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Welcome to the final e-magazine for 2013.

It has been an action packed year for hunters, coming off a good season (in some parts), new gadgets, social media, videos, politics, rallies and turbulent times for NSW licensed hunters.

Looking around the web i have noticed a lot more shooting and gun store websites and social media groups for a range of specific topics. It's great to see the activity and the camaraderie by Australian hunters and proves that we are not going anywhere in a hurry.

As an industry, retailers show good tenacy to compete with overseas outlets though prove home grown customer service is always a winner. I urge all members to support local business where they can.

Looking forward to next year and what AusHunt can do to support our community.

Stay Safe, Happy Hunting and Merry Christmas.

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Good tusky boar

BUSH BEASTS

Producing my latest Wildlife Man film “Bush Beasts” has proved an amazing experience!

We wanted to showcase the damage feral animals do to the Australian environment and also our native animals, so I interviewed scientists involved with researching numerous ways of controlling ferals with baiting and trapping and learned all about these methods, we also wanted to showcase all the other methods of control, including rifle shooting, bow hunting and dogging.

Our main aim was to include feral goats, foxes and wild boar in my film. Because I have been hunting with bow/knife and gun for many years, I had the experience to show these methods of culling, so after some weeks of practicing with my bow and rifle, I took my film crew to numerous locations around NSW hunting boar, foxes and goats.

As always the dogging proved to be successful in flushing boar out of thick scrub, however my job was to jump on the boar after the dogs took hold, I would roll the boar over and pin the angry beast down with my knee behind its lethal head and talk to camera about the problems of feral pigs in the outback. Once I had done my piece to camera I would stick the pig and we would move on to another location and repeat the process. Years ago while dogging, a boar smashed my ribs, as they say once bitten! well each time I had to rush in and take control of the boar from the pig dogs, I always knew just how dangerous the task was!

We also achieved numerous nights shooting boar and foxes, **I used a MHR 17 for foxes and a Tikka 243 for the boar**, mostly we hunted boar in grain paddocks at night and were amazed how many we encountered, foxes seem to be in

massive numbers nowadays, probably because there is no bounty on them and their skins are also worthless thanks to stupid greenies..that would rather have foxes kill all our wildlife than see a lady with a fox skin coat.!!

We interviewed people that had contracted diseases from feral pigs, like Lepto and Q fever and also saw the damage that feral goats do in stripping the mountains of ancient grass trees. We hunted goats with bow and rifle, but found these animals were not always easy to stalk. I found camo clothing to work best in most environments. While culling feral goats near Sofala NSW I managed to shoot a goat with a massive 52 inch horn spread, my best yet!

We also travelled to Cape York to bow hunt Merluna station, a bow only hunting cattle station. Clint the local guide proved a fantastic tracker, each day getting me onto huge boar. Because I had done so much practice with 3D targets, my aim proved true with numerous heart shots on some of my biggest boar kills to date.

My film "Bush Beasts" will be full of action, but also facts, I believe the film will educate Australians just what a menace feral animals are and also why hunting can greatly help with feral animal control. My film also highlights



Trophy goat



Huge boar

the need for extensive practice with bow and rifle before a hunting expedition and that hunters must never take the shot if it in anyway endangers other people, livestock or there is any risk the shot is not a quick and humane kill.

Bush Beasts will be screened on Nine and Win TV mid 2014

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Henno's First Deer

I was forced up to Bendigo (VIC) last friday morning for some work. Thank christ as I have been working my butt off in town with a new contract and dying to get out of the big smoke. And with the continuing cool weather I have also been keen to get out for a bit more deer hunting.

I had thought about the potential for a hunt over Mansfield way after my work was done but thought I'd see what the Mrs thought first. With a new bub as well I didn't like my chances.

Turns out i was wrong. She asked if i'd be hunting after my job! I replied "YES". So along with some basic work gear I threw in the basic hunting kit.

Got over to my spot at about 1430, and after a cuppa with the property owner I headed 'out the back'.

The last time I hunted here I glassed over 7 or 8 fallow for about 3-4 minutes. I had my new remmy xcr11 in .338wm ready to go, but the deer were on another property so there was no way i was going anywhere near the rifle that day. I since gained access to that property as well.

The day I hunted, the wind was pushing pretty hard from the south west. As i donned some basic gear i started out on top of a ridge with good vantage over some low lying scrub etc. As I stalked and glassed to the spot I'd seen the deer last time, I remember thinking 'If i was a deer in this wind I'd bee seeking shelter on the leeward side of the thickest vegetation around.'

I set my steiners on the darkest, thickest patch of pine plantation that was about



First deer

4/500 meters down hill. I worked the bins from one side to the other, and on about the third pass a head with very big ears popped up.

I kept still and suddenly realised there were many more than just one deer.

I counted 22 deer. I couldn't see any bucks, just does and juveniles. That suited me just fine as I'm simply after meat.

I closed the distance to about 120mts and found my target in the cross hairs. In hindsight (no pun intended) I would have been better with the .308, but dead is dead right?? I let the 225grain pill go. It entered the doe through the spine between the shoulders, and she went down instantly. I managed to scone my nose with the scope in the process. The kill was emphatic, the impact of the round simply smashed the backbone and surrounding tissue, and exited through the chest.

The animal was harvested and pillow slipt. All done within 1 1/2 hours. We ate very well saturday night. The wife loved it.

I am over the moon.

Tim Hennessy, VIC.

Hunting with the BMC's

The weekend before last I loaded up the ute and headed off for a weekend hunt with my wife, two boys (5 and 3) and a mate Benny. We had our trailer full of camping gear and two blackmouth curs Rose and Holly.



Troy, Holly and Rose

We arrived and went to setting up the camp. It was still a bit too hot so we wandered up the creek with buckets to get some water. Coming back and we are wondering where those damn yellow dogs are.....squeeelll....bloody suckers.....we jog off and then realise we don't have a rifle or knife so Benny goes back to the ute.

The dogs catch one, go again and then repeat the process. So 40 minutes and over a km from camp and we have another two pigs...one down a wombat hole and the other in a patch of vines.

We head up a quick gully near to camp in the late afternoon and there's a mob on the creek. Holly and Rose lug one each and its time to get back to the camp and cook some dinner for the kids and us.

We have a quiet morning, catching one pig and leaving some others on the top of the hill, hoping that they'll come lower down during the day.

By late afternoon we are headed uphill to a new paddock. We get one and see a few others further out, who turn out to be way up the hill by the time we get closer.

Continuing on, I blow the sidewall out of a tyre on a rock and have the cranks good and proper. Natalie takes the kids and dogs out of the angry husband and wobbly jack zone while Benny and I change the tyre on the side of a hill.

I look up after we are finished and say "Nat where are the dogs?"

"Well they were here a minute ago". We hear them barking downhill. I grab the rifle and jog down. I can see and hear by their bailing that its a good boar. I'm not in the mood for fooling around so the boar gets a 357 magnum bullet in the ear at the first opportunity.

Rose has that look and is gone again. She gets a 30kg black and white boar further down the same gully. I kill it and she's gone again. Benny jogs across and kills Rose's third pig from the mob which was the last pig of the trip.

Natalie meets us down the bottom and its time for dinner, a couple of beers and bed for these old hunters!

Troy Crittle, NSW.

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I have been chasing game for as long as I remember. Humbly starting many moons ago plugging rabbits by sitting over their burrows using a good old .22, to now the patient art of stalking deer and other large game.

Going forward, we plan on continuing to develop new products, like our innovative removable roof blind which is more versatile for hunting and animal observers alike. Our range will continue to grow, but only with products which we can endorse as field tested by us. Find Man vs Wild Australia on Facebook and keep up to date with news, tips and latest products.

It is this passion for hunting deer in particular that helped me to identify a notable gap in the supply of camouflage products within Australia. For sure we can all purchase products from overseas but this poses two significant problems.

Best wishes for the festive season and good hunting.

Jayson Jones, Director [Man vs Wild](#).

1.) The cost of shipping particularly for larger items like camouflage ground blinds.

2.) What do you do if the product fails, where is your point of purchase or product guarantees?

Man vs Wild Australia (established in 2005) is a specialist in the supply of camouflage products to both retailers and to consumers directly through our [website](#). Over the years we have used various kinds of camouflage gear and pride ourselves on our tried and tested range of products. I can confirm that every product we sell is actively used out in the field by the team at Man vs Wild including myself. I can also confirm that the ghillie suit is a fantastic party costume!

On another note, one question we eventually get asked from most customers is, "what's with the business name?" Answer is, we have no affiliation with the TV show (although I was a big fan) and in fact our name was registered a year before the first Man vs. Wild show aired back in March of 2006. Great minds think alike!





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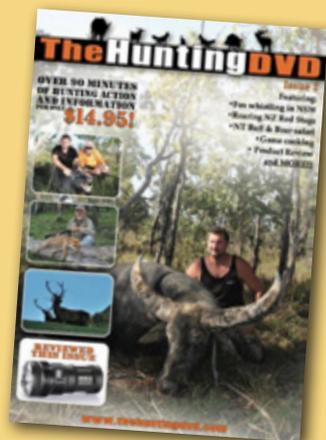
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High Country Model

[Started by whelanlad, Nov 11 2013](#)

Howdy, went up into the High Country on the Cup day for a stalk Tuesday morning with 2 very keen hunters.

We arrived at daybreak and quickly got setup before one mate said “Cheerio see ya’s later” and off he went.... left the other two of us scratching our head for a few moments while we made a plan of attack.

After a few hours glassing big faces an stalking along the steep faces we ran into a preach area and noted several preach trees, as we checked them out and slowly continued on our way we were stopped rather hurriedly by a copper head snake laying 5m off the preach..... Well that kind of holted proceedings, and after a photoshoot with the snake, the mate decided this was as good as any spot to set up a TC..

As he was finding a suitable tree and the right angle, I heard something shuffling around above us about 60m in front... I

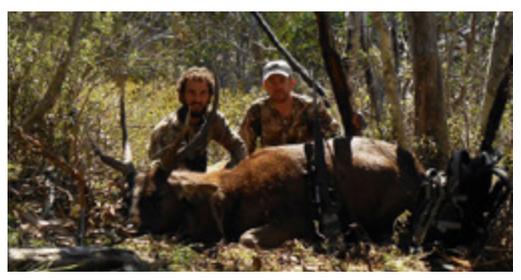
tried to get old mates attention but the ground was rather noisy underfoot and he was snapping sticks to find a place for the camera, I raised my voice a little bit and soon got his attention.

We couldn’t see this critter but it was in no hurry and was kind of loafing its way toward our position, through the wedgetails I was looking into the direction of the noise when all of a sudden a flash of brown between some alpine gums... it was a neck!

I let the mate know I had a visual but was unable to see what it was, then a step forward revealed the coronets brows and face.....

The blood starts pumping when theres 2 BIG brows just through the timber so im telling my mate its a stag with big brows real big brows... I asked if he was gunna shoot it... he’s response was something like “well my fricken rifles 5m infront of you” and on that note I let him know that I was going to roll it..

A few anxious moments passed and I thought this guy was going to scent us as it was getting on about 930 in the morning and the thermals had turned and started heading up... A bolt was in ready position for what felt like 5 minutes and that was when he took another step out on his way an revealed a shoulder.... enough said.



I picked a gap between the alpinas an let one rip from around 50m, the recoil bucked me and the noise was solid.... sounded a little too solid for me and I thought I may have smacked an Alpine.... the mate called "good hit hilldog good hit" as I recycled the bolt and got back on target.

tipped over.. literally. I kept him in the scope in case he was going to do a bolt but the backup shot was never needed and once he lay motion less, **The hill lit up with Yahoos and Wahoos!**

The stag copped the 150gr Corelokt in the shoulder, turned and took 5 steps and

Bloody good morning spent in some bloody amazing country and my first Alpine HC stag to boot.

Happy days!



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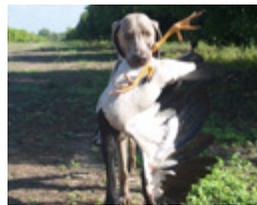
Magpie Geese today

[Started by 268, Nov 9 2013](#)

Got access to a mango block, so had a look on Friday night plenty of birds. So decided to do a morning hunt. Had a great day with bag limit taken between us. Bruss after a slow start and trying my patience eventually retrieved a bird so there is some hope for him yet. Has a soft mouth like a pitbull, which will require some work to stop him damaging birds.

Bruss was marking birds good, and retrieved a heap more. Only gripped the live ones hard.

Birds came in in good numbers so we all had some good shooting.



Sambar hunt ended with a fallow [Started by Rono, Nov 10 2013](#)

Left home at 3.00 am this morning to meet a good mate at his place then off to spot x for a hunt after a welcome cup of coffee and a quick bullcrap session we were into the car and headed to the hunting spot.

As we were driving into the area the day was breaking and a check on the weather and wind the night before had me thinking of hunting another area but to our surprise the wind was in the right direction to hunt the original spot we wanted to.

We started walking to spot x and looking the whole way and we knew there were deer in the area we just did not know where they would turn up and after about an hour into the hunt the mate whispered sambar so we ducked down but we think they

heard us coming and we're not hanging around for too long.

We sat there for another 45 minutes just looking and we spotted them again, there were 4 hind all as fat and pregnant and a good size calf and another small calf.

But as sambar do they always put themselves between a tree and you.

We were never going to shoot the pregnant hind though a fat calf was on the menu but a shot did not present itself and eventually they disappeared into the dogwood. So we keep on pushing on and headed up to the top of the spur and started hunting our way back to the car.

After walking and binoing our way back the mate said to me I need a crap and



said work your way down the face, about 20 yards in I hear him say fallow and then I spotted a doe below me and I raised the 338WM and let rip with a hydro and she dropped on the spot.

There was another spikey with her which I did not see but the mate did. After a few photos we gutted her and I carried her out whole back to the car which was all down hill apart from crossing a creek which was a bit of a struggle.. Back to the mates for a few beers and split the deer in two, half each and then off home.

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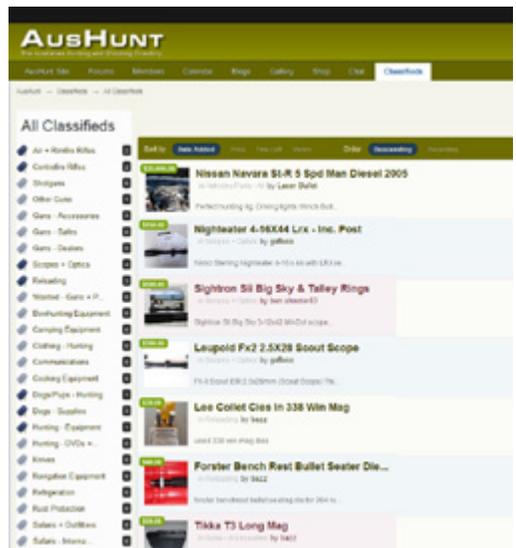
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