - Belmont
	Saturday 19th	Sausage Making Day at ADA Brisbane Clubhouse
October	Friday 9th – 6:30pm for 7pm start	General Meeting
	Friday 23rd – 7pm start	Committee Meeting
	Saturday 17th – 12pm	SSAA Field Rifle Comp - Belmont
November	Friday 13th	Social Drinks
	Thursday 19th	Rimfire Silhouette Shoot - Belmont
	Saturday 21st – 12pm	SSAA Field Rifle Comp - Belmont
December	Saturday 5th	Christmas BBQ and Awards
	Friday 18th – 7pm start	Committee Meeting
	Saturday 19th – 12pm	SSAA Field Rifle Comp - Belmont



August Branch Hunt: Piliga State Forest

Anyone interested in joining this hunt, please contact:

Greg Keegan 0488 549 944

2026 ADA QLD vs SSAA QLD - Bernie Mascord Shield Report.

By Daniel Brogden.



The annual ADA QLD vs SSAA QLD Bernie Mascord Shield competition kicked off at 9am on Sunday the 12th of July 2026, at SSAA range Ripley. Pulling together just enough people to have a team, 10 members from ADA Brisbane branch answered the “call to arms” and represented ADA QLD in the Bernie Mascord Shield Shoot.

Whilst a gallant effort was made by our members, we were unfortunately outgunned by the SSAA team who had the greater numbers present to choose from. The final score for the team shield was SSAA QLD 749.2 to ADA QLD’s 644.5.



The Course of Fire was as follows:

- 5 shots in 45 seconds at 50yd fox target standing unsupported.
- 5 shots in 5 min at 100yd Rabbit target, Standing post position.
- 5 shots in 5 min at 200yd Pig target, Sitting Post position.
- 5 shots in 5 min at 300yd Deer target, any field position.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all our members who gave up their Sunday to come out and represent the ADA in what I personally find to be a fun day full of laughter and banter. Followed by a sausage sizzle lunch, a bit of a yarn and the award presentations.





ADA Brisbane's Blaise Boyland took out the Ladies awards for both the Fox 50m and
Rabbit 100m medals as well as the Ladies trophy.

After a tense "Shoot off" between ADA members Jay Hani and Steve Bailey, who had tied scores for the Pig target, Steve "brought home the bacon" for the men's Pig 200m medal.



A big shout out to Blaise for all her record keeping and scoring and Peter Cohen for his scoring and scrutineering duties. Also, a big thank you to Paul for the safe storage and handling of the Deer targets.

Next year's Bernie Mascord Shoot is pencilled in for Sunday the 11th of July, so please put it in your calendar and come along and enjoy a fun day of shooting and help us bring the shield back into ADA hands - where it belongs! These events don't happen without the support of our members.

Fallow Deer
By Brian Slatter



Fallow deer, originally introduced to Australia in the 1830s for sport hunting, are now the most widespread feral deer species in the country. They thrive across Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Queensland.

Mature bucks stand about 90cm at the shoulder and weigh up to 90kg. Does are smaller, standing 76cm and weighing 35–56kg

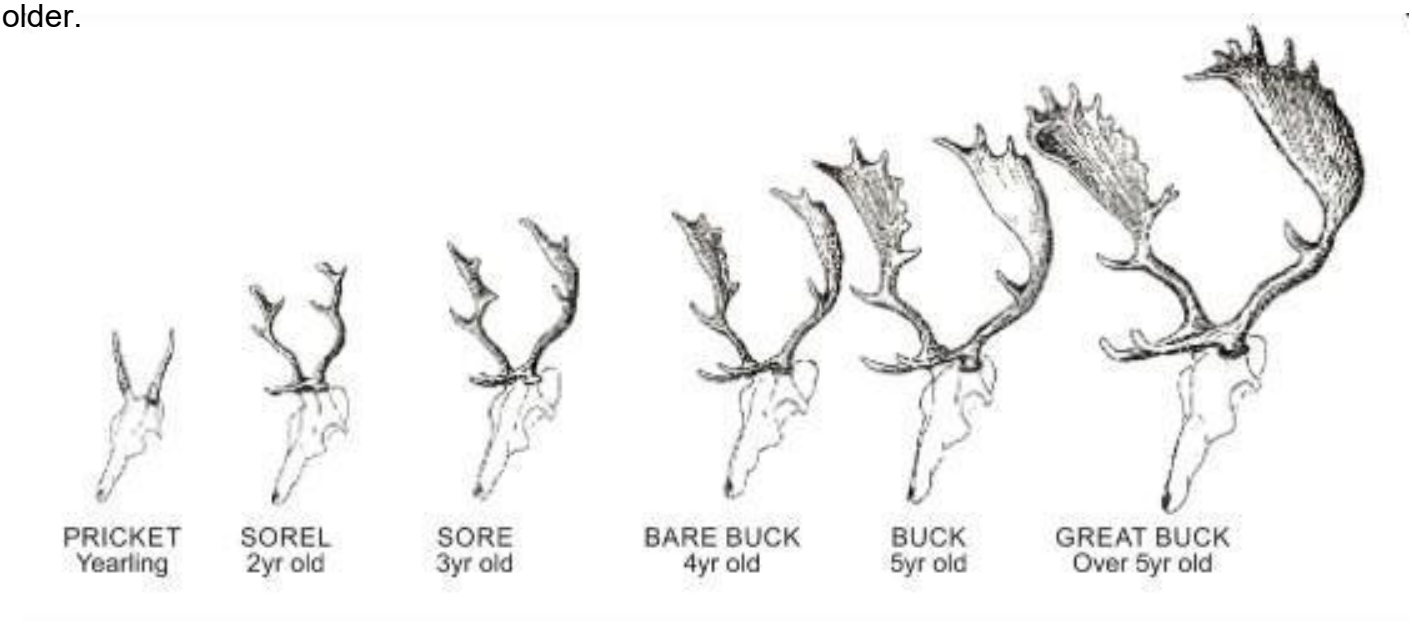
Adult fallow bucks are the only deer in Australia with palmate (flat, open-hand-shaped) antlers.

Coat colour varies widely. The four main variations include common (tan with white spots), menil (paler with permanent spots), melanistic (almost completely black), and white.

In 1993, Brian Murphy, an American Biologist introduced a program for Tasmania's Fallow deer herds called the Quality Deer Management program and I personally spent close to 20 years hunting properties in S.E. Qld that operated under this program.
The goals of this were to balance fallow deer populations with their environment, agriculture, and natural values. It emphasizes herd health, voluntary restraint of young males, and sustainable hunting.

The two main contributions that hunters can make towards improving deer quality are - voluntary restraint in harvesting young male stags to let them grow to trophy potential and; increasing the harvest of antlerless deer (does) to manage overall population densities.

One of Brian Murphy's findings was that male Fallow Deer antlers have a significant change once they reach 5 years of age, henceforth the theory is to not harvest Bucks until they are 5 years or older.



Unfortunately, you need to look at a lot of deer before you can try to age them, the quality of antlers can be one point and also the physical build of the deer itself.

In conclusion, Fallow deer are a fantastic deer to hunt with the taking of a big palmed mature buck to be a great achievement.









R&N Blades Helium hunting knife
By Craig Tinsdale



Need a lightweight workhorse hunting knife? Or just a memento from ADA Brisbane branch?

Last Chance to get your special order for a R&N Blades Helium with the ADA Brisbane Branch Logo laser engraved.

Manufactured from Magnacut stainless steel, one of the best steels available and possesses high corrosion resistance and excellent edge retention.

Cost is $240 each, and colours available are, Black, Tan, Military Green, and Hunter orange (pictured below).

One example blade will be displayed at the next Branch General Meeting on 14th August for those who would like to have a look.

If you are interested, please speak with Craig Tindale directly or any committee member at the next branch meeting to secure yours!

Deadline will be 16th August following which the order will be placed.



BLADE SPECIFICATIONS

Length: 16.5cm

Cutting Edge: 6cm

Blade Thickness: 2.5mm

Blade Metal: MagnaCut Stainless Steel from Niagara Specialty Metals

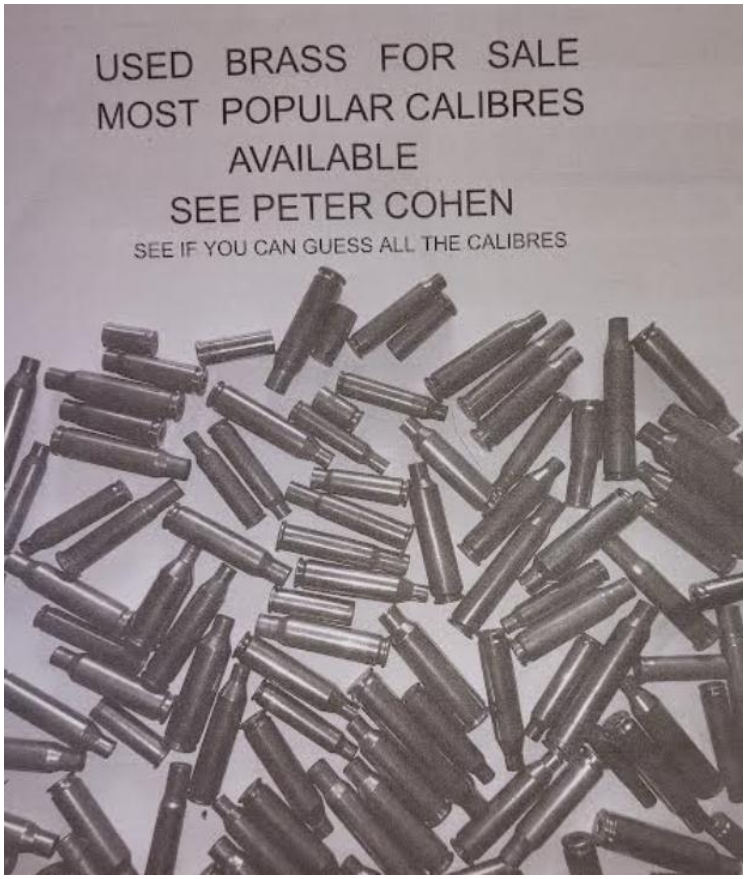
Handle Material: Paracord

Weight: 39g, 71g sheathed

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For Sale: Projectiles – Nosler Ballistic Tip, 30 Cal, 150gn





MINCER FOR HIRE

The branch has a new mincer and sausage stuffer which is now available for our members to hire.

Cost $10 per week with a $50 deposit. Equipment must come back clean and in good working order (the same as when it was checked out).

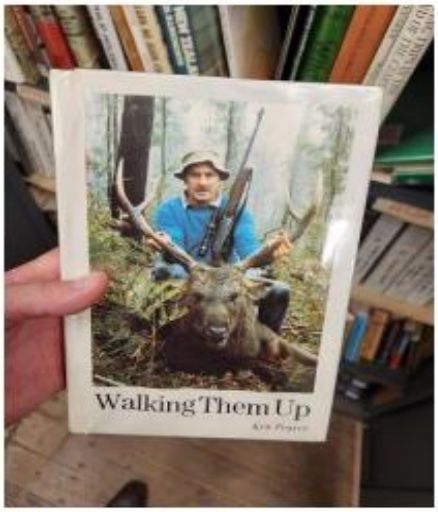
Pick up and drop off from the Branch building, SSAA Belmont.

Contact Peter Cohen to arrange pick-up on 0438 774 213.

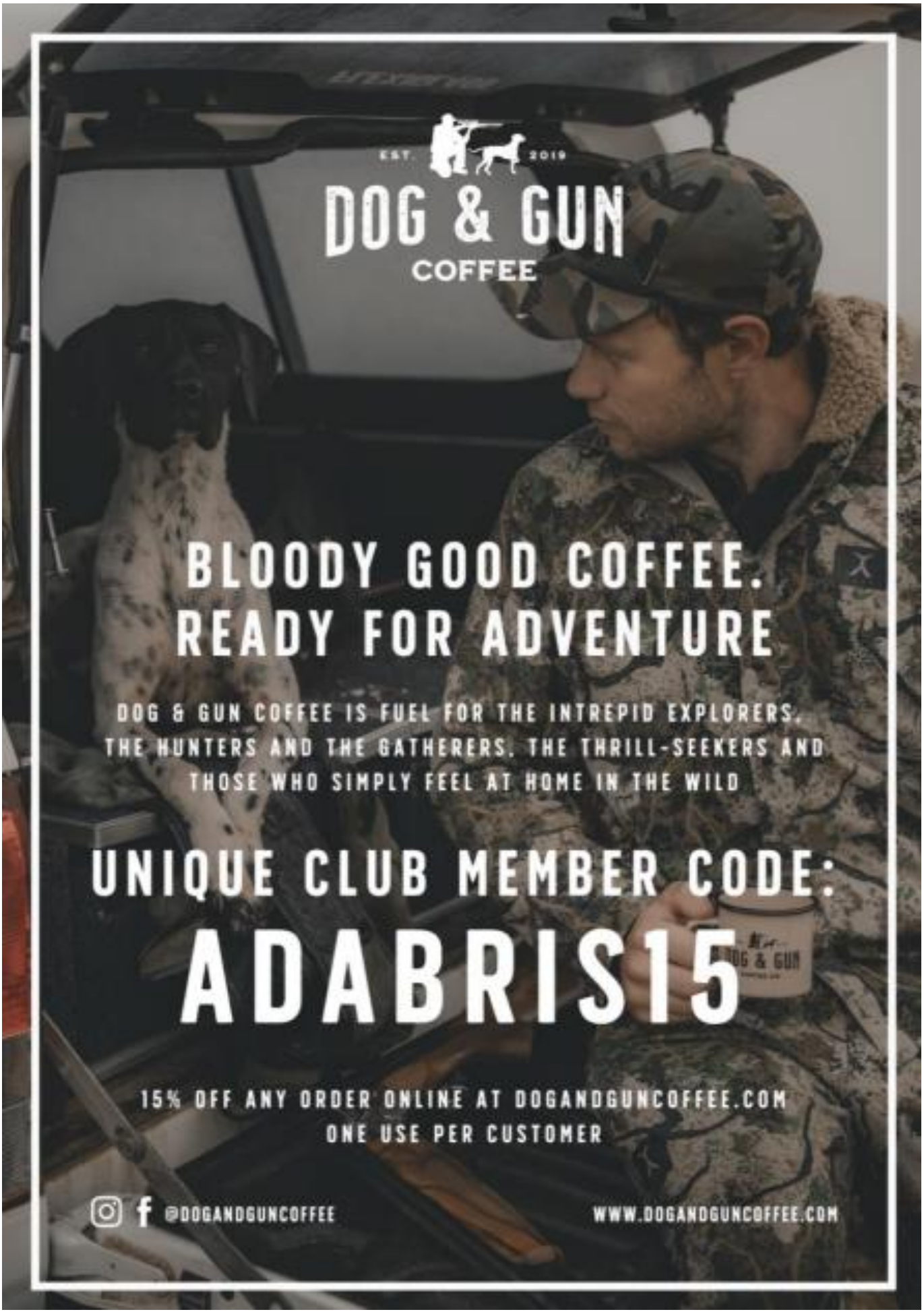
Member Hunting Book Library

Please note: There is an extensive hunting/shooting book library available to all Brisbane Branch members who attend the meetings. The library is located within the ADA building at Belmont, so just ask a member for assistance. It's an honesty system – so ALL borrowed books must be returned once finished. Speak to Peter Cohen for more information.








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