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## Welcome



G'day everybody and welcome to the first free e-magazine for AusHunt members. Our aim is to deliver you an update on whats been happening on the site over the last few months.

We'll bring you the best stories from our members, hottest discussions from the forum, latest photos, videos or blog posts, current competitions, site developments, exclusive discounts from our sponsors, product or business reviews and feature stories.

So if you've been busy in the back blocks of the bush pig shooting or stalking that elusive sambar in high country then you wont have missed a thing!

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## Benefits of a good spotlight

With a boring week of school behind me, I was back off towards my parents place in Ensay for the weekend. On arrival I noticed a new toy sitting on the dinner table, a new Lightforce spotlight, thanks for the present Dad!

My brother Stuart and I were very eager to go try it out, so we set out in the Nissan Patrol as soon as darkness had washed over the surrounding hills.

We drove a very short distance to the first property, where Stuart turned on the spotlight as soon as we got through the gate.

**There shining back at us were a set of suspicious looking eyes.**

I couldn't believe it Stuart had only just turned on the spotlight and it looked like there was a feral cat on the opposite hill face.

Sure enough, upon inspection through the scope on 10X (my favourite all round setting for the .220 swift) I found a small black cat wondering along a worn game trail. With a few bleats from the predator call the cat stopped at about 120metres, I exhaled slowly and squeezed the crisp double stage trigger, shattering the silence with a nice sounding "**boom!**" and "**thump!**" as the 50gr Vmax reload hit home.



After picking up the cat and taking some photos, we proceeded on further admiring the beam the new spotlight threw, it was absolutely awesome! Far superior to any of the previous spotlights we had owned.

We knew a fox hotspot was coming up so I adjusted the bipod legs so that the rifle would be close to level across the bonnet, should a fox be spotted.

As soon as we rounded the gully Stuart picked up a set of fox eyes in the spotlight. I quickly got out and positioned myself to shoot. The fox was running up the centre of the gully before stopping and looking back after a bombardment of yelling from Stuart and I.

## Feature Story

At about 150 metres I confidently sent a Vmax on its way and the fox's livestock eating days were ended. We took a few photos and headed back home with big grins on our faces.

It's always good to have a short successful spotlighting trip, and all the farmers in the area are stoked to have us out cleaning up vermin that they would otherwise have to do themselves.

This new spotlight increased our visibility, provided faster target identification and allowed us to find the downed ferals far easier. I would recommend to anyone using an average spotlight to invest in a good one, it'll save you heaps of time and give you better results.

I couldn't think of a better present.

*by Tony Gillahan, Ensay VIC.*

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### **My First Bunnies!**

We were at Quorn on a property goat and rabbit shooting. I had just woken up from the back of our mates car and heard from my Dad that my mate, Sam, had just shot a ..... [Read more](#)

*by Isaac, Blackwood SA.*



### **Hunting in Bourke, NSW**

I was invited on a trip to Bourke in Northern NSW, motorbike riding, cattle work and of course getting rid of the Pig and Goat population... [Read more](#)

*by Harry Thurtell, Jindera NSW.*

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## » Our own Hunting, Fishing & Camping store in the Southern Highlands, NSW.

The brand new Field and Stream Australia store in Bong Bong street is attracting attention. The striking new signage is easy to spot amongst the other shopfronts and natural curiosity has passers-by dropping by to see what this new retail outlet has to offer.

Fishing fanatics, campers and hunters will know storeowner Craig Golding. He has been a specialist in his field for 22 years and his affable manner and wealth of knowledge is a great bonus to the community.

The new shop offers everything from archery supplies, fishing and hunting equipment, and camping gear.

The renowned Strudwick range of fishing rods and reels, as well as Stalker fly-fishing products, are also available at the shop.

Basic bait will also be available by the time the new season swings around in the form of pilchards, prawns squid and whitebait.

Fishing licences can soon be obtained from the store as well as the much needed R- license.

Under new legislation, the Game and Feral Animal Control Act, anyone



wishing to hunt game and feral species on declared public land in NSW will require a Restricted NSW Game Hunting Licence (R-Licence) from the Game Council of NSW.

Craig is an expert in his field and loves talking to everyone experienced or otherwise about the best places to fish or hunt, the necessary apparatus needed for a successful expedition, or simply to advise on technique and methods.

Top of the range archery products such as Hoyt, PSE and Browning are stocked at Field and Stream Australia as is the Ridgeline Outdoor Clothing line.

They offer an after-hours appointment service for anyone heading off to their favourite location who has forgotten that much needed piece of equipment.

Craig prides himself on supporting other businesses in the Southern Highlands.

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# HOTTEST FORUM TOPICS!

## **Fed Up - shooting**

[Posted by will-nsw 18 Aug 2010](#)

Wow, what a **hot topic** this was! Started off with a bold statement and then quickly turned into placement vs calibre discussion with some handy tips for newbies along the way. Funny enough in the end everyone was fed up with fed up!

## **Snakes - When can we expect to see them?**

[Posted by nick parkes 05 Sep 2010](#)

This topic got members out of hibernation and the snakes too. Yes, they are about as the hotter weather approaches. Members discuss recent sightings and tell stories of close encounters of the snake kind... **SSSSensational!**

## **Is The Safety Course A Farce?**

[Posted by Farmgirl 11 Oct 2010](#)

In light of recent times, suggestions flowed for improving the safety course with many opting for a more hands on approach, whilst the other half arguing that common sense should prevail when handling firearms. However, the topic did remind all that **SAFETY** is number one.

## **Vic Boys Getting Together - weekend camp**

[Posted by optic 09 Aug 2010](#)

A great sign of the AusHunt community is people organising hunts or camps through the forum so members can meet face to face. Seems this camp was well organised though bad weather conditions and factors of life put a few people off in the end. The members that made it all had good reports of a great time and look forward to the next....

## **Deer Rifle Calibre - What you use and why**

[Posted by cameronpatrol 09 Aug 2010](#)

Each to their own here - though cameronpatrol quickly decided on a 3006 after taking advice from other members. Still full of questions the topic went on to discuss projectiles, wind and scent, limiting meat damage and some great info on placement complete with pictures from Sambar358. **Bang flop!**

## **Should Australians Have The Right To Bear Arms?**

**- 2UE Webpoll - Rights**

[Posted by ultrabat 24 Aug 2010](#)

The power of the AH community is that we can now respond quickly to online media polls to balance the votes. The topic continues with some confusion about the meaning of 'bear arms' and also draws some comparisons to the American system.

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## From our members



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# Site news and developments...

It's been a busy few months with the final release of the new template for the [main site](#). There are many new interactive features and is also great for us to build on.

Some new features include :

- \* can comment on and rate articles
- \* improved search functionality
- \* can increase/decrease text size
- \* integrated polls
- \* social networking widgets
- \* latest/popular articles and news
- \* subscribe to free emagazine
- \* fluid layout
- \* new header graphics
- \* extensibility for the future

## Facebook and Twitter

Our [facebook site](#) is up and running and showing steady growth of membership in a short time. The original photo gallery that was on AH now make up our albums on this site.

We are encouraging people to still join our discussions in the [AH forum](#) and 'Followers' are able to login using their facebook or twitter accounts.

Many of our site announcements will also be published through facebook and twitter to inform our users from this segment.



## Forum

The forum will undergo a minor upgrade to the latest version asap. It is important we undertake regular maintenance to improve security and features for our members.

Status updates are proving popular as we can quickly catch a glimpse of what other members are up to.

## Mobile

AH is working on making all content accessible by mobile devices, it's an ongoing project as new phones and systems are being released all the time.

You can access the forum using your mobiles internet browser or you can use an app to connect such as the following:

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- \* [Tapatalk app](#) supports iPhone, Android, BlackBerry and Nokia.

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