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Front cover pic: Luke Buckingham with fallow stag taken, Mt Cole. by [Wild Images](#).

Welcome to the first emagazine for 2011.



The past few months have been trying times for most Australians, affected by drought, floods, fires and a huge cyclone, not to mention our NZ neighbours and that earthquake. One positive out of all this is seeing people pulling together and giving each other a hand. This shows some true Aussie spirit. Well done.

Decent rainfall in some areas promises a great year ahead as many species can flourish with the new feed and water about. Although good news, we still consider our farmers already battling the elements. It will be great to see hunters doing their part to help protect and bring back the crops in some states.

Please read on to see some highlights from the site over the last few months.

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Steve Lee hardly needs an introduction in shooting circles these days. Since his YouTube sensation, hit single, “I Like Guns” was released in December 2009, he has reached over 2 million fans worldwide, and the music (and videos) keep coming.

Since then, Steve has been personally invited to America by the NRA, had his song “I Like Guns” used in video games and on numerous TV shows including the latest “Guns in America” which has been released by HBO, he’s been interviewed nationally on “A Current Affair”, released a DVD, and more recently, had his name added to the ticket for the NSW Shooters and Fishers Party for upcoming state election.

We caught up with Steve and asked him, amidst all of the fans, fame and controversy, what was his purpose for getting involved in the political side of gun ownership.

“I suppose the main reason for getting involved is I believe, as most gun owners do, that there needs to be some major changes in the way the community and Government view law abiding gun owners. I have always had a strong opinion about what



happened to our shooting and hunting traditions and the best way to make changes is to not only talk about it but to do something about it”

Steve grew up in a small country town Broken Hill, where shooting, fishing and camping were some of the only things to do. He brought his own family up in Broken Hill (until they relocated to Parkes NSW in 2006) and his family had played music together prior to Steve’s solo career taking off so rapidly.

“Taking the family out fishing, shooting and camping has always been a big part of our lives. Broken Hill is a great place for all these activities but even as my kids were growing up, things got harder with fishing licenses, gun licenses and all the restrictions with

Feature Story

camping in national parks and other places. We always abided by the new laws and restrictions but they all made life harder to enjoy, those where defiantly free'er times."

Steve's family band, The Lees, also recorded one of Steve's "gun" songs before "I Like Guns" was even recorded. The track, "She Don't Like Guns" talks about how Steve's wife Tracey puts up with Steve's wild, gun-loving ways, even though she doesn't share the same passion for firearms.

"She don't Like guns" was supposed to be a love song but it somehow ended up to be about guns. When I played it to Tracey she just smiled and said "yeah good one". Some people have asked me how it feels to have a wife that doesn't like guns but the fact is, she likes them, just not as much as me. Tracey has also had a lot to do with the whole project and I have some great footage of Tracey shooting machine guns at the Knob creek shoot in Kentucky, the best bit is where Tracey shoots a full auto Glock 18. 33 shots in a few seconds, she's cool."

For the average YouTube viewer, Steve may seem like some sort of trigger-happy lunatic, but once you hear more of his story, you come to realise that he is simply a family man



who enjoys his guns. In a way, he represents the general consensus of gun owners – normal, everyday people who enjoy hunting, shooting and collecting.

"Over the past couple of years I have come to realize that the only way our shooting tradition will be safe in Australia is by everyone supporting all aspects of it. I think more gun owners need to basically do more shooting and hunting. We all need to support our own local clubs both financially and with our time by turning up to shoots. I encourage all my friends to get there gun licenses and do more shooting. We can also support organisations that do a lot of work for the gun industry, like the SSAA and the Shooters and Fishers party. These organisations are there for shooter, fishers and anyone who enjoys the great outdoors. Lets get behind them and keep our traditions alive.

Steve's new album is due out mid 2011. Yes another 12 gun songs. Check his website for more info www.ilikeguns.com.au



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All our gear was pre-packed ready, it was basically just a matter of making my brother and two mates a strong coffee, then hitting the road to our hunting destination.

We arrived at the property at 5.30am and roughly planned our hunt before leaving the car. We then headed out on foot further into the property, still under the cover of relative darkness.

We made our way to a large feeding flat while continuously glassing in the increasing light, and it didn't take long before my brother Stuart spotted 5 fallow does through his Leupold 8x42 binoculars feeding at the far end. Darcy and Ben opted to sit down and observe Stuart and I stalk in on the group, but unfortunately after 10 minutes of stalking the breeze did a turning act and the deer took flight into the thick scrub.

Disappointed, we turned back and started heading back towards Darcy and Ben's position. There were quite a few red backed wallabies around, so Stuart decided to see just how close he could get to one of them.

Whilst doing so he noticed a flash of movement in the bush to his left, identifying it as the rear end of a fallow. He whistled to get my attention and signalled to me that there was a fallow nearby, so I quietly made my way to his position and followed him into the light timber. Making our way up a small bank we stopped and there it was, not 20 metres from us, walking unconcernedly away from us.

Stuart folded down his bipod on his Weatherby Vanguard 30-06 and rested it across a fallen tree before angling an 180gr Nosler Accubond into its rear end raking up through its vitals. I knew it was a good shot, but wasn't surprised when Stuart quickly reloaded and sent another 180 grainer into its high shoulder after turning broadside. Two perfect shots left the doe dead on its feet for 3 yards before collapsing.



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Darcy and Ben hastily made their way over to give a helping hand to hang the deer ready for processing. It was still reasonably early by this time, at 7.30am so Ben and I decided to head over to the "ridge spot".

The "ridge spot" is a ridge overlooking a feeding gully, where we have seen countless deer before. So we were not surprised to see 6 fallow does feeding when we arrived, but the wind turned just as I was lining up one of the does and the group high tailed it into the thick scrub that surrounds the clear feeding flat. Not to be beaten, Ben and I headed down the ridge and into the bush hoping that we might still get a chance for a shot. This turned out to be the case when Ben spotted a young doe about 12 metres away from my position and signalled to me to shoot.

I raised my Howa .338wm and sent a 225gr Federal Pointed Soft Point on its way.

I knew the shot was good, as I saw the doe turn in the scope after firing and there was a very noticeable exit wound on its offside shoulder.

We retrieved the doe and carried it back into the open gully, where Stuart and Darcy arrived shortly after to investigate the sound of the shot. With the story telling over Stuart got to work



and proceeded to remove as much usable meat as possible, while doing so Darcy decided a fresh venison barbeque was a great way to top off the mornings hunt. This led to some firewood gathering and a small fire was lit with Stuart's flint. After lots of "mmm this is good!" we put out the fire and carried the rest of the meat back to the car, before departing for home with two of the best kind of eskies, full eskies!

by Tony Gillahan, Ensay VIC.

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[Posted by bigfellascott 17 Feb 2011](#)

Majority says NO. Plenty of positive responses here to make a case for using silencers whilst hunting. A few negative points are discussed and the topic ends up anything but silent...

60 minutes this week

[Posted by cameronpatrol 25 Feb 2011](#)

The story on Martin Bryant evoked some sad memories and also a reminder of the gun laws that followed. Talks about the facts but also the inconsistencies in the evidence along with the media hype. Then someone mentions *conspiracy*....

Banff's Pics

[Posted by banff 3 Feb 2011](#)

Check out this topic for some serious pigdogging action and photos. Banff shows us his dogs, pigs, hunting country, vehicles and all things pighunting. Highly recommended and some fantastic pics. **Thanks Banff!**

Survivalism

[Posted by merlin32 13 Feb 2011](#)

So the big mushroom cloud appears in the sky. Do you grab your rifle and head to the bush? Have you got what you **need to survive**.... an interesting read even if it only points you towards some great books and tv shows.

Recommended Torches

[Posted by joog 27 Jan 2011](#)

Don't leave camp without one! Members discuss the differences in equipment and recommend some great low cost alternatives.

New rimfire round from Winchester

[Posted by Mltzer 27 Feb 2011](#)

There is plenty of speculation around a new product from Winchester. The secret is confirmed and we now have a new Winchester 42Max Australian rimfire round. Members compare and look forward to using the new round. **Revolutionary!**

The best long range setup available

[Posted by Hairyhunter 22 Feb 2011](#)

Buying yourself a present is ok with us, especially when it is the **Best!** Members recommend the .338 Lapua, .50 BMG or the .408 Chey Tac but then Hairyhunter decides to get some more experience with the 300WM he already owns. Will be interesting to see where the big dollars get spent.

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Create your own gun safe by starting a blog.

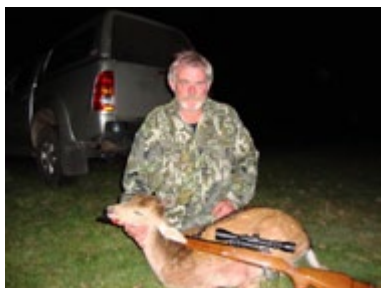
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[Jack Baird - Ducks coming in](#)



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Lanber 12G Under & Over Shotgun



Make: Lanber
Model: 2087 EST
Year: Unknown
Action: Break Open
Type: Centrefire Shotgun
Calibre: 12 guage
Magazine Capacity: 2
Attachments: None
Scope: N/A
Purchase Price: \$850
Review: Was in great condition, does the job well and lots of fun
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Savage 17Hmr



Make: Savage
Model: 93R17 BTVS
Year: 2010
Action: Bolt Action
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Make: Browning
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