ADA Brisbane Branch

Rubs N Roars Newsletter: October 2026



A young Ridgemount fallow buck - Photo by ADA Brisbane committee member Joe Ford

*** 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 9 October** – **Branch General Meeting**
  Guest: Venture Hunting and Outdoors – presentation on backpacks.

- **Friday 23 October – 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



It has been a very productive couple of months for the branch.

Our annual meat hunt at Broadsound was successful for the six members who attended with 27 deer taken in a day and a half, including two that were donated for our branch sausages and burgers.

The catering that we did for the Venture Hunt weekend went well with over $5000 raised for the branch, everyone that helped on the weekend should be proud of what was achieved. A special thanks to Greg Rashford, who did most of the organising.

Norm Gibson ran our September Shotgun Shoot and he told me the day went well, let's see if we can get a few more along to the Christmas shoot.

The sausage and burger making day was also well attended with a dozen people along to help, there is no shortage of snags and burgers for our future meetings, including Christmas.

The dates for next year's paid access branch hunts at Ridgemount and Nolimba, both near Glen Innes, are locked in, so if you're interested, turn up to a meeting and put your name down.

Venture hunting will be doing a talk and a demo on backpacks at the October meeting.

Thanks.
Brian Slatter

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Australian Deer Association

New logo gear available
Meeting.



ADA Brisbane Branch

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Team Member number

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Brisbane Branch Calendar 2026

Month	Date	Event
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

Hunting Achievement Awards 2026 – Xmas Meeting Saturday December 5

Bring along your hunting trophies and photos of wild deer/game taken in Australia during the competition period.
We need nominations for the "Hunter of the year" and the "Chrony award", so please nominate your friends!!!

For a deer to be classed as wild under competition rules it must have been:

- Free roaming. • Not restricted by any form of containment.
- It must not have been released from containment for the purpose of hunting.
- It also must have grown its' antlers in the wild without human intervention.

* Minimum attendance required of at least two (2) branch meetings in 2026 calendar year.

The following categories are open to enter:

- Best Rusa Deer
- Best Fallow Deer
- Best Chital Deer
- Best Red Deer
- Best Sambar Deer
- Best Australian Deer
- 1st Australian Deer
- Best Overseas Animal
- Marksmanship Award
- Best Junior Award
- Chrony Award
- Hunter Achievement Award
- Best Alternate Australian Animal

Photography

- Best Hunting Photo
- Best Photo Overall
- Best General Interest

Minimum Standards for Deer Trophies (As per ADA National Trophy Competition Rules)

- Sambar Deer —min. length of shorter antler 25 inches.
- Hog Deer—min. length of shorter antler 13 inches.
- Red Deer—min. length of shorter antler 25 inches, & each antler to have no less than 4 points.
- Fallow Deer —min. length of shorter antler 22 inches & have a total of no less than 16 antler points.
- Chital Deer —min. length of shorter antler 25 inches.

Making the Most of the Harvest
By Amanda Kennedy



There's something pretty satisfying about getting a group of ADA members together, rolling up our sleeves and turning good quality venison into something that will feed the branch members for months to come.

The ADA Brisbane Branch recently held a sausage and burger-making morning at the ADA Building, with 12 members, visitors and potential new members getting stuck into the job.

By the time the morning was finished, the team had produced 15 kg of sausages and 12 kg of burgers meaning 15 bags of sausages and 71 burger patties. That's a fair bit of food heading into the branch freezer!

The sausages will provide enough for approximately five branch meetings, while the burgers have been put aside for Christmas and potentially the upcoming Ripley shoot. Added to the seven bags of sausages from the previous batch, the branch now has enough sausages to cover around seven meetings, with plenty of meat still available for preparations next year.

The morning wasn't just about getting a job done. It was about sharing skills, sharing a few laughs and making the most of the animals we harvest.
Members had the opportunity to learn the process from start to finish, including sausage making, tying sausages and the all-important storage. For some, it was familiar territory, for others, it was a real chance to have a go for the first time. It was also a great opportunity for visitors and potential new members to meet some of the Brisbane Branch crew and see firsthand what the ADA is about and ask questions.







A big thank you goes to Daniel, whose work behind the scenes helped make the morning happen. There was plenty of planning, preparation, calculating quantities and working out recipes before anyone even turned up on the day. His willingness to share his knowledge and teach other members was greatly appreciated.
As one member put it, those who arrive on the day don't always see just how much preparation goes into an event like this. The sausage making might be the part everyone sees, but there is plenty of work beforehand to get everything organised and ready to go.

That willingness of members to put in the time, pass on knowledge and lend a hand is what makes branch activities like this possible.



For our Brisbane Branch, it's also a great example of putting harvested venison to good use. From the field, through to the processing stage and ultimately onto the BBQ and into the hands of our members.

A big thanks to everyone who came along, got involved and helped make the morning such a success. To those who joined us for the first time, we hope you enjoyed getting to know the branch and seeing what we get up to.

There was plenty of work, stories to share and as always plenty of good company. Thanks to the team for making sure that everyone felt welcomed.

A pretty successful morning all round!



“NOLIMBA” Hunt August 2026
As viewed by Norm Gibson



“Nolimba” offers a paid-for hunting opportunity about 35kms NW of Glen Innes. This is a great place for any hunting opportunity however the fallow deer may prove to be elusive at times. The recent trip coordinated by Brian and supported by Don, Amanda and Norm offered a great experience in the New England region.

The picturesque camp site overlooking the dam which has now flooded an open-cut gem field has many water birds and the newly-built Hunters’ Shed offers a great retreat especially when it’s raining. The weather gods were not completely on our side this trip. Hunting was testing with very little sunshine and many showers.

Prevailing wind from the northwest was agreeable with the general topography, however with the lack of good sunshine the deer had no reason to venture out into warm gullies.



I had perfect wind direction but in spite of ‘still hunting’ pace and serious glassing I failed to see deer in a treed area at 250yds until they moved off. This was my only sighting. The JC Hunting YouTube video “*Why you never see deer (even when they are there)*” is good viewing.

For the members with an engineering bias, the horizontal windmill is an interesting, simple farm-made structure.

Some rabbits were near the cultivation, however rain and lack of time were their savior.

Not all hunts will be successful however the team had an enjoyable time together and are well mentally prepared for a return hunt.





Cranberry and Red Wine Steak Sauce
By Joe Ford



This is certainly not a new recipe, but a new find during my short hunting career. I was first introduced to it by the property owner in deer camp after a day of chasing some reds and got to enjoy it with some freshly harvested round steaks and chips. Below is the raw recipe which originally came out of a hunting magazine from the 80's.

It's a very simple sauce and allows a wide range of substitutions – all flavours hinging off the cranberries. It goes well with any version of simply prepared venison.

For my meal, I made a few changes to suit what I had on hand. I swapped the shallots for onions, and left out the juniper berries, as I've never been able to find them. Rather than straining the sauce, I just gave the whole lot a good blitz with the Barmix and served it up over Fallow tenderloins with mashed potato and veggies on the side.

Ingredients

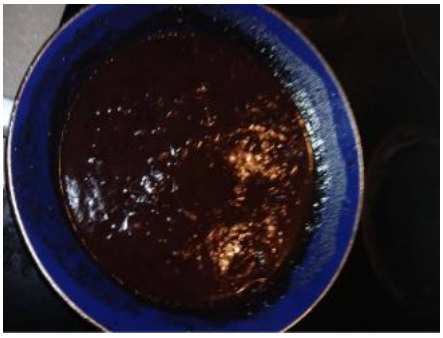
- 2 Tbs peanut oil
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 1 stick of celery, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, finely chopped
- 1 cup of red wine
- 1 cup of beef stock
- Handful of juniper berries
- 5 Tbs cranberry sauce



Method

- Heat the oil in a saucepan. Add the shallots, celery, and carrot and cook gently, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes or until lightly browned.

- Add the wine, stock and berries and bring to the boil. Simmer for 20 minutes or until reduced by half.

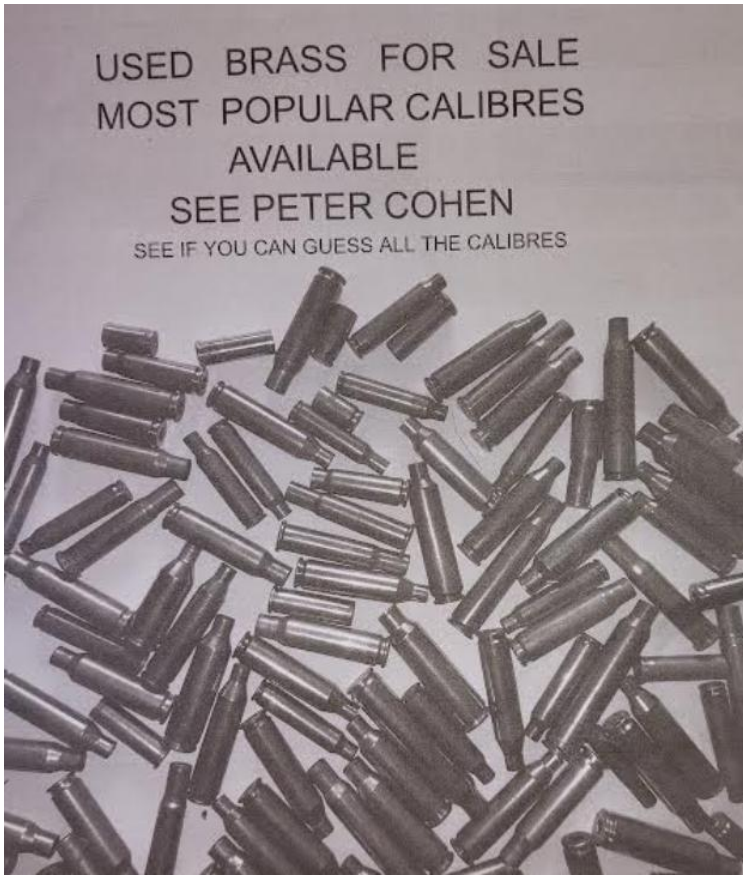


- Strain into a clean pan add the cranberry sauce. Stir over low heat until the cranberry sauce has melted into a clean consistency.

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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).

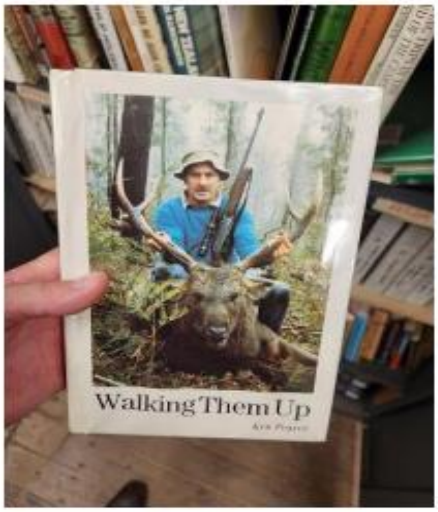
Pick up and drop off from the Branch building, SSAA Belmont.

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

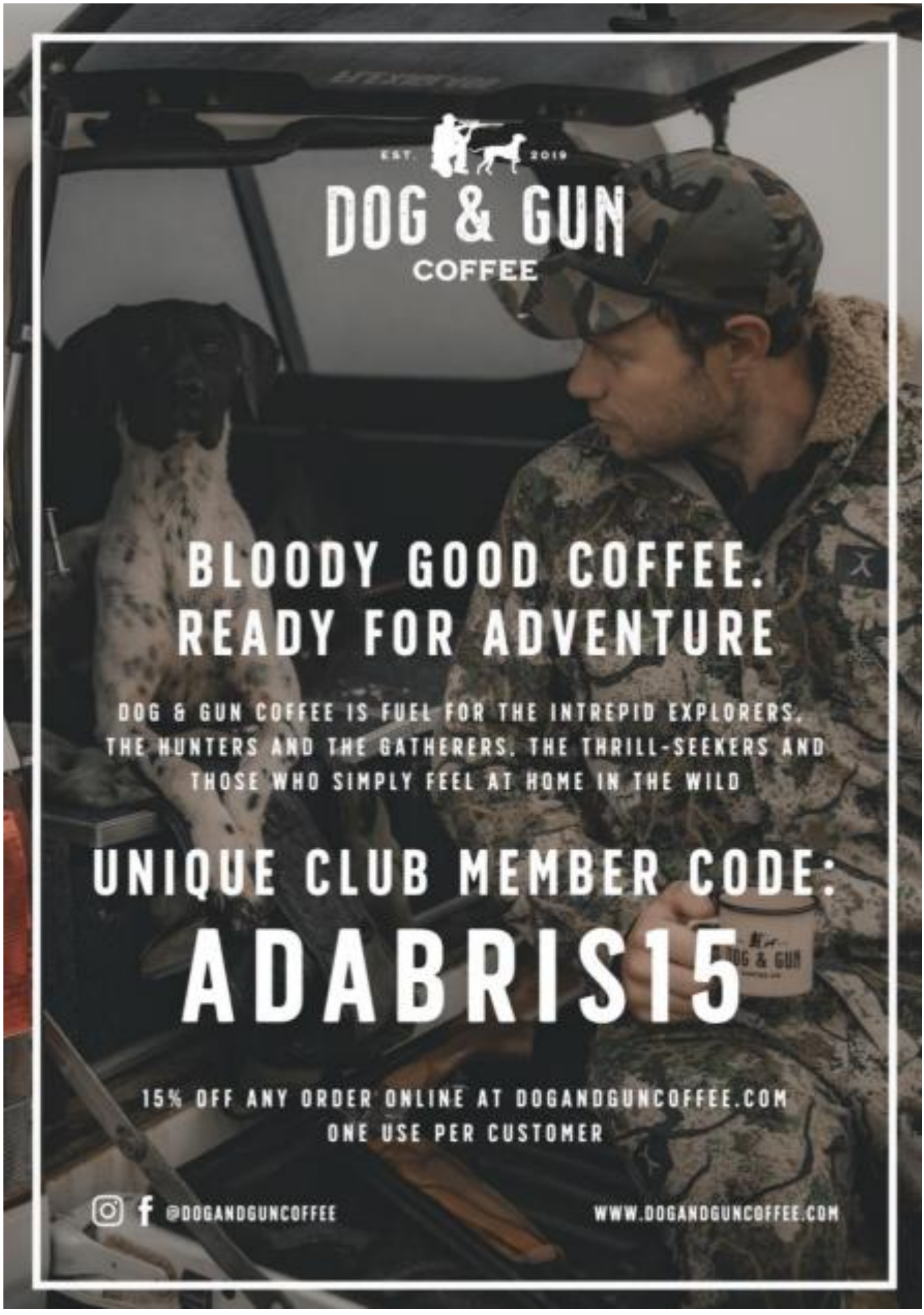
Member Hunting Book Library

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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