

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Inc.

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MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS NEWS

Newsletter of the M.C.A.V.
P O Box 294, Mansfield, Vic 3722

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Dear Members and Associate Members

GET TOGETHER

This is the last Newsletter before the Get Together, do hope you are all planning to travel to Kellys on the Omeo Highway, Omeo to celebrate the event. The Omeo Branch has been working very hard for the last 5 months to make sure that everything will go like clockwork over the weekend, and every possible situation will be covered.

TRAVEL TO THE GET TOGETHER

For those who would prefer not to take their own vehicles and camping equipment, THE THOMPSON VALLEY COACH SERVICE are happy to transport you, and provide you with camping gear. At present the company has arranged to collect passengers from Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley area, but the company would be very interested in travelling to Melbourne provided enough people were wanting transport. The bus company will supply all camping gear for its travellers.

Are you interested?

Contact: Mrs M. Reid
Post Office Box 168
HEYFIELD VIC

Phone: 051 482 515

Thompson Valley Coach Service.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Dreading the thought of bringing all your food, drink, ice etc. to the Get Together? Need more space in the vehicle for the kids and the dog, and would love to get rid of the car fridge?

Following are the catering arrangements, menu and prices of food over the weekend.

Catering is being done by Coles Catering Service. It sounds absolutely fabulous, I am sure you will agree, so read on!

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BREAKFAST will be served from 7:00a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Cereals	\$1.50
Scrambled eggs, bacon & tomato on toast	5.00
Compote of Fruit	1.00
Orange juice	1.20
Croissants & Jam	1.80

SNACKS will be served continuously from 9:00a.m. to
10:30 p.m. (excepting for dinner hours)

Salad rolls	\$2.50
Chicken & Avocado Bagels	3.00
Chicken & salad roll	2.80

Hot food:

Chicken schnitzel burgers	3.00
Hamburgers with egg, lettuce, tomato & onion	2.50
Quarter chicken & chips	4.00
Fish & chips	4.00
Bucket of chips	1.80
Potato cakes	50
Dim sims	50
Pizza	2.50
Supa dogs	2.00
Spring rolls	1.80

DINNER will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meal Deal - main course, sweets, bread roll, coffee (steaks excepted)	10.50
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OR:

Cattlemens porterhouse (350g) chips & veges	10.00
Roast lamb & mint jelly	8.50
Roast turkey & cranberry sauce	9.50
Roast beef & mustard sauce	8.50
Chicken schnitzel	8.50
Fried whiting & tartare sauce	8.50

all served with vegetables or salad

Bread rolls with butter portions	50
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SWEETS

Fresh fruit salad & cream	2.50
Chocolate mousse	2.50
Cheesecake	2.50
Pavlova	2.50

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TEA & COFFEE

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OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

Cans of soft drink
Flavoured milks
Bags of ice (3.5kg)
Mars bars, Crunchies, Life savers, Tic
Tacs and other confectionery
Potato Crisps, Cheesels, Burger Rings etc.

"COOK YOUR OWN" STEAK HOUSE

Select your steak from the refrigerated display and cook it to your liking on the Caterer's BBQs and select from their salad bar. This service will operate during lunchtime and the evening dinner hours - \$10.00

This Newsletter is your invitation to attend the Get Together, so bring your friends and join the Cattlemen for:

THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS GET TOGETHER

JANUARY 16TH & 17TH 1993

AT KELLYS, OMEO VALLEY HIGHWAY, OMEO

Bands commence on the Friday night, and music during the 3 nights supplied by Denise Morrison, Palace Gypsies and the Country Wanderers.

Don Kneebone Heritage Award starts 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday. Come and hear original songs, poetry and yarns and see if you can pick this years winner.

Horse and whipcracking events throughout the weekend.

The famous TUG OF WAR - Cattlemen v. Everybody else.

And will ANGUS win the Dog High Jump?

We look forward to meeting you there, and catching up on the years gossip.

FREE!! A WEEKEND TRAIL RIDE WITH LOVICKS SAFARIS.

Jack Lovick has very kindly and generously donated a weekend trail ride for two people to the value of \$400.00 to a person who joins the Association AT THE GET TOGETHER as a new Associate Member.

If you have not been an Association Member of the Mountain Cattlemens Association before, and you join up at the Get Together you will be in line for the draw to select the lucky winner of a free weekend trail ride with Jack's company.

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Thank you very much Jack for this great opportunity.

Each vehicle entering the Get Together will be issued with an Associate Member form. Extra forms will be available from the Marketing Tent. So tell your friends! Somebody has to win!

AND NOW WE HAVE A PROBLEM

The response to the Tasmanian tour has been less than exciting, and at the time of writing this newsletter we have only 14 responses.

IF YOU WERE, OR ARE THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE TASSIE TOUR CONTACT SUE SILVERS IMMEDIATELY PHONE: 057 751 600. WE HAVE ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 10TH TO GET THE NUMBERS TOGETHER, IF THERE IS NO FURTHER INTEREST, I AM AFRAID WE CANNOT GO.

Itinerary and full details were given in the last Newsletter in October, so brief details follow here:

Dates: 3rd February to 10th February 1993.

Cost: \$600 per person.

Accommodation: Camping all the way, camping equipment (tents, mattresses, food, crockery and cutlery) all provided.

Deposit: \$100.00 by 10th December, 1992.

Balance: by 4th January 1993.

Itinerary includes - Devonport, Stanley, Borradaile Plain for Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemens Get Together, Hobart, Port Arthur, Swansea.

Most meals provided.

Full details available from Sue Silvers.

We really hope this tour will go ahead, the last one to Longreach was such a success and such fun. We guarantee you will have a very good time. Please join in!

OMEQ COUNCIL MEETING.

Members of the Central Council met at Omeo on the 21st October.

Subjects for discussion included Secretary's report presented at the annual meeting. The Council meeting was informed that this report contained an error in that it stated that costs of a Supreme Court action were awarded to the MCAV, when in fact, the costs were awarded to a Defendant in the action who is a member of the Association. This error has been rectified. The Council voiced its strong support for the Secretary.

Council deferred discussion on the Coalition Conservation and Environment Policy until the next meeting, but noted that the Policy document contained many areas where the

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Association could have important input. The Policy will be discussed at the Council meeting on the 30th November at Dargo.

The Council noted that the school education booklet had been updated, and was at the printers. This booklet which is now available, traces the history of the Association, the confusion of reasons put forward over the years by the Land Conservation Council and the Cain/Kirner Government, the Parliamentary agreement and its implementation, the beneficial aspects of cattle grazing, the effects of grazing on the conservation values of the Bogong High Plains, the degradation of the Kosciusko National Park, world heritage manoeuvres, etc.

The Association is regularly contacted by schools, teachers and students for this material, and an update was long overdue. Students are sent copies of the booklet with other information from the Association.

The Council was informed by the Race Committee delegate that there would be no affiliation with the Australian Bush Racing Association for this year, but the question of affiliation in the future would be monitored by the Race Committee.

The Council discussed the question of fuel reduction burning, and agreed that not enough was carried out, and often missed altogether because of the views of the general public. It was agreed that there needed to be more public education on the subject, and the reasons why fuel reduction burning was so important.

The Council also agreed that a questionnaire should be handed out at the Get Together gate requesting the views of Associate Members regarding their involvement with the Association.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS - ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

There are some Associate Members who have not renewed their subscriptions. If a membership card is enclosed with this Newsletter - this means you!! We are sure that your renewal has slipped your mind, and we look forward to receiving your subscription.

From this date Newsletters and a copy of the Voice of the Mountains will only be sent to financial members.

Details of membership subscriptions are on the reverse of the membership card.

We are aware that the Membership Card often gets put on the top of the fridge and then falls down the back. However your membership is vital to enable the work of Association to continue.



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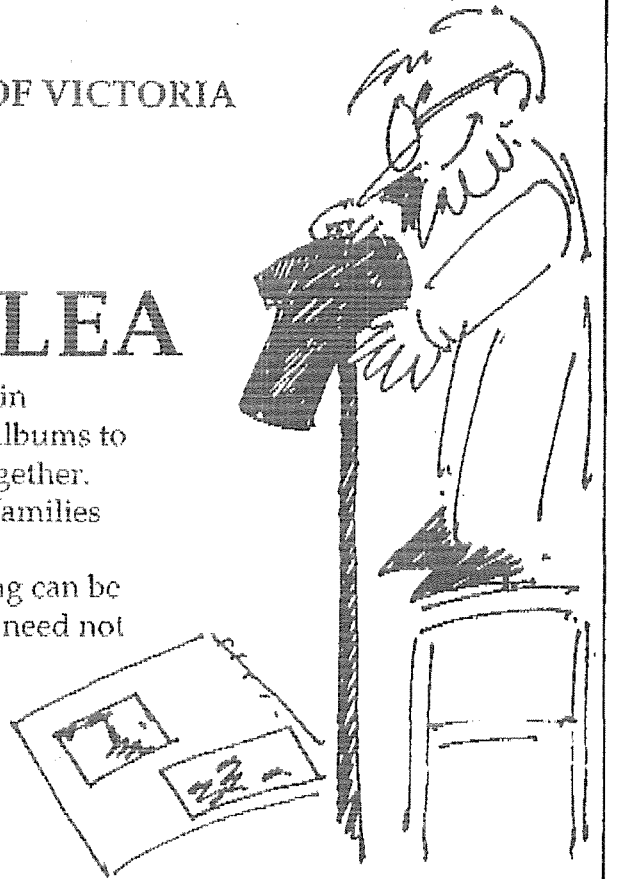
MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA
PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION

ONCE AGAIN WE MAKE OUR PLEA

We are once again making our yearly appeal for mountain cattlemen and their families to go through those family albums to get your old photos ready to be copied at the next get-together. The collection is growing, but it will only progress if all families participate.

There will be copying facilities on site again so all copying can be done while you wait, the valuable pieces of your history need not leave your site.

Just drop in and speak to Don Porter,
for any further information please contact;
Don Porter on (03) 801 9736 after hours.



CLICK!

ANNOUNCING
A NEW AND EXCITING CHALLENGE FOR
ALL SUPPORTERS OF
THE MOUNTAIN CATTLE MEN

Prior notice is being given to prepare all of you shutterbugs for the announcement of a photographic competition to close late in 1993.

Release of details will be made at the
1993 Cattlemen's Cup.

You supply the film we'll supply the rules.