



## Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria

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**Minutes of a meeting of the Mountain Cattlemens Association of Victoria  
held in the office of the Victorian Farmers Federation  
at 24 Collins Street Melbourne on  
Thursday 3 October 2002 commencing at 1.15pm**

**1. Present**

Sue Reynolds, Colin Reynolds, Bill Crump, Stuart Hicks, Ron Briggs, Frank Ryan, John Ryan, Noel Levin, Brian Higgins, Peter McCormack, Rosemary Hurley, Ross Brown, Bruce McCormack, Steve Ware, Bill Cumming, Pauline Venn, Harry Ryder, Graeme Stoney, Simon Turner, Tim Barker, Graeme Connley.

**2. Apologies**

**3. The Hon. Phil Davis MLC**

The President welcomed the Hon. Phil Davis to the meeting. Mr Davis acknowledged the work that Sue Reynolds had done for the MCAV and thanked her for her advice and assistance over the years. Mr Davis also acknowledged Mr Barker's contribution and wished him well in his role with the Association

**4. Business arising from the minutes**

**a. Get-Together Secretary**

Sue Reynolds reported that she had discussed the position of Get-Together Secretary with Rosemary Hurley. Rosemary offered to fill the position but would be unable to take it on full-time at present but would assist Ross Brown for the 2003 get-together

**b. Public liability**

The Secretary reported that public liability insurance was available through Ford Kinter with Triton Underwriting.

**c. Tom Johnston**

Sue Reynolds reported that a letter had been sent to Tom Johnston thanking him for allowing an MCAV sign to be placed on his property.

**d. Web site**

The Secretary reported that further work had been done on the web site including a mail order form which can be downloaded. It was **NOTED** that an associate membership form should also be included on the web site.

**5. Correspondence**

Sue Reynolds reported on correspondence

**a. Parks Victoria incident reports**

Item 768 from Parks Victoria listed a number of incidents. It was **NOTED** that action needs to be taken to ensure that there are no problems in the future.

**b. Game Management Council**

The President reported on the establishment of a Game Management Council which will represent hunters in Victoria and act as an umbrella group on behalf of the existing hunting organisations.

**6. Caledonia**

The President reported on the proposed trip by Liberal party politicians to the Caledonia area. Six or seven politicians will be attending the two-day trip which will take place on October 22 and 23.

**7. Treasurer's report**

Sue Reynolds reported that a GST payment of \$9032 was required and that more information will be provided in due course.

**8. Branch reports**

All branch reports focussed on Sue Reynold's retirement and acknowledged the work that she had done for the Association over the past 17 years.

**9. Get together**

The availability of a public liability insurer was again discussed. Several members asked further questions in relation to the utilisation of an unauthorised foreign insurer. The MCAV needs to be aware that the security for the insurance is a company not authorised under the Insurance Act 1973, to conduct business in Australia. **AGREED**, based on the advice of the insurance broker and further discussion, that the MCAV should accept this cover.

The Get-Together will be held at Sheeppark Flat on January 11 and 12, 2003. Parks Victoria is awaiting advice regarding insurance before permits are provided. Facilities have been booked.

John Cook offered assistance to set up at the Get-Together.

Ross Brown raised the following issues:

- The branch holding the Get-Together in the following year should have the venue settled by the time of the current year's Get-Together

- Toilets and other facilities should be pre-booked for several Get-Togethers into the future
- The food facility should also be pre-booked and this arrangement should be ongoing if a good provider can be found.

#### **10. Native title**

Sue Reynolds and the President reported on Native Title negotiations. Members wishing to be represented by the Association will have to be financial members and complete the form that has been sent to them. These forms have been sent to MCAV members by the Native Title Tribunal and should be sent back to the MCAV. Forms will then be lodged with the Federal Court. The MCAV is operating with the assistance of the Victorian Farmers Federation on this issue. All members should complete this form even though they might be outside the boundary.

#### **11. Caledonia**

Members reported that some water points may have to be installed and there is currently some trialing underway.

#### **12. Merchandising**

Pauline Venn reported on

- The collection of crocks of port and the current price.
- A smaller trailer would be preferable to the existing caravan. **AGREED** that John Cook investigate the availability of second-hand SES trailers.

#### **13. Mitchell River National Park**

The President reported on a media statement from the Minister for Conservation and Environment the Hon. Sherryl Garbutt regarding "saving" the Mitchell River from being dammed and the inclusion of an additional 2000 hectares to the Mitchell River National Park. **AGREED** that Rosemary Hurley obtain some local information and pass this on to the President.

#### **14. Sue Reynolds**

The meeting concluded with the presentation of a painting to Sue Reynolds in recognition of her service to the MCAV.