



The placegetters in the Cattlemen's Cup are pictured during the presentation ceremony. From left: Ken Connley, Omeo; Graeme Stoney, Mansfield; Hayden Hamilton, Boisdale.

“Chrysanthemum” is new musical

The next production of the Mansfield Musical and Dramatic Society will be the light-hearted musical, “Chrysanthemum”.

Set in England at the turn of the century, the musical deals with the trials and triumphs of a young English lady who leaves home one evening to get the milk and does not return until three years later.

When she does return, carrying the milk and a tarnished reputation, there is confusion in the family and chaos in the underworld from which he has escaped.

Auditions for the musical, which calls for a large cast and a strong back-stage team, will take place on Thursday, February 9 at the Mansfield Primary School.

Producer will be Bev Walshe, whose former experience includes work with the Sydney based Ensemble Theatre and a role in the society's musical, “The Boy-friend.”

Mansfield in new tourist region

Mansfield is to become part of a new tourist region to be known as The North-east Tourism Ltd.

Mr John Perks of Mansfield, who is a director of the Goulburn Region Tourist Authority, explained that North-east Tourism Ltd will incorporate the existing Goulburn Region Tourist Authority based at Nagambie and the Northeast Tourist

Authority based in Wangaratta.

The amalgamation of the two bodies into one new body follows a directive from the Victorian Government to rationalise 12 regional tourist authorities to six country and one metropolitan region.

North-east Tourism Ltd will represent a total of 32 shires in the region. (Previously Mansfield was one of 19 shires represented by the Goulburn Tourist Authority.)

The new region has its boundaries in Cobram, Albury/Wodonga, Mansfield, Eildon, Alexandra, Seymour, Nagambie and Shepparton.

Mr Perks, who is a member of a four-man working party preparing the papers for the new organisation expects that four representatives from each of the two bodies to be amalgamated will meet in March to form the new “joint” organisation.

• Annual cattlemen's get together

HORSE RACE, WEDDING... AND A GHOST

More than 1200 people, including many Mansfield people, attended the annual mountain cattlemen's get together last weekend at Holmes Plain, deep in the High Country close to the Great Divide.

Highlights of the weekend included the running of the second Mountain Cattlemen's Cup, the wedding of a mountain cattleman and the appearance of a “ghost” at the closure of Sunday's program.

The mounted “ghost” was arranged as a treat and practical joke on the crowd by well known Gippsland cattleman, Clive Hodge.

The weekend was dominated by the Connely family of Omeo, with Tom Connely celebrating his marriage and his brother Ken winning his second Mountain Cattlemen's Cup.

Ken was the winner of last year's cup which was run at Sheepland Flat and hosted by the Mansfield branch of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association. He was also a starter in the Great Mountain Race of Victoria held at Sheepland Flat last November but failed to get a place.

Last weekend's race proved to be an exciting spectacle with the traditional jumps and creek crossings with Mansfield's representative, Graeme Stoney, putting in a strong challenge to come in second place. Hayden Hamilton from Boisdale took off third place.

TOAST

Following the cup presentation by the president of the V.F.G.A., Mr Des Crowe, Ken said he hoped cattlemen would be in the mountains another 150 years and proposed a toast to mountain cattlemen and their horses.

Tom's bride, Sue Briggs, arrived by decorated jinker across the plain, escorted by three bridesmaids on horses and a large group

of mounted cattlemen from all over the High Country.

The ceremony was witnessed by the guests at the get together and made history for the area and the mountain cattlemen.

Guest speakers at Saturday night's get together were Mr John Mitchell, a member of a long established cattlemen's family from Corryong, who lost their leases when the Kosciusko National Park was formed, Mr Rod Mackenzie, Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands, and Mr Jim Commins, Ensay, president of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria.

The future of the mountain cattlemen and their right to graze cattle in the alps is under review by the Government and the guest speakers reflected on this concern and the implications for the Victorian community.

The attentive crowd applauded as Mr Mackenzie stated that a compromise should be reached so that all people who love the high country can enjoy it.

Speaking after the weekend, liaison officer for the association, Mr Graeme Stoney, said that a strong groundswell of opinion favorable to cattlemen was emerging in the community and it was obvious that a large number of responsible people did not want cattle phased out of the

high country of Victoria.

He went on to say that these people were moving in their own way to convince the Government that the heritage of the mountain cattlemen should be preserved in the Victorian high country.

Great grandparents at christening

Important guests at the christening of Sarah Jane Mason at St John's Church, Jamieson, on February 5 were great grandparents, Mr and Mrs Seth Trenfield, formerly of Jamieson and now of Queensland.

Father Tony Grenville performed the christening ceremony, after which 50 friends and relatives gathered at the Jamieson Post Office to congratulate the baby's parents, Kath (nee Buchanan) and Bruce Mason, now of Melbourne.

Bruce is the son of Mrs Mason of the Jamieson Post Office.

The great grandparents of Sarah Jane, Seth and Moyha Trenfield are visiting from their home in Redlands Bay.

Their daughter, Mrs Nella Buchanan, the mother of Kath, said this week that the couple arrived in November for the wedding of their other daughter, Libby, now Mrs Williams.

They will return mid-February.

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