



**VICTORIAN GAME & DEERSTALKING ASSOCIATION**  
**(VicGame)**  
 PO Box 127,  
 Blackburn Sth. 3130

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name of principal applicant				
Residential address				
Postal address				
Occupation				
Email Address				
Telephone number	Private		Business	
Type of Membership required <b>(Circle one only)</b>	Single <b>\$50</b>	Family <b>\$50</b>	Student <b>\$20</b>	Pensioner <b>\$35</b>
Please supply names of <b>all</b> family members plus <b>ages</b> of all child members if family membership required.  <b>(Attach extra sheet if insufficient room.)</b>				

Have you ever been convicted of an offence under the Firearms Act?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Have you ever been convicted of an offence under the Wildlife Act?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Do you currently have any charges pending?	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

If you have answered yes to any of the above, please attach brief relevant details.

### DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

I, the undersigned applicant, declare that the information which I have provided in this application form is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby consent to the initiation of any necessary assessments relevant to this application with the police and wildlife authorities by the Committee of VicGame, understanding always that any such information is strictly private and confidential, and shall be strictly maintained as such by VicGame according to its Constitution and State and Federal laws.

Further, I have read and understood the Preamble and Objects of VicGame, the Code of Ethics and Rules of Fair Chase attached to this application form and agree to abide by them and the Constitution of VicGame (See reverse of this application form).

Signature of applicant..... Date.....

### NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (For new and lapsed membership renewals only.)

<b>PROPOSER'S NAME</b>	<b>SECONDER'S NAME</b>
<b>PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE</b>	<b>SECONDER'S SIGNATURE</b>

(Proposer and Seconder must be full current members of VicGame.)

## **PREAMBLE**

**This Preamble and the Objectives shall never be altered or amended in the life of the Association.**

1. This Association holds it inviolate that the Right to hunt is an inalienable part of the cultural and social heritage of humankind, and that this Association exists for the preservation, propagation and extension of that Right, and to defend its practice against those who would abolish it or bring its practice into disrepute.
2. Recognizing that the executive powers of its Officers derive only from the consent of its Membership, there shall be a separation of powers.
  - (a) The Executive of this Association shall make no rules or ordinances, but shall administer the Association according to powers granted by the Membership assembled in quorum, and
  - (b) All rules and business of the Association legally or constitutionally binding upon the Membership shall be made by its Members assembled in quorum.
3. To be opposed to paid recreational hunting of public Game and unprotected species for private gain.
4. The Association shall not support the coursing and scent-trailing of Deer with dogs.

**No amendment of the constitution shall oppose these principles, and all such amendments and interpretations, on being presented, shall be null and void.**

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

In pursuance of the Preamble above, this Association is founded upon the following objectives -

1. To promote the conservation of Game species and to preserve the hunting ethos for future generations.
2. To support research into the ecological requirements of Game species.
3. To promote management policies and strategies consistent with the conservation of Game species, and to persuade Governments to adopt such policies and strategies.
4. To defend and extend Right of Access for hunting into public lands.
5. To preserve Good Will access to private lands.
6. To support the conservation of the natural environment and indigenous species based upon sound scientific study and sustainable use.
7. To educate Members in the techniques of hunting and safe usage of hunting tools.
8. To support the use of recognised gun dogs for the location, pointing, flushing and retrieval of Game.
9. To establish facilities for the safe practice of hunting tools.
10. To establish accommodation for Members accessible to hunting lands.
11. To render assistance in emergencies.
12. To establish branches.
13. To assist in the control of noxious and problem species.
14. To establish youth training programs.
15. To affiliate with umbrella organizations with sympathetic aims.
16. To uphold the Constitution of this Association among its Members.

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

1. Value and care for the Land and the Waters and support their conservation.
2. Take no more from the Land than will be used.
3. Do not value the trophy above the end use of game taken.
4. Become skilled enough to place the shot for the most effective kill.
5. Recover all Game meat.
6. Make every effort to recover any wounded Game.
7. Never push or drive Game into any form of entrapment.
8. Do not hunt with any form of artificial light, electronic device or mechanised form of pursuit.
9. Leave no trace of your stay in a hunting area.
10. The safety of others is paramount. Positively identify Game before shooting.
11. Equipment should be adequate to the Game hunted and within the capability of the hunter to use.
12. Never hunt for monetary gain.
13. Strictly observe ALL firearms safety handling procedures.
14. Be considerate of another hunter's on-site hunting location.

## **RULES OF FAIR CHASE**

1. No dog shall be used to course or scent-trail Game.
2. A gun-dog only shall be used to point, flush from cover, find or retrieve shot Game.
3. No dog shall be used which is not under the direct control of the Hunter.
4. No vehicle shall be used to hunt Game.
5. No artificial light or electronic device shall used to hunt or locate Game.
6. No bait (food lure) shall be used to entice Game into shooting range.