

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIAPRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

Annual Meeting held Tobacco Board Room, Dalgety House, 461 Bourke Street, Melbourne on Friday, September 18, 1981.

Chairperson Mr. J. Commins declared the meeting open at 11.00a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. & Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Crooke (Assoc. Members), W. Cumming, C. Aston, J. Commins, J. Gunter, Rusty Connley, R. Treasure, H. Ryder, Don Kneebone, W. Hicks, L. McCready, G. Stoney, C. Hodge.

APOLOGIES: J. Purcell, I. Minchin, J. Lovick, I. Roper, J. Hall, J. Mulligan.

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. J. Commins welcomed members and a special welcome to our Associates. Apology for not Guest Speaker. Mr. Tucker (formerly U.S.A.) an Associate Member will give an outline of the experiences of his family in Colorado who suffered the same problems we are experiencing now.

MINUTES: of the previous Annual Meeting were read. L. McCready moved Minutes be received. Seconded W. Cumming  
CARRIED  
W. Cumming moved Minutes be confirmed. Seconded J. Gunter

## ELECTION OF

OFFICE BEARERS: President

J. Commins nominated by C. Hodge Elected  
G. Stoney congratulated J. Commins on his efforts over the past 12 months.

Sen. V. President

C. Hodge nominated by G. Stoney Elected

2nd V. President

G. Stoney nominated by J. Commins Elected

3rd V. President

H. Ryder nominated by W. Cumming Elected

Secretary/Treasurer

C. Aston nominated by L. McCready Elected  
General feeling of support for Secretary's efforts over past 12 months.

Liaison Officer

L. McCready nominated by G. Stoney Elected

GENERAL  
BUSINESSPRESIDENT'S  
REPORT:

On the surface it must be regarded as having been a rather quiet year as we wait for the relative authorities to re-shuffle their areas of responsibility. We have always had good relations with these Departments and while the administrative plans of the National Park Service are something of an unknown quantity to most of us, it is to be sincerely hoped that they are drawn on practical and sensible lines and do not attract the ill-feeling and enmity that some of their interstate counterparts have done.

There has been some valuable lobbying during the year by members, particularly Lyle McCready and Graeme Stoney who undertook a P.R. exercise with various Parliamentarians and Departmental people. Tentative arrangements have been made to conduct a number of these people on a guided tour

PRESIDENT'S

REPORT CONT'D:

of the run country this summer so that they may learn a little at first hand of what we talk about. I was asked to write papers on environmental matters and present them at two Symposiums and this gave some opportunity to put some aspects of our case forward. I feel it is very important to do this at every opportunity and I am deeply envious of organisations that are sufficiently affluent to employ full time P.R. experts.

We managed to produce a very well received issue of Voice of the Mountains and great credit and thanks are due to Harry Stephenson and Graeme Stoney for producing it in such a very presentable form.

Another very successful Get-Together was held in February at delightfully picturesque "Shannonvale", the property of the Fitzgeralds and many thanks are due to Bren for making the campsite available and to those who donated their equipment and time to prepare the camp and tidy it up after.

There were two elements of the Get-Together that were not as I would have hoped for. One was that considering the perfect weather and the location, it was disappointing that more did not visit the Bogong High Plains on the Sunday, and the other disquieting thing was the few people, who during the night gave offence to quite a lot of people by very crude language and bad behaviour. While it is almost inevitable that there would be some lapses of good behaviour at such a large gathering of this nature, we must at any future such gathering try to persuade people not to upset the sensitivities of their neighbours.

Again my thanks go to the Branches and members and Associate Members of our Association who have helped our cause that the well managed grazing of cattle be allowed to play its part as a service to the bushlands of Victoria which, incidentally, costs the community nothing.

G. Stoney moved report be received. Seconded L. McCready CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

V. Barnes moved that Associate Members pay \$10 for membership as from date of Annual Meeting 1981. Seconded M. Jordan CARRIED

C. Hodge felt membership fees should go up but perhaps it should be discussed by Branches. Meeting decided fees should be discussed and or changed at Annual Meeting. L. McCready moved \$2 increase on 100 to now be \$16 and \$7 for every part thereof, plus when the cost of the badge is established to be added to subscription. Seconded C. Hodge CARRIED

C. Hodge suggested the badge be discussed in General Meeting. L. McCready felt the badge issue is part of Get-together and it is responsibility of MDCAV although run by branches.

L. McCready felt the speakers should give their address before the barbecue begins and close the bar during speeches. There should be a Headquarters tent for use by Secretary and President to set up sales of Voice of the Mountains and as an information centre. Also for use for any private discussions with officials. A flag could be erected to indicate where the Headquarter tent is. Funds could be allocated by Central Committee to purchase a suitable tent to be owned by Association.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS  
CONT'D:

G. Stoney agreed the best time for speeches should be just prior to barbecue while people are still prepared to listen.

J. Gunter brought up the inspection could be arranged for Saturday afternoon to give a common ground for discussion and have people informed as to reason for Get-together. C. Hodge felt J. Gunter's idea was good but it may not be practical because people are still arriving on Saturday afternoon. Suggestion of a programme to be handed out at the gate outlining the weekend activities to be given to each car.

LIAISON  
OFFICER'S  
REPORT:

L. McCready gave a brief report. We find that it is still a case of voting on party lines, regardless of the feeling of the individual. Bill Borthwick is very keen to attend next Get-Together. Omeo meeting there were members who had problems with showing the Government Dppartments. M.P.'s were prepared to help but our members did not submit the necessary information. New Secretary of Lands' attitude was cannot do anything to help but can give you some time. He said Government has given instruction for increase of 8% on the fees. So we can expect higher fees. Fees should be such as to compliment the land being leased (e.g. good land = high fees, bad land = less fees)

Department of Agriculture and Forestry at Melbourne University are doing research on grazing on high plains. It is very slow but should be more efficient and accurate than previous methods. Environment Protection people becoming a force and RSPCA Committee would not let Department of Agriculture have sole supervision over our farms.

The inspection must be organized by November, 1981 and it is very important to organize it in plenty of time and give enough notice to M.P.'s.

Vermin and Noxious Weeds Department allocated \$2,000,000. The Board is set up for six months to plan 5 years of work. C. Hodge moved report be accepted. Seconded G. Connley  
CARRIED

BUSINESS  
ARISING FROM  
REPORT:

There is still a lot of work to be done with L.C.C. in C. Hodge area and L. McCready stresses the importance for Branches to keep him upto date with what is happening in their respective areas. L. McCready mentioned we are now known in officēs and that is important because there was a time when we weren't.

J. Gunter suggested offering a scholarship for someone to do a study like Department of Agriculture and Forestry. General discussion on this. L. McCready would follow this up and report back at General Meeting.

G. Stoney moved the Executive be empowered to allocate upto \$200 from the Association and leave to Liaison Officer's discretion to enforce it, with a view to a specific study area, e.g. moss beds. G. Stoney moaed the Liaison Officer be entitled to the same expenses money say \$50 a day for 81/82. Seconded H. Ryder.

Meeting declared closed at 12.35p.m.

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THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMENS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE PERIOD

1st July 1980 to 30th June 1981

<u>1980</u>		<u>1981</u>
1666.02	Balance as at 1st July, 1980	\$1413.28
	<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>	
1318.20	Members Subscriptions	\$1792.00
500.00	Associate Members Subscriptions	550.00
115.00	Donations	26.00
51.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	5.80
620.00	Symposium	-
710.00	Advertising	580.00
2104.40	Sale of "Voice of the Mountains"	2132.35
441.30	Sale of Stickers	94.50
113.50	Receipts at annual get to-gether	-
<u>5973.40</u>	<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>5180.65</u>
7639.42		6593.93
	<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>	
40.49	Bank Fees and Charges	14.58
204.35	Freight and postage	373.22
345.84	Copying and Duplication	74.12
915.58	Stickers and Stationery	105.18
104.00	Catering and Room Hire	102.00
375.00	Professional advice and instruction	161.00
259.00	Graziers Association	-
3522.58	Publication "Voice of the Mountains"	2500.21
322.90	Central Secretary Allowance	270.05
96.40	Typing	-
40.00	Miscellaneous expenditure	-
-	P.L.V.C.	50.00
<u>6226.14</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>3650.36</u>
<u>1413.28</u>	<u>BALANCE AS PER CASH BOOK 30th JUNE 1981</u>	<u>\$2943.57</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30/6/81

Balance as per bank statement 30/6/81	\$2933.97
<u>Add</u> deposit not credited	<u>51.90</u>
	2985.87
<u>Less</u> Unpresented cheque number 139	<u>42.30</u>
Balance as per cash book 30th June 1981	<u>\$2943.57</u>

*Coral Aston*  
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CORAL ASTON  
Secretary/Treasurer

I report that in my opinion the above statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ended 30th June 1981 shows a true and fair view of the operations of The Mountain District Cattlemens' Association of Victoria for the period ended and the state of affairs of the association as at that date.

*D. A. Johnston*  
DUNCAN A. JOHNSTON A.A.S.A.  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT