

ASSOCIATES OF THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

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THE BUSH DANCE.

Have you ordered your tickets for the Bush Dance to be held on June 29th? The Dance Committee has extended the date for the return of ticket applications to June 21st, to enable those of you who may have mislaid your invitation a chance to still attend. The Committee has gone to an enormous amount of time and work on this project to enable you all to have an enjoyable evening. Please show your active support by ordering your tickets NOW:

<u>The date</u>	-	June 29th, 1985 8 p.m. to midnight.
<u>The venue</u>	-	Berwick Showgrounds, Princes Highway. <u>(10 minutes from Dandenong)</u>
<u>The cost</u>	-	Adults \$12 per head. Children under 13 \$4.00 per head.

Supper provided: by the Pancake Kitchen - savoury and sweet pancakes.
Tea and coffee provided. BYO drinks.

The Band - The Cobbers

There will also be several raffles with prizes donated by various firms, including an Akubra Hat, champagne, a belt and buckle, other clothing - goodness knows what!

Camping facilities are available free (of course) at the Showgrounds beside a creek, childrens playground, and hot showers are also a feature.

Motel facilities both in Berwick and Dandenong for those who cling to their creature comforts.

WHO TO CONTACT

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OR PHONE HER ON: (03) 878 7536

Please remember that a tremendous amount of work has been already done to make this a night to remember, and also to raise much needed revenue to support the Mountain Cattlemen in their fight. You are not too young, nor too old to enjoy this occasion. It is a family affair. WE URGE ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TO SHOW THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE CATTLEMEN BY ATTENDING THIS FUNCTION.

THE MOOMBA PARADE.

It all seems such a long time ago now, but in reality only a couple of months have passed since the Mountain Cattlemen rode in the Moomba Parade as part of the 150th birthday celebrations. The whole operation went like clockwork, and the popularity of the Cattlemen was obvious from the rousing cheers they received all along the route. The television coverage of the parade, particularly on the News segments, featured the cattlemen, despite the fact that there must have been 50 or more entries. Cattlemen and their families were also featured on the morning of the Parade on Good Morning Australia (Ch. 10), and Peter Evans made a great deal of them on his Breakfast Show, particularly after being presented with a bag of manure for his rose garden! There were also segments on Channel 9, and Day by Day on Channel 7.

Back at Alexandra Avenue after the Parade, the Associates were fortunate to have the use of the Australian Eagle Caravan, which made setting up our shop so much easier, and gave us wonderful display for our famous photographs. The Associates handed out over 1,000 kits of free material and stickers to a very interested public. We would like to thank Kelvin Bush, Jennie Sparke and particularly Sharon Pimm, amongst the Associates who assisted on the day.

POSTERS AND PUBLICITY

Car stickers seem to be everywhere!! Posters likewise. Great success has been had from Posters put into local Butcher's shops with a back-up of hand out material. This has created great interest, and we have had a steady flow of new memberships thanks to all the publicity. Have you arranged a Poster in your shopping centre yet? Posters may still be obtained from Sue Silvers, 28 Cityview Road, North Balwyn, but are now in a limited supply. If you can get one displayed locally, please contact Sue.

A SPECIAL BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

After years of to-ing and fro-ing, and following a suggestion by Mr. Harry Stephenson, the Cattlemen will finally be publishing a book - to be launched early next year. This project has always been very dear to the heart of the President of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria, Mr. Jim Commins, and he is delighted to finally see his pet project coming to fruition. The book (as yet untitled) is to be published by William Collins. The intention is that it will cover a wide range of subjects and issues related to the High Country and Alpine Grazing and will be entertaining, informative and accurate. The Mountain Cattlemen wish it to be written in a warm and

friendly, down-to-earth manner, becoming to the Mountain Cattlemen's style of living. The Book will cover such subjects as: Early History, the Heritage of the Mountain Cattlemen, the Scientific Debate, Fire and Grazing Management of the Alps, the Mountain Cattlemens' contribution to Tourism, Tales and Stories of the Cattlemen, the Craft of Grazing Cattle on the High Plains, the Alps, a Renewable Resource, and the Economic significance of High Country Grazing. There will also be chapters on the Cattlemens' fight to survive, the conservation movement, etc.

Any Associate who has good quality black and white prints or colour photographs or slides which could be significant to any of the chapters in the Book please contact Graeme Stoney, "Minto Park", Mansfield, 3722. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated by the Cattlemen. The Book will be approximately 50,000 words, and will contain 70 photographs. It is being compiled and edited by Brian Jamieson and several Associate members in specialized fields are contributing.

Have you got any ideas for a Title? If you can think of something with a lot of punch, but which also spells out the message the Cattlemen are trying to get across, perhaps you could drop Graeme a line.

OLD CATTLEMEN'S PORT

We have had outstanding success with the Port venture. If anyone would like to collect further supplies of this special brew, it will be available at the Bush Dance but you should order now by phoning Kelvin Bush on 057 214 419. This must be done today, in order to give Kelvin time to re-order.

BADGES

At last Badges are now available. If you do not have an Associate members Badge you can obtain one by sending a stamped self addressed envelope to Sue Silvers 28 Cityview Road, North Balwyn, 3104.

THE ALPINE PARK LEGISLATION

We believe that a statement will soon be made regarding the above Legislation. At that time it is important for every Associate member to write to the Minister for Conservation Forests and Lands, and also the newspapers opposing such Legislation. This is an important step in your support of the rights of the Mountain Cattlemen, and indeed all Victorians.

DO NOT FORGET TO ORDER YOUR BUSH DANCE TICKETS NOW

WE ARE COUNTING ON SEEING EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU ON JUNE 29th