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Welcome to the first e-magazine for 2012.



It's been a wet summer in most parts hampering some efforts to get out there and do what we all love -hunting!

Hopefully we can look forward to some promising seasons ahead for hunters and farmers alike.

On the plus side its given us a chance to do some upgrades to the website and set a few plans in place for 2012.

There will be 3 emag issues this year (April, August and December) covering the highlights of the site from the previous months.

We thank our members for their continued support and look forward to your stories, pics and discussions.

Happy hunting,
Aushunter

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Sunset

Billy



After a long day in search of some large goats deep in the South Australian Flinders Ranges to no avail, my brother and I made the long trek back to our campsite for a much needed rest. As we relaxed on our swags, watching the sun disappear in front us, **a single small goat appeared around 200m in front of us.**

My brother and I shared a few jokes on the number of hours we had walked earlier in the day, only to see a goat on the saltbush flats basically at our camp!

A few minutes passed, before a few other goats appeared from the creek, followed by a few more. 10 minutes later, to our disbelief, there were around 50 goats feeding in front of us unaware of our presence; including a few nice billy's.

I quickly got my gear together, as my brother collected his camo, and headed off in their direction with his compound bow. After around 20 minutes, I saw my brother dispatch a nice white billy from around 20m.

After I was given the nod by Koby, I flanked the mob, and positioned myself in the direction they were feeding towards. The goats slowly made their way towards me, as I picked out my trophy, and waited for him to offer a nice shot. I settled the crosshairs on the black billy's lungs at around 50m as he stood side on, before taking him with a clean kill.

On inspection, although he only went 27", he was huge bodied billy, with a nice coat; not to mention a great way to end the weekend.

by Rhys Millington, Port Pirie SA.

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Checking for signs

Well, it was time for another hunting trip. My mate and I set out from Newcastle all pumped up to hunt some pigs. On the night of our arrival to the property we set out with "SPOOK" the dog and our LED torches onto the oat crop to see what we could find. Before we knew it spook was off, after a short run she had bailed up a nice sow. Pretty good going for the first twenty minutes of the trip.

The next day we went out early, but no runs were put on the board. We did see some good signs however. I found a tree that had been tusked by a big boar and a track that looked liked it was regularly used. So that was that, we were coming back that evening!

With a lot of anticipation, we were back in the 4x4 around five o'clock to get back to our hunting spot. On our way we came across about half a dozen piglets, so we got stuck into them. Good fun! We worked our way up the back of the property to our spot and it was game on.

It was about six thirty when my mate took up position where he had seen a big boar on his last hunting trip. I walked on to where I had seen all the



pig sign. Walking as quietly as I could to take up position near the game track, I thought "**I bet this boar has already trotted through to the oat crop**" I looked down the track across a small creek. Sure enough there he was walking along the track.

Quickly I crossed the creek and found a good lean against a young gum tree. Looking down the scope, there he was, larger than life. I found his shoulder and let the 223 do the rest of the work. When I got to the pig I was so happy with what I had achieved, first finding the sign of the pig earlier that day and finishing with a great result around 7.00pm that night.



Best hunt so far!

by Kip Sayers,
Billinudgel NSW.

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Dirty Deeds - MuD DrIVinG

- 4wd tips by MR4X4

Mud glorious mud! What fun to drive in!

Water plus soil equals mud, but not all muds are equal.

Did you know there are ten distinct soil types in Australia, and each one creates a different mud. For example, the soils around Gulgong in central western New South Wales are mainly kaolinitic. When it's dry, they're hard as well, rocks, but when it rains they have a firm crust over a bottomless slurry. If you break through, be prepared for a bogging. It's very different to say, the high lime content calcareous earths found in the Wimmera and Mallee districts of Victoria. But while they all differ, there are some basic generalisations you can make about the right way to drive through them.



TEN TOP MUD TIPS

1. Any mud worth its salt (so to speak) will require engaging low range. But first gear low range will often push too much torque through to the wheels. Result? Wheelspin, getting bogged. So to take off, try second gear and very gentle throttle pressure.

2. The secret to mud driving is momentum. That doesn't mean speed, just a consistent rate through the sticky stuff.

3. Stay off the brakes; the wheels will lock up and you'll lose your steering. Instead, use the gears when you need to retain your momentum.

4. Stick to existing wheelruts (if they're deep, straddle them). Don't drive off the track looking for an easier way, because more often than not, it'll be soft and again, you'll bog. It's also more respectful of the environment to not go chewing up the landscape.

5. If you're churning through mud for kilometre after kilometre, stop regularly (on hardpack) to check that it's not clogging the wheel arches. If they completely fill with mud, you'll have no traction left.

6. Carry a long-handled shovel (see above).

7. Fit a winch and carry a tree protector.

8. If you plan on doing a lot of mud driving, replace the standard rubber with a proper mud tyre.

9. Carry water and food, because there'll come a day when you bog... badly. And as any experienced four-wheel driver knows, recovery can take anything from hours to days.

10. Don't drive on closed roads. The fines if you're caught are horrendous. In South Australia it's a grand a wheel. And put the vehicle radio on ABC Regional to listen for road closure updates. Even if no 'Road Closed' sign is visible and the road has been declared closed, the penalties still apply.



Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures

If you love the great outdoors, camping, touring and anything involving 4WDing – then you'll love 'Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures'.

Check out these episodes:

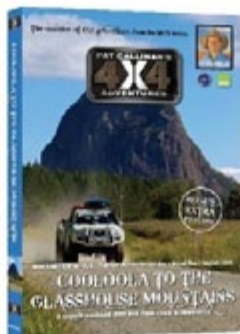
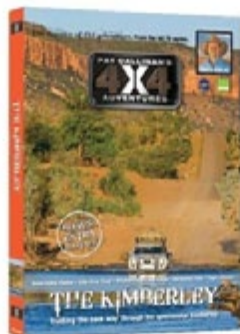
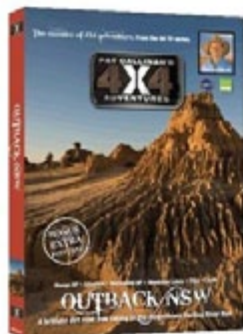
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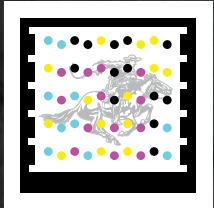
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Hunting Safaris North Queensland

Hunting Safaris North Queensland is a relatively new operation specialising in hunting and fishing in and around the Burdekin/Charters Towers region of tropical North Queensland. The Burdekin River basin drains an area of about 130,000 square kilometres for geographical simplicity, west of Townsville. The area receives an average annual rainfall of 670mm, but can receive up to 1600mm in a big wet. Discovered in 1845 by Ludwig Leichardt this 700km river system is now exploding with wild pigs and chital deer that thrive in the warm tropical climate.

So what makes Hunting Safaris NQ better than any other operator?

Manager and owner Robyn Gough explains...

Here at Hunting Safaris North Queensland (HSNQ) we offer something that most do not. We transport our clients to their hunting grounds via helicopter! This gives the hunter truly unrivalled access to literally a million acres of superb hunting and fishing paradise. This virtually guarantees our hunters success as we can access areas that are genuinely only obtainable via helicopter. And all this at exceptionally competitive rates.



Hunting Safaris NQ is run by husband and wife team, Scott and Robyn Gough of Dalpura Station. Scott has been a professional helicopter pilot for most of his working career and with over 10,000 hours of incident free flying you couldn't ask to be in safer hands. Scott has decades of heli-mustering around the Burdekin, Basalt and Charters Towers area under his belt, as well as being a mad keen fisherman! If anyone has an intricate knowledge of the area and where to hunt it is Scott.





Having spent her whole life in the Queensland outback Robyn is no slouch when it comes to getting in and doing the hard yards. Robyn has a great zest for life and an infectious humour that is hard to beat. She will take you out hunting, organise taxidermy if needed, ensure that you are well accommodated, fed and that there is a cold beer for you at the end of the day.

Together Robyn and Scott's experience, confidence and enthusiasm will ensure you a great time and great results from your hunting holiday.

Hunting Safaris NQ is the hunting vacation of a life-time for the serious hunter. They give you the flexibility you want to make sure your hunting is successful, and very much cater to the non-hunters ensuring they too enjoy a well earned holiday!



Scott says "Far more than an ordinary hunting trip, we provide an ultimate adventure to experience with friends and family at prices that are totally comparable to our (non-heli) competitors. Please don't assume us as being too expensive just because we offer helicopter access".



For more information please visit the Hunting Safaris NQ website.

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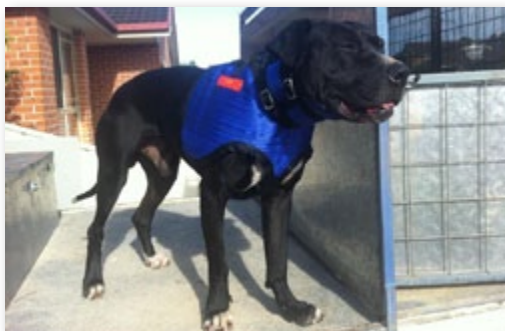
Each plate is **custom made** to measure to fit your dog like a glove. These plates offer your dog great protective cover and plenty of movement with minimum restrictions.

The side shoulder of the plates are made in a way that they cup the top of the shoulder providing a comfy fit for the dog. They're not overly heavy and are very flexible.

Each plate varies in weight, but overall a 3 layered breast plate for an average dog, without neck buckles and straps will weigh approx 800gms.

Other products include half plates, neck collars, Fdick knife sheaths and DC30/40 protective covers.

Contact Charles at [Grunter Plates](#) who is more than happy to assist with your enquiries.



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Fishing and Camping in Queensland Dams

This book has been revised and re-printed for the Queensland angler. It now offers new information on our popular waterways from some of the state's leading fishing correspondents.

Over forty dams are featured in detail with maps showing the access roads and facilities available. Also included is where to stay: whether its camping by the bank or at the nearest motel.

To see other books please visit the Australian Fishing Network [website](#).





Bushnell Trophy Cam, Trail Camera

This year, with a comprehensive list of upgrades sure to bolster its unmatched popularity. Every 2012 model now features true HD video resolution with audio record for stunning clarity and detail. New Field Scan 2x gives you two windows of image capture to capitalize on dusk and dawn movement.

You can also expect brighter, sharper nighttime images than ever before with the addition of Hyper Night Vision – with no-glow black LED models available for absolute stealth.



To maximize consistency in all conditions, New Auto PIR automatically regulates sensitivity based on temperature.

The time stamps are now more detailed than ever as well, and the addition of GPS Geotag automatically embeds each image with GPS coordinates for optimum tracking.

✦ For more info and specs please visit the [Trail Camera webpage](#).

Bushnell Sport 850, Laser Rangefinder



Lightweight and small enough to fit in a shirt pocket, the Sport 850 packs a monster dose of accuracy and is as easy to use as a laser rangefinder can be.

Its compact dimensions and handy vertical configuration make it a favorite with bow and gun hunters alike.

Instantly, with the tap of a single button, you know the exact distance to your target from 5 to 850 yards. And bright, crystal-clear optics get you on game with speed, even in low light.

Our Sport 450 is also an extremely popular choice, delivering hairsplitting precision at a price most hunters can afford. For long-term dependability, both the Sport 850 and Sport 450 feature rugged, rainproof housings.

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HOTTEST FORUM TOPICS!

Impact On Shooting as a Sport

[Started by Big_Boar, Mar 13 2012](#)

Are shooters numbers declining through lack of access to private land? Seems not according to some statistics and the availability of public land. This thread also goes a bit off topic to discuss the attitudes of some hobby farmers in different areas. **Hot!**

shooting spots for duck opening weekend. This topic talks about the etiquette that is expected on the water amongst shooters. Most agree that

first in is best dressed!

Meat Storage While Camping?

[Started by Diced, Jan 18 2012](#)

A few hints and tips are given out around eskys and the best way to prolong the ice melting. Also some advice on fridges and hanging game.

Feel like a coldie?

Slingshot / Shanghai

[Started by cameronpatrol, Dec 12 2011](#)

The old slingshot makes a return. Members discuss the legalities and ways to make your own. **twang..**

Wonnangatta Valley Members Hunt 2012

[Started by Joe.358win, 23 Oct 2011](#)

As we get closer to the hunt date this is still one hot topic. Maybe the **biggest AH topic ever?**

12 Month Fox Hunting Competition

[Started by colinwhirlpool, Dec 17 2011](#)

Its great to see AH members organising their own competitions. Prize for your biggest fox and most foxes for 2012. **Off to a great start!**

Feel free to join in or read many more hot topics in the [AusHunt Forum](#).

Signposting Wetlands

[Started by nick parkes, Mar 11 2012](#)

Some signs with people's names on them have been erected to reserve



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Gallery Photos



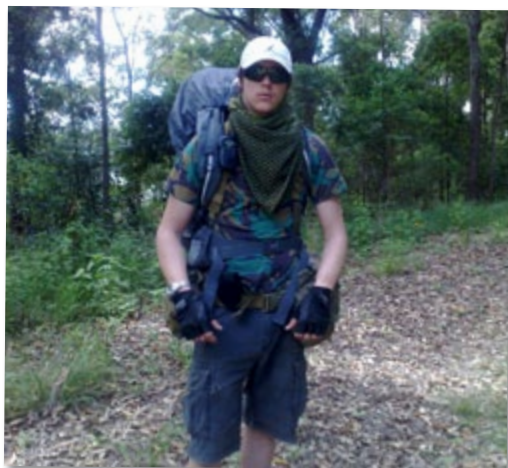
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Field photo by vicfox



PB250202 by bigfellascott



Ready to go, 3 day pack by Jack Baird



30-06 165 grain Hornady meets piggy by kingsycountry



Fox by colinwhirlpool

To see more photos and comments check out the [member's gallery](#).

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Family hunt by Team Dillo



Hilux vs creek by Tim Herman



Easter camp by Eric the Red



23rd-26th March by mick3006



Best day hunting by Ady Walker



Nice Fallow by Wild Images

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Site news + developments..



■ Forum upgrade

Our [community forum](#) has been upgraded to the latest version. Apart from the new features, upgrading is necessary to improve security and keep up to date with the latest web technologies.

■ Tapatalk mobile app -Forum

Tapatalk has been upgraded to V2 for Android phones. We recommend using [Tapatalk](#) whilst we are still waiting for the Forum's vendors to release their own app.

■ Business Directory upgrade

The [Hunting and Shooting Directory](#) has also been upgraded to the latest version. Some improvements include a better search and geolocation feature. Work will continue on the directory during the year.

■ Facebook timeline

Facebook has released its new timeline format and we have adopted our [site](#) to meet these requirements. We also celebrate 1000 likes!

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Good Luck everybody!

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