

'THE MAN' RIDES IN



by Phil Maguire

Guess who came to Ringwood Market last Friday afternoon? That's right — The Man From Snowy River himself.

Well, it was the next best thing. Tom Burlinson who played 'The Man' in the movie turned up riding on 'Denny' the hardy mountain pony he rode down the mountainside in the film's final sequence.

And guess who turned up to meet Tom and Denny? None other than the Premier, Mr Cain.

Mr Cain was in Ringwood to do some last minute politicking, but Tom Burlinson had turned up to talk on behalf of the Mountain Cattlemen.

"Don't tell me that they've conned you as well?" the premier said, referring to the cattlemen.

"No, I haven't been conned," said Tom.

The quietly spoken Burlinson had decided to take a break from preparations for his new movie to fly to Melbourne and speak on behalf of the Mountain Cattlemen.

He made many friends among them during the filming of the movie, and is the Godfather of Charlie and Glenda Lovick's son, Craig.

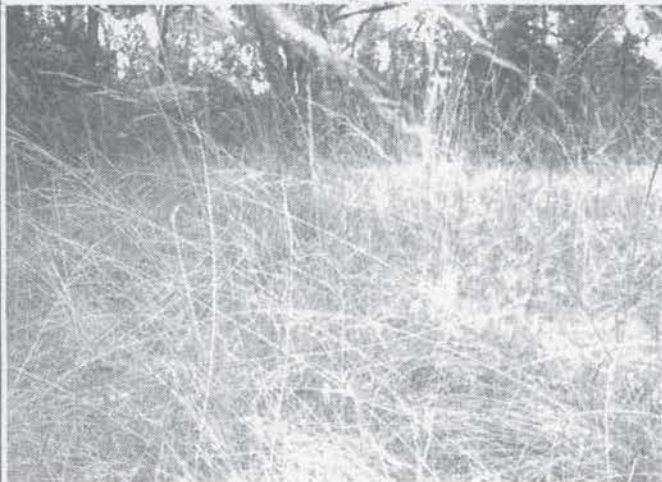
While at the market Tom wielded the stockwhip a few times and showed he had lost none of his old skill.

"Charlie taught me to ride and to crack the whip. And what Charlie teaches you don't forget," he said.

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BUSHLAND BURNS



A report to Nunawading Council has recommended that fuel reduction burning be carried out on a 10 year rotational basis throughout the city's bushland areas.

The report was made by the Chief Fire Officer of the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, Mr A. Hodgson.

Mr Hodgson carried out an inspection of the reserves earlier this year with Nunawading's Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr John Brandenburg.

The report says that in order to maintain a diversity of vegetation within parks including Yarran Dheran, Antonio Park, Wandinong and Blackburn Lake about 10 per cent of their areas be subjected to low intensity fuel burning annually.

Mr Hodgson said that to reduce fuel levels over significant areas for fire protection services would reduce their value as habitats for native fauna, however the long term absence of fire would also disadvantage wildlife.

"A good example of the relationship between fire and fauna exists in the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary where a colony of sugar gliders has been established. Research has demonstrated that exudates from acacias provide an important food source for this mammal but acacias are dependent on fire for adequate regeneration," he said.

"Consequently, it may be necessary to burn parts of the park in the future to provide a continuing supply of acacias for the sugar gliders."

Mr Hodgson said that in other reserves it may be necessary to burn sections to ensure the

regeneration of under-story species of plants.

The report disagreed with a proposal to clear a 10 feet wide firebreak between Trove Park and adjoining properties.

"Such a firebreak would necessitate clearing 25 per cent of the total area of the reserve, and that would be unacceptable," he said.

"However, if the landowners adjoining the eastern side are prepared to accept any risk of fire with no break on their boundaries they should be allowed to do so."

REGULATIONS

Post last week checked the regulations that bind the council in regard to fire prevention and under the Country Fire Authority Act No. 6228 the council is to "take all practical steps", to prevent fires.

The report stated that fire is a good management tool to improve bushland by reducing the mass of litter generated by non native grasses kills seed in annual grasses and stimulates the germination of some native species.

But it noted that there were several practical difficulties to consider when planning a control burn.

These were:

- Neighbours who don't mind lighting their incinerators but who may object to smoke from a control burn.

- There are only a few days in the year when conditions are suitable.

- The decisions and skills necessary require experienced employees.

- There is a difference of opinion as to whether spring or autumn controlled burns are more beneficial for bushland areas.

- As control burning can occur outside normal working hours, there is additional financial cost.

The main recommendations of the report are as follows:

1. That council continue its program of providing and managing parks with a bushland character as these areas provide a recreational and environmental experience for the community often not found in other parks, and also that they provide a wildlife habitat of high scenic and educational value.

2. That the annual inspection undertaken with officers of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board continue and the works necessary be undertaken prior to the summer season. Should the requirement of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade be considered unnecessarily harsh, the Director of Parks and Recreation report to council so that the extent of works can be resolved.

IT'S A STICK UP

What will the Builders Labourers Federation get up to next?

We all know that 'Bill Posters' has been prosecuted many times and will no doubt be prosecuted again, but will the BLF be prosecuted for its latest use of 'Bill Posters'?

There are at least two shop owners in Market Street, Nunawading, who think it should.

Nunawading dental technician, Mr Leon Minc, is one. He arrived at work last Friday morning and found a freshly printed poster stuck on the window of his shop. There was another on the shop next door.

It made use of an extract from "The Age" of Thursday, July 7, 1955, which state that Mr Waldon was best man at Mr Cain's wedding.

At the bottom of the poster the wording read: 'Independence Of The Judiciary? Ha Ha'

However, the joke was on the BLF, because whoever stuck up the two posters was apparently planning to put them on every shop in the street, but was disturbed halfway through.

He fled leaving behind several unstick

The Judge Who Gaoled Norm Gallagher Was John Cain's Best Man



Independence Of Judiciary? Ha Ha

The poster alleged that justice had not been done to Norm Gallagher and that in fact the Judge who sentenced him, Mr Glenn Waldron, and the Premier, Mr Cain, were in cahoots.

posters, a pot of glue and a brush.

So poor old Bill Posters came unstuck this time but until he strikes again let's hope the Government gives the BLF a good pasting.

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