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CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (Qld) NEWS

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Message from the Committee Chairman

New Members Accredited -

Membership in CWM has increased significantly during the last period and our team has done a great job running accreditation courses. Owen McIntyre has been running accreditation courses for SE Qld every 2 months or so. Greg de Koning in Gladstone hosted an accreditation day with a group of new members. In Townsville and Mackay, Randle Irvin & Graham Blines have also started running accreditation courses with the help of members there.

New CWM Website - Our new website is now up and running on:

<http://cwm.ssaaqld.org.au/>

Please check it out and let us know what you think. Like all websites, it will need ongoing updates and additions. There are some existing project stories that will soon to go onto the site.

I would like to especially thank

Keith Adcock for doing a great job in putting CWM on the web. The committee also welcomed and thanks new member, Steve Reeves for his effort in putting a lot of the website's project content together.

If you wish to add some content please forward it to me at damien.ferguson@hotmail.com and we will look to have it loaded on the appropriate page.

Grants - A big thanks to Greg de Koning, Pete Dobson and Steve Reeves who each took a day out to attend a workshop on applying for grants. They came away very excited about our ability to secure funds and or materials from government and business sources. So far we have applied for a small grant via the federal government. If we are successful, this grant will be used to train & accredit hard working CWM members in skills like Remote First Aid, Chainsaws & Quad bikes.

Social Night – Wednesday evening 5th Oct - We are in

the process of organising a mid week social night where we will be having talks on the various projects that are running and in the pipeline. It will be a great chance to get to know your fellow members and share ideas, stories and opportunities. Please mark your diaries for Wednesday evening 5th Oct and we will have further details out to you via email and on the website.

Future Projects - CWM has built up a very good reputation due to the quality of our members work and our results so far. This has enabled us to attract many new members and prospective properties for projects. However, the properties take a little longer to come on stream due to the necessary assessments and relationship building. Please bear with us as we assess the new properties that are in the pipeline.

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SE Qld Report

The SSAA have invested in an upgrade of the access road across the lake bed area at Stewartdale. This work has recently been completed and provides permanent access to the "hill" regardless of weather conditions. This allows all the groups who use the camping facilities on the hill to run their activities without the disruption that previously happened when the road became impassable after rain.



Road upgrade at Stewartdale

The change of seasons and improved ground conditions has allowed us to resume the regular Stewartdale feral control program.

<http://cwm.ssaqld.org.au/projects/project-stewartdale.html>

Attendance has been good and this work has helped a number of new members become familiar with CWM operating procedures, meet other members and enjoy themselves.



The "Hill" at Stewartdale

With CWM attendance at various events like QGE expo, ADA Hunting and Outdoor Expo and members talking to family and friends, we have recruited 52 new members in the past 6 months in the South East area. The next CWM training weekend will be on the 17th-18th September at Stewartdale. With increased membership lately this will be a good time to come along and meet other members, share ideas and see how CWM works in the field.

Please contact me if you would like more information on the Stewartdale feral control program or the next CWM accreditation course.

Owen McIntyre
Sthn Qld Co-ordinator
Stewartdale Project and
Accreditation Officer

Central Queensland Report

The last two trips of the Gladstone project have been called off due to wet conditions. The condition of the marine plain has been very wet and it was decided that we would have made more damage than the pigs if the trip went ahead. We left it as long as possible to let conditions improve but these decisions are made early enough to give the people who signed up time to make other arrangements.



Boar shot on the Calliope project

The Calliope project has been dry enough for trips with two attendees. Thick bush in this terrain always makes a challenging hunt. More pig activity was observed on this trip and a large boar was shot along the escarpment. As the property continues to dry out the pig activity will increase.



Boar taken on the Calliope project

The Gladstone region now has 17 members after an accreditation course was conducted by Owen McIntyre. The guys are now working their way through the shooting qualifications then they will be onto a project. Training days at the local SSAA range are being organised with a running target being made to practice on. Any other ideas from other club days would be appreciated.

Regards Greg de Koning

Second Half Central Queensland Report

Due to the high rainfall over the last 18 months, our first week long trip to Avocet in a long time will be from the 24th September through to 1 October. The main focus of this trip will be cat and dog control, using tracking and trapping as well as spotlighting. We will be trying all these methods together as the game cameras have shown some cats in certain areas as well as dogs. Wild mob will be doing some more predator monitoring at the

end of August to early September and will pass on locations of ferals seen on game cameras or tracks recorded on sand plots. Those of you coming on the September trip, and have been up to Avocet before, will notice quite a difference in the amenities provided (see Avocet Welcomes New Partner).

We have had 4 sets of traps running with no luck this time round although we have moved traps to where there has been good sign. I am getting pretty good at catching and releasing bandicoots, possums and crows.

Since the baiting run we haven't seen a lot of dog sign on the site except for the three that had taken baits. (That's all that we have found so far.)

We have had some luck on the pigs. There have been 2 sows taken and 2 large mobs sighted on both ends of the property. The ground water has started to dry up and the pigs are starting to come back to the dams to wallow and water.

The rabbit and hare population is on the increase, we usually get 2 or 3 each trip.

It's good to see the odd flashjack (Bridled Nailtail Wallaby) out and about and there is couple of large mobs of grey Kangaroo's back on the place.



We also came across a healthy Koala on the move one night to our surprise.



Koala spotted at Avocet

Minerva mine cat project.

Additionally, we will be helping with cat trapping on Minerva Mine site as well as the activities on Avocet so there will be plenty for people needed to do all this for this trip. If you have some spare time be it a few days, or the whole week, come up from Brisbane or down from Mackay and be part of this very worthwhile project as well as get to meet some of the Central Highland members. With the Minerva project coming on line, we are in great need of some helping hands to get this up and going. I would really like to see someone put their hand up and be the project leader.

Happy Hunting
Brad Hughes

Avocet Welcomes a New Partner

Avocet welcomes a new partner onboard to help with the Bridled Nailtail Wallaby (Flashjack) recovery project.

Avocet owner Hugo Spooner has spent a lot of time liaising with Minerva Mines (part of the Sojitz Group of companies) about the recovery project and

how they can help the Bridled Nailtail Recovery project.

To date Minerva have laid power from their signals Station on the Telstra Square to the camp area and put in two yellow fluoro lights and a power outlet into the two shelters. They have also supplied and put in place a large floodlight to light up the whole camp area. This means that we will not have to take that noisy generator to run camp fridges and recharge radios and so on. It will also make it a lot easier for researchers to do work on the recovery project in the future. All of the materials and labour were supplied at Minerva's own cost.

Minerva have also have made a large dollar donation to go towards GPS tracking collars for tracking the Flashjacks to determine how far they are moving. Questions such as; are they staying on the reserve or moving off it, and how far are they ranging, are all important questions that need answers, as they affect a whole range of issues. The issue that is important to CWM is predator control. GPS tracking can help us with questions such as - are we controlling far enough afield? If any animals that are collared get taken, the collars will show when and where this has occurred and subsequently help us plan our predator control.

CWM would like to thank Minerva Mines, and particularly Rod Hicks and Julian Power, for their generous support of this very worthy project and look forward to working with them in the future.

Mark Woods

Mackay Report

Mackay based membership has continued to grow and now stands at 28 who are fully accredited. We have now run two accreditation courses ourselves locally with the next one scheduled for 5th November 2011. We recently held a training night at the range which involved shooting at lever action animal silhouette targets under a spotlight.

We are still struggling with getting the Collinsville project back on track but should know within the next week or so whether we'll have access to the property again before the end of the year.

Three of our members attended the Blackwater project in April. It was very wet with lots of grass at the time. No animals were taken but 5 cats were sighted along with a small mob of pigs. There was no evidence of any dog activity.

Three of our members again attended the Blackwater project in July – still plenty of water and grass around. We took the shotguns this time and culled two cats, several rabbits and one pig. There was no sign of dogs. One of our members also recently attended the Hughenden project and was successful in taking two pigs.

One of our members in particular (with help from a couple of others) has put a lot of time and effort into revising the Training Manual and a draft copy has now been submitted to the executive for comment.

Two of our members will be attending the SSAA (Qld) AGM in Millmerran in a couple of weeks as representatives of the Mackay Branch.

Graham Blines

SSAA & ADA Challenge Shoot

I am very pleased to say that the attendances from both sides were up from last year with sides quite evenly matched.

There was the usual camaraderie that these social events create along with some friendly banter from both sides as to who was going to win the day. We (SSAA) had to prove that it was not just a flash in the pan winning last year, and ADA badly wanted it back! So with this in mind we saw some good scores shot from both sides.

The following shows how hotly it was contested.

FOX

Mens - Allan Murray SSAA 25

win by shoot off

Ladies - Blaise Boyland ADA19

RABBIT

Mens - Peter Dobson ADA 25

win by shoot off

Ladies - Sue Murray SSAA 25

PIG

Mens - Bill Leet SSAA 25

Ladies - Blaise Boyland ADA
23 win by shoot off

DEER

Mens - Bill Leet SSAA 21.1

Ladies - Blaise Boyland ADA
17.1

OVERALL TOP SHOOTER

Mens - Bill Leet SSAA 82.1

Ladies - Blaise Boyland ADA
76.1

To make up the teams for both sides the top 10 scoring shooters were selected from each side.

Team SSAA	697.3
Team ADA	589.2

As you can see we won with a quite convincing score this time, compared with the 20.2 points win from last year. CWM members who helped make up the top 10 SSAA scoring members were Rodney Clarkson, John Bayliss and myself.

Apart from winning it is a great day with plenty opportunities to meet and make new friends and even future hunting buddy's.

Next year there are plans to hold a night clay pigeon shoot on the Saturday night before with a social BBQ afterwards and everyone is encouraged to camp over. This is a great opportunity to have a family weekend. Juniors are encouraged to participate as well so don't leave them at home.

Cheers and shoot straight

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Upcoming Activity Dates – 2011/2012

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.

September			
9 th – 12 th	Collinsville (postponed - date to be confirmed)	Northern	Graham Blines
10 th – 17 th	Calliope Pig Project	Central	Greg de Koning
17 th – 18 th	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
17 th – 18 th	Blackwater Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
24 th – 2 nd	Avocet - Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
October			
5 th	Social night	Southern	Brett Marais
7 th – 10 th	Hughenden	Northern	Randle Irvin
8 th – 15 th	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg de Koning
15 th – 16 th	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
15 th – 16 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
November			
11 th – 14 th	Collinsville	Northern	Graham Blines
19 th – 20 th	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
19 th – 20 th	Blackwater Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
19 th – 26 th	Calliope Pig Project	Central	Greg de Koning
December			
3 rd – 10 th	Gladstone Pig Project	Central	Greg de Koning
17 th – 18 th	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
17 th – 18 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
January			
21 st – 22 nd	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
21 st – 22 nd	Blackwater Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
February			
18 th – 19 th	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
18 th – 19 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
March			
17 th – 18 th	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
17 th – 18 th	Blackwater Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
April			
21 st – 22 nd	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
21 st – 22 nd	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
May			
19 th – 20 th	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
19 th – 20 th	Blackwater Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
June			
16 th – 17 th	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
16 th – 17 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes
July			
21 st – 22 nd	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
21 st – 22 nd	Blackwater Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin
August			
18 th – 19 th	Stewartdale – Ripley	Southern	Owen McIntyre
18 th – 19 th	Avocet: Emerald	Central	Brad Hughes

September			
15 th – 16 th	Southern Training Weekend	Southern	Brett Marais
15 th – 16 th	Blackwater Cat & Dog Project	Central	Rod Costin

Project Target Species

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

Collinsville - Primary – Pigs

Hughenden – Primary – Dogs. Secondary - Pigs

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