



The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Inc.

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MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION

OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT - 1989/1990

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

MR DOUG TREASURE

The past year has been one of variety for our Association.

I have come to see the intricacies of the workings of this unique organisation. In the past I thought all we had to do was keep ;in front of the cameras. This is still very important, and I urge all members to keep our flag flying whenever we can. We need to remind the public we are very much alive and well, and part of the mountain environment with a positive contribution to make.

I would like to give you a brief resume of this year's work as I saw it.

The Get Together at Bowmans Forest was one of the best run I have seen. Thank you Harry and the team from the North East Branch. The net income from the Get Together was \$36,651.39. It is imperative that we keep this fund-raising event very high in our priorities. If this income was to be halved our effectiveness would wane. Whilst we spend what seems like a lot of money, everyone within the organisation operates on a shoestring budget. It is the only way we can survive.

The past year has seen the timber industry under continued and increased pressure. The M.C.A.V. has been well represented at timber industry rallies. In February at Morwell, and then Melbourne, and Morwell again in October. Through our affiliation with the Public Land Council we are working closely with the timber industry

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and other user groups in the Alpine area. I feel we must continue our support of the Public Land Council in its work for multiple use of public land. The P.L.C. will do a lot of the public education which is needed on Alpine and environmental issues.

In March we participated in the Moomba procession. I have had a number of people from outside the Association comment that we need to promote our heritage image, and the Moomba ride did that for us.

I have been a guest speaker at Apex, Rotary, and schools during the year, and have done two specific television interviews relating to the Cattlemens current position. Too many people think we no longer exist because we are not in the news every week, but they are eager to hear about us when they can.

In August this year, 13 members attended a celebration dinner to mark the 5th anniversary of Rosemary Varty's electoral victory in Nunawading. Our part in that victory was acknowledged.

After talking to a number of Liberal Party members at the dinner, I wondered if we should run a "come and see" tour of the Alpine grazing areas for these now opposition members, so that they will have a better knowledge of us and of our situation in the future.

Another noteworthy event for the year is the formation of a working committee to discuss and plan the proposed phase outs on Bogong, the Bluff and other areas.

So far we have attended two meetings at the Department

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of Conservation & Environment head office, and whilst progress is slow, discussions are continuing.

Mr. Roger Oxley, a rangeland consultant whom we have employed to look at the effects of grazing in the Alpine area is with us today.

We hope Roger will be able to enter the debate on Alpine grazing with his scientific background, and give us supportive evidence for our case. Thank you Roger for your attendance, and we look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Two members who operate very effectively for this Association are Graeme Stoney and Jim Commins. It is only this year that I have seen a glimpse of the time they both put in. I heard one member say "But he enjoys that sort of thing". I feel we need to be wary of this attitude. To Graeme and Jim, thank you from the Association. We need your continued support.

I also wish to thank the Central Council delegates who give the organisation direction and do most of the on-the-ground hack work.

One of the changes we have seen in the past year or so, is towards more paperwork, and I ask our Secretary to give us an idea of just how much this increase has been, and to whom this paperwork goes.

I think few of us realise the real value of Sue's work - or the amount of it she does for us. I believe Sue will be with us for a long time yet - but it doesn't hurt to think "What would we do if we didn't have her

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services?". On behalf of the Mountain Cattlemens Association - Thank you Sue for another great year's service.

To Keith and Annie Whittam, a big thank you for their continued work as assistant Secretary, Marketing Officer and minders. Their dedication to the Association is very much appreciated.

To the Associate members, a big thank you for your support. We have had a reasonably quiet year on the up-front activities, but that does not mean we won't need lots of active support in the near future. I sometimes feel we are in the calm before the storm.

In conclusion, thank you to all the office bearers and best wishes to the incoming team for the year ahead. We have a lot of work ahead of us, and the ability to handle it.

Doug Treasure

29th October, 1990



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

MR GRAEME STONEY

Several major issues are being dealt with by the Executive of the M.C.A.V. at the present time.

At long last the Department of Conservation & Environment have agreed to have regular round table discussions on a range of problems which have faced our members for some years.

The group is called the Alpine Grazing Working Group and consists of several Regional Managers, Advisors, Senior Melbourne Conservation & Environment management and Doug Treasure, Sue Silvers, Kevin Kelly, Jim Commins, Harry Ryder and myself.

The group was first convened to discuss and examine the options for phased out Cattlemen.

However, we took the opportunity to pursue other problems including exhorbitant back fees which are outstanding and which some members are refusing to pay, the lack of progress with 7 year licences, individual members' problems with the Department of Conservation & Environment, and the wording of the 7 year licence agreement.

The phase out procedure is going through the motions of looking for alternative areas. (We dont believe there are any viable ones).

Our position is that the Government has promised that no Cattlemen will be disadvantaged by the Phase outs,

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and if anyone is seriously disadvantaged, we will continue to stock, the phased out leases even though the phase outs are now legislated.

The next meeting could bring the crunch and we may have to become even more hardline than we have been at meetings to date.

FEES

The V.F.F. have been representing the M.C.A.V. at ongoing discussions with the Department of Conservation & Environment about future charges for Crown Land throughout the State.

To put it bluntly things are not going well, and the outlook appears to indicate a heavy increase in charges for all Crown Land irrespective of its worth to the lessee.

REVIEW OF PUBLISHED SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL ON ALPINE GRAZING

Funded by the National Farmers Federation grant, Mr. Roger Oxley has just completed draft reviews of both the Kosciusko and Bogong areas.

Mr Oxley will expand on this more today.

Last year we formed a Scientific Committee consisting of Tim Barker, Ros Andrews Ian McMichael and myself. We met several times and got things to the point where Mr. Oxley was engaged.

There has not been a need to meet since then, and we need to assess if the committee is necessary next year.

Associate member, Mr. Dale Anderson has been of assistance to the M.C.A.V. He has located some

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unpublished scientific work which will be of use to Mr. Oxley and the Association. Mr. Anderson intends to write a thesis on the subject in the future.

GENERAL

There has been a swing back to more sensible attitudes to the use of resources in Australia and the Green movement is on the back foot.

This is because the groups pushed too hard and were unrealistic in their claims and demands.

Unfortunately for us, the Alpine Park and the Mallee Bills were introduced at the height of the Green influence on political parties.

It is vital now that we get some scientific arguments together and go to both parties and explain our position. If possible we need to demonstrate that Alpine Grazing can be compatible and in balance with the obvious changes that have occurred in the Alps since white settlement.

We further need to demonstrate the economic, environmental and historic value of our industry and launch a strong campaign to hold and improve our position.

However until we get the scientific material we need, we really cannot successfully progress further.

G. Stoney

29th October, 1990



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MARKETING OFFICERS REPORT

ANNIE WHITTAM

We have had a fairly quiet 12 months, figures are down and you will notice profit is too, but that is because we have written off THOSE books (\$2,500)

We only had shops at two events this year, the Get Together where we achieved a record in sales, and I would like to thank Russell and Sue Clay and the others for helping Keith with the shop for the weekend, as I was unable to attend because of school.

The other event was the Dargo Walnut Festival, and I have to thank Rob and Sharon Summers for their work. They picked up the stock and organised the shop.

Lastly I would like to thank everybody for their concern about my health, I am fighting fit again.

Annie Whittam

29th October 1990



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SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT

MRS SUE SILVERS

I have pleasure in presenting my fifth Annual Report as Secretary/Treasurer.

Full membership of the Association stands at 86, almost half of whom are unfinancial.

Associate membership currently stands at approximately 1800 of which 1402 are financial, and we can still claim an international interest as we have Associate members in the United Kingdom, United States of America and Alaska.

The Association has had another busy year negotiating with the Department of Conservation & Environment on a number of issues, including fees (past, current and future), the issue of the phase outs, drafting of the 7 year licences going on at the moment among all other matters. The Association has proposed a new zone or region which will cover alpine and bush grazing licences. This proposal of Jim Commins, to be called the Eastern Forest Zone has been put to the DC&E and VFF review of Crown Land rentals, and the Alpine Grazing Working Group. As yet there is no indication that the Department will accept this proposal. It would, however, be the answer to the vexed question of alpine and bush grazing fees, as the fee would relate to the licenced area and be based on average carrying capacity. I predict that negotiations with the Working Group will be drawn out and lengthy. We shall all have to be patient.

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In May I attended a meeting in Myrtleford called by the Land Conservation Council as an introduction to the Wilderness Special Investigation Report. It is disturbing to note that the maps provided in the Report for public comment are wrong, and this fact is acknowledged to the Association by the L.C.C. in writing. How any constructive comment can be properly based on incorrect information is however, an issue not addressed by the Land Conservation Council.

At the end of May Graeme Stoney and I attended a seminar in Mansfield run by the Soil Conservation Association. Graeme was one of the speakers at this seminar. It was here that the Alpine Planning Team from Bright showed a series of slides, one purporting to be damage caused by horse riders within the Park. John Harris, the Planning Team Manager was very embarrassed when it was pointed out to him that the damage had in fact been caused by Telecom, that the Department had made no effort to repair the damage, or get Telecom to do so, and that in fact the damage was outside the Park boundaries by some 8km. This is the type of misinformation being hawked around by the Planning Team in an attempt to justify their position to restrict Park users.

I believe that the subject of the transferability of licences will be an issue which will tax the resources of this Association in the future. The Alpine Grazing Working Group has already signalled that the transfer of licences with respect to Tom Groggin Station will

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be a test case.

On behalf of the Association I have applied for 3 Government Grants. One for funds to produce an information kit for schools, one for funds for a Submission in response to the Wilderness Report (due to be released early next year), and one to reimburse the Association for monies spent responding to Government on the several Crown Land Rental pricing panels. I have no confidence in the outcome.

Our President has asked me to identify areas where the shifting of paper has become our Association's nightmare! This year I have been asked to provide information to over 200 students. This involves me sending out a kit consisting of a copy of the Voice of the Mountains, our information sheet, photocopies of information on Wilderness, the Impossible Dream, and overseas experience with grazing in mountain country, and a photocopy of information on the phase outs which runs to 21 pages. I remind you that I would receive, on average, a student request almost every day of the week. I also type up notes of meetings, Minutes, copies of Reports etc. and these are forwarded to all Central Council delegates, and Branch Secretaries. There is also considerable work involved in drafting documents. I also respond in writing to all letters received, and most telephone calls, there are six large lever arch letter binders in my office to prove it! In all the secretarial, record keeping and bookwork is now a full time job.

Financially the Association is in reasonable shape. The Central Account was able to contain expenses to within its budget, marketing showed a profit somewhat lower than last year owing to a drop in sales, an increase in the cost of stock, and the writing off of books. It is a credit to the Marketing Officer's good housekeeping that operating costs have been well contained, and you will note also that the balance of Anne's honorarium was paid from this Marketing account.

The Trustees of the Trust Account are happy with its performance. I should explain that the time taken in the formation of the Trust Account Fund and its necessary documentation was lengthy and so monies were held initially in our Solicitors Trust Account, then transferred to the Central Account and then into the Trust Account. On the way some accounts were paid by Central Account, and a sum of \$5,000 was not transferred from Central to Trust, however this amount will be adjusted.

On the advice of our Auditor I recommend the Association now pay advances to Branches directly into that Branch bank account. This will put an end to a situation where an advance by cheque is made, for example a Get Together, and that cheque not be banked for six months with a subsequent loss of interest. As Treasurer, I therefore recommend that any advances for any purpose be not paid directly to the Branch, but be transferred into that Branch account.

The year ahead may be an expensive one for our

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Association. Our difficulty is in the area of forward planning because we never know when, or how, we may be required to respond, and therefore the Association must insist that its members, and I mean its full members - those who put their cattle into the Mountains each summer, take a more responsible attitude to their Association. One of the members said to me recently that we were, in a sense a Union in that the elected Council fought for the rights of all members equally, and that all members should stand together as one body, and this is very true. It is therefore disappointing for your Central Council to be informed of members who greatly underestimate their cattle numbers and pay a lower subscription fee, and I therefore regretfully recommend that a minimum fee for full membership to this Association be considered by this meeting.

Sue Silvers

29th October, 1990

Wm. G. Crump, FASA CPA

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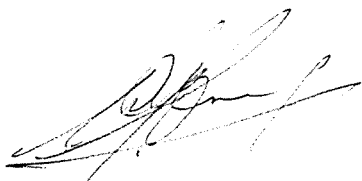
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AUDITORS REPORT

To the Members:

THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

I have examined the records of the Association for the year ended 30 June 1990 and in my opinion the attached Income and Expenditure Statement and Statement of Receipts and Payments show a true and fair view of the operations of the Association for the year ended thereon and that the Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows the state of affairs as at that date.



WILLIAM G CRUMP FCPA
Certified Practising Accountant
Registered Company Auditor

12 October 1990

THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 1990

ASSETS

Cash at Bank -		
Central Account	1228.32	
Marketing Accounts	8011.65	
Branches - Mansfield	325.08	
- Omeo	1025.71	
- North East	924.17	
- Gippsland	157.61	
Investment - Mansfield	1700.00	
		13372.54
Stock on Hand - at cost - Marketing		11186.20
Fixed Assets - at cost		
Cash Register (1988)	431.00	
Facsimile Machine (1988)	3288.61	
Typewriter (1988)	299.00	
Photocopier (1988)	1100.00	
Toilets (1988)	554.40	
Facsimile Machines (2) (1989)	4010.00	
Caravan (1989)	1000.00	
Answering Machine (1989)	315.65	
Desk (1990)	140.00	
Adding Machine (1990)	269.00	
		11407.66

	TOTAL ASSETS	35966.40

LIABILITIES

Fighting Fund - Balance of Funds		2383.50

	NET ASSETS	\$ 33582.90
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THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1990

RECEIPTS

Advertising - V O M	650.00
Donations - General	2592.24
- Fighting Fund	405.00
Interest Received - Investments	752.04
Investments Redeemed	19800.00
Marketing Sales - Branches (Net)	224.50
Net Proceeds - Get Together	36651.39
Re-imburement - Fighting Fund	2071.00
Sponsorship	125.00
Subscriptions - Members	8712.00
- Associates	16750.97
Sundry Receipts	59.30
Transfers - Marketing	6433.50
- North East	5000.00
- Social Account	121.02
- Fighting Fund	35471.95

TOTAL RECEIPTS

135819.91

PAYMENTS

Advance - North East - Get Together	5000.00
Advertising	399.00
Audit Fees	892.00
Bank Fees & Govt. Charges	328.03
Capital Purchases -	
Desk	140.00
Adding Machine	269.00
Catering & Hall Hire - re Meetings	375.40
Consultancy Fees	10419.80
Consultancy Fees - Fighting Fund	2853.00
Donations Transferred - Fighting Fund	405.00
Expenses - President	4311.95
- Executive Officer	1872.00
- J Commins	3500.00
Fees & Subscriptions	675.30
Honorariums - President	2000.00
- Chairman	2000.00
- Executive Officer	11750.00
- Secretary	6300.00
- Marketing Officer/Ass. Secretary	1070.00
Hospitality	300.73
Insurance	628.35
Investments	19700.00
Legal Fees - Fighting Fund	1834.50
- Trademark	113.00
Marketing - re Sales	927.00

carried forward

78064.06

135819.91

brought forward	78064.06	135819.91
Moomba Expenses	2100.00	
Postage	4272.18	
Printing & Stationery	7671.16	
Public Land Council - Funding	1600.00	
- Donation	100.00	
Refund Subscriptions	150.00	
Repairs - Office Equipment	380.50	
Rental - Office	2200.00	
Sundry Expenses - Wreaths, Flowers etc	409.10	
Telephone & Facsimile Charges	2287.08	
Travelling Expenses - General	136.00	
Transfer - Fighting Fund	35471.95	

TOTAL PAYMENTS		134842.03
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		\$ 977.88
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THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

MARKETING ACCOUNT

TRADING & PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1990

Sales		31877.75
Less Cost of Sales		
Stock on Hand 1 July 1989	12974.84	
Purchases -		
Windcheaters, T Shirts, etc	12714.25	
Badges & Stubby Holders	4887.94	
Port	4130.00	

	34707.03	
Less Stock on Hand 30 June 1990	11186.20	

Cost of Goods Sold		23520.83

GROSS PROFIT		8356.92

Add Other Income		
Interest Received	568.15	
Royalties - Thomas Cook	745.00	

		1313.15

		9670.07
Less Operating Costs		
Advertising	100.00	
Bank Fees	78.74	
Credit Card Charges	103.81	
Freight	69.75	
Honorarium (Balance)	680.00	
Telephone	180.00	

		1212.30

NET PROFIT		\$ 8457.77
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MOUNTAIN
CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED HELD AT
THE VICTORIAN FARMERS FEDERATION, 24 COLLINS STREET
MELBOURNE ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 1989 AT 11:35 A.M.

PRESENT: A. Whittam, K. Whittam, W.G. Crump, J.L. Cook, Douglas Treasure, Mick Jordan Linda Barraclough, D. Squires, Foster Crooke, Cora J. Davey, G. Coleman, L. Lieberman, Ian McMichael, P. Arnouts, B. McGregor, J. Kirkpatrick, Diane Guy, J. Treasure, B. Evans, J. Grenville, R. Hollis, K. Higgins, J. Dyer, J. Rogers, C. Hodge, M. Brown, R. Brown J. Commins, T. Barker, David Treasure S. Silvers, G. Stoney, A. Brewer, L. McCready, F. Ryan, R. Andrews, J. Andrews. D. Guy, R. Varty, M. Blair, H. Ryder, G. Connley, B. Hicks.

APOLOGIES: Were received from B. Macgregor, David Evans, Heather Mitchell, C. and G. Lovick, T. Murphy, K. Kelly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President, Mr. David Treasure said that the past year had been a difficult one for the Mountain Cattlemen. With the constant publicity concerning the greenhouse effect and the hole in the ozone layer, radicals within the conservation movement have become increasingly strident in their demands, as they sense a growing public concern. Lazy politicians unimpressed with the issues of right or wrong willingly throw countless millions away in the hope of winning votes, and as a smoke screen to divert public attention away from the disasterous monetary vortex which rapidly approaches our nation. Because of the State Government's desperate need for extra funds, the Department of Conservation Forests and Lands is attempting to raise as much revenue as possible from Crown Land rentals. This was to be achieved via the pricing panel chaired by Malcolm Lee (CF&L Ballarat), whose major priority seemed to be to complete matters before departing for a holiday in the south seas. The panel turned out to be a "kangaroo court" and doubt must be cast on the professionalism of those who favoured its decision to charge \$18.00 a head for alpine grazing. However, at the time of writing negotiations are continuing with little regard for the panel's recommendations. The Alpine National Parks extension bill has passed through the Legislative Council after capitulation by the Liberal Party.

However some very useful amendments were achieved on behalf of the Cattlemen Graeme Stoney worked very hard on this matter. The President congratulated the Omeo Brach for one of the most successful Get Togethers ever. The President thanked all those who contributed to that great weekend. The President reported that the Bogong rally focussed peoples' attention on the plight of the 11 families to be evicted from their Alpine grazing leases. The attention of the anti-eviction committee should now concentrate on keeping the issue alive, remembering that the next State election will be around 1991, and that there was a good chance of change of Government. The Public Land Council is now up and running, the Chairman is Heather Mitchell, and it is hoped that some of the load presently carried by the M.C.A.V. will be shared by this new organisation. The President wished Heather and the Council all the best in their endeavours.

The President reported that the last few months have been unusually busy creating extra loadings on our finances we will need to budget carefully during the next year. The President believed that we should, before starting any new project, cost out all components relating to that project, including our own operating costs, e.g. secretarial, communications, President's and Executive Officer's expenses, so that more definite planning of our costs can occur. We also need to look carefully at the percentage or proportion of our income that we allocate to various areas, retaining as our priority the basic running of our Association. The matter of honorariums and expenses needs to be addressed, as the organisation has outgrown the point where most of its functions can be performed voluntarily. The President took the opportunity to thank all those who worked so hard during the previous year. He ended by saying that the next 12 months will not be short of challenge or difficulty. We have not shirked in the past, he said, in fact adversity has tended to bind us together, and so it shall be in the future.

MINUTES OF LAST
ANNUAL MEETING:

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting. Moved Clive Hodge seconded K. Whittam that the Minutes be confirmed.

EXECUTIVE
OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Graeme Stoney reported on his role within the Association. He reported on a very busy year. On the subject of the phase outs he reported that the Association considered holding a public campaign and rally in the Kosciusko Park to highlight the stupidity of removing grazing from alpine areas in Victoria. After a careful look at Kosciusko we decided that the Victorian public would have trouble understanding the message if we went to New South Wales. A rally on Bogong was organised and this was announced at the Gibbo Park Get Together. The Executive Officer acknowledged and thanked all those who offered help and advice, and in particular the valuable assistance of Geoff Burrowes. He reported that media coverage of the rally was very good, however some of the print media are now looking for more than a display of horses. The need for hard scientific backup for the benefit of alpine grazing was more than apparent, and work was currently being done, which hopefully would end in a seminar later in the year. There was also a possibility of a study being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry at Melbourne University. The Executive Officer reported on activities over the period immediately preceding the introduction of the Alpine National Park legislation, and thanked David Evans, Lou Lieberman, Geoff Coleman and Rosemary Varty for all their help, advice and assistance over that period. Mr. Stoney particularly mentioned the proposed changes to the Alpine Advisory Committee. Unfortunately the wording of the legislation could mean an early phase out of the Committee. Mr. Stoney reported on the increasing workload and financial strain placed on members of the Council, and felt that this matter would have to be resolved in the future.

MARKETING
OFFICERS REPORT:

Anne Whittam presented the marketing report for the year 1988/89. She said

the year had been successful though lacklustre. Mrs. Whittam explained why the Association had not taken space at the Melbourne Show this year, and spoke of the disadvantages experienced at the Show last year. She reported on a new hat badge which was expected to be a good selling item. She reported that each Branch should support their local shows etc. to raise extra revenue. Mrs. Whittam stated that the year was satisfactory with sales increasing slightly, while expenses had been contained.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Silvers reported that membership of the Association continued to grow slowly. There are 82 full members and 1,800 associate members, though numbers of associates were imprecise as many joined as families, and there was no way to make an actual head count. Mrs. Silvers reported on a very busy year. The need for improved communication had meant purchasing an extra facsimile machine, and the benefits of this were felt both at Bogong and during the period leading to the introduction of the Alpine Parks legislation. She noted that the Bogong rally was an emotional experience for everyone there and demonstrated that the Cattlemen still had the ability to catch the hearts of their supporters and the public alike. She noted the success of the Omeo Branch Get Together and especially the work put in by the family of John Cook. Secretary noted the enormous expenses incurred both by the Association and by its officers in attending meetings called in Melbourne by the Department of CF&L, and felt that the Minister's attention should be drawn to this fact. Mrs. Silvers reported on increasing requests from students for information regarding the Mountain Cattlemen. She had personally attended to 109 requests during the year, and many other requests had been dealt with by Jim Commins and others. She reported on the study design the Association had been asked to comment upon by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Board and said that she expected that these student requests would increase. Mrs. Silvers reported on the establishment of an office in Mansfield and the reason why this had become a necessity. As Treasurer Mrs. Silvers commented on

had agreed to undertake the position. Members strongly supported Mr. Brewer. It was not considered a difficulty that the position of Chairman would not necessarily be filled by a full member.

FIXING OF
HONORARIUMS:

President and Chairman: Moved Clive Hodge seconded J. Rogers that the honorarium for the President and the Chairman be \$4,000 (divided between them) plus expenses. Carried.

Executive Officer: Mr. Whittam noted that at the previous Annual Meeting a resolution was passed that honorariums be adjusted by the CPI. Moved G. Stoney seconded Doug Treasure that that resolution now be rescinded. Carried. Moved Doug Treasure seconded Clive Hodge that the honorarium for the Executive Officer be \$3,750 plus expenses.

Secretary/Treasurer: Moved Doug Treasure seconded Alan Brewer that the honorarium for the Secretary/Treasurer be \$8,400 paid at the rate of \$700 per month. Carried.

Marketing Officer: Moved Doug Treasure seconded J. Rogers that the honorarium be \$1000 plus expenses. Carried.

Assistant Secretary: Moved Doug Treasure seconded R Brown that the honorarium be \$700 plus expenses.

FUTURE HONOR-
ARIUMS:

Moved G. Stoney seconded L. McCready that to assist in setting honorariums at the next annual meeting the past year's workload of M.C.A.V. officers be assessed and used to gauge next year's honorarium levels, and that any special projects undertaken in that period be assessed and an extra honorarium be paid to the appropriate officer if necessary. Carried.

ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERS:

The following office bearers were elected for the year 1989/1990.

President: Mr. Douglas Treasure nominated by Mr. G. Stoney. Elected.

Chairman: Mr. Alan Brewer nominated by Mr. J. Commins. Elected.

Senior Vice President: Mr. Harry Ryder nominated by Mr. J. Rogers. Elected.

2nd Vice President: Mr. Graham Connley nominated by Clive Hodge. Declined.

Mr. David Treasure nominated by Mr. Graham Connley. Elected.

3rd Vice President: Mr. Graham Connley nominated by Alan Brewer. Elected.

Executive Officer: Mr. Graeme Stoney nominated by Ross Brown. Elected.

the increase in expenses and said that was directly attributable to the busy year, to the Bogong Rally, the Alpine Park legislation, the Crown Land rentals pricing panel, to the purchase of 2 facsimile machines and the caravan.

Moved that the reports from the Executive Officer, the Marketing Officer and the Secretary/Treasurer be received. Jim Commins. Seconded Ross Brown. Carried.

SETTING OF FEES

Doug Treasure in putting forward his motion remarked on the need to increase members subscriptions to make a more equitable contribution. Moved Doug Treasure seconded John Rogers that the members subscription for the year 1989/1990 be \$1 per head. Carried. Moved Graeme Stoney seconded Keith Whittam that the subscription rate for Associate members remain the same. Carried.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

Moved Clive Hodge seconded Ross Brown that standing orders be suspended. Carried.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting adjourned at 11.35 a.m. Moved Doug Treasure seconded Ross Brown that standing orders be resumed. The meeting resumed at 2:45 p.m.

The President stated that since he was not standing for election again this year he would remain in the Chair for the fixing of Honorariums and election of office bearers. The President discussed the increasing workload for that position in the Association, and stated that after lengthy consideration senior members of the Council had suggested that a position be created of Chairman. This would halve the work.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

Moved John Rogers, seconded G. Connley that the Association appoint an additional position of Chairman, the post to be for one year. Discussion centred around the duties of both and it was noted that the President would be the higher profile position. The Chairman would work under instruction from the President. The position and duties of Vice President were also discussed. Mr. Stoney reported to the meeting that Mr. C. Lovick was unable to undertake any position within the Association at present. Mr. Stoney reported to the meeting that it was suggested that an Associate member be brought in to act as Chairman, and Mr. Alan Brewer had been approached and

Marketing Officer: Mrs. Anne Whittam nominated by Doug Treasure. Elected.

Special Projects Officer: Mr. Stoney informed the meeting that Mr. Lyle McCready would not be standing for election this year. He thanked Mr. McCready for all his devoted years of service to the Association.

David Treasure also thanked Mr. McCready and nominated Mr. Jim Commins. Elected. Ian Roper moved a motion of thanks for to Mr. McCready for the wonderful contribution over so many years. Seconded Frank Ryan.

Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs. S. Silvers nominated by Clive Hodge. Elected.

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Anne Whittam nominated by John Cook. Elected.

Auditor: Moved Ross Brown that the Association appoint Mr. W. G. Crump auditor for the year 1989/1990. Seconded Clive Hodge. Carried.

FURTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Jim Commins raised the matter of zoning being used for the State of Victoria and proposed the following zone be added - the Eastern Forest Zone. He asked that the Association seek the assistance of the Victorian Farmers Federation to achieve this further zone.

After discussion introduced by Mr. Harry Ryder is was agreed that the financial statements of the Association be forwarded to the Secretaries of each Branch with the Notice of Meeting for future Annual General Meetings.

It was noted that the letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy the Hon. John Kerin, M.P. regarding research funding be copied to the Scientific Committee for their attention.

Mr Ross Brown expressed the thanks of the Association to Mr. David Treasure and the Central Council.

Mr Alan Brewer thanked the members for their kind words and the confidence shown in him.

Mr. Doug Treasure also thanked the members

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4:10 p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record:

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Chairman.

