



"Goughy"

20.11.1940—16.08.2012

Written for The Scotch Collegian by Graeme Stoney.

JOHN GOUGH (54-57) Bushman, Mountain Cattleman and poet.

We sadly record the passing on August 16, 2012 of highly regarded Mansfield Mountain Cattleman and farmer John Russell Gough, fondly known as "Goughy".

A School House photo including 'Goughy' was displayed at the packed funeral service held at Mansfield.

John initiated running goats for milk in the Mansfield district and supplied a factory at Yea and more recently the emerging tourist mecca, Milawa Cheese Factory and Bakery.

John Gough loved the bush. He wrote poetry reflecting his connection with the Mountains and was a fervent believer in the multiple use of public land.

As a Mountain Cattleman, John and his father Jim, began running cattle in the Upper Howqua in the 1960's. In the mid 1970's, John (and later with his four children: Murray, Robert, Jenny and Lisa) moved their cattle to the No 3, Clear Hills and the King River runs.

John also mustered for many years on the Bluff with the Stoney family.

John took part in the famous Cattlemen protests in the 1980's against the creation of the Alpine National Park which threatened the continuation of Alpine grazing.

A bush poet in his own right, he penned many poems including "Smokey". The poem was read at Johns' funeral. Smokey was a champion bush horse owned by Graeme Stoney (54-56) and often ridden on the Bluff by John. The poem was published in the Mountain Cattlemen's annual magazine "The Voice of the Mountains" and in a book "The Howqua Hills Story" (by Chris Stoney ('80-'83)

John had not been in good health for some time and was cared for at home by his family. He loved his family and they loved him.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF

John Russell Gough

Reflection in Love and Gratitude

- Jen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Farewell

—including excerpt from

"A Bushman's Last Farewell" - Catherine Clarke

The Committal

The Sending Out

The Blessing

Recessional Music

"I'll Never Find Another You" - The Beggars

Opening Music

"G'day G'day" - The Wayfarers

Introduction, Welcome, Announcements

Ann McCormack

Reading

"Smokey" - John R. Gough,

published in *The Voice of the Mountains*

Lighting the Candles

Marj, Murray, Rob, Jen and Lisa

Reflection

Remembering

Eulogy — Carmel Shippen

Remembering Reflection

Snapshots of Goughy's Life and Loves

"Memory" — from *Cats*

Words of Sympathy

Poem

"The Colliwobble Kid" - John R. Gough,

- Jen

Coffin Bearers:

Murray, Robert, Jennifer and Lisa Gough,
Rohan Miller and Troy Menhennet

A Celebration of Life

The Mansfield community's sympathy goes to John's wife Marj. and his children Murray, Robert, Lisa and Jenny.

Authorised by Marj. Gough 57773540



Thank You

FOR COMING TODAY AND FOR YOUR
MANY KIND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

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Invitation

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AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE
AT THE BOWLING CLUB, AILSA ST.

Marj and family



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