



## **Traditional Archery Australia Code of Ethics**

**The Bowhunter respects the environment, and therefore:**

- a**, Cuts no standing timber without the permission of the landowner.
- b**, Ensures that campfires are properly extinguished and observes the utmost caution against starting grass or scrub fires.
- c**, Buries food scraps and rubbish from the campsite or removes same for later disposal where required by the landowner.

**The bowhunter respects the interests of both private and public landowners, and therefore:**

- a**, Does not hunt any property without the PRIOR permission of the owner or occupier, on each and every occasion. (those members caught poaching will be prosecuted and their membership cancelled.)
- b**, Does not hunt without the required permits, where required either as a legal or Association, requirement.
- c**, Is careful not to disturb livestock and is prepared to give assistance to stock in distress if appropriate, and in serious cases will notify the owner or occupier immediately.
- d**, Becomes familiar with property boundaries, where necessary, and thus ensures that there is no trespass on properties where prior consent has not been obtained.
- e**, Leaves all gates as found, excepting as required by the owner or occupier.

**The bowhunter respects game hunted, and therefore:**

- a**, Hunts only legal game species, as prescribed by the Association.
- b**, Shall endeavour, as far as practicable, to obtain a quick, clean harvest, and therefore hunt at distances which will make this aim attainable and selects and maintains equipment appropriate to the game hunted.
- c**, Uses only sharp broadheads, waits for clear, short shots and avoids shots at running game. Chooses not to shoot if the shot is questionable. Does not use the “Barbed” broadhead for land game.
- d**, Shall endeavour, as far as practicable, to hunt down and mercifully dispatch all wounded game. Only after sincere and unavailing effort may the recovery of wounded game be abandoned. A member in the immediate area shall assist in recovery of wounded game, if requested to do so.

**The Bowhunter takes pride in membership of the Association, and associated responsibilities, and therefore:**

- a** Acts in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
- b** Has obtained a good working knowledge of bush craft, game hunted, first aid and his own and equipment limitations.
- c** Carries, at all times, proof of membership of the Association.
- d** Obeys all rules for safe bowhunting, and exercises commonsense whether on the hunt or on the field range, and will insist that fellow hunters, or archers will do the same.
- e** Will not display on personal vestments, awards not legitimately earned.
- f** Will not cause the Association to be brought into disrepute.
- g** Obeys the Rules of Fair Chase and all Guidelines and Regulations, of the Association at all times.