



### President's Message

#### How SSAA Queensland protects you

Some members have asked how the SSAA Queensland Deporte Mutual Liability Protection and Firearms Protection work and why they were created. Here's what you need to know.

Unlike traditional insurance companies, which are designed to generate profits for shareholders, Deporte Mutual operates for the benefit of its members. Any surplus funds are reinvested back into improving risk management and strengthening protection for the shooting community.


The mutual itself is run day-to-day by a management team that coordinates between the fund, claim managers, risk surveyors and reinsurers. Oversight is provided by a board that includes representatives from Steadfast ART PTY Limited and SSAA Queensland, helping strong governance and clear communication between all parties involved.

Deporte Mutual is structured as a Discretionary Mutual Fund (DMF), which operates differently from a traditional insurance company. DMFs are generally subject to a different regulatory framework and can have lower tax burdens, although they are still subject to oversight and scrutiny, including from ASIC.

Importantly, the mutual was created to provide stable and reliable coverage for sports shooting and hunting. In recent years many traditional insurers have withdrawn from these areas or significantly increased premiums, making it more difficult for clubs and organisations to obtain appropriate cover.

To further protect members, the mutual also purchases reinsurance. This provides an additional layer of financial protection for claims that exceed the mutual's own retained risk.

Overall, the aim is simple: a member-focused system designed to support and protect the shooting community.

Jeff Ross - President SSAA Queensland 



# A night with Venture Hunting & Outdoors

## ***Rut.Ready.Workshop.™.Film.Screening.with.Twin.Elements***

By Karoline Wasiak

Venture Hunting & Outdoors recently hosted its highly anticipated 'Rut Ready' night in partnership with Twin Elements. The event was designed to educate, inspire and prepare hunters for the upcoming deer rut seasons. Held at Venture's Springwood megastore, the evening drew a packed crowd of around 170 passionate hunters, highlighting both the popularity of the rut period and the strong community spirit within Australia's hunting scene.

The night featured James and Ayden Doumtsis, the twin brothers behind Twin Elements, who are not only acclaimed bowhunters and filmmakers but also qualified veterinarians. Their unique combination of field experience and scientific knowledge set the tone for a presentation that was both practical and deeply informative.

Thank you goes to Dustyn Oloman, the in-store bow hunting expert from Venture Hunting & Outdoors for hosting the event and sharing his own intel, advice and experiences with the captivated crowd.


The night began with the premiere screening of a cinematic highlight film showcasing rut hunts from the previous season. The 20-minute production immersed attendees in the intensity of the roar, featuring dramatic encounters with red stags and fallow bucks during peak breeding activity.

Following the film, the evening transitioned into an in-depth live Q&A session, widely regarded as the highlight of the event. Attendees had the opportunity to ask detailed questions covering:

- Why shot placement on Australian deer is often misunderstood.
- Where the heart actually sits (and why 'behind the crease' can be too far back).
- Arrow weight, broadheads and taking quartering shots.
- How to get permission on private property (and why effort matters).
- Roars vs hind calls and how to read the situation.
- How rut timing changes by region, density, feed and temperature.
- When to move, when to stay quiet and why mid-morning can be 'kill time'
- The ethics and use of thermals.
- Elk vs red deer: similarities and differences.
- Meat care, aging and whether rut animals really taste different.


Follow the boys from Twin Elements on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to see their adventures, and be sure to sign up to the newsletters that Venture Hunting & Outdoors send out so that you don't miss the next event.

To view footage from the night, specifically the Q&A, head over to the Venture Hunting & Outdoors YouTube channel: [@VentureHuntingandOutdoors](#)

Click [here](#) to read the full article. 

# Competition




\*Click [here](#) to enter. GoBucket valued at **\$224.62** and The Kogan valued at **\$34**. Competitions close March 31. 

## The Report: March issue out now!



The March issue of *The Report* is ready for reading. Highlights, include:

- Pig-less pursuit
- 12-page optic special
- Diverse world of the Lee Enfield .303.

There is also a review of ZeroTech's TRACE ED Illuminated LPVO scope, the Lyman Electronic Digital Trigger Gauge, Bushpig 2.0 shotgun and much more. Click [here](#) to download the magazine. 



# Gear Up for Less - Exclusive deals to make your dollar go further

With the increase in prices at the servo, and the general cost of living, now is a great time to take advantage of the savings offered through SSAA Queensland's Exclusive Deals. Access special offers and promo codes from brands that genuinely support shooters, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.

From everyday essentials to premium gear, these partners help you go further, for less. Enjoy savings of 10% to 15% from brands including:

Dog & Gun Coffee, Nitecore Australia, Sky-Watcher, Knife Shop Australia, RMK Leatherworks, Keith 4 Wheels, Redgum Camping, On Track Meals, Outlaw Wines, Backcountry Oufitters, Rugged 4x4, Carbon OffRoad, StrikeHold, QLD Shooters Supplies, PH8 Natural Alkaline Water, Mansfield Hunting & Fishing, GUNrUGG, X-Rust, Pig Sticker, Xtreme Survival, Stoney Creek, and Nate Chrony.

Visit: [SSAA Exclusive Deals](#) for more info and to get your promo codes.

If you have a business and would like to be part of this initiative, please call Karoline on 0412 486 071 or email [karoline.wasiak@ssaaqld.org.au](mailto:karoline.wasiak@ssaaqld.org.au)



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Get your **PROMO CODES** and shop now!

The banner features a central text box with the title 'GEAR UP FOR LESS' in large, bold, red and black letters. Below the title is the slogan 'Support those that support you!' in blue. To the left and right of the central text are various outdoor and shooting gear items, including a knife, a spray bottle of 'X-RUST GUN OIL', a spray bottle of 'STRIKE HOLD', a pair of binoculars, a scope, a tire, and some metal rods. The background is a light grey with a subtle pattern of gear items.

Click [here](#) to see all the deals on offer. 



## SSAA Queensland – on Facebook


SSAA Queensland is back on Facebook. We use the social media platform to share important information with our members. Our methods of communication are growing and include *The Report* magazine, monthly e-newsletters, special e-mail alerts, our website, and Instagram and Facebook pages. If you haven't subscribed, visit: [SSAA Queensland | Facebook](#) And if you need to contact us, you can ring the state office on 07 3281 3447 or send an email to [enquiry@ssaaqld.org.au](mailto:enquiry@ssaaqld.org.au) 

# Jobs board

## ***Backcountry.Outfitters***



Backcountry Outfitters are seeking an enthusiastic and hardworking Warehouse & Customer Service Assistant for a casual or full-time role supporting its wholesale warehouse operations. This position has a strong focus on speed, accuracy, and adaptability, while also providing customer service support to our trade and wholesale customers.

As a small, family-run business with a friendly and supportive environment, this role presents an excellent opportunity for someone looking to expand their skills across warehouse operations, order fulfillment, and customer service within the Australian hunting, shooting, and outdoor industries. To find out more and / or apply, click [here](#). 

## ***SSAA.Queensland***

### INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR SSAA Queensland?

**Location:** Ipswich, Queensland  
Occasionally, vacancies open up across our various departments and, of course, we are looking for capable, enthusiastic staff to join our team.



#### MEMBERSHIP OFFICE

**Requirements:**

- Computer literate, clear speaking voice, patience, dependable.
- Administrative or call centre experience desirable.
- Firearms knowledge desirable but not essential.



#### IPSWICH CITY PISTOL CLUB

**Requirements:**

- H firearms license.
- Courteous, safety-conscious and calm.
- May also be asked to assist the Queensland Shooters Supplies Gun Shop.



#### QUEENSLAND SHOOTERS SUPPLIES GUN SHOP

**Requirements:**

- Firearm licence - A, B & H. If not currently licensed for H must be able to obtain in near future.
- Understanding of firearms, ammunition and accessories.
- Work flexibility essential.
- Retail experience desirable.
- May also be asked to assist the Ipswich City Pistol Club.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR RESUME TO BOTH:**  
[hr@ssaaqld.org.au](mailto:hr@ssaaqld.org.au) and  
[news@ssaaqld.org.au](mailto:news@ssaaqld.org.au)

**POLICE CHECK REQUIRED FOR ALL POSITIONS**

# When the End of the Trail is just the beginning of a good time

By Marlboro Man

February 2026 saw 21 Australian's, including seven SSAA Queensland members, travel to Phoenix, Arizona in the USA to compete at End of Trail, the 45th World Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting.



The Aussie contingent consisted of seven SSAA Queensland shooters (Charlie Wagon, Clancy, Frank Buck James, Lucky Strike Lass, Marlboro Man, Peral Starr and Wild Ruby Rose) two shooters from Western Australia (Doc Carnegie and Sister Sarah Carnegie), one shooter from the ACT (Constable Nelson), nine shooters from NSW (Broken Spur, Mean Mongrel Matt, Ringer's Ruby, The Ringer from Down Under, Sassy Bell, Savage Sam, Tornado Tommy, Trapper from Oz and Waco Kid from Oz) and two shooters from Queensland (Jackaroo and Kathouse Kelli).


This was truly an international championship with competitors from 11 countries.

The event was a week-long affair, with the Wild Bunch Championships and other side matches held from a Monday to Wednesday and the main Cowboy Action Shooting Championships shot over a Thursday, Friday and Saturday.


The main match consisted of 12 stages spread out over three days. With 645 competitors shooting, we all took it in turns to shoot four stages a day on either a morning, midday or after wave. In the main match alone, more than 185,760 rounds went down range, but not all of them hit their targets.

Three of the SSAA Queensland members (Frank Buck James, Lucky Strike Lass and Marlboro Man) all shot the match clean, as did six other Aussies (Doc Carnegie, Jackaroo, Kathouse Kelli, Mean Mongrel Matt, The Ringer from Down Under and Savage Sam).

After the dust settled in the Arizona desert, we held our own amongst the best Cowboy Action Shooters in the world. See [here](#) for the full story and results.

If you wish to find out more about the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting, visit the SSAA Queensland website at [ssaaqld.org.au/discipline/single-action/](http://ssaaqld.org.au/discipline/single-action/) or contact the Queensland state discipline chair Frank Buck James at [singleaction@ssaaqld.org.au](mailto:singleaction@ssaaqld.org.au) 

## 2026 Championship Calendar

Action Pistols, Bundaberg, July 10-12  
Air Rifle, Tin Can Bay, March 20-22  
Big Game Rifle, Eidsvold, August 21-23  
Cannon, Fraser Coast at Open Rendy, July 4  
Combined Services, Eidsvold, May 2-4  
Lever Action Silhouette, Townsville, May 2-4  
Field Rifle 4P/3P, Warwick, August 14-16  
Gallery Rifle, Clermont, April 18-19  
Juniors, Captains Mountain, July 4-5  
Lever Action, Townsville, September 5-6  
Rendezvous, Ipswich, May 2-4  
Rifle Silhouette, Brisbane, October 3-5  
Shotgun, Stewartdale, July 17-19  
Single Action, Gladstone, April 30 – May 4  
NRA Pistol Silhouette, Mackay, May 21-24  
Target Pistol, Bowen, August 8-9  
United Field & Retrieving, Stewartdale, August 27-29  
SDC Meeting, Captains Mountain, Nov 14-15  
QLD AGM, Captains Mountain, September 12-13  
Single Action, Captains Mountain, October 26 

## SSAA Queensland membership: Don't be tricked!



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** **URGENT**

**Members:** Please ensure you are renewing your SSAA Queensland membership through the **SSAA Queensland website ([ssaaqld.org.au](http://ssaaqld.org.au))** or if in doubt call our office on **07 3492 9237**. Do not attempt to renew your membership through the SSAA Inc website, as this will sign you up to a South Australian company called the Queensland Hunting & Shooting (QHS) club that doesn't qualify as a genuine reason for a firearms licence in Queensland or allow access to our clubs and ranges. If you have been tricked and have joined QHS, call the SSAA Inc membership office and demand a refund. Call 02 8805 3900. 