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The Western Roar

ADA Western Victorian Sub Branch Newsletter

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Next General Meeting will be at:

Hampden Hotel Camperdown

Friday 17th October at 7.00pm

HUNTERS' PLEDGE

The Hunter should conserve wildlife resources and **not exploit them**. The hunter's behaviour should be guided by respect:-

*For the Deer and all Wildlife,
for the Land, Forest and Crops,
For the Landholder and his Property,
for Everyone who enjoys the Bush.*

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WESTERN VICTORIA General Meeting.
Friday 20th August, Pura Pura Fireshed.

Starting time. 8.22 pm.

Finished. 8.40 pm

1. Present. (17)

Visitors & New members. John, Brendan & Brittany

2. Apologies. Craig Mitchell, Steve Kerr, Geoff Ovens & Danielle Hinton.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting correct per newsletter. Moved Luke Preston.

Sec. Allan Wohlers.

4. Business arising from the minutes.

* Discussed in General Business

5. Correspondence In.

* ADA updates via E Mail.

Correspondence Out.

* August minutes to West Vic editor, Newsletter via Editor

Moved Jamie Hinton **Sec.-.** Daniel Forbes.

6. Treasurers Report.

* Annual report tabled

* Current Balance \$6084.05

Tabled- Katrina Currell **Sec-** Darcy Meade

7. General Business

* Cash Cow made \$1100..

*Photo Comp Form- Entrants to be used in the next Branch Calender.

* Dartmouth date to be weekend of 27/29th August for Branch Hunt.

* Next General meeting at Hampton Hotel, Friday 17/10/25 , at 7.00pm.

* Craig or Darcy to book closer to the date.

* James Kerr's daughter Brittany is producing merchandise on order from the members of West Vic ADA .Many thanks for producing the mugs,beanies and hoodies already made .

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Meeting raffle winners-

Daniel Forbes- Jerky

Luke Preston- Beanie

Gavan Currell- Knife

Darcy Meade- Bore Snake

The evening was finished up with us all showing the rest interesting and unusual things found while in the bush. President Daniel showed us all his famous special rock, leaving us all in awe!! We couldn't beat that but showed our lesser finds. haha

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Our 2025 photo comp cut off is up so hopefully everyone got their photos into Daryl in time. Winner will be announced at our next meeting. Our photo comp will hopefully go ahead again for next season, if you missed out this year get back out there and get amongst the wildlife to potentially capture our next winning photo!!!

2025 PHOTO COMPETITION

ADA WESTERN VIC SUB BRANCH MEMEBERS COMPETITION

First & Last Name

Email

Phone Number

Photos can be of any species of Deer, Wild Dog, Bird, echidna...any type of wildlife at all!

Each member can submit a maximum of x2 photos taken throughout the year

Entries to be submitted from the 19/1/25 to no later than the 1/10/25 for review via email to Daryl Panther at-

TITLED: WESTERN VIC PHOTO COMP

EMAIL TO: vicwildman@bigpond.com

A Reminder post will be sent out in September 2025 to remind everyone to get their final entries emailed out to Daryl.

Date Drawn : final decision will be made and announced at the General Meeting on the 17/10/25

PRIZES!!

1st prize- GAME CAMERA campark TC07

2ND prize- GAME CAMERA campark TC22

3rd prize- GAME CAMERA

Although final entry photos are not due in until the 1/10/25, we do ask you to keep sharing all of your pictures to our facebook pages please!

Thank you to Daryl Panther for the judging.

Could members please try and put pen to paper and send even a short story along with some photos to brighten up our newsletter. Please email to the editor; westernvic.editor@austdeer.asn.au
You tell the stories at our meetings but other members don't realise the successes a lot of us have and it can only add to the viability of our branch to inform others in the western parts of Victoria.



Big Thankyou to Brittany from Addy & Co for the wonderful jumpers and Beanies she has made for us they look amazing.



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NOTES

Sizes available for Hoodies: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large (Larger sizes - up to 8XL can be ordered in, but are only available in black)

Branch Hunt

Day 1- It was an early start leaving Camperdown at 4.30am, we reached Wodonga by 11.30am, gathered some last essentials while also visiting Bluey's Hunting & Fishing store (a must see if you ever get a chance) on the way out of town. We eventually reached the Dam at 1.30pm, loaded the boat up and set off for camp. I was amazed by how much the water level had dropped from when I was up in 2023 being very close to 100% full, currently it's at 67% capacity.

That afternoon we got set up and decided to go for a quick look up one of the streams that feeds the dam for a flick of the lure and the rifle over the shoulder just in case those first day stag feels actually eventuate but it didn't and either did the fishing.

Day 2- was a brisk morning boat ride, we decided to split up and try a couple of gullies that we have had success at before. I checked out a gully that has a couple of wallows feeding up it. The first one I came across looked like it was used within the last 24hrs, I was thinking beauty there is something potentially in the area, I kept my eyes peeled slowly walking up passed the next wallow then all of a sudden that dreaded HONK!!! Scared the s%&t out of me, the deer was within 30 yards at least but on the other side of a big section of dog wood. I sat still for about 5 minutes trying to pin point it's location while it was honking it's head off, then all of a sudden it was gone and know where to be seen. That was all I saw for that morning unfortunately, a bit of sign but not a heap. Darc and I eventually met back up and slowly meandered back to the boat. The fishing scene for the afternoon was very challenging with only 2 trout caught by Darcy (1 @ 100mm long and the other even smaller). The creeks had that much timber going left right and centre, made it difficult to put your lure in the right spot. We did manage to spot a decent brown trout trying to swim upstream, we were lucky enough to even watch it try jump up over a log to get into the next pool.



Day 3- we woke to a foggy morning and it stuck around for a while. We didn't go far from camp this day and lucky for us it only took us about 150m from the boat to find our first deer for the day, a hind with her yearling and new calf. A few honks later and they trotted over the next ridge. We kept punching up hill in the hope for something with bone on top of its head but it wasn't the case for us. We eventually saddled around and followed another gully system back down to the boat. That afternoon we set a yabby net in hope of catching something! Just before we hit the hay, we heard a dog start howling and barking it was quite a few gullies away but in the stillness of the night it didn't seem that far away, made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up.

The next day we packed everything up, pulled the yabby net to our surprise we had 1 in the net, quick photo and through it back to grow bigger and hoping in good karma for our next trip up to

the Dart.



