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MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS NEWS

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P O Box 294, Mansfield Vic 3722

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Dear Members and Associate Members,

MEMBERS - GRAZING LICENCE FEES 1992/93

A member of the Association has had a problem with accounts for his 1992/93 grazing season. Although his licence allocation is for some 300 odd, he took only 180 or so cattle to the high country last season. He paid for these cattle at the correct rate, and subsequently received an account from the Department for a further amount being the balance of the allocation. In other words, the Department in this case, charged for the allocation, and not the number of cattle sent. We believe this to be mistake, and have brought the matter to the attention of the Minister and his Department. The Minister's attitude is that cattlemen should not have to pay for cattle not sent up. We are waiting for a formal reply from the Department. If any other cattlemen have been charged in this way, could you please contact Sue Silvers 057 751 600 urgently.

FAREWELL TO CLIVE HODGE

Clive and Marion have moved from Valencia Creek to the Tumbarumba area. This has meant that Clive will no longer continue as a Central Council member for Gippsland Branch, and will be sorely missed from Council. Clive will maintain his high country grazing licence however, and will remain a member of the Gippsland Branch. At the last meeting of the Council, Jim Commins spoke warmly of Clive's long connection with the Mountain Cattlemens Association. In fact Clive had been one of the founding fathers of the Association, had held office as a senior Vice President for many years, and had been a member of the Central Council for 20 years. Clive had worked tirelessly for the Association, and was one of the main organisers of the famous Parliament House ride in September of 1984. Whilst he noted that Clive would remain as an active member of the MCAV, in presenting Clive with a beautiful painting by Associate member John Duncan Firth, Jim thanked him for his work and dedication to the Association.

In thanking Jim, Clive compared working with the MCAV to being part of a top football team, and urged the Association to continue to kick the right way. He assured the members that they had not really got rid of him and that he would be "hanging around like a hungry dog"!

Clive's new address is "Woodstock", Rosewood NSW 2652 for anyone who would like to drop him a line.

PRESENTATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE TO MR JACK TREASURE.

In November last year at a Central Council meeting in Dargo, the Association presented a Life Membership Certificate to Mr. Jack Treasure. Although Mr. Treasure had been appointed a Life Member many years ago the practice of marking the occasion with a certificate is of recent times.

President, Doug Treasure, introduced Mr and Mrs Jack Treasure to the meeting and gave a brief history of how Mr Treasure had seen the phase out of grazing in the Kosciusko National Park would eventually be proposed for the Victorian alpine area, and had decided that the only way the Mountain Cattlemen would survive was to be united. Mr. Treasure formed the Mountain District Cattlemens Association in the late 1960's, and was its first President. Mr. Treasure had also seen that the way to spread the message regarding mountain grazing was to produce a magazine, and he therefore produced and published the first, and subsequent early copies of the Voice of the Mountains. It was through the vision and forethought of Jack Treasure that cattle are still grazing in the alpine and subalpine areas of Victoria.

Doug Treasure presented his uncle Jack with his Certificate to the applause of the Central Council and visitors.

SUCCESS FOR NOEL CUTLER - WINNER 1993 DON KNEEBONE HERITAGE AWARD.

Judith Hosier from the Stockmans Hall of Fame, Longreach, has news of Noel Cutler. She reports that he attended the Tamworth Poetry Competition held in conjunction with the Country Music Festival where he won the traditional section reciting Banjo Paterson's poem "Lost", he also qualified for the original section but was not placed. Noel also attended the Ringers Muster in Longreach where he competed in the National Outback Performing Arts evenings of dinner and verse. Whilst at Longreach Noel also won the Quartpot boiling competition, the Damper making competition and the whipcracking, but missed out

on the prize for Throwing the boot! Oh dear! He has also competed in the Quartpot Poetry festival at the Kiosk, New Farm Park in Brisbane in June, and the Bush Poetry Fireside Festival in Tamworth this month. Congratulations Noel. Judith says he occasionally gets back to Victoria to rake up the leaves!

BUSH DANCE

We gave advance notice of this in the last Newsletter and the flyer with all the information is enclosed herewith. So - organise your party and get your tickets as soon as you can. Last year was booked out with a waiting list! Don't miss out this time.

There will be a couple of raffles at the Dance. One of the prizes is a fantastic overnight stay and breakfast at Powerscourt - Maffra. The following information comes from the 'Age' Good Food Guide -

Powerscourt - Maffra. The restaurant is in the former ballroom of a historic mansion, renovated and transformed into a charming country house retreat. Its hospitable owners have built it up over four years, and although it might be out of the way for Melburnians, the restaurant is so popular with locals that it is now open six nights a week. Pre-dinner drinks are served in a cosy lounge, and then diners are ushered to elegant tables where they will be served delicious food that makes excellent use of local produce. There will be fish from Lakes Entrance, fine Gippsland veal, venison and poultry, and perhaps local berries in season. We recommend the pheasant, should it be available. The wine list includes many hard-to-find wines from East Gippsland. Sunday lunch is a very affordable treat, and gives you a chance to enjoy the sweeping views from the old property, which once extended to Maffra.

The long driveway is impressive, but the historic homestead is even better. It is a wonderful building on a 48 hectare grazing property with panoramic views of the Gippsland plains. There are seven individually decorated guest rooms, all with private facilities, the more expensive rooms are at the front of the house, looking out on to sweeping lawn and big Gippsland horizons. It would be possible to use Powerscourt as a touring base for the area, but many guests will prefer to luxuriate in the surroundings and the country hospitality.

What a fantastic prize for a raffle! And what a delightful get-away for the lucky winner.

You have to be at the dance to buy a ticket - all the more incentive to get moving now!

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Other raffle prizes to be won at the Bush Dance will be a weekend trail ride with Stoneys Bluff & Beyond Trail Rides - a real high country adventure, and gear from Thomas Cook Boot & Clothing Company.

SEE YOU AT THE DANCE

GRAND PARADE - ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW.

Its on again - the Cattlemen and Associates are invited to ride in the Grand Parade at the Show. This takes place at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday September 18th.

Anyone who would like to take part and who can float their own horse to the showgrounds should contact - Ros Andrews on (03) 818 7833. A Drizabone or equivalent riding coat and hat are also required.

HELP HELP HELP

THE MARKETING CARAVAN NEEDS A NEW HOME

We need a safe home, preferably under cover and in the metropolitan area for the 25' marketing caravan. If you have room and would like to help out, please contact Ros Andrews on (03) 818 7833.

1994 MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS GET TOGETHER.

Just a few lines about next years Get Together. Dates are confirmed - 15th and 16th January, 1994. Venue will be Whorouly in North East Victoria (near Milawa). The weekend is in the process of being planned, and 1994 being the 25th anniversary of the formation of the MCAV, the emphasis will be on Cattlemen and their heritage. More information will be provided later in the year.

OBITUARY - NOEL SCHULTZ.

The following are excerpts from an Obituary printed in Wangaratta High School Newsletter. Mr. Schultz had been connected with the school for many years.

'Students loved their days with Noel Schultz and they were given an insight into many aspects of life that were seldom available within the classroom, for Noel brought to Wangaratta High School a wide experience as a mountain cattleman. The High Plains roundup of cattle is an annual event and Noel, with the approval of the school, joined the other great names of the mountains for this annual roundup, an event he had taken part in since the age of 14.

In 1988 Noel was forced to retire after major heart surgery, but despite this he continued to assist the school on a regular basis. He came with a joke and a smile and always brightened the day of all who came in contact with him. In February of this year Noel suffered another major illness and was given a short time to live, but as with all aspects of his life, this time was extended by the great will to live he demonstrated, and the loving care of his wife - June, and family. He had a final trip to the High Plains and saw the sunset over his beloved alps and he managed a day or two fishing the Mitta with his grandchildren. Last week he finally succumbed after a brave battle".

The Wangaratta High School will remember Noel Schultz most fondly, as indeed, will members of the Mountain Cattlemens Association of Victoria which extends to his wife and family its respect and sympathy.

POSTCARD FROM OUR WANDERING PRESIDENT.

Received in the office this morning a postcard from Doug with the following message:

"23/6/93. Yulara (Tourist town).

Dear Sue,

Its amazing to see the changes here in 10 years. The tourists impact is controlled more and the move is back to management a la aboriginal regime - particularly towards a greater use of fire. One ranger said 'we had it wrong till a few years ago'. Just the stuff Jim Commins loves. I should drop a note to the Minister telling him of the shift towards 'natural' management. Things are going really well, Kate led us to the top of the Rock and back again yesterday.

Cheers."

Doug and his family are touring up through the Centre and then back down along the western coast. (I think!) Anyway they are footloose and fancy free, and will be back in Gippsland just before the start of school again in late September, early October.

SUBSCRIPTION TIME HAS COME AROUND AGAIN.

Can you believe another year has come and gone. This newsletter is being written on June 29th, and I am amazed that tomorrow will be the end of June and the end of the financial year. The months just seem to fly - I am told that it is incipient old age. Well, it probably is!

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a renewal card for your annual subscription to the Association.

Please, please attend to this little business matter immediately, and complete the form and send it back with your cheque. This prompt attention on your part will save me a considerable number of grey hairs, will give comfort to the Association's bankers, and keep me from begging on the streets!

Now how could you possibly resist an appeal like that! Out with the cheque book and pen, the envelope, and a quick trip to the nearest post box!

Please note that subscriptions are due before the end of July.

CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Advance notice of this competition was mooted some time ago. A series of difficulties prevented the competition convenor Don Porter from completing details before the end of last year. The competition will now form part of the Get Together in 1994. Details, entry forms etc. will be provided in the next Newsletter due out in September this year, but we just wanted to remind you that the competition will still be going on and the final rules and requirements will be notified to you later in the year. Winning entries will be shown at the next Get Together. So look out your best photos during the next few months so you will be ready with your entries before the end of the year.

GET WELL WISHES

Best wishes for speedy recoveries to -

Ross Blair, who is recovering from surgery and we hope is regaining his sparkle.

Jim Commins, in Bairnsdale Hospital doing battle with a bout of pneumonia.

Graeme Stoney who has just had surgery to relieve pressure on a nerve.

Hope you are all feeling much more cheerful - get well soon. YOUR MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN NEED YOU!



Bush Dinner Dance

Featuring The Cobbers

Saturday August 28th 1993

7pm - 12 midnight

Spit Roast Dinner

Camping Permitted

BYO Drinks

Toilets but no Showers

'Gumbuya Park' - Princes Highway, Tynong

Melways Map 256 S6

**Tickets to be ordered and paid for
by August 14th**

**\$20.00 Adults \$10.00 Children 16 & under
5 & under free**

Fantastic Raffle

A night's accomodation and breakfast at the historic mansion
'Powerscourt' in Maffra

A weekend horse-ride with Chris Stoney of
'Bluff and Beyond Tours'

A wonderful riding coat from
Thomas Cook Boot and Clothing Co.

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No. Adults No. Children (16 & under)

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