

APPLICATION HOG DEER BALLOT 2021 BLOND BAY HOG DEER ADVISORY GROUP

Applications for the 2021 ballot to hunt Hog Deer opens on the
1st August 2020 and closes **30th November 2020**.



About the Ballot:

- **The entry fee to the ballot is \$25.00 AUD.**
- All deer are free ranging.
- If drawn your hunt **will occur on one of three reserves** located in the Gippsland region of Victoria. These reserves are managed by Parks Victoria and include:
 - Blond Bay or Boole Poole near Bairnsdale; or,
 - Snake Island near Port Welshpool.
- Where applicable, monitoring will be carried out in the balloted areas to inform the 2021 harvest.
- The number of people hunting during each balloted period between February 2020 and June 2020 will be limited.
- By entering this ballot, you accept that you have both read and agreed to the following conditions.

Conditions:

1. Only one application is allowed per hunter.
2. Multiple entries received from the same person may see your entry removed from the ballot draw.
3. **To ensure a sustainable harvest, the sex and number of deer to be harvested by successful balloted hunters, will be specified under authorisation** (this can change from year-to-year).
4. Camping is only permitted at specified areas within each reserve.
5. Successful hunters will be drawn for a specified allocated period (hunting period); another period will not be made available on request.
6. Some of the locations, like Boole Poole and specifically Snake Island, are remote without vehicle access and require a boat and operator that can handle difficult coastal waters to access the reserve. In addition, hunters must be self-sufficient during the balloted hunting period (up to 5 days) and physically capable. Hunters should be aware of these requirements and their personal limitations before accepting a hunt. Hunters drawn for Snake Island are encouraged to read the Game Management Authority (GMA) Fact Sheet on '*Balloted Hog Deer hunting on Snake Island*' at gma.vic.gov.au.
7. Hunters must ensure that any equipment is immediately removed from the reserve at the completion of their hunt. If sharing or providing equipment to other hunters, please ensure this is done outside of the reserve. People leaving equipment or rubbish on the reserve may face significant penalties from Parks Victoria or the GMA.
8. Hunts are non-transferable.
9. By entering the ballot you agree, that if successfully drawn, to your details being provided to the Australian Deer Association who will invite you to attend a hunter education weekend prior to the balloted hunt.
10. By entering the ballot you agree, that if successfully drawn, to your details being provided to other hunters drawn in your period for safety and liaison purposes.
11. By entering the ballot, you agree that if successfully drawn, to your name and town of residence being published on hunting and government websites and social media platforms.

12. All hunters must hold a current Victorian Game Licence endorsed for deer.
13. **All hunters who are successfully drawn are required to attend a mandatory briefing by the GMA and Parks Victoria prior to hunting.** You will be provided with your necessary authorisations and Hog Deer Tags at these briefings. **You will also be required to present photographic identification** at these briefings.
14. Unexpected factors outside of the BBHDAG's control (such as bushfires and disease) may significantly impact on hunting opportunities. The BBHDAG reserves the right to cancel hunting periods. The BBHDAG will ensure timely communication to effected hunters where practicable. Should a hunting period be cancelled **after the ballot draw date**, there is no obligation on the BBHDAG to provide further opportunities nor does it carry any liability for hunters seeking compensation.
15. The BBHDAG reserves the right to remove a hunter from future ballot draws, should a successful and confirmed hunter fail to show at a briefing, or fail to notify the BBHDAG of their non-attendance at least 14 days prior to their scheduled hunt, or be found to bring the program into disrepute. Where this occurs, the hunter will be notified in writing and will have **28 days** to provide a response for the consideration of the BBHDAG.

You can enter the ballot and pay online via the GMA website www.gma.vic.gov.au from 1 August 2020.