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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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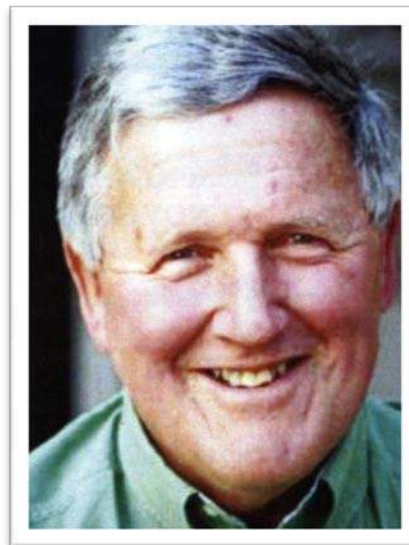
I look forward to presenting the Autumn report as that will mean that this dreadful Summer will be over - poor rain fall, record temperatures, fires in the south and devastating floods in the north. Sadly, once again, some deer farms have not escaped the flames.

This Summer edition contains the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Deer Industry Association of Australia, as well as annual reports that will be presented and discussed at the meeting. I urge you to attend and to bring this ADF edition with you.

At the end of the AGM, there will be an open forum to discuss the state and future of our industry. Have your say, not just on this day but throughout the year by contacting our secretariat. Currently the board receives very little input from members. We would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Consider this - the only objective measurements of the state of deer farming in Australia are the NSW Livestock Health and Pest Authority returns and deer slaughter numbers provided by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Levies. Both numbers show a fall. From 11,726 deer in NSW 2010-11 to 10,723 in 2011-12. For the first six months of this financial year, deer slaughter numbers have fallen to 2,737 from 3,129 for the equivalent period in the preceding year.

Please read my annual report, especially the section on levy collection fees. Levies involve us all and I encourage non-member levy payers to join the DIAA and have a say in the future of Australian deer farming.



I look forward to seeing you at the AGM in Melbourne on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Andrew Hansen  
DIAA President