Murrumbateman Landcare Group: Our Browning trail cameras

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MLG has three very user-friendly Browning *Extreme Spec Ops full HD video* trail cameras....

Available for loan to 2017-18 or 2018-19 financial members.

They do day and night (infra red) videos (MP4) and still pictures (JPG).

Videos include sound.

Settings allow changes in picture quality, length, delay etc.

You generally do not need any software on your computer.

The SD cards provided hold 16Gb of data (equivalent to about 1,000 10sec HD videos or 5,000 photos).

We have purchased security locks so that the cameras can be locked to whatever you mount them to.

They are very easy to use….

I have set them up to take 10sec HD videos but it is very simple to change the specs.

The instruction book is well written and easy to follow.

Information about each picture or clip appears at the bottom of the image:

- Barometric pressure
- Temperature
- Date and time
- Camera name

Batteries….

The cameras each take 8 alkaline AA batteries or 8 AA rechargeable batteries.

Both types seem to have a long life.

Cameras that you borrow from us will have batteries with enough charge for at least several hundred videos.

The rechargeable batteries show 80%-90% when fully charged.

The battery status shows on the camera screen.

Note that when the batteries are removed, the setup date and time information may be lost and has to be reset (though this is easy to do). Other metadata such as settings and camera name are not lost.

To view, delete and save your pictures….

You can view and delete images on the camera itself but it's much easier to do on a computer.

- Remove the SD card and put it in the SD slot of your computer.
- Open the SD directory on your computer and view files. This is the pathway on my computer: SDHC (G:) \DCIM\ 100_BTCF.
- Save the pictures you want to the computer e.g. C:\....\Pictures\Browning trail cam.
- As the numbering of the pictures in each download starts at 001, I suggest that you save files to a distinct sub-directory (e.g. C:\....\Pictures\Browning trail cam\August 2018) so that you don't overwrite previous files.
- Don't forget to delete the photos from the SD card once you have taken what you want!

Camera placement

Avoid wind initiated images
- Place the camera so that movement of grass or leaves doesn't set it off. On a windy day, the camera will be set off continually.
- If you don't get this right, you might find yourself trawling through hundreds of videos or thousands of photos.

Install the camera out of public view – they are attractive to thieves.

To get the right view from the camera, you just have to experiment – keep moving its position until you get the view you want. You can look at images on the camera to see if it is placed where you want it.

If you point the camera at a watering spot (e.g. bird bath), you should be well rewarded.

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