



# *The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Inc.*

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## ASSOCIATES OF THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

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(Copies to all Mountain Cattlemen and Associate Members)

This will be a brief Newsletter to bring everyone up to date, and encloses copy Associates Annual Report which was presented at the Annual Meeting of the M.C.A.V. Inc. held on the 24th September, 1986.

At the Annual Meeting the President, Mr. Jim Commins, announced that the outcome of the voting for two Associate Members to be invited to attend Committee meetings in the future resulted in the election of Mr. Keith Whittam, and Mr. John Cook.

Keith Whittam can be contacted at 357 Springvale Road, Forest Hill (03 878 7536) and Mr. John Cook, Benambra (051 599 276). It is hoped that by having these representatives attend the Committee meetings, greater communication will be achieved between the Associate members, and the Cattlemen.

Whilst on the subject of the Annual Meeting, Office Bearers for the year 1986/87 were elected as follows:

President:	Mr. J.A. Commins.
Senior Vice President:	Mr. David Treasure.
Vice President:	Mr. C. Hodge.
Vice President:	Mr. H. Ryder.
Executive Officer:	Mr. G. Stoney.
Marketing Officer:	Mr. R. Brown.
Special Projects Officer:	Mr. L. McCready.
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mrs. S. Silvers.

Mrs. Coral Aston has resigned as Secretary/Treasurer after seven years of service to the Association. At the meeting the President thanked Coral for all the work she had done, and she was presented with a silver tray from the members of the Association, and a bouquet of flowers (and a kiss!) by Keith Whittam on behalf of the Associate members.

### ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW PARADE (14th September, 1986)

The Show Parade on Sunday 14th September was a wonderful success for the Cattlemen, and in particular for Jack Lovick and the members of the Mansfield Branch, who wish to thank the other members who took the time to come down to the City and lend a hand. The Mountain Cattlemen entry in the Parade won the blue sash for the Best Animal Display. Some fairly unprintable comments were heard. The cows and calves did not put a hoof wrong all day, nor did any of them propose a detour to see the sights, or terrorise any small children or little old ladies. Congratulations to Jack Lovick for an excellent job.

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW SHOP.

Thanks to all who managed to make some time to help in the Shop it was a great success. Thanks to the following hard working Associate members:

Mr. C. Pulling, A. & K. Whittam, B. Masters, Mrs. J. MacIntosh, Miss J. Galway, Mr. K. Date, Mrs. C. Haapakoski, Tess Sampson, S. & R. Clay, H. Stoney, K. Walcott, Bruce, Margaret, Heather, Nola, Brett and Scott Pryor, Julie, Tanya, G. & K. Sandman, Mr. R. Hassall, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKindley, S. Sumner, S. Berthelsen, P. Polenkas, F. Hill, D. Munday, Cathy Noble, Marie Prince, Karen Cooper, A. Sykes, Gwen Date, Greg Rogash, Mrs. Furneaux, Wendy Fleetwood, Betty, Frank and Lisa Segman, Heather Roberts, P. Simons, L. Heine, G. Linaker, Judy Taylor, Eric Cumming, C. Stebnekcz, L. Brown, A. Kennett, Brett Sandman and Debbie, V. and A. Martin.

Thanks also to the Cattlemen on duty: J. Commins, C. Hodge, G. Stoney, David Treasure, V. Phelan, J. Higgins, K. Higgins Rhonda Treasure. Harry and Sue Ryder, Glen Chalwell, the Hicks family, Bill Cumming, and Rita McMahon.

I would also like to thank Lyn Sandford who made the signs, and Don Porter for his constant helpful advice and for doing the painting. Thanks also to Acme Signs for the great signwriting which we have taken down and stored for use at some future time.

The shop took something over \$15,000 gross, and as yet, Ross Brown has not finished working out the net figure. We shall let you know that shortly.

MANSFIELD MOUNTAIN COUNTRY FESTIVAL

This annual event is held over the Melbourne Cup Weekend each year, and is conducted by the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce. This year the Festival will be held from Friday October 31st to Tuesday November 4th. The Great Mountain Race of Victoria will be held over a new and tougher course, on Sunday 2nd November. The venue for the Race is Sheeppyard Flat on the Howqua River out of Mansfield, and is a great, fun weekend for everyone. Naturally the Associate members will have their stall operating, and we will be selling windcheaters, t shirts, stubby holders, posters, stickers, etc. Anyone wishing further information about the weekend can contact Bev. Brooks on 057 751 242 or 057 751010. Please DO NOT phone Sue Silvers as this is not a M.C.A.V. organized weekend.

SALES OF WINDCHEATERS, T SHIRTS TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Associate members can now obtain Windcheaters and T shirts from Annie and Keith Whittam, 357 Springvale Road, Forest Hill, 3131 telephone: 03 878 7536. The current colours are Navy with white writing, Red with white writing and White with navy writing. Prices are: Windcheaters sizes 14 - 24 \$22.00, child's sizes 6 - 12 \$18.00. T shirts sizes 14 - 24 \$10.00, child's \$8.00. We trust that this will meet with the approval of all Associates. At this stage Thomas Cook Clothing Co. will continue to supply their own outlets and mail orders from the general public. There is some thought that the swing ticket on the Cooks garments

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should contain a tear-off section ..... "for more information regarding the Mountain Cattlemen"... etc. This will be attended to in the future.

WANTED - EMPLOYMENT.

We have been asked by the following two Associate members to insert the two advertisements:

1. WANTED - STOCK WORK.

I am Gwen Date, 84 Heathfield Rise, Box Hill North, Victoria, 3129 Telephone: 03 898 4062. Please ignore address, as it will not stop me travelling. I have my own stock horse, current driver's licence, I do not drink or smoke, and am willing to try any sort of work. I will travel anywhere, please give me a chance.

(Gwen has not put in her age - late teens I think)

2. I also have a letter from Mr. G. Pollitt of 7 Union Road, Wandin, 3139 and he expresses in his letter the hope that he can find some employment with any of the Cattlemen.

If you are interested in either of the above applicants, please contact them direct.

BENDIGO EASTER FAIR 1986 - by ALAN DRASH.

Once again Bendigo saw a line-up of Mountain Cattlemen at their Easter Show. Three days of activities over the Easter weekend. The Cattlemens first appearance was on the Easter Saturday in the Horse and Harness Parade. The Cattlemen were greeted with great applause as they rode in the Parade.

On Easter Sunday the Cattlemen showed their great sportsmanship by taking part in the whip-cracking. This event was judged by well-known rodeo and whip-cracking champion Brian Gill. The whip-cracking event was won by Mountain Cattleman Max Blair of the North East Branch who also won the whip-cracking at the Cattlemens Get Together at Catherine Station. Max's daughter Pamela won the junior whip-cracking.

A large crowd lined the rails for the pack-horse race. A great deal of interest was shown in this race, as most of the spectators had never seen a horse packed before. The Bendigo Easter Fair Committee has had a lot of letters since, praising both the whip-cracking and the pack horse race, and asking that they be part of next years events! The pack horse race was won by Nug Wyllie, with a close second being Mountain Cattleman Frank Ryan of Cheshunt.

Easter Monday was the day for the Gala Street Procession, before an estimated crowd of 70,000. The Cattlemen were given a great ovation by the crowds of spectators lined up along the entire three miles of the route through the Bendigo streets. Even without a banner, but with Cattlemen stickers on saddle bags, the Cattlemen were cheered and encouraged.

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The Bendigo Easter Fair Committee wishes to thank the Cattlemen who took part in the festivities. In the June 1986 issue of Hoofs & Horns there were some photographs of the Cattlemen in the Parade.

MOST IMPORTANT - PLEASE MARK THIS DOWN IN YOUR DIARY.

1987 GET TOGETHER.

This is being held by the Mansfield Branch with assistance from Cattlemen from all branches.

DATE: Saturday & Sunday 7th and 8th February 1987.

VENUE: To be confirmed.

INVITATIONS: With venue, maps, directions, costs etc. will be sent out in early December.

HELP - URGENTLY WANTED

1. ENTERTAINERS!!

Music will be provided non-stop from 6 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday. The feature band will obviously need several breaks. If you can provide some amateur (unpaid!) musical support please let the Secretary, Mansfield Branch (Mr. John Gough) know by filling out the form at the end of this newsletter.

2. OTHER ASSISTANCE.

If you can help in any other way, i.e. manning gates on shifts assisting on stalls, stewarding (own horses please) or most importantly, as part of a gang for two days before the event assisting in the construction of facilities PLEASE complete the form below and send to:

Mr. John Gough, Apollo Street, Mansfield. 3722

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tear off & send to John Gough, Apollo Street, Mansfield 3722.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE.....

Music            Yes/No

Manning Gates            Yes/No.

Assist on Stall            Yes/No

Stewarding            Yes/No.

Construction Gang    Yes/No

Any other.....