

THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Executive Committee Meeting V.F.G.A. House 17.7.79

PRESENT: Lyle McCready, Graeme Stoney, Bill Hicks, Judy Gunter, David Gunter,  
Harry Ryder, Clive Hodge, Jack Treasure, Jack Lovick, Christa Mitchell.

The Meeting was opened by the Acting President Lyle McCready at 1.15 p.m.

APOLOGIES: Bill Cumming and John Mulligan

That the minutes of the last executive meeting be received was moved by Bill Hicks  
and seconded by Harry Ryder.

CARRIED....

DISCUSSION ON MINUTES: Moved Graeme Stoney seconded Clive Hodge that we slightly  
ammend the letters to the Graziers Association and the S.C.A.CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from W.V. Haughton Minister for Conservation  
Letter from Saunders Director of National ParksBoth letters were to explain the policies on run-holders in the newly formed  
National Parks - both said Borthwick put us in the know.Moved Graeme Stoney seconded Jack Lovick that correspondence be received and that  
we seek an audience with Saunders with specific examples of graziers in National  
Parks.

CARRIED....

Statement of Account as at 17.7.79 - \$2,642.02

Moved Graeme Stoney seconded Bill Hicks that Clive Hodge and Lyle McCready have  
authority to sign cheques.

CARRIED....

Discussion on effects of the L.C.C. Recommendations. It appears that eleven members  
of the association are effected.

Omeo District - Kelly &amp; Kelly, Faithfull, Fitzgerald

Mansfield - Stoney, Lovick

North East - Cooper, Roper, Hodgkin, Madison/Mattison (not on my financial list)

Gippsland - Rogers, Hodge, Gunter, (someone can't count that's 13)

North area 3, 4 &amp; 5 - Ryan

East Gippsland area- - John Bruce, Michael Hansen, Ian Minchin, Tom Ventry,

Moved Jack Lovick seconded Bill Hicks that Lyle McCready contact Ian Morton Chairman  
of the Rural Finance & Settlement Commission to ask his advice on help to displaced  
members, such as long term low interest money. Discussion on whether we should become  
involved in the V.F.G.A. Land Use Committee. Lyle McCready reported on Don Kneebone's  
invitations to lecture on Humanitarian Bush Behaviour and to recite his ballads, at  
schools all over Victoria. Discussion arose on points for lobbying politicians.  
Jack Treasure presented a letter Dr. Barry to Mr. Hamer (as directed by previous  
meeting) and Hamer's reply - Home Hlds Here With Hamer "Nothing will be done in Haste  
and we will take every relevant aspect into full consideration." S.J.T. Also presented  
a letter from S.E.S. local man Ian Newnham.

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Gippsland Branch Report: buffer zones around private property necessary if National Parks go ahead.  
reference areas should be within National Parks.  
suitable farming land is tied up into National Park and should be in uncommitted land for future use.

Miles Burke and Vasey Haughton to be approached to be our guest speakers at the Annual Meeting.

Branch Presidents to speak to local members about displaced runholders.

General discussion - Hicks - publicise the eleven members fate

Hodge - these people not put off because of damage due to their particular area but because of pressures on the L.C.C.

J. Gunter - minority group wanting cattle out - Haughton maybe more factual than McCready - public tiring of conservationists' publicity. Predecessor.

Members of the M.D.C.A.V. who are also members of V.F.G.U. should discuss their problems to do with the Alpine Area with the V.F.G.U.

It was decided not to put Re-appraisal of Grazing with the next issue of Voice of the Mountains, the next issue of Voice of the Mountains will be in the same form as Re-appraisal of Grazing.

Moved Clive Hodge seconded Bill Hicks that a letter be forwarded to the V.F.G.U. thanking them for their efforts to have lower petrol prices for primary producers

Meeting closed 4.15 p.m.

CARRIED....  
*Minutes confirmed 20/9/79*  
*J. Williams*