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New Victorian hunting manual to replace Guide

Victorian hunters will soon receive a copy of the most comprehensive game hunting manual ever produced in Victoria.

The new manual '*Game Hunting in Victoria - a manual for responsible and sustainable hunting*' will be mailed out to all Victorian Game Licence holders in mid-February and will replace the previous annual Victorian Hunting Guide. Hard copies will also be available from some DELWP, DEDJTR and GMA offices.

Game Management Authority (GMA) Chairperson Brian Hine said the new manual is an important milestone that demonstrates the government's commitment to responsible hunting in Victoria.

"The new manual was developed in close consultation with hunting organisations and relevant government departments to assist game hunters in acting safely, sustainably, humanely and legally", Mr Hine said.

"Delivered as part of the Victorian Government's Sustainable Hunting Action Plan 2016 – 2020, the new comprehensive manual outlines the current laws, firearms safety, hunting methods and equipment, ethics, survival skills and provides improved education and training for game hunters" (available at www.gma.vic.gov.au).

Hunters are reminded to keep their personal copy of the new manual in a safe place as this more extensive manual will not be mailed out annually. An electronic version of this edition of the manual is now available on the Game Management Authority's (GMA) website www.gma.vic.gov.au and future updated versions will be posted on the website as required.

"The future of game hunting in Victoria depends upon ethical and responsible hunter behaviour and I urge all hunters to ensure they comply with the critical information contained in this manual", Mr Hine said.

Hunters are reminded to check the GMA website www.gma.vic.gov.au regularly to ensure they have the most up-to-date information available on game hunting and seasonal arrangements.

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