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# HUNTING & CONSERVATION NEWS

## November 2010 Edition

### Queensland State Co-ordinator's Note

Hello Everyone

It only seems like the other day that I was getting ready for Christmas and here it is boring down on us again with only 9 weeks to go. Over the last couple of months we have been putting together some new projects – one in each region. Two of them should be up and running by the time this goes to print with some luck.

Due to all the rain, we have had to cancel some trips for 2010. With this in mind, we will need to put an even stronger presence out there next year. With all the good conditions creating abundant food and cover the ferals will breed well.

Our State Administration Officer, Bob Pardon, has retired from his position to spend more time on a new venture. I would like to pass on the Committee's thanks for his effort in the role over the last few years – especially during the transition arrangements as we adopted our new name. This has been a

great effort.

This is a very important role to have someone in, and the Committee will be looking to fill it as soon as possible. If you live within a reasonable travelling distance to the Ipswich Office, and have computer skills please drop us a line.

As you may be aware we rely on a behind the scenes support group to help us get things done that need to be done. If you have some time to help either the main committee, or one of the three regional coordinators (Owen McIntyre, Rod Costin or Geoff Sloman) we would all be grateful. As they say, many hands make light work.

As always please remember that this is your newsletter and if you have a short story or some thoughts or hints, or something that you have found to work well for you, drop us a line or give us a call.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee for all their help throughout the year and I would

like to take this opportunity to wish them all, and all of you, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2011. And may the weather be a little kinder to us all.

Keep safe and happy hunting.



Mark Woods - State Coordinator

### SE Qld Report

Like everyone else across Queensland the weather has had a major effect on activities in the south east. Southern projects have had very little activity and there has been no Stewartdale feral control since the last report. This is a reminder that we all adapt to the weather and our strategies and tactics are different from the dry to the wet seasons.

Southern region will start a new feral control project in the Chinchilla area in the near future. Again, the start of this project will be dependent on weather conditions and the need for the property to dry out. Pigs are the primary target as they are a pest to the neighbouring melon growing properties. Other possible targets for control are rabbits, hares, foxes and cats. The property has several creeks and billabongs and remnant scrub. This will be a "walking only" project and is suited to close action shooting with lever action and shotgun being likely preferred firearms. This project is about 3 hours drive from Brisbane and so should be suitable for weekend trips departing Friday night.

A reminder, the last Southern Training Weekend for 2010 will be on 20 and 21 November. All members are encouraged to attend.

Owen McIntyre - South East Co-ordinator

## ***Focus on new members and juniors***

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Ongoing attendance and participation at the quarterly Southern Training Weekends has been remarkable, however, new members as well as juniors are few and far between. CWM members are encouraged to bring along friends or others who may be interested, juniors included. We can sign them in so that even if they are unlicensed they will be able to participate in the range activities. It is in our best interests to get the word out and make an effort to get new people involved. The best

introduction for anyone who would like to join a professional outfit such as ours or even just to meet like minded people is to come along to the next training weekend.

Brett Marais

## ***Gladstone-Calliope Report***

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Wet weather caused the cancellation of the Gladstone Pig Project on Curtis Island so there is not a lot to report since the last newsletter. This provided time for vehicle maintenance on the Polaris buggy. On the last trip to Curtis a large branch flicked up and broke the floor panel under the passenger's foot well. Aluminium chequer plate was cut out to size and used to reinforce the floor.



New floor in the Polaris



Black headed python spotted on Curtis during Fox control program

In the lead up to turtle nesting season on Curtis Island a fox baiting program has started and will run for three months. The first baits were laid out on the 18th and picked up on the 24th. Out of the 31 bait sites 16 were taken. Of those taken, 12 had definite fox prints around them, 1 had dog prints around it and 3 had no tracks at all. We assume the lack of prints around these baits is because they were taken early and the wind had moved the sand and covered the tracks. The baits along the track were most successful with 11 of the 18 sites taken. The beach/dunes 5 out of the 13 sites were taken. Overall this is a fantastic result.

Before the baiting program foxes destroyed up to 90% of turtle nests. Without fox control, large numbers of nests will not survive and most eggs will be destroyed. A single fox can be responsible for destroying a number of turtle nests.

Greg De Koning  
Gladstone - Calliope Project Officer

## ***New Central Region Project***

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Central Region will be starting a new feral deer project. This will be quite a challenging project but one that you can learn a lot from. The first part will involve deer monitoring to see what area they cover and what their feeding habits are. This will assist in understanding what form of control will work best. What we learn from the monitoring over the next few weeks will guide us in decisions as to whether we will use trapping only, shooting only, or

a combination of the two. Over the next few weeks there will be plenty of night and day work. The project will be listed in the calendar as the first line of each month. Participation will be at short notice and it will be hard to set forward dates. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Rod Costin to be put on the short list.

## **Central Queensland Report**

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Not a lot to report this time around. As you all know we have been enjoying some long time coming rain. The September week trip was a wash out because of the record rain that we have had in September.



Dogs seem to be getting active

The few times that we have been down to Avocet there hasn't been any activity anywhere. We have had some trial baited cat traps running for the last month with cameras on the trap to see if anything was around. (No luck there)

We have been able to slip in a couple of trips over the last two weekends, with some success - there has been a dog (pup) taken. Not much else to tell. Stay safe and shoot straight.

Brad Hughes

## **ADA Hunting and Leisure Expo**

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Recently the Queensland Branch of the Australian Deer Association held its Hunting and Leisure Expo at Morayfield in outer Brisbane. SSAA had a stand at the Expo. It was manned by the local clubs, and CWM was invited to promote itself as well. This was a great opportunity to try out our new membership brochures, which worked very well!

The weekend was an excellent opportunity for the hunter to have a look at many products and services available to them including lights, clothing, firearms and guided hunting tours, just to mention a few of the items on offer. Out the front you also had venison snags and burgers (yum!).

The two stalls that stood out the most to me were Sioux Archery and Firearmsales.com.au. They both have "on-line" ordering through their website. Sioux Archery carry a lot of cammo clothing, including blaze cammo orange vests. The colour schemes they carry are the best I have seen so far being suited to our arid climate. Kevin Loveridge from Firearmsales.com.au sells a wide range of items including a very interesting bolt on muzzle break. It claims to reduce felt recoil by up to 40% or more and costs about \$210.00. A threaded version is also available. They also have a blaze cammo long sleeve shirt made from a breathable material. It is very good quality at a good price (\$65.00). This is highly recommended for our kind of work.

I would like to thank ADA for

allowing us to attend at no charge, this was a very generous offer, much appreciated by CWM. For anyone who did not attend the ADA Hunting Expo, I would really recommend you put it on your calendar for next year.

Mark Woods

## **North Queensland Report**

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We have been quiet in Townsville since the last report. Several planned trips have been cancelled because of rain. However, those projects that we undertook were enjoyed by all.

The Townsville Pig Project is underway, with 9 pigs being removed so far. Negotiations are underway for some projects in the Mackay area and there are some projects in the wind for Ingham and Innisfail

The project dates in the new calendar are still tentative at this stage, as they are yet to be confirmed by the property owners. The Townsville Pig project can only be planned 1 to 2 months ahead. It will generally be a half day to a full day every 2 weeks. The week may vary to suit the property owner's schedule.

Please help me with the planning by giving at least 6-8 weeks' notice that you want to be included in a project

Thanks for your help and support during the year and all the best wishes to you and your families for a good Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Geoff Sloman  
Nth Qld Co-ordinator and

Townsville Training Officer

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## **Our Supporters**

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The businesses listed below support us in different ways, whether it is through direct discounts to members, donations to the Christmas Shoot, or items loaned for field use.

When purchasing items from these businesses please be sure to mention you are a Hunting & Conservation member for discounts where applicable.

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## Upcoming Activity Dates – 2010 - 2011

Be sure to mark the dates below in your diary and plan to come along. You never know – you might just be free on that date. We have kept this page separate so you can put it up on the fridge too!

**Hunting Activities** - Attendance at activities **must** be arranged with the Team Leader (Contact) as most activities will have a safe operating limit.

<b>November</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hughenden	Northern	Geoff Sloman
20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Southern Training weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
<b>December</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Collinsville	Northern	Geoff Sloman
4 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dingo Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
11 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
18 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale - Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
<b>January</b>			
TBA	Rockhampton Deer Project	Central	Rod Costin
15-16 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
29-30 <sup>th</sup>	Dingo Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
<b>February</b>			
TBA	Rockhampton Deer Project	Central	Rod Costin
12 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Calliope Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Hughenden	Northern	Geoff Sloman
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale	Southern	Owen McIntyre
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
<b>March</b>			
TBA	Rockhampton Deer Project	Central	Rod Costin
5 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Collinsville	Northern	Geoff Sloman
19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Dingo Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
<b>April</b>			
9 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Calliope Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Hughenden	Northern	Geoff Sloman
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
<b>May</b>			
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Collinsville	Northern	Geoff Sloman
14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Dingo Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
<b>June</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hughenden	Northern	Geoff Sloman
18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
18 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
<b>July</b>			
15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Collinsville	Northern	Geoff Sloman
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dingo Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
16 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Calliope Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
<b>August</b>			

12-15 <sup>th</sup>	Hughenden	Northern	Geoff Sloman
13 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
<b>September</b>			
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Collinsville	Northern	Geoff Sloman
10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Calliope Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dingo Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
<b>October</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hughenden	Northern	Geoff Sloman
8 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
<b>November</b>			
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Collinsville	Northern	Geoff Sloman
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dingo Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Calliope Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
<b>December</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg Dekoning
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes

### **Project Target Species**

Avocet – Primary - Foxes, Cats, Dogs. Secondary – Rabbits, Pigs

Collinsville - Primary – Pig

Hughenden – Primary – Dogs. Secondary - Pigs

Stewartdale - Primary - Hares, foxes, cats, dogs. Secondary – Pigs