
The
Royal Agricultural Society
of Victoria



ANNUAL REPORT

1963



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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria will be held in the Council Room, Administrative Building, Plummer Avenue, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, on Tuesday, the 10th March, 1964, at 12.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2. To elect members to fill the vacancies on the Council.
3. To appoint two Auditors.
4. Alterations to the Constitution.
 - i. In Clause 4 insert after the words "howsoever by way of profit to the members of this Society" the following:—

"No Member or individual shall have any proprietary right or interest in any of the real or personal property of the Society and in the event of the winding up of the Society the assets shall be devoted to the promotion of objects similar to those of the Society as may be determined by the Council."
 - ii. After Rule 60 add the following new rule:—

"60A. The Council at its meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting may appoint the Minister of Agriculture of the State of Victoria for the time being in office to be a member of the Council of the Society for the ensuing twelve months or such period thereof as he holds office as such Minister."
 - iii. Add at the end of Rule 64 the following:—

"(d) The Minister of Agriculture as referred to in Rule 60A."
 - iv. Add after Rule 71 the following Rule:—

"71A. Membership of the Society does not give rise to any contractual rights in any members, and the Council may from time to time remove any member from his membership and no cause of action whatsoever shall be maintainable in respect of that removal and no member shall have any rights against any member of Council, officer or official of the Society in respect of any breach of the Society's Rules in the exercise or purported exercise of any of his official powers or duties."
 - v. Wherever in the Rules the words "Honorary Councillor" are mentioned that these words be altered to "Life Councillor".

Dated the 21st Day of February, 1964.

H. T. C. WOODFULL,
Secretary.

For list of nominations see back.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (Eleven to be elected)

ANGLISS, W. A., "Marnong", Mickleham.

CLARKE, SIR RUPERT W. J., Bart., M.A.,
"Bolinda Vale", Clarkefield.

DOYLE, E. A., O.B.E., "Mulutu", Gembrook Road,
Emerald.

DRUMMOND, K. A., "Talgarno Park", Private
Bag, Wodonga.

GARDINER, J. M., "Karalee", Tungamah.

LUKE, SIR KENNETH, C.M.G., "Deepfields",
Romsey.

SANDERSON, R. F., C.B.E., C/- Wm. Haughton &
Co. Ltd., 545 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

STARRITT, G. R., "Kelso Park", North West
Mooroopna, via Tatura.

STEPHENS, DR. F. G., "Uplands", Terrara Road,
Vermont.

TURNER, S. A., "Woodlands", Huon.

YUNCKEN, H. F., "Birkenmoor", Lower Plenty.

NOTE:—The nominations not being in excess of the vacancies, there
will be no poll.

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Presented by His Honour Judge Norman Mitchell C.M.G.

To the Members—

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Council of this Society I have pleasure in submitting a report of the Society's activities during the year 1963.

ROYAL SHOW

It is with pleasure that I record the fact that The Governor of Victoria, His Excellency Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., officially opened our 1963 Royal Show. It was especially pleasing to have him perform this Ceremony as it was our first Royal Show since he took office as Governor of Victoria. We were also honoured to have with us on this occasion Lady Delacombe, The Honourable The Premier Mr. H. E. Bolte, M.L.A., and Mrs. Bolte, C.B.E., as well as the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Curtis, and Commodore Shimmin, N.O.I.C. in Victoria, and Mrs. Shimmin. The Guard of Honour was supplied by the Navy and the Opening Ceremony was a colourful and attractive prelude to what proved to be a most successful Show. His Excellency and Lady Delacombe attended our Show on four occasions and showed intense interest in the Livestock, Show Jumping, Homecrafts and other sections of the Show.

During the Show we were hosts to many overseas guests including His Highness Sri Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, The Maharaja of Mysore, G.C.B., G.C.S.I.; His Excellency Dr. Miguel Sussini, Argentine Ambassador to Australia, and Mrs. Sussini; three visiting Medical Officers—Lieut.-General Sir Harold Knott (Ireland), Lieut.-General Leonard Heaton, Surgeon-General U.S. Army, and Major-General Robinson, D.M. Services in Singapore.

It was pleasing to have as competitors at our Show a Horse Jumping and a Wood Chopping team from New Zealand. We also had as visitors Consulate Corps representatives, visiting Colombo Plan students, Sir Edmund Herring, Air Marshall C. D. Candy, C.B., C.B.E., and Mrs. Candy, as well as distinguished citizens of our State. Among the many Parliamentarians who honoured us with their presence were all the members of the State Cabinet, The Hon. Sir Herbert Hyland, M.L.A., The Hon. C. P. Stoneham, M.L.A., The Hon. J. B. Holden, M.L.A., The Hon. S. Merrifield, M.L.C., The Hon. J. M. Tripovitch, M.L.C., The Hon. K. H. Wheeler, M.L.A., The Hon. L. Cochrane, M.L.A., and The Hon. P. V. Feltham, M.B.E., M.L.C. The State Development Committee also made an official visit to the Show. We were especially pleased to see the Presidents and Councillors of other State Royal Societies and many Presidents and Secretaries from our own Country Societies.

RECORD ENTRIES

It was especially pleasing to us that we again had a record entry which this year totalled 26,941 entries. Particularly strong entries were received in the Horse, Beef and Dairy Cattle and Dog Sections and in fact all livestock sections were strongly patronised. A detailed list of the entries is to be found appended to this report. Due to the strong entries the judging was followed with great interest and I am pleased to say that many of the Judges expressed their pleasure at the exceptionally high quality of the exhibits.

Amongst the overseas Judges we had Mr. J. M. Lenthall of Dorset, England, judging Poll Dorsets; Mr. and Mrs. Derek Rayne of California, U.S.A., who judged the Dogs; and from New Zealand Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Holden who judged in the Horse Section; Mr. K. M. Dysart who judged Beef Shorthorns and Mr. N. J. Sherriff who judged Friesians. Many of our other Judges came from Interstate and we are pleased to be able to afford our exhibitors the privilege of highly skilled Judges from various parts of the world.

ATTENDANCES

We were fortunate in that the weather during our Show was fine except for one day and the good weather, together with the intense interest in the Show, no doubt influenced the very large total attendance we received this year. It was 688,543, the second highest number ever to visit our Show. It is quite evident that the Show is a great attraction to many school children and also to other students and adults who undoubtedly visit the Show for educational purposes.

OTHER SHOW FEATURES

In this regard I would like to say that we received generous co-operation from the Government, semi-Government and private sources. Displays by the Victorian Police Motor Cycle and Mounted Police teams and the visiting South Australian Police Troopers proved attractive entertainment. Interstate Polo Crosse Matches were played and the Young Farmers conducted a Hay Loading Competition. The Show Jumping was again conducted under Olympic Jumping Rules and this was of high standard due to the infusion of competition from the New Zealand team.

The Sun Show Girl Competition was won by Miss Pat Williams of Burnie, Tasmania, from 68 entrants and this proved to be a very highly contested event. The prize of £250, sash and trophy, generously donated by the Sun News-Pictorial, was presented by Mrs. Sussini, the wife of the Argentine Ambassador to Australia, and we were pleased to give a complimentary dinner to the finalists and representatives from their respective Agricultural Societies.

Many Government Departments and Boards staged displays in the various Pavilions and I cannot let this opportunity pass without complimenting the Department of Agriculture of Victoria, The Milk Board, The Wool Board, The Country Roads Board, The Forestry Commission, The Egg Board, The Department of Territories and several other Government and Semi-Government Organisations.

It is with pleasure that I report that the two Amusement Ride Proprietors, namely Messrs. Green and Thomas and Mr. T. G. Wittingslow, expended considerable sums of money and this led to a marked uplift in the appearance and conduct of the Amusement Area. Our thanks go to standholders who co-operated in altering the location of their Stands to make this improvement possible.

Great interest was displayed in the "Cobb & Co." Coach which ended its 3,000 mile trek at the Show Grounds and featured in the Grand Parade on the Official Opening day.

SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE R.A.S.V.

The Lot Feeding Competition which in previous years had been held by the Society was more appropriately named the Cattle Feeding Competition. In this we received 18 entries of 3 cattle each. In connection with this we appreciate the support given by the Reserve Bank of Australia in contributing towards the prize money. At the conclusion of the Competition we had a successful Field Day at which a most useful discussion for beef breeders aroused considerable interest.

The Farm Management and Improvement Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank was confined to the deciduous fruit growing section. Mr. R. J. Cornish of Cobram was the winner and subsequently a Field Day was held on his property at which over two hundred people were present. I should like to thank all those who contributed to the success of this Field Day.

The Wheat Crop Championships, Fat Lamb Competition, Fodder Conservation Competition, District Fleece Competition and Lambs Wool Competition were all again conducted and received considerable support both from entrants and from the various sections of Primary Industry to which they refer. The Department of Agriculture assists the Society in most of these Competitions and we must thank them for their generous attitude in this regard.

The Shell Company of Australia Ltd., and Shell Chemical (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. were again kind enough to sponsor our pre-Show Journalists Tour which covered the Western District of Victoria. Many property owners assisted this Society in making this Tour a most memorable occasion and we thank both the Companies and the property owners for their valuable contribution towards publicising the Show through the Press, Radio and Television personnel who were present on the Tour.

During the autumn the Society conducted its Third Annual Thoroughbred Horse Show at which we had a record entry of 125 horses. The weather was kind and the three thousand or more people who attended had a most enjoyable day.

An Appeal for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign conducted by the Society raised approximately £1,800.

YOUNG FARMERS

This Movement appears to go from strength to strength and the Senior Section Young Farmers of Victoria continues to flourish. The Clubs affiliated with the Movement total 135 and there seems to be a strongly maintained interest in the activities of the Movement. We are pleased to be able to assist in their efforts by carrying out their administrative work.

BREED SOCIETIES

The work of many of the Breed Societies in Victoria is carried out by this Society and at the present time we carry out the secretarial work of 34 Breed Societies or activities of a similar nature. During the year we were requested to carry out the secretarial work of the Australian Hereford Society (Southern Branch) and the newly formed Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society. Due to the increase in costs which has occurred during the year it is regretted that we will have to make increases in our charges for secretarial work but it is trusted that the Societies will realise that wage increases and similar matters are outside the control of this Society. Notwithstanding these increases this Society will still be bearing the cost of the secretarial work to the extent of some thousands of pounds.

FINANCE

The Revenue and Expenditure Statement, together with the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1963, are to be found appended to this report. Notwithstanding the many calls for maintenance which we have had on the Grounds and the expenditure connected with new structures we have been able to show a slight excess of revenue over expenditure. It is realised that many improvements are still required at the Grounds in order that we may produce a high class exhibition each year but the Council feels that we must act within our financial resources and consequently some of the improvements which we would like to carry out have not yet been possible. It is our endeavour however to keep the Grounds well maintained in order that we may produce a Show and Exhibition worthy of not only the Society but also the State of Victoria.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We continue to be favoured by the goodwill and assistance of the Premier of Victoria and members of his Cabinet, particularly the Minister of Agriculture, The Hon. G. L. Chandler, C.M.G., M.L.C. In fact Parliamentarians of all parties have expressed considerable interest in our enterprise and have throughout the year displayed willingness to assist the Society. Special mention must also be made by me for the interest and attention displayed by the Director of Agriculture, Mr. F. M. Read, and his departmental Officers. To the Milk Board Chairman, Mr. O. R. Browne, and the Members of the Board, we express thanks for their assistance during the year and during the Show in the Dairy Industry Pavilion. The Meat Board has also been most helpful in our activities.

I previously mentioned other Government Departments and Boards but I would like to express at this stage our sincere appreciation of the late Commissioner of Police, Mr. Selwyn Porter, for the way in which he always supported this Society and we would like to extend to his widow and family our sincere regret at the passing of such a valued citizen.

During the year we have received co-operation from the Victorian Racing Club, particularly in connection with parking matters and we are pleased to have their friendly assistance. Many other organisations and business firms have generously assisted the Society in sponsoring Competitions and donating prize money and to all of these I extend our sincere thanks.

The Society is indebted to all the Judges, Stewards, Stewardesses and other officials for the service which they rendered to us and whose valuable support makes our Show possible. Many of these devote considerable time to the Show and we are very grateful to them all for the way in which they have assisted us.

We have had outstanding support in the various ways in which the Show is publicised and I would like to thank the Press, Radio and Television for the prominence given to Show preparations and to the Show itself. All the various media gave considerable coverage to the Show and the many reporters, feature writers, newsmen, photographers and commentators that attended our Show all played their part in helping to publicise our activities.

The Members of the Council again served the Society in a very efficient and enthusiastic manner and spent many hours working for the success of the Society. I would like, on behalf of the Society, to congratulate Mr. Fisker who during the year was honoured by Her Majesty The Queen and received the C.M.G. in recognition of his valuable services to Primary Industry.

I am sure all would like me to take this opportunity of expressing appreciation to the staff of the Society for the capable and loyal way in which they have carried out their duties during the year and in enabling the staging of another most successful Show and year for the Society.

NORMAN MITCHELL,
President, R.A.S.V.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1963

EXPENDITURE	INCOME
ANNUAL EXHIBITION	ANNUAL EXHIBITION
To Wages £41,207	By Admission:
„ Prize Money, Cups, Trophies 22,053	Turnstiles £79,017
„ Printing 13,783	Railways 29,681
„ Attractions 8,160	Grandstands 6,694
„ Catering 8,175	Motor Parks and Cloak- rooms 618
„ Advertising and Publicity Judge's Expenses 6,245	Sales Rings 182
„ Police and Fire Services 3,535	„ Ground Rents 62,336
„ Cleaning 1,892	„ Entry Fees 15,152
„ Public Address Equipment 1,756	„ Premiums — Refreshments and Catering 8,006
„ Wood Chopping 829	„ Catalogue and Programme Sales 2,134
„ Medical and Veterinary Officers' Fees 806	„ Commission Stock Sales 892
„ Cartage 530	„ Sundries 303
„ Fodder 336	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £205,015
„ Kennel Control Council— Surcharge Refund 201	
„ Sundries 6,495	
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £119,540	
	GENERAL INCOME
	By Rent of Showground and Buildings £23,452
	„ Donations 11,157
	„ Advertising 2,395
	„ Commission 132
	„ Motor Parks 866
	„ Sundries 2,852
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £40,854
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	
To Wages, Salaries, Super- annuation £44,920	SUBSCRIPTIONS
„ Repairs and Maintenance 23,088	By Members £15,766
„ Interest & Bank Charges 8,091	„ Associate Members 3,230
„ Insurance Premiums 9,996	„ Ladies' Tickets 728
„ Secretarial Services to Herd Societies 5,420	„ Junior 476
„ Rates and Taxes 6,225	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £20,200
„ Motor Vehicle Maintenance 2,360	
„ Office Cleaning 1,144	
„ Telephone 1,657	
„ Postages 1,500	
„ Office Supplies 1,510	
„ Catering 942	
„ Audit and Legal Fees 466	
„ Travelling Expenses 641	
„ Sundry Competitions 2,123	
„ Loose Tools 273	
„ Advertising 98	
„ Sundries (including Mem- bers' Medallions) 2,988	
„ Members' News Letter 520	
„ Depreciation 32,040	
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £146,002	
<hr style="width: 100%;"/> £265,542	
Surplus transferred to Accumulated Fund 527	
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THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1963

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Current Liabilities —	Current Assets —
Bank Overdraft £342,916	Cash on Hand £93
Sundry Creditors — Accruals 2,334	Secretary's Advance 200
£345,250	Prepayments 2,506
Short Call Deposits 155,340	Sundry Debtors £19,801
Deferred Liabilities —	Less Reserve 1,025
Fodder Conservation 300	18,776
Trust Accounts —	Showground Stock on Hand
T. H. Payne Memorial £250	at Cost 4,938
W. J. Dawkins Trophy 100	£26,513
Provident Fund 850	Short Call Deposits —
Australian Pig Society 3,000	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney
Capt. A. E. T. Payne £10,000	Ltd. 155,340
Income Accrued 81	Deferred Assets —
10,081	Trotting Control Board —
14,281	Grandstand Advance £181,874
Members' Funds —	Deposit State Electricity
Accumulated Fund —	Commission 803
Balance at 1/1/63 £418,800	182,677
T.C.B. Original Advance —	Trust Investments —
Early Settlement	T. H. Payne Memorial Bonds £250
Allowance £1,668	Capt. A. E. T. Payne Trust
Provision for Bad	Inscribed Stock 10,000
Debts 1,025	A. F. McNaughton Ayrshire
2,693	Trophy Bond 120
£416,107	Provident Fund Inscribed Stock 850
Transfer from	W. J. Dawkins Inscribed Stock 100
Income and Expenditure	Australian Pig Society Bonds 3,000
Statement 527	14,320
£416,634	Fixed Assets —
Reserves —	Showground Services and
Assets Revaluation1,042,003	Utilities £250,660
Grandstand 242,123	Land at Cost 61,532
Buildings 44,535	Building and Im-
1,745,295	provements at
	Valuation £1,545,947
	Less Depreciation 26,775
	1,519,172
	Showgrounds Plant
	and Motor
	Vehicles £50,698
	Less Depreciation 4,806
	45,892
	Office Furniture .. £4,819
	Less Depreciation 459
	4,360
	1,881,616
£2,260,466	£2,260,466

AUDITORS' REPORT

We wish to report to the members that we have audited the books and accounts of the ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA for the year ended 31st December, 1963. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs and that the accompanying statement of Income and Expenditure is properly drawn up so as exhibit a true and fair view of the results of the operations of the Society for the year, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Society.

Dated at Melbourne this 8th day of February, 1964.

A. J. COURT, F.C.A. }
L. R. GILLAM, A.C.A. } Chartered Accountants

H. T. C. WOODFULL, Director.

COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES

Section	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	Previous	Best
Clydesdales	130	154	120	124	139	142	271	1924
Farm and Lorry	8	25	22	16	24	20	75	1934
Arabs	27	32	31	54	36	40	54	1961
Trotters	44	46	42	44	32	24	112	1947
Galloways	68	69	57	85	78	83	85	1961
Ponies	256	273	290	289	335	317	335	1962
Horses (Led)	—	—	—	—	47	47	47	1962
Saddle Horses, etc.	1,828	1,597	1,577	2,196	2,157	2,011	2,196	1961
Harness Horses, etc.	165	176	190	204	220	205	271	1947
*Riding Competitions	1,108	1,136	945	1,259	1,279	1,225	1,279	1962
*Novelty Horse Events	274	324	517	575	593	455	593	1962
*Jumping Competitions	898	861	694	980	696	1,233	1,226	1956
*Wood Chopping and Sawing	916	904	944	957	853	936	1,027	1955
Sheaf Tossing	—	21	17	46	53	59	53	1962
Tug-O'-War	—	—	—	—	16	21	16	1962
Beef Shorthorns	137	140	180	165	167	153	180	1960
Poll Shorthorns	20	6	31	38	46	48	46	1962
Herefords	104	83	117	91	102	108	117	1960
Poll Herefords	116	115	113	143	151	148	151	1962
Angus	226	186	208	259	278	237	278	1962
Devons	19	16	17	15	15	7	19	1955
Santa Gertrudis	—	6	10	—	2	4	10	1960
Galloways	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—
Murray Greys	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—
Red Polls	44	35	39	52	71	76	159	1934
Dairy Shorthorns	133	168	181	204	173	184	204	1961
Fat Cattle	55	84	41	87	64	86	113	1926
Aust. Illawarra Shorthorns	101	121	163	140	169	150	235	1948
Ayrshires	187	172	211	225	167	188	503	1922
Jerseys	555	556	595	702	699	751	702	1961
Guernseys	240	264	268	332	277	231	332	1961
Friesians	195	263	289	339	318	369	339	1961
Lincolns	6	6	—	5	6	4	219	1918
English Leicesters	39	44	46	46	40	36	114	1947
Border Leicesters	198	163	189	187	230	215	230	1962
Romney Marsh	104	91	92	81	107	91	159	1949
Cheviots	132	194	207	208	137	144	208	1961
Southdowns	133	160	178	183	162	156	196	1938
Shropshires	12	16	9	7	5	6	92	1934
Suffolks	28	39	22	20	17	21	60	1937
Dorset Horns	254	228	236	241	237	239	254	1958
Ryelands	118	143	120	98	149	108	160	1957
Hampshire Downs	3	6	—	—	—	—	8	1952
Dorset Downs	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	1950
Poll Dorsets	36	64	101	157	221	250	221	1962
Corriedales	40	69	42	52	42	42	124	1934
Fat Sheep	—	—	—	—	—	—	125	1934
Fleeces	195	348	394	347	398	514	398	1962
*Sheep Dog Trials	99	115	104	87	84	83	117	1957
Sheep Shearing Competitions	16	37	25	28	70	78	92	1953
Goats	170	145	154	109	131	135	170	1958
Pigs	541	557	784	739	702	664	801	1954
Poultry	1,917	1,974	1,984	2,059	1,934	2,050	2,195	1955
Pigeons	1,161	1,312	1,047	949	1,292	1,225	1,312	1959
Budgerigars, etc.	773	856	971	886	894	973	971	1959
Wines, etc.	657	707	696	685	764	867	764	1962
Dairy Produce	315	324	338	357	336	337	357	1961
Farm Produce	192	155	151	196	227	233	431	1930
*Fruit Packing Competitions	108	120	90	102	126	120	126	1962
Apiculture	61	56	148	96	135	76	148	1960
Home Crafts	2,573	3,409	3,248	3,846	3,723	3,578	3,846	1961
Dogs	3,200	3,615	3,060	3,633	3,933	4,011	3,933	1962
† Young Farmers' Competitions	59	63	64	103	124	149	349	1956
*Trotting Races	546	535	342	432	337	288	717	1957
*Rodeo Events	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	1956
Cats	—	—	427	375	473	671	473	1962
Total Competitive Entries	21,540	23,384	23,178	25,955	26,295	26,941		

* Previously shown as Arena Contests.

† Competitive Classes in Young Farmer's Pavilion discontinued after 1957 Show.

