

Upper Goulburn Branch



Sambar's Roar

NEXT MEETING

6.30pm Tuesday 28 October 2025

ALEXANDRA HOTEL

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OCTOBER RAFFLE PRIZE



October meeting the major raffle prize to be drawn at the next branch meeting on 28 October.



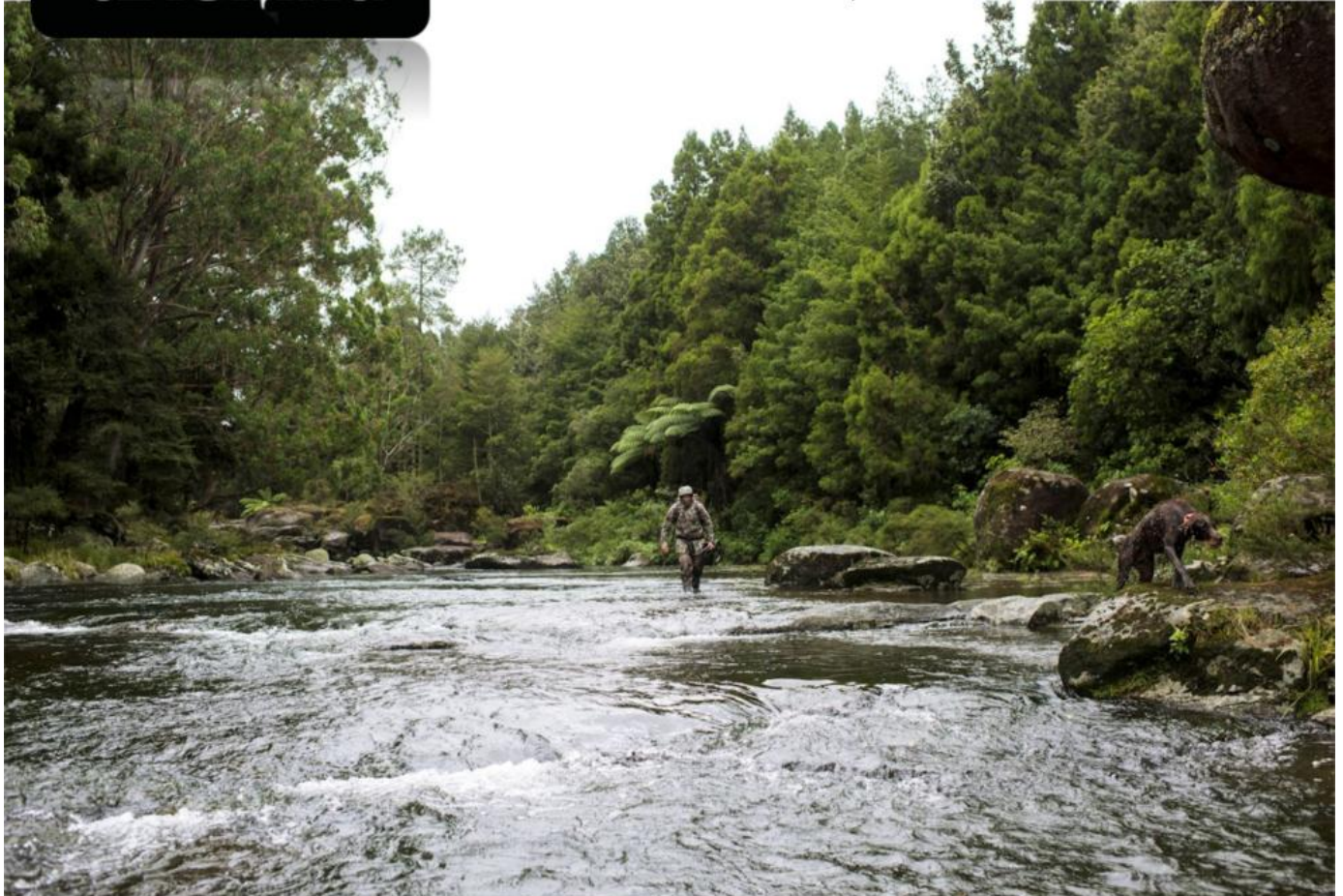
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Upper Goulburn Branch**



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CLUB REPORT

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING

- Time: 6:30pm Tuesday 16 September 2025
- Location: Online Meeting
- Chair: Derek Postlethwaite
- Minutes: Derek Postlethwaite
- Note: Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent announced the use of Gemini to record the meeting, aiming for 50-80% completion of minutes from the transcript.

ATTENDANCES

- Attendance: Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent, Nathan McStay, Derek Postlethwaite, Mario Napolitano, Paul Rogers, Fred Partier.
- Apologies: Jack Dixon, Robbie Kerr, Peter Fraser.
- **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 15 JULY 2025**
- Derek asked for any necessary amendments, but none were requested.
- Minutes were accepted by Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent and Nathan McStay.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Correspondence: ADA National AGM was deferred in August awaiting delivery of an audit report for last financial year. AGM now scheduled for late September or early October. Meeting will be "on-line". Branches are asked to nominate representative to participate in an "on-line" meeting. ACTION Fred Partier and Paul Rogers will coordinate their participation once a date is set.
- Membership Summary: Membership is stable at 171 total members, with 108 ordinary members. No new members joined the branch in August.

RECENT EVENTS

- Shelley #3 Hunt/Camp: As reported to General Meeting on 15 August 2025; Four UG ADA members attended. A total of nine hunters from NSW, SA and VIC hunted forty days and took five deer. Both Sambar and Fallow were taken.
- UG General Meeting 15 August 2025: Paul Rogers reported "pretty average" attendance of 27 people at the last general meeting, which was disappointing given the effort to secure a good speaker and valuable prizes for the raffle. Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent noted six guests attended.

FUTURE EVENTS

- **19-29 Sep - Fourth Shelley National Camp:** Paul Rogers confirmed 42 registrants across the ADA for the Shelly camp. Paul Rogers, Derek Postlethwaite, Jordy Bridges and son are attending. Nathan McStay and Hudson are possible attendees. Derek clarified that ADA National is handling invitations and registrations.

- **21 Oct - Branch General Meeting:** Nathan McStay suggested Jack Dixon as MC, with Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent as a reserve.
- **Note:** Fred Partier proposed Jack Dixon present on trail cameras and a "BYOD" (Bring Your Own Deer) heads segment. **ACTION Derek Postlethwaite to contact Jack Dixon, ask Chris Oostendorp to enquire about Alexandra Golf Club facilities and ask Billy Pemberton and Michael Bowden to handle BBQ venison snags and rissoles.**
- **Note:** Wes Mudge has donated a Lee Breech Lock Challenger rifle reloading kit and Lee Perfect Powder Measure to the club as a raffle prize. Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent has two chainsaw cases owned by the branch. Paul Rogers suggested asking Mansfield Hunting and Fishing for two decent raffle prizes for \$100. **ACTION Paul Rogers will check payment records to ascertain whether Chris Oostendorp is owed moneys for these chainsaw cases.**
- **Note:** Advertising for the meeting will be done on Facebook and Team App. Confirmation from Jack Dixon on his participation for the trail camera presentation is needed within the next week to aid advertising. **ACTION Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent to advertise event on Facebook. ACTION Derek Postlethwaite to update event on TeamApp and advertise event through Sambar's ROAR and ADA National mail-out.**
- **Note:** Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent reported issues accessing the Upper Golden Gmail account, and Fred Partier provided the email address and password.
- **1-3 Nov - King Billy Branch Camp**
- **Note:** Derek Postlethwaite introduced the King Billy camp. Nathan McStay expressed interest in attending. Paul Rogers noted it's a "really nice area" located at the corner of Brock's Rd and Bluff Track. The dates coincide with the Melbourne Cup long weekend. The Alpine access gates (Brocks Road) will open for vehicle access on Thursday 30th October. The camp will effectively run from Thursday, October 30th, until Tuesday November 4th.
- **18 Nov - Committee Meeting**
- **Note:** This committee meeting already has several apologies, including Paul Rogers who will be in France. This meeting has been provisionally moved to Saturday December 6th, and may coincide with a Christmas celebration.
- **Dec Xmas Celebration**
- **Note:** The proposed Christmas celebration will be a "pay for yourself" lunch at the Alexandra Hotel. Fred Partier suggesting confirming hotel availability early. **ACTION Derek Postlethwaite to contact Chris Oostendorp regarding Alexandra Hotel availability.**
- **2026 Mansfield Hunting & Fishing EXPO** Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent reported on discussions with Mansfield Hunting and Fishing about the Expo scheduled for Saturday 28 February 2026. UG ADA members will assist Mansfield Hunting and Fishing on the day and will run a raffle. He suggested a \$2,500 rifle package raffle as a significant fundraising opportunity. **ACTION Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent to lead UG ADA contributions with Fred Partier assisting.**
- **2026 Branch General Meeting at Healesville** Mario Napolitano updated that he has contacted the proposed venue regarding dates, catering, and pricing. The committee decided on a barbecue for catering with the venue to provide a bar. Committee focus will be on finding a speaker or speakers. **ACTION Mario to confirm availability of venue on Tuesday 17 March 2026.**
- **Note:** The annual March range day will be moved to April due to heat. The committee will meet in February, before the EXPO and the Healesville branch meeting will be on March

17th. Paul Rogers suggested the Healesville meeting could be online due to coincidence with the opening of duck hunting season.

2026 Hunt Locations

- **Note:** Derek Postlethwaite raised Stringy Bark Creek as a potential location, but Mario Napolitano was uncertain about specific hunting areas there. Paul Rogers suggested discussing next year's locations in December or February. Nathan McStay proposed locking in dates and locations in December for early publication.

IDEAS TO INCREASE MEETING ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP

- **Note:** Nathan McStay suggested attracting a guest speaker for the March 17th Healesville branch meeting to boost attendance. The group discussed potential speakers, including a "Beyond the Divide" TV personality.
- **Note:** Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent noted increased social media activity has led to a 20% increase in Facebook followers, indicating it builds interest.
- **Note:** Nathan McStay suggested surveying current members to understand their interests and increase engagement. Paul Rogers indicated ADA National office could help distribute a survey link. Nathan McStay also proposed enhancing social media with photos and calls to action to attract younger members.
- **Note:** Nathan McStay and Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent discussed attending Central Vic branch committee meetings to learn from their membership
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- success. Nathan McStay suggested inviting a Parks Victoria representative to speak about deer hunting in the Snowy and Errinundra National Parks.

SAMBAR'S ROAR

- **Note:** Derek Postlethwaite proposed including hunt reports and photos in the Sambar Roar publication to attract members, and Nathan McStay suggested sharing the survey link in it. Fred Partier requested an advert for trophies and photos before year-end.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Note:** Fred Partier mentioned a contact who could potentially speak about huts in the high country.
- **Sponsor Certificates:** Stephen O'Reilly-Nugent confirmed sponsor certificates were in progress with a new branch-specific logo and would be ready for the next committee meeting.
- **11 MEETING CLOSE 8:05pm**



2025 BRANCH ACTIVITIES

- ~~16 Jan – Informal Committee meeting~~
- ~~1 Feb – Commence advertising of annual trailer & wood raffle~~
- ~~18 Feb – Committee Meeting~~
- ~~15 Mar – Dragon Diesel Challenge~~
- ~~21 Mar – 5 Apr First Shelley National Camp~~
- ~~28, 29 & 30 Mar – Catherine River Scouting Mission~~
- ~~1 Apr – Commencement of Hound Hunting Season~~
- ~~15 Apr – Branch Meeting~~
- ~~25 Apr – Drawing of annual trailer and wood raffle~~
- ~~25–27 Apr – Strathbogie Branch Camp~~
- ~~12–16 May – Eildon Boat Camp~~
- ~~24 May – Alexandra Wood Auction~~
- ~~24 May – Committee Meeting~~
- ~~6–16 Jun – Second Shelley National Camp~~
- ~~21 Jun – Annual General Meeting~~
- ~~27–29 Jun – Buckland Valley Branch Camp~~
- ~~4–6 Jul – CRB Hut Branch Hunt~~
- ~~15 Jul – Committee Meeting~~
- ~~25 Jul–5 Aug – Third Shelley National Camp~~
- ~~15 Aug – Branch Meeting~~
- ~~16–18 Aug – Branch Camp~~
- ~~16 Sep – Committee Meeting~~
- ~~19–29 Sep – Fourth Shelley National Camp~~
- **28 Oct – Branch General Meeting**
- **1–3 Nov – King Billy Branch Camp**
- **6 Dec – UG Committee meeting**
- **6 Dec - Xmas Celebration**
- **PROPOSED 2026 BRANCH ACTIVITIES**
- ~~January – Informal Committee meeting~~
- **24 February – UG Committee Meeting**
- **28 February – Mansfield Hunting & Fishing EXPO**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report 16/09/2025

Opening Balance As At 1st April 2025

			<u>\$11,772.73</u>	
	Comprising	Bank	\$11,572.73	
		Petty Cash	\$200.00	
		DEBIT	CREDIT	Debit/Credit from 1/04/2024
Interest				0.00
Function Hire 1		100.00		-100.00
Donation 2 Wood and Other			1160.00	1160.00
Trailer Raffle 2a		235.00	505.71	270.71
Stationary 3				0.00
Branch Wine 4				0.00
Raffle Branch and Range		300.00	595.06	295.06
Range Day				0.00
Clothing & Merchandise 6				0.00
AGM/Awards Night		1538.50	142.62	-1395.88
Other Expenses 8		4.94		-4.94
Totals		2178.44	2403.39	224.95
Difference from report dated 1st April 2025			<u>\$224.95</u>	
Petty Cash			\$493.00	
Westpac			<u>\$11,819.31</u>	
Total			<u>\$12,312.31</u>	



UG ADA MEMBERSHIP

As per 1 October 2025

Total	164
Ordinary	98
Family	17
Additional Family	25
Junior	1
Others	10
Gold	0
Silver	6
Bronze	6
Family Bronze	1



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FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELLBEING

All people attending club camps must provide an emergency information sheet and confirm their attendance with Billy Pemberton on 0408 536 826. This is a requirement of the club, the committee and the ADA.

Blaze orange hats or shirts must be worn at all branch cam

OUT AND ABOUT

3rd Shelley Hunt Camp

Greeting Fellow Hunters

Thank you to all attendees in making it to this camp given the inclement weather over the first few days.

Five deer were taken from a total of 49 nights of hunters in camp, in itself a very good return. Congratulations to Donovan Jones in taking 2 sambar, one being a monstrous stag, Paul Rogers in taking 2 fallow, and Nick Chhabra after expending much patience and effort over several camps, in taking his first deer, an attractive fallow doe. I had the most enjoyable task of field dressing Donovan's deer before a carry out. Generously as ever, most excess venison was shared among others - thank you - as this gifting of excess makes a good camp into a great camp.

Paul Rogers prepared and cooked to perfection an amazing venison dinner from a baby sambar roast, preceded by Yan Yan's delicious Chinese homemade dumplings for entrée then afterwards by Peter Willis for the freshly baked carrot cake as dessert - great job all round to Yan Yan, Paul and Peter!!

Many thanks again to Peter and others for the teamwork on helping to run the camp including setting up and putting away the map boards and tidying up the common areas and hanging room.

Our next **Camp 4** is **19 to 30 September**. Please use the ADA website <https://www.austdeer.com.au/NationalHuntingCamps/> to register online and take care to correctly enter your estimated **Arrival** and **Departure** dates. Due to upcoming surgery, I may not be able to make Camp 4 so I will be asking for others to help run this Camp in my absence. Please let me know if you are able to assist.

Thank you

In the meantime, safe travels and happy hunting.

Kind regards,

John MacLeod (0417 126 240)





Paul took this fallow doe



Derek with a nice Fallow doe, the dog looks pretty happy with the results as well.





Paul Rodgers A couple snaps from Shelley, with my son Selby and our dog Inge, who is brilliant at indicating deer (unfortunately she also does it with wallaby's and kangaroos!)

National Hunt 2025 Camp 4

Greeting Fellow Hunters

You are receiving this email after your attendance at ADA National Hunt Camp 4 or had expressed an interest in this camp.

Thank you to all for making this camp one of our best attended camps. Proceeds from all camps are important for keeping the ADA running thus benefiting all members in the future.

Only three deer were taken and this was thought mainly due to pressure from other hunters in the area and plenty of feed in the bush allowing for the deer to be mostly active at night. Congratulations to Paul and Selby Rogers in taking 1 fallow and 1 sambar, and Derek Postlethwaite for a fallow. See Paul and Selby below.

My experience in the attached shows a good sit position but no deer.

Many thanks to Jose Conde for helping with camp setting up and Rob Tigani for helping to run the second half of the camp including putting away the map boards and tidying up the common areas and hanging room.

Dates for our 2026 ADA National Hunt Camps will be released in January.

Thank you

In the meantime, safe travels and happy hunting.

Kind regards,

John MacLeod





Derek Waiting for sunset Monday 22nd.



Derek with a Young fallow doe taken 10:15am Wednesday 24th. A 2km carry-out followed.



Waiting Waiting

Other members hunts



Liam & Roy with a young one in the blackberry canes



Liam with a hind he shot with his 300wm 180gn



Liam with a small stag he shot using his 7mm Rem Mag



Dereks young big-body small-head stag taken on 6 Sept.

If you have any hunting photos or stories, please send them to sambar3006@gmail.com for the next roar.

HANDHELD PHOTOGRAPHS



Good example of a Mature sambar stag, photo by John Griffin



Sambar Stag, photo by John Griffin



Sambar hind close up, photo by John Griffin



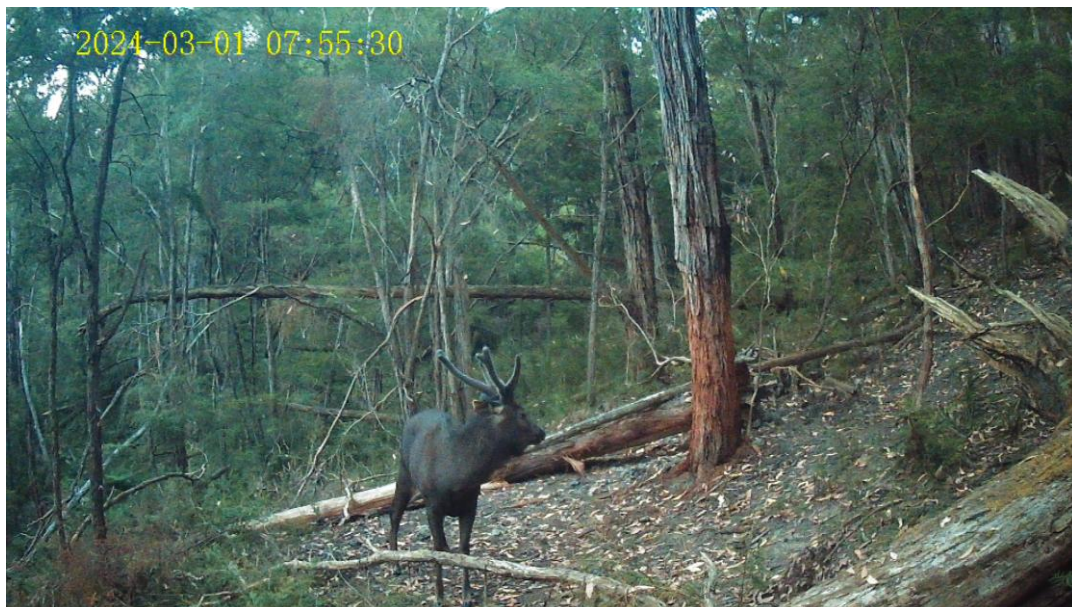
Young sambar stag on the trot, photo by John Griffin



Derek took this pic of a small herd seen on 30 August.

TRAIL CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHS





Thanks to Jack Dixen who sent in these Trail camera pictures



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