

# Media release

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## **New 2015 Victorian Hunting Guide now available**

Victorian game hunters will shortly receive their free annual Victorian Hunting Guide packed with information and updated to reflect game hunting arrangements for the 2015 seasons.

The Game Management Authority CEO Greg Hyams said the 2015 guide would be mailed to all 48,000 licensed game hunters.

“The Hunting Guide includes valuable information on 2015 game hunting seasons as well as important information on bag limits, season dates, hunting methods, where people can hunt and details about how to apply for a new Game Licence,” Mr Hyams said.

“Game hunting is an important cultural pastime in Victoria, with local, interstate and overseas hunters generating thousands of jobs and contributing hundreds of millions of dollars to the State’s economy, particularly in rural and regional Victoria.”

The guide provides a significant link between the industry, hunting organisations and Government and is a great resource for all of Victoria’s duck, deer and quail hunters.

The guide also provides important information on responsible hunting, including firearms safety, how to be a more efficient and effective in humanely hunting game and how to prepare and cook game meats.

“This resource supports hunters to hunt safely and sustainably and to show respect and hunt responsibly,” Mr Hyams said.

The guide is available to the public now on the GMA website and will be mailed to all licensed game hunters by mid-February, prior to the start of the upcoming duck season which opens on Saturday 21 March and closes on Monday 8 June.

Hard copies of the guide will be available from the Game Management Authority and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning regional offices or by ringing the Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

The guide can be viewed online at [www.gma.vic.gov.au](http://www.gma.vic.gov.au)

The Game Hunting Victoria smart phone application will also be updated with the latest hunting information prior to the start of the duck hunting season.

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