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Relaxing at the Mountain District Cattlemen's Association of Victoria barbecue and two-day get-together at Mirrimbah are (from left): Cr Jim Tehan (Mansfield Shire president); Mr Cec Burgin, MLA; Mr Jim Commins (president, MDCAV); Mr Borthwick (Minister for Lands & Conservation); Mr Graeme Stoney (secretary, Mansfield branch MDCAV); Mr Lyle McCready (vice-president, MDCAV); Mr Tom Trewin, MLA; and Mr Jack Lovick (president, Mansfield branch, MDCAV).

# Dookie Beef Cattle Field Day

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## HIGH COUNTRY CATTLE 'WILL NOT BE MOVED'

There was no way that cattle would be taken off the high country, the Minister for Conservation and Lands, Mr Borthwick, told more than 300 people at the Mountain District Cattlemen's Association of Victoria barbecue and annual get-together last Saturday.

Mr Borthwick told the gathering that he knew of no other group which had been more conscious of the value of the high country than the mountain cattlemen.

It was the highlight of the weekend get-together organised by the host branch, Mansfield.

Mr Borthwick commended the association for engaging excellent consultants to investigate the effect cattle grazing had on the high plains.

"Anyone who comes to the mountains as a visitor is impressed by the warmth of the people and the magnificent sense of identification they have with the area and the love of it.

"To do away with anything that is a part of a tradition would be an absolute tragedy," he said.

"There is no way that the cat-

tlemen will be removed from the high plains."

Mr Borthwick said he could not give any indication of what might come out of the Land Conservation Council recommendations.

Mansfield Shire president, Cr Jim Tehan, said he had recently toured the high country and had never seen it so dry and for this reason he had expected to find that grasses would have been damaged by grazing.

"But there was no evidence of such damage.

"I commend the Cattlemen's Association on its attitudes to the environment."

President of the Mansfield branch of the association, Mr Jack Lovick, said the association was formed about 20 years ago to combat adverse and ill-informed publicity.