



Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria



Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra opening the Royal Melbourne Show 1978.
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ANNUAL REPORT



THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Royal Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, 3032. Phone 376 0471

OFFICE BEARERS 1978

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His Excellency The Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen, A.K., G.C.M.G., K.St.J.,
Q.C.

PATRON:

His Excellency The Hon. Sir Henry Winneke, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.,
K.St.J., Q.C.

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

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EXECUTIVE STAFF:

DIRECTOR: H.J. Clappison

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: J.C. Buckland

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT: J.F. Clifford

PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER: L.J.D. Caudwell

GROUND MANAGER: K.J. Monkhouse



The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria

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 20th March, 1979, at 12.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To elect members to fill the vacancies on the Council.
4. To appoint two Auditors.

Dated the 21st day of February, 1979.

H.J. CLAPPISON,
Director.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (Eleven to be elected)

BOTT, C. "Naranghi",
Yarrowonga, 3730.

FISKEN, A.J. "Lal Lal Estate",
Yendon, 3352.

GARDINER, C.B., Box 126,
Tongala, 3621.

GIBSON, A. 40 Balwyn Road,
Canterbury, 3126.

GERRAND, M.B.E., R.B. "Malanda",
Stradbroke via Sale, 3850.

KELLY, C.R. "Barwidgee",
Caramut, 3274.

MacGREGOR, M.B.E., D.S.
"Dalmore", Baringup, 3463.

McLENNAN, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.,
Sir Ian, 112 Walsh Street,
South Yarra, 3141.

RAE, J.W. a/Beckett Road,
Narre Warren North, 3804.

URQUHART, K.W. "Boonerah",
Hexham, 3273.

WALKER, R.G. "Pleasant Park",
Goroke, 3412.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Council of this Society, to present the annual report of the year ending 31st December, 1978.

Visit by Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra

The most outstanding event of the year was undoubtedly the visit by Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and her husband, the Honourable Angus Ogilvy. It is 19 years since we were last honoured by a visit from Her Royal Highness and once again she proved a most charming guest with a natural friendliness to everyone.

Saturday the 23rd September, 1978 dawned brightly and although we did experience some cloud and a few spots of rain during her visit we were pleased that the weather remained reasonably fine thus allowing a large number of people to see Her Royal Highness at close quarters and she obviously enjoyed stopping to talk to many in the crowd.

Her Royal Highness consented to open the new P.B. Ronald Pavilion and then proceeded to view the exhibits of the Arts and Crafts and the Horticulture sections before walking with her party through the Animal Nursery to Centenary Hall where she watched some shearing and then continued on to the Hunter Stand where an official luncheon was held in her honour.

Her Royal Highness officially opened the Show after inspecting the guard of honour by the Royal Australian Air Force, the Victorian Mounted Police Escort and the Victorian Police Band.

Among the distinguished company of guests were the Prime Minister, Mr. Malcolm Fraser and Mrs. Fraser; the Premier of Victoria the Hon. R.J. Hamer and Mrs. Hamer; the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor I. Rockman and the Lady Mayoress and His Worship the Mayor of Essendon, Councillor K.A.F. Readwin and Mrs. Readwin.

Changes in Council

The Society welcomed to Council distinguished industrialist Sir Ian McLennan, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., upon his election in February, 1978.

Sir Ian replaced Vice-President Mr. G.R. Starritt, O.B.E., who had been elevated to Life Councillor of the Society.

During the year Council was saddened by the passing of two members.

Mr. T.N. Mitchell C.B.E., who died in June, 1978, joined the Council in 1943, was a Vice-President, 1950-1953 after which he served a 4 year term as President from 1953-1957. He was created a Life Councillor in 1963. Although incapacitated by illness during his closing years, Mr. Mitchell was still able to help the Society in many ways.

Mr. Herbert F. Yuncken died in December 1978. Mr. Yuncken joined the Council in 1957 and served, over a period of twenty one years on six different committees, and was for some time the Society's representative on the Trotting Control Board.

The valuable contribution these members made to the Society was such that we will find it difficult to replace them.

Mr. Hubert A. Mullett, I.S.O. a respected former Councillor and Trustee also died late in 1978. He joined the Council in 1934 as a Victorian State Government Nominee, in which capacity he served until 1967, when he resigned owing to failing health.

Councillors Honoured

We congratulate the following Councillors who were honoured by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II during 1978.

Elevation to K.C.M.G. —

Sir Ian McLennan, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.

Knight Bachelor —

Col. Sir Malcolm McArthur, Kt., O.B.E.

Member British Empire —

Mr. R. B. Gerrard, M.B.E.

Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia — Mr. J. K. Buchanan, A.M.

During the year the new Dog Complex was completed by the Kennel Control Council at a total cost exceeding \$600,000. A new Children's Palace has been erected in a prominent position in Plummer Avenue and will be used as a theatre during each Royal Show.

On the opposite side of Plummer Avenue another building incorporating toilets adds to the "new" look of the main thoroughfare.

Among the numerous other improvements made, the almost complete rebuilding of the vehicle shed in the Heavy Horse area and the further upgrading of the arena lighting with mercury lights are probably the most important. Considerable maintenance in re-roofing, painting and roadworks — a never ending task — was also achieved.



Improvements and Buildings

In the period between the 1978 and 1979 Royal Shows a new pavilion was started and completed. This magnificent pavilion replaces a motley collection of old structures in the centre of the Showgrounds and we were indeed pleased to honour my predecessor for his untiring efforts over many years in many official capacities by naming this pavilion the P.B. Ronald Pavilion. The pavilion is a complex of two floors with a total exhibition area of approximately 1,670 square metres — at a cost of \$483,657. The finance for this building will be provided through a yearly grant by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and we sincerely thank the Minister, the Hon. Brian Dixon; the Director, Mr. B.A. Keddie and staff of the Department for the assistance given in this respect.

City Parade

Photo by courtesy of G. T. V. 9.

This year's parade through the City of Melbourne on the Monday prior to the Royal Show was well organised and well received by the large crowd in Swanston Street. Our thanks go to all those who co-operated in the presentation of animals and machinery and to the Lord Mayor and his Council members who viewed the parade from a specially built dais in front of the Melbourne Town Hall. — It must be recorded that the Lord Mayor actually milked a cow in Swanston Street. — The Society thanks administrative officers of the Melbourne City Council for their assistance in this excellent promotion for the Royal Show.

The 1978 Royal Show

Almost perfect weather by day with somewhat cooler nights brought 862,926 people to the Show. It is always disappointing when the attendance figure is less than the previous year's but when one takes into consideration the cancellation of the second Sunday the attendance was only 10,606 less than in 1978. The fall away in evening attendances continues to cause us concern and needs re-appraisal.

The Council realises that attendances must be increased and efforts will be made to attract those who appear to attend the Show irregularly. It is pleasing to acknowledge the general improvement in farming, particularly in the beef and dairy industries and I trust this will see more country people return to their Show.

Entries

The 1978 Royal Show produced a record number of entries when 39,217 entries in the various sections were exhibited. This total number included entries from four new sections. Horticulture with 826 entries and three new beef cattle breeds — Chianina (5 entries) Australian Shorthorn (4 entries) and Lincoln Red (1 entry). A comparative list of entries over eight years is included elsewhere in this report.

Arena Programme

Grand Parades still draw the greatest crowds with fireworks displays on six evenings next in popularity. Items such as precision driving in cars and in large prime movers, flat track displays, parachuting, massed bands, sheep dog trials, obedience dog displays, dressage, camp drafting and tent pegging and displays by the Victorian Mounted Police and Police Motor Cycle Team provide an arena programme which caters for all tastes.

Sun Wrap-around cover

We were pleased to have a picture of the Clydesdale team pulling a brewery wagon across the arena on both front and back covers of the Wednesday morning edition of the Sun Newspaper. It was a first ever for the Society and our thanks to all those who co-operated in bringing this about, in particular to The Carlton and United Breweries and the Sun News Pictorial.

Clydesdale Diamond Jubilee

The Clydesdale Horse Society and its members are to be complimented on their parades and displays on the arena on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of their Breed book.



Photo by courtesy of the Sun News-Pictorial.

Centenary Hall

Sheep shearing competitions including the Australian Shearing Championship were once again conducted on the stage of Centenary Hall.

Other entertainment provided in this Hall included cooking demonstrations, school bands, ethnic dance groups, garden hints, floral art demonstrations, vocal items and the magician. Such entertainment alone would normally command the admission price which is payable at the gate.

School and other bands

Special mention must be made of the various school bands which performed both in the Centenary Hall and on the A.M.P. lawn bandstand. The performances of these bands were made possible through the co-operation of officers of the Education Department and for their assistance and guidance the Society is deeply grateful.

Other groups and also brass bands performed on the A.M.P. bandstand and were very popular entertainment.

Woodchopping

Our thanks are extended to Broken Hill Pty. Ltd. for their sponsorship in World Title Championships in that most spectacular of events, woodchopping.

Judges and Stewards

The Society is once again sincerely appreciative of the contribution made by both overseas and Australian Judges, Stewards and officials, without whom the Show would not be a success but most of all we are grateful to the following judges from other countries:

- Mr. J. Picken, Torrs, Kirkeudbright, Scotland — Clydesdale Horses, Simmental Beef Cattle.
Mrs. J.C. MacInnes, Armathwaite, Carlisle, U.K. — Hackney Ponies, New Forest Ponies, and Smartest on Parade for boys and girls.
Lady Anne Hemphill, Tulira Castle, Co. Galway, Ireland — Connemara Pony classes, Mounted Turn-outs, Saddle Horses, Ladies' Side Saddle and General Appearance of Hunt Club Teams.
Dr. Larry Grimes, Jefferson City, Missouri, U.S.A. — Charolais Cattle classes.
Dr. M.L. Weldy, Maruna Farm, Goshen, Indiana, U.S.A. — Guernsey Cattle classes.
Mr. O. Eby, St. George, Ontario, Canada — Friesian Cattle classes.
Mr. J.H. Bartlett, "Hoeaeka", Fielding, New Zealand — Southdown Sheep classes.
Mr. S. McKenzie, Wanganue, New Zealand — Ryeland Sheep classes.

Mr. B.A. Cowper, Marton, New Zealand — Suffolk Sheep classes.

Mr. Langdon L. Skarda, Clovis, New Mexico, U.S.A. — Senior Dog Judge Groups 1 and 6.

M/s J. Quiros, Dragonfly Kennels, Buenos Aires, Argentina — Groups 3 and 4 Dog Section.

Mr. Peter Thompson, Hillsborough, California, U.S.A. — Groups 2 and 5 Dog Section.

Entertainment

In addition to arena events, the Centenary Hall, the bands, all of which have been mentioned herein, the public can view without further cost to the admittance charge during their visit to the Royal Show, any of the following:—

- The Australian Wool Corporation Fashion Parades in the Wool Court six times daily.
The C.B.C. Bank Produce Display in the Centenary Hall.
- The National Bank Animal Nursery — an area of 1,858 square metres — where children can wander around and feel their favourite animals.
Historic display of farm implements.
A working dairy producing milk in cartons in the Dairy Industry Pavilion.
Talks and demonstrations by leading butchers in the Meat Pavilion.
- Exciting, educational and spectacular displays by 26 Government departments in the new Government Pavilion near the main gate.
Egg exhibits by the Victorian Egg Board.
Prize winning butter exhibits by the Dairy Corporation.
A new Children's Palace where children can see their favourite comic heroes in action.
- Pavilions of cattle, Horses, sheep, pigs, goats, poultry, pigeons, dogs and cats.
- Arts and Crafts exhibits in three pavilions.
- Woodchopping daily, including three World titles, two Australian titles and one Australasian title.
- Horticulture in the P.B. Ronald Pavilion.

For the first time for many years the Society combined with the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria to stage floral displays in the new P.B. Ronald Pavilion.

It would be no exaggeration to say that many of the attractions at the Show including the arena events, Centenary Hall programme and those which are asterisked above and which are all inclusive of the admission price, would be subject to the admittance charge alone in any other place at another time.

Competitions

The Royal Show is competition. The results of all sections would be too voluminous for such a report so therefore only the following main results are listed:

Horses

Best Equestrienne Turnout for Garryowen Trophy — Mrs. R.L. Curcio on "Ascot".

Champion Saddle Horse — Miss Cherie Edmonds on "Hopkins"

A.N.Z. Bank Jumping Grand Prix — Mr. Chris Smith on "Sanskrit"

Woodchopping

Grand Aggregate Trophy — D.J. Foster of Tasmania

Cattle

Supreme Beef Bull — E.J. & H.M. & G.J. Spry — Poll Shorthorn, Darweena Junction.

Champion Dairy Cow — J. Roland Canobie & Sons — Ayrshire, Roland Park Pet's Alice.

Sheep

Supreme Champion Ram — Keith G. McIntosh, N.S.W. — Southdown Ram

Goats

Supreme Champion Doe — Miss J.M. Sinclair, Casterton

Pigs

Most Successful Exhibitor — L.G. & M.J. Baker

Pigeons

Chequered Homer — Martin Bros.

Cage Birds

Budgerigar — E.R. Dowell
Finch — B. & R. McNamara
Best Cage Bird — C. Bush

Poultry

Best Bird in Show — P.A. Coats

Arts & Crafts

Florence Monod Memorial Trophy — Mrs. L.M. Russell

Cats

Guineas Finals:
Longhair — R. & J. Evans
Siamese & Foreign Self — Miss P. Petrie
Other Shorthair — Miss J. Wilkinson

Dogs

Best Exhibit in Show — Pekingese owned by Mr. Brian Wilson

Best Opposite Sex — Australian Cattle Dog owned by Mrs. R.B. Redhead

Victorian Young Farmers

Pig Carcass Competition — Won by St. James Club

Victorian Farm Management Production & Improvement Competition

Section A — Mr. & Mrs. K.G. & P.M. Jordan, Katandra West
Section B — N.C. Grills & Son, Ascot via Creswick

Dalgety Commercial Beef Herd of the Year Award

Mr. & Mrs. R.W. & J.C. Liley, Fish Creek

Gippsland & Northern Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year Award

Mr. & Mrs. R.G. & G.R. Blamey, Kyabram

Elders Commercial Wool Sheep Flock of the Year Award

Messrs A.J.N., S.M. & J.W. Carter, Stawell

Sun Show Girl

Miss Sharyn Calder, Shepparton

Australian Dried Fruits Association

State Rich Fruit Cake Competition — Mrs. C. Mewitt, Horsham

and the following 2 new competitions:—

Essay Competition

Under 16 years winner — Barbara Dullard, Echuca
Under 13 years winner — Milenko Vander Staal, Ascot Vale

Nikon/Remington Media Award

Best Show Photograph — Ian Stevenson, Herald
Best Show Story — Tim Hewat, The Australian

The "Royal" Magazine

In 1978 the Royal published five issues instead of the monthly issue as from April, 1978. The Committee responsible for this important communications document feel that it is better to publish four or five good issues per year rather than the monthly issue as originally intended. I believe that the "Royal" is receiving good acceptance and is providing the Council with a means of communication with the members of the Society.

22nd Shell/R.A.S.V. Journalists' Tour

In August a number of representatives of the press, television and radio media journeyed throughout South West Gippsland where they were conducted over properties which included beef and dairy cattle studs, broiler chicken complex, orchard freezer complex, turf and vegetable research station, food processing plant, Historical Park, Rotary Dairy, milk factory, potato storage facility, abattoir, a mini show, vegetable farm and civic receptions.

This excellent tour was the twenty second tour sponsored by the Shell Group of Companies and our sincere thanks go to Shell and all those who contribute to its organisation and conduct, to all those who hosted the touring party and to those who participated in that group.

The Shell tour enables media representatives to meet some of the exhibitors of the Royal Melbourne Show. Its value to this Society is incalculable and we are sincerely appreciative of Shell's sponsorship of the tour and look forward to many more years of close co-operation in the conduct of similar tours.

Computer

During the year the Society with encouragement from the Victorian Government purchased an I.C.L. 2903 computer and with the aid of programmes from System Aid Ltd. of the U.K. we have now almost completely transferred the records and registers of the Kennel Control Council. The computer is operating efficiently and providing additional relevant information not easily available from manual records and registers. Various other accounting and membership records can be transferred to the computer at an appropriate time with a resulting increased efficiency and a reduction in costs.

Finance

The Financial Statements of this Society as contained in this Report disclose a surplus of \$76,835 for the year ended 31st December, 1978.

The Society has by tight control over expenditure during the year improved its cash position which was aggravated by the extraordinary costs incurred in the extensive building programme in 1977.

Acknowledgements

The Royal Show could not be conducted without the loyal support of our many sponsors and donors, both large and small. For many years some of these people, firms or organisations have contributed in their way to the success of the Show. To all those people we express our sincere gratitude and we trust that they will continue to support this worthy Victorian "event".

Special thanks are extended to the Premier of Victoria, the Hon. R.J. Hamer and to Members of his Ministry, especially to the Hon. I.W. Smith, Minister for Agriculture, for their continued support, assistance and co-operation.

The Society appreciates the assistance given by Dr. D.S. Wishart and officers of his Department, the members and staff of the Australian Wool Corporation, the members of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation, the Meat and Allied Trades Federation, the Victorian Egg Board, the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority, the Dairy Corporation and the many Government and semi Government Departments and organisations from whom we seek advice and assistance.

The media and its representatives deserve a special mention for the help and assistance given to the Society by way of publicity for the coverage of the Royal Show. We express our sincere appreciation to these people and organisations.

My wife and I have received wonderful support from all Councillors and their wives and from the Director and the members of the staff and I fully realise the value of the teamwork to which all contribute and which makes my task as President so much easier. Mrs. Balderstone and I appreciate the dedication, the loyalty, the efficiency and the manner which all display in handling the affairs of the Society.

R.T. BALDERSTONE, M.C.
President.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1978

	1978 \$	1977 \$
FIXED ASSETS		
Land at Council valuation 1972		1,068,000
Buildings and Improvements at Council valuation 1972	8,489,774	8,489,774
Additions at cost (Note 1)	1,702,188	1,036,458
	<u>10,191,962</u>	<u>9,526,232</u>
Less provision for depreciation	936,091	763,369
	9,255,871	8,762,863
Services and utilities at cost	585,023	585,023
Less provision for depreciation	61,422	51,185
	523,601	533,838
Plant and motor vehicles at cost	377,961	374,519
Less provision for depreciation	301,605	280,380
	76,356	94,159
Office furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost	303,061	101,644
Less provision for depreciation	97,251	60,909
	<u>205,810</u>	<u>40,735</u>
INVESTMENTS	11,129,638	10,499,595
Debentures, deposits, bonds & cash at bank at cost		
— General	194,213	335,600
— Special Purposes Insurance Fund	93,328	76,700
— Trust accounts	24,883	24,883
— Short Call	133,977	98,382
	446,401	535,565
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on hand	800	800
Prepayments and accrued interest	26,597	96,950
Sundry debtors	210,433	313,468
Less provision for doubtful debts	3,000	3,000
Stock on hand at cost	54,762	54,298
	<u>11,865,831</u>	<u>11,497,676</u>
LESS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES —		
Bank overdraft — secured	130,889	313,054
Loans — secured	31,824	22,012
Loans — unsecured	28,908	5,667
Sundry creditors & accruals	188,412	297,919
Provision for long service leave	56,342	53,810
Rents received in advance	5,549	6,527
Short Call deposits	133,977	98,382
	575,901	797,371
LONG TERM LIABILITIES —		
Loans — secured	542,462	224,130
Loans — unsecured	305,346	216,997
	847,808	441,127
TRUST ACCOUNTS —	24,883	24,883
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,448,592</u>	<u>1,263,381</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$10,417,039</u>	<u>\$10,234,295</u>
REPRESENTING		
Accumulated Funds	1,953,666	1,826,831
Reserves —		
Assets Revaluation	7,759,190	7,759,190
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	93,328	76,700
Dog Complex Contribution (Note 1)	610,855	571,574
	8,463,373	8,407,464
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES —	<u>\$10,417,039</u>	<u>\$10,234,295</u>

* The accounts are to be read in conjunction with the Note 1 on the adjoining page.

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, 1978. 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 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 22nd day of February, 1979

J.A. COURT, F.C.A.
I. McC. ROUGH, F.C.A.
Chartered Accountants

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

EXPENDITURE	1978 \$	1977 \$	INCOME	1978 \$	1977 \$
Wages and payroll costs	1,718,076	1,629,816	Members subscriptions	118,955	112,586
Maintenance and cleaning	193,757	177,501	Show admissions and car parking	1,412,168	1,248,081
Insurance	88,959	117,992	Show entry fees	150,523	132,642
Printing and stationery	117,978	145,915	Advertising	41,445	56,773
Catering	113,237	114,509	Donations and sponsorships	74,909	57,670
Show attractions	101,081	109,069	Catering premiums	32,530	58,946
Advertising and publicity	72,594	68,374	Materials and services	132,345	145,634
Trophies and prizes	97,865	93,213	Space and ground rentals	684,320	560,221
Telephones and postage	37,193	35,275	Secretarial service fees	465,682	428,166
Rates	47,263	46,514	Show sales and sundry revenue	60,343	64,268
Interest	45,955	49,240	Computer fees	44,670	—
Electricity and gas	50,430	45,072	Deficit for year	—	133,393
Judges expenses	28,310	28,487			
Show running costs	93,162	69,203			
Audit and legal	14,717	15,585			
Depreciation	240,546	190,547			
Sundry costs	43,287	59,976			
Computer costs	26,645	—			
	<u>3,131,055</u>	<u>2,996,360</u>			
Special Purpose Insurance Fund	10,000	2,000			
Surplus for year	76,835	—			
	<u>\$3,217,890</u>	<u>\$2,998,360</u>		<u>\$3,217,890</u>	<u>\$2,998,360</u>

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	1978 \$	1977 \$		1978 \$	1977 \$
Balance at start of year	1,826,831	1,738,422	Deficit for year	—	133,393
Grant for capital improvements	50,000	50,000			
Special trust	—	171,802			
Surplus for year	76,835	—	Balance at end of year	1,963,666	1,826,831
	<u>\$1,953,666</u>	<u>\$1,960,224</u>		<u>\$1,953,666</u>	<u>\$1,960,224</u>

***Note 1 to the accounts:**

Dog complex. During the year the Kennel Control Council contributed an additional \$39,281 to the Society to meet the costs of the erection of a new pavilion and other improvements in the Dog complex. Accordingly this amount has been added to both Fixed Assets and Reserves.

COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES

Section	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Clydesdales	100	108	128	113	133	119	156	168
Farm and Lorry	30	26	31	31	35	42	53	55
Arabs	72	83	80	112	147	169	111	187
Trotters	41	45	37	32	40	52	24	49
Palominos	34	43	43	62	83	57	61	61
Quarter Horses	12	11	17	30	41	14	78	44
Appaloosas	—	—	—	—	—	30	45	35
Galloways	46	62	48	57	60	69	58	65
Ponies	307	328	356	394	481	526	459	492
Connemaras	—	21	16	—	12	15	19	22
Horses (Led)	36	34	46	48	72	66	45	64
Saddle Horses, etc	1,875	1,615	1,995	2,104	1,981	2,255	2,289	2,406
Stallions	77	93	89	125	146	149	148	167
Harness Horses	212	241	265	279	310	367	385	384
Stock Horses	—	—	—	41	66	58	74	64
Donkeys	—	—	—	58	57	94	102	99
Riding Competitions	1,441	1,614	1,678	1,663	1,854	1,782	1,706	1,558
Novelty Horse Events	480	515	539	579	523	587	468	565
Jumping Competitions	640	663	718	642	748	611	680	498
Wood Chopping and Sawing	655	665	750	815	870	1,674	1,789	1,962
Tug-O-War	17	16	18	12	12	6	12	14
Fat Cattle	243	364	355	349	226	293	335	313
Beef Shorthorns	165	158	145	208	149	151	129	115
Poll Shorthorns	61	45	56	99	74	74	102	128
Herefords	147	134	185	235	198	182	223	208
Poll Herefords	162	155	205	259	283	217	259	260
Angus	253	267	291	380	317	304	283	280
Devons	—	—	7	17	7	7	5	—
Santa Gertrudis	27	29	42	49	27	27	46	69
Galloways	37	20	41	45	49	42	122	72
Murray Greys	86	92	117	150	148	148	9	170
Brahmans	42	33	37	52	39	22	155	170
Brafords	14	9	18	20	15	28	28	40
Brangus	4	—	10	9	12	8	16	17
South Devons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charolais	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Simmental	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Limousin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Belted Galloways	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mame Anjou	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chianina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Australian Shorthorn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Red	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Herdsmen's Competition	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Red Polls	13	11	11	10	10	6	15	11
Dairy Shorthorns	36	43	61	83	78	65	63	60
Australian Illawarra Shorthorns	243	266	256	209	149	138	126	141
Ayrshires	176	209	145	90	82	60	75	73
Jerseys	681	226	202	172	156	108	119	152
Guernseys	255	266	247	263	264	180	201	280
Friesians	462	490	476	520	397	311	386	476
Lincolns	4	7	2	3	3	4	4	5
English Leicester	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Border Leicester	137	106	59	28	38	42	50	67
Romney Marsh	33	38	32	26	54	74	72	102
Cheviots	60	80	60	48	56	46	53	63
Southdowns	123	108	95	95	94	72	70	83
Shropshires	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suffolks	25	20	44	51	42	57	84	—
Dorset Horns	135	124	127	142	129	128	108	83
Ryeland	115	123	128	104	72	72	85	116
Hampshire Downs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dorset Downs	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poll Dorsets	314	302	329	306	305	294	388	424
Corriedales	44	37	25	22	35	19	21	24
South Suffolks	11	—	6	6	8	4	6	16
Perendales	12	8	7	6	10	13	8	27
Wiltshire Horn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trade Lamb Competition	17	22	24	18	40	—	28	42
Lamb Carcass Competition	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fleeces	309	268	268	321	206	225	246	286
Sheep Dog Trials	98	84	68	80	76	68	100	53
Sheep Shearing Competitions	56	90	74	101	115	99	142	140
Goats	498	212	256	413	361	312	402	337
Pigs	931	1,158	884	631	665	591	544	956
Poultry	1,723	1,846	1,654	1,869	1,791	1,661	1,817	2,289
Eggs (Commercial)	207	174	161	159	112	114	74	103
Pigeons	1,275	1,259	1,083	955	1,334	1,384	776	963
Budgenpers, etc.	666	476	597	463	487	533	571	461
Wines, etc	1,300	1,208	1,575	1,657	2,007	2,337	2,195	2,200
Dairy Produce	244	236	184	188	175	192	171	188
Farm Produce	138	142	151	85	121	103	61	91
Horticulture	134	102	135	90	90	—	—	826
Arts and Crafts	2,987	4,136	4,075	4,277	4,472	4,204	4,75	5,218
Photography	950	952	1,061	869	1,235	1,444	1,447	1,611
Dogs	4,827	5,557	5,713	5,438	6,101	6,582	6,991	7,500
Young Farmers' Competitions	126	161	197	110	202	168	198	175
Trotting Races	324	319	337	266	176	248	194	153
Farm Aids	53	60	53	41	40	34	31	51
Cats	748	885	1,499	1,568	1,771	1,832	2,470	2,126
Games	—	—	—	78	161	179	179	179
Total Competitive Entries	27,762	30,184	31,385	32,917	33,319	35,145	33,897	39,217

WHEAT AND WORLD MARKETS

The 1978/79 Wheat Season has produced a bumper yield for Australia. Relevant to this desirable situation we publish excerpts from "Our Wheat & World Markets", an address given by the Chairman of The Australian Wheat Board Sir Leslie Price O.B.E. to a meeting of the Farm Writers and Broadcasters Society of Victoria.

The Society acknowledges the assistance given by the A.W.B. in providing this article and the accompanying photographs.

1978-79 Outlook World Production

Available statistics indicate that there was a record world wheat crop in 1978 of about 420 million tonnes. This production, if achieved, will exceed the previous record of 417 million tonnes set in 1976 and compares with last year's output of 385 million tonnes.

The revised estimate is due to increased crop prospects in Australia, E.E.C., Canada, and U.S.S.R., where a record harvest is expected. The Argentine crop is also considerably bigger than last year.

On the other hand, the U.S.A. — the world's largest wheat exporter and second biggest producers — has forecast that production will be 48 million tonnes, 12 per cent less than last year's total of 55 million tonnes. This reduced output reflects continued farmer participation in the U.S. Government's set-aside programme, which has lowered the area harvested for wheat by 15 per cent. It will be the first time since 1974 that the U.S. harvest has been less than 2 billion bushels.

The predicted increase in world production is due to generally improved yields as the area sown to wheat is slightly down on last year.

World Trade

The International Wheat Council recently forecast world wheat trade in the 1978/79 crop year at 69.5 million tonnes, compared with last year's record of 72.1 million tonnes. The decrease springs from the reduced requirements of the E.E.C. and U.S.S.R. following their production increases.

World Stocks

World carryover stocks at the end of the 1978/79 crop year have been projected at 56.5 million tonnes. U.S. stocks are expected to be lower than last year, but a considerable rise is forecast for the E.E.C. Some observers have voiced concern about the use of grain export subsidies to dispose of the E.E.C. surplus, and the policy adopted by the Community will need to be carefully monitored. Already strong protests over subsidised sales of E.E.C. export wheat have been made by the U.S.A. wheatgrowers.

World Prices

World wheat prices have remained relatively high this year, encouraged by firm import demand, depreciation of the U.S. dollar and American domestic policy, including the set-aside programme mentioned earlier.

The export price for ASW wheat has remained steady during the last quarter at around \$123 per tonne, f.o.b. Predictions of international price movements must be viewed with caution, but the Board expects prices to remain stable at least until March or April 1979, when the prospects for the northern hemisphere wheat crops will emerge.



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1978/79 Australian Wheat Crop

As you are aware, this has been a bumper year for Australia's wheat crop. We have been favoured with good growing conditions in all States, with the result that production generally is better than average and record crops are anticipated in Queensland and Western Australia.

In consequence, the Board now expects that deliveries this season will be 13.5 million tonnes.

Wheat receipts in Queensland exceeded 900,000 tonnes at the start of this week, and it is anticipated that deliveries to the Board will reach 1.5 million tonnes by the time the harvest is complete — or about 0.5 million tonnes more than the previous record delivery in the 1968/69 season. Unfortunately, rain during harvest time in both central and southern Queensland has caused considerable downgrading of the wheat, with less than 10 per cent of receipts to date being in the Prime Hard class.

In New South Wales wheat receipts are expected to reach about 4.0 million tonnes, of which 1 million tonnes had been delivered by early this week. As in Queensland, heavy storms have passed through wheat

areas on several occasions, causing some damage to grain, and reducing the amount being received as Prime Hard.

Wheat harvesting has commenced in Victoria but as yet deliveries are fairly light. It is estimated that there will be a receipt of 2.0 million tonnes of wheat from Victorian farms, with a further 0.5 million tonnes coming into the Victorian bulk handling system from New South Wales. Quality of the wheat is expected to be good.

Substantial rains in mid-November have boosted wheat yields in South Australia and it is now likely that receipts will be about 1.5 million tonnes. Only small quantities have been received so far.

In Western Australia a receipt of about 4.0 million tonnes is anticipated by the bulk handling authority. The present highest wheat delivery is 3,989 million tonnes in the 1973/74 season. At the beginning of this week receipts totalled 0.6 million tonnes, almost all of it in the Australian Standard White class.

Market Prospects

The Board estimates that deliveries of the 1978/79 crop will reach 13.5 million tonnes. Add to this a

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carryover of some 800,000 tonnes from last year and the Board will have about 14.3 million tonnes available for disposal.

Domestic usage is estimated at 1.9 million tonnes, export flour and products 200,000 tonnes, and allowance has been made for a minimum carryover of 750,000 tonnes. These figures, based on the latest production estimates to hand, would leave the Board with about 11.4 million tonnes available for export as wheat.

Arrangements are well in hand for the disposal of the crop. In October, the Board announced the sale

of various classes of wheat totalling 1 million tonnes to Egypt, with a further sale of 0.5 million tonnes made early in December. The Sale provides for shipment of wheat between January and December 1979 and will retain Egypt's place among the top buyers of Australian wheat. Later in October the Board sold 0.5 million tonnes to Pakistan for cash. More recently 350,000 tonnes were sold to Iraq on a cash basis for shipment in the first 6 months of the crop year.

Overall, the Board has either sold or allocated to regular markets most of its export availability and is hopeful that total exports can be pushed up to somewhere near the record level of 9.5 million tonnes in 1976/77 season.

TABLE 1

SHIPMENTS

From 1 December 1977 to 30 November 1978

Destination	Commercial			
	Wheat (Tonnes)		Flour (tonnes)	
	1977-78 (preliminary)	1976-77	1977-78 (preliminary)	1976-77
Afghanistan	—	197	—	—
Bahrain	32,722	24,296	—	—
Bangladesh	—	148,014	—	—
Brunei	—	—	2	2
China — China	2,552,318	2,880,622	—	—
— North Korea	—	41,726	—	—
Egypt	1,024,537	1,243,656	—	—
Ethiopia	—	50,269	—	—
Fiji	37,655	31,109	—	—
Hong Kong	—	18,854	393	277
India	—	237,715	1	3
Indonesia	538,234	447,372	12,966	19,392
Iraq	309,254	627,155	—	—
Italy	—	11,768	—	—
Japan	1,062,613	1,067,813	—	—
Korea — R.O.K.	—	21,000	—	—
Kuwait	124,171	124,703	—	—
Malaysia	367,431	377,349	—	—
Mauritius	75	73	12,966	19,329
New Zealand	10,525	—	—	—
Oman	37,149	43,564	958	3,169
Pacific Islands	1,326	1,145	32,907	42,642
Pakistan	162,758	38,482	—	—
Papua New Guinea	21,054	5,818	—	—
Philippines	—	—	5,769	4,186
Peru	78,750	—	—	—
Qatar	24,008	16,648	—	—
Saudi Arabia	80,159	99,685	1,713	—
Seychelles	—	—	200	18
Singapore	179,700	202,849	83	45

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Somalia	—	—	5,400	1,483
Sri Lanka	105,000	92,145	1,230	2,526
Taiwan	54,230	56,504	—	—
Thailand	39,561	35,599	695	932
United Arab Emirates	98,518	28,559	6,842	21,908
U.S.S.R. — Far East	310,660	345,944	—	—
— North Korea	73,043	256,661	—	—
— Vietnam	62,998	2218,921	—	50,732
— Cuba	—	122,542	—	—
Vietnam	—	61,650	—	—
West Indies	—	—	18	200
Yemen — A.R.	215,140	226,699	—	—
— P.D.R.	42,856	72,450	—	1,967
Zambia	71,390	75,515	—	—
Ships' stores	—	—	583	1,214
	7,717,986	9,355,121	69,816	150,714

TABLE 2

SHIPMENTS

From 1 December 1977 to 30 November 1978

Destination	Food Aid Wheat (tonnes)		Flour (tonnes)	
	1977-78 (preliminary)	1976-77	1977-78 (preliminary)	1976-77
Afghanistan	5,000	—	—	—
Bangladesh	50,000	21,050	—	—
Burma	—	—	3,857	3,857
Egypt	20,000	—	—	—
Ethiopia	—	6,500	—	—
Fiji	8,000	12,905	—	—
Ghana	5,700	—	—	—
Gilbert Islands	—	—	50	725
India	—	50,000	—	—
Indonesia	50,000	40,000	—	—
Kenya	5,000	6,635	—	—
Maldives Islands	—	—	—	761
Mauritius	—	—	3,033	3,038
Mozambique	—	3,815	—	—
Pakistan	29,000	—	—	—
Philippines	—	—	5,313	3,875
Sahel — Gambia	1,458	—	—	—
— Mauritania	1,945	—	—	—
— Senegal	3,403	—	—	—
— Cape Verde	1,944	—	—	—
Seychelles	—	—	500	500
Sri Lanka	—	—	7,622	7,622
Sudan	5,000	—	—	—
Tanzania	6,000	6,000	—	—
Tonga	—	—	1,575	775
Vietnam	—	—	17,000	6,699
Western Samoa	—	—	246	654
	192,450	146,905	39,214	28,524

ANNUAL DOOKIE FIELD DAY

MARCH 17

A diverse, informative and thoroughly enjoyable programme has been prepared for the 1979 Dookie Beef Cattle Field Day scheduled for Saturday March 17, in the grounds of Dookie Agricultural College.

Organizers are confident that this year's programme will prove to be of vital interest to Commercial and Stud beef producers and horse breeders in addition to providing an entertaining and educational day for families.

Last year, over 3,000 people attended the Dookie Field Day and were able to see and hear the Chairman of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation Mr. R.G. Jones and Mr. Barry Cassell from the Australian Cattleman's Union discuss Australia's beef crisis.

Discussions and demonstrations covering Beef breed assessments, market selection, beef handling and husbandry, and feeding trials, were of vital interest to beef producers.



A calving difficulties demonstration at the Dookie Beef Cattle Field Day. — *Weekly Times Photo.*

1979 Beef Cattle Programme

The beef cattle programme for Dookie this year will include:

Cattle identification: ear tattooing, freeze branding and various other forms of tagging.

Dehorning: electric scoop, embryotomy wire, guillotine.

Bull fertility: from serving capacity tests to overall paddock performance.

Yard Designs: Latest developments.

Showing: preparing cattle for showing and sales.

Feeding: the "Bypass protein Trial"

Health: three million brucellosis tests later!

Mating: When, how and why

Visitors will be able to participate in a discussion on Market selection where the accuracy of steer selection by Producers will be scrutinised.

In addition, a forum in which visitors are invited to take part, featuring leading speakers, will probe the issues of the day.



A two-year-old part-broken Arab gelding was won by a Benalla farmer who held the lucky numbered programme at the 1978 Dookie Field Day. This year a first cross sprint racing quarter horse will be won. — *Weekly Times Photo.*

A Big Programme for Horses

In recent years horse events at the Dookie Beef Cattle Field Day have grown rapidly in size and number.

Last year witnessed the gathering of Arabian, Appaloosa, Australian Stock Horse, Palouse Pony and Quarter Horse breeds at Dookie and according to the organizers over 11 breeds will be represented at this year's Field Day.

Features of the 1979 horse programme include:—

- 1) **COSTUME PARADE**
Each breed will be paraded in full costume with accompanying commentary.
- 2) **LED PARADE**
Each breed will be paraded with accompanying commentary describing the attributes of the breed.
- 3) **AUSTRALIAN STOCKHORSES** will give an exhibition of campdrafting.
- 4) **QUARTER HORSES, APPALOOSAS AND PALOUSE PONIES** will give an exhibition of cutting.
- 5) **ARABIANS** will give exhibitions of dressage, jumping and harness work. A special costume segment will also be included.
- 6) **HARNESS SOCIETY** will give an exhibition of driving.
- 7) **PINTOS** will give an exhibition of various tricks, including jumping a horse through a ring of fire. Exhibitions of harness work could also be given.

ANNUAL DOOKIE FIELD DAY — Continued

- 8) **A.P.S.B.** will give exhibition of dressage, jumping and harness work.
- 9) **PALOUSE PONIES** will demonstrate reining, western pleasure and trail class.
- 10) **SHAKTA BEARSTEP**, an 87 year old American Nezperce Indian Chief, will give an exhibition on an Appaloosa horse.
- 11) **A STALLION AND MARE** from each breed will be exhibited in a static display.
- 12) It is hoped that **CLYDESDALES** will participate in a drought horse pull competition.
- 13) It is expected that a "Guess the Weight of the Horse" Competition will also be held.

WIN A HORSE

A first cross sprint racing Quarter Horse gelding (rising two years old) by an imported sire, donated by Mr. Lindsay Burch of Caniambo will be the prize won by a lucky visitor to the Field Day this year.

For further details regarding the 1979 Dookie Beef Cattle Field Day contact the Secretary, Dookie Beef Cattle Field Day Committee, Royal Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, 3032 (Telephone 376 0471).



Again in 1979 Field Day organizers will organize a forum with leading speakers who will probe the issues of the day. Last year speakers at the Field Day forum included: (L-R): Mr. Geoff Jones, Chairman of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation; Mr. Max Nicholson (standing), Vice-Chairman of the Meat Exporters' Federation of Australia; Cattlemen's Union Director Mr. Barry Cassell; Committee Chairman John White, and Press Secretary to Senate Opposition Leader Ken Wriedt, Mr. Ken Baxter.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

The following information was drawn from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' "Livestock Statistics Australia 31 March 1978". It is reproduced as a service for readers who should note that the figures represent "thousands", e.g.: N.S.W. has 544,000 milk producing cattle and calves.

Livestock numbers: States and Australia at 31 March 1978 — CATTLE

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
(000)									
CATTLE AND CALVES									
MILK —									
Bulls 1 year and over used or intended for service	6	27	7	3	2	2	—	—	47
Bull calves under 1 year intended for service	1	8	1	1	1	1	—	—	13
Cows in milk and dry	341	1,125	287	112	74	118	—	—	2,057
Heifers 1 year and over	93	235	67	28	29	28	—	—	480
Heifer calves under 1 year	59	201	40	21	22	24	—	—	367
House cows and heifers	43	14	30	5	5	2	—	—	100
Total	544	1,609	437	169	134	175	—	—	3,065
Proportion of Australian total	% 17.7	52.5	14.1	5.5	4.4	5.7	—	—	100.0
MEAT —									
Bulls 1 year and over used or intended for service	114	65	178	25	43	11	41	—	476
Bull calves under 1 year intended for service	25	17	25	5	10	4	9	—	96
Cows and heifers 1 year and over	3,456	1,479	4,976	564	1,083	257	929	9	12,753
Heifer calves under 1 year	971	399	1,132	146	250	83	176	2	3,159
Other calves under 1 year	1,080	418	1,180	159	267	98	163	2	3,367
Other cattle 1 year and over	1,181	584	3,568	176	485	106	162	2	6,463
Total	6,828	2,963	11,059	1,073	2,137	358	1,681	15	26,314
Proportion of Australian total	% 25.9	11.3	42.0	4.1	8.1	2.1	6.4	0.1	100.0
Total of cattle and calves	7,373	4,572	11,490	1,242	2,271	734	1,681	16	29,379
Proportion of Australian total	% 25.1	15.6	39.1	4.2	7.7	2.5	5.7	0.1	100.0

CHINA PLANS INCREASE

The People Republic of China is committed to a large expansion and modernisation of its wool textile industry and expects to import substantially more Australian wool, said the Chairman of the Australian Wool Corporation, Mr. A.C.B. Maiden. Mr. Maiden led a Corporation delegation to China in policy and technical discussions with Chinese officials in December last year.

He said that China was looking forward to a large growth in exports of wool textiles and accelerating domestic consumption as living standards increased. For reasons related to the natural environment, the Chinese sheep industry could not be expected to develop a capacity for the production of high-quality fibre which could substitute for Australian wool. The Chinese,

therefore, expected a rapid increase in import of Australian wool to the highest level (140,000 bales, or three to four times the present level) reached in past year. (This level was reached in the early 1960's.)

Mr. Maiden said it was understood that Australia would have a major share of the continuing increase in demand which would follow the proposed modernisation and expansion of the wool textile industry, an impressive feature of China's planned emergence as an industrial power. He said the Corporation expressed its willingness to assist with advice on new textile technology and support services for product marketing, involving exchange visits of personnel and a survey of the Chinese industry to determine its needs. The delegation also welcomed news of the Chinese intention to apply for membership of the Woolmark programme conducted by the International Wool Secretariat. It had been mutually agreed that consultations to review progress at the policy level should take place annually.

(Wool News)

News from the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria

Floral Art Judges School

The committee of the Victorian Judges School for Floral Art will be conducting its next school at Burnley Horticultural College, Swan Street, Richmond, 3121, from May 22 to 24, 1979.

Enrolment is open to those interested in becoming qualified floral art judges and to experienced floral artists interested in improving their knowledge of the standards required for show bench work.

Application forms are available from Mrs. E.N. Walkinshaw, 11 Benwarrin Road, Mont Albert, 3127.

5th May

Chrysanthemum Show,
Box Hill.

5th & 6th May

Australian Chrysanthemum
Championship,
Wodonga.

For further details of R.H.S.V. activities contact the Secretary, 418A Station Street, Box Hill, 3128 Telephone 88 7646.

Gardening Club Shows for 1979

17th March	Autumn Show, Box Hill.
23rd March	Autumn Show, Rochester.
24th March	Autumn Show, Vermont.
24th March	Autumn Floral Festival, Geelong.
7th April	Autumn Show, Northcote.
7th April	Autumn Show, Cheltenham.

CAT SHOWS

MARCH AND APRIL

MARCH

Central Highlands Cat Club — C. Ford (053) 31 4471	Sat. 10th
Yarra Glen Ag. Society — V. Walker 730 1216	Sat. 17th
Murray Goulburn Cat Club — M. Steepe (058) 21 4636	Sat. 24th

APRIL

Croydon Ag. Society — L. Bedson 722 1254	Sun. 8th
Bendigo Cat Club — J. Richardson (054) 43 5653	Sat. 21st
Royal Sacred Siamese Cat Club — N. Meaney 795 3104	Sun. 29th

BREEDERS INVITED TO MEET REGULARLY WITH GENETICISTS AND EXTENSION SPECIALISTS

A new national association, the Australian Association of Animal Breeding and Genetics, is to be inaugurated in 1979, to promote communication among all those interested in the application of genetics to animal production particularly breeders and their organizations, consultants, extension workers, educators and geneticists.

A six-man Steering Committee currently is finalizing plans to call for membership and for the Inaugural Conference at Armidale, N.S.W.

This annual conference of the Association will be specially programmed to cover breeders' interests, with a major portion of it being devoted to a detailed consideration of problems of the practical breeder and breeder organization.

Breeder-members of the Steering Committee, James

Litchfield of "Hazeldean" N.S.W. and Ryves Hawker of Anama Pastoral Company, S.A. agreed that the potential benefits of this organization to the individual breeder and breeding industry are great and that the time is right for the establishment of such an association.

Forward-thinking breeders should seriously consider joining AAABG, not only for the direct value they will derive, in terms of refinements to their own breeding enterprise, but for easy communication of their problems to the scientist to increase the relevance

The Chairman of the Steering Committee, Professor Stuart Barker invites you to find out more about AAABG by completing the coupon and forwarding it to the Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF ANIMAL BREEDING AND GENETICS

Please forward information and a membership form to:

Name:

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The Secretary, AAABG
Animal Genetics & Breeding Unit
University of New England
ARMIDALE, N.S.W. 2351

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The Friesian breed is the oldest in existence, having originated in the Lowlands provinces of Friesland and North Holland more than two thousand years ago. Today its world population outnumbers all other dairy breeds combined, and Friesian cows are said to be responsible for 80 per cent of the world's dairy products.

Frederick Peppin, of Epping, Victoria, in 1886, imported the first named specimens of the breed, from Holland, via New Zealand. He was the same Peppin who originated the famous "Peppin" strain of Merino sheep. Other early Victorian enthusiasts were David Mitchell, father of Dame Nellie Melba, O.J. Syme and the Victorian Department of Agriculture. Subsequent importations from England, Canada, Holland and New Zealand provided the basis for the Australian strain of the breed, which tends towards the capacious fine-boned animal of the Canadian type.



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The breed is noted for its heavy and economic production of whole-milk. In butterfat and total milk solids it also out-produces all other breeds. Only four cows in the world's history have ever produced 50,000 lbs of milk or 2000 lbs. of butterfat in a year. All four of these cows are Friesians.

The average Friesian mature cow weighs about 1500 lbs. and the average bull about 2,200 lbs. The colour is black and white, or, more rarely, red and white. Black or red below the knees or in the switch is acceptable in some circumstances, but four completely white socks and a completely white switch are desirable.

ANGUS FUTURITY SHOW & SALE — MELBOURNE

Entries have closed for the Angus Futurity Show and Sale to be held at the Royal Melbourne Show Grounds on Monday, April 23rd, 1979 and whilst numbers may have been lower than early expectations there is every indication that the quality will be exceptional.

A total of 49 entries were received comprising 34 bulls and 15 females.

The Committee is pleased to report that Mr. J.R. Fraser, the Stern Angus Stud, Rotata, Pleasant Point, N.Z. has accepted an invitation to judge the Show segment of the Futurity and exhibitors and spectators alike can look forward to a day packed with interest.

Thanks to our sponsor Hoechst Australia (makers of Panacur) the exhibitors will be competing for outstanding prize money of \$4000 in the eight show classes.

The following studs have submitted entries:—

Bulgary	Northwood
Carisbrook,	Park
Merringrange,	Ruslo
Coomooroo,	Milton
Merrinda,	Bramarlen
Plaister Farm	Menabily
Belmont Park	Belleroy
High Park	Glen Arm
Argyll	Glen Elgin
Endfield	Lubra Bend
Ngumby	Para-Bun
Galimba Park	Victoree

A number of the animals entered have outstanding show records behind them as well as pedigrees which have been in demand over recent years.

It is hoped that the Angus Futurity Show and Sale will become an annual highlight of the Angus year but this can only become a reality with the support of breeders from near and far so write the Futurity in your diary and be at the Show Grounds on April 23rd, 1979.

IN APPRECIATION

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria wishes to gratefully acknowledge the assistance provided by UNIGATE (Aust.) Limited in taking the milk produced by Dairy Cattle exhibits over the 1978 Royal Melbourne Show.

A total of 48,994 litres of milk, yielding 2,026.1 kilograms of butterfat was "produced" by the 920 dairy cows "in residence" on the Showgrounds at Showtime.

The Society looks forward to a continued association with UNIGATE (Aust.) Limited over the 1979 Royal Melbourne Show.

AUSTRALIAN SIMMENTAL SEMINAR

A two-day Seminar designed to assist Simmental breeders to market a better product will be held at "The Steading", North Richmond, N.S.W. on Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th April, 1979.

The programme is:

Day One

IDENTIFYING AND JUDGING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE IDEAL SIMMENTAL FOR AUSTRALIAN CONDITIONS.

Mr. Willi Angus — President of the South African Simmental Society and the Simmental Judge at the 1979 Royal Easter Show — with Mr. Dick Vincent.

FEEDING AND PREPARING CATTLE FOR THE SHOW RING.

Mr. Rick Pisaruro, Principal of the Mandalong Park Charolais Stud and author of "Stud Beef Cattle Breeding and Common Sense".

HANDLING CATTLE IN THE SHOW RING

Mr. Peter McWilliam, Simmental Representative to the Australian Stud Grooms Association. Mr. McWilliam will have just returned from a trip through every major Simmental establishment in France, Germany, Austria and Britain.

Day Two

STEER SELECTION AND PREPARATION FOR CARCASS CONTESTS

Mr. Peter Sutherland, Thologolong, Wodonga, who has been producing carcass champions for the last decade.

BULL CARE AND FERTILITY

Professor L.H. Larsen, B.V.Sc., M.S., Ph.D. Prof. Larsen is an expert on the causes of wastage of bulls, especially from poor fertility and arthritis, and is also a leading surgeon on the reproductive organs of bulls.

WHAT CATTLE FOR WHAT MARKET

Mr. Harry M. Miller, Government Appointee Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation.

MARKETING AND BREEDING SIMBEEF CATTLE

Mr. David Wright, Wallamumbi, Armidale, N.S.W.

A barbecue lunch will be served each day and a full set of papers provided for each person attending. Two hundred Simmental cattle of all grades will be available for appraisal and study as practical examples during the Seminar.

Further details may be obtained by contacting the Australian Simmental Breeders Association, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, 3032, telephone 376 0471.

RED POLL SUCCESSES CONTINUE

It shows throughout the State, the Red Poll Breed has continued to feature in both carcass and stud classes, over the last two months of 1978.

At the Bairnsdale Carcass Competition, E. & J.E. MacLean's Tumbuka Stud, Stratford, produced the first and second prize winners "on the hook" in the milk tooth section with live weights under 362.9 kg (800 lbs), while at the Heathcote Show "Derrileen Lidawood" exhibited by Mrs. E.B. McCarthy and Sons of Toolleen, took out the Champion Beef Female in the Interbreed Awards.

This heifer has had a distinguished show career having won Junior Champion Red Poll Heifer at the 1978 Royal Melbourne Show and first in the yearling class at the 1978 Red Poll Feature Show at Rochester.

The McCarthys also exhibited the Champion exhibit "on the hook" at Heathcote with a Red Poll steer sired by "Ingleden Leander" whose own sire "Ingleden Dougal" produced many carcass award winners for the Ingleden Stud of W.H. Coghlan & Co, Griffith, N.S.W.

NATIONAL PIG FAIR IN MAY 1979

The Victorian Branch of the Australian Pig Breeders' Society will launch a new concept in Stud pig sales and promotion with the staging of the Bendigo National Pig Fair on May 2, 1979.

The Fair will comprise the first national exhibition and sale of pure bred pigs to be conducted by the Society and will cater for animals aged 6 - 7 months.

Leading breeders throughout Australia are sure to support the Fair and will make available top breeding stock for selection by Stud and Commercial breeders. This coupled with the fact that a leading overseas judge has been invited to officiate in the exhibition section will make the Fair one of the most important and prestigious events on the Pig Breeder's 1979 Calendar.

Entries for the Fair will close with the A.P.B.S. (Victorian Branch) Secretary on Friday 30th March 1979. Entry forms and conditions of entry are now obtainable from the Society's offices, Royal Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, 3032, telephone (03) 376 0471.

BREED SOCIETY MEETINGS

MARCH

Wednesday 21

6 p.m. Kennel Control Council

Thursday 29

10.30 a.m. Australian Corriedale Association (V.B. Committee)

Friday 30

9 a.m. Australian Corriedale Association (F.C. Executive)

10 a.m. Victorian Stud Merino Sheep Breeders Association
Australian Sheep Breeders Association

APRIL

Wednesday 18

6 p.m. Kennel Control Council

VICTORIAN POULTRY FANCIERS ASSOCIATION

OPEN JUDGES PANEL FOR 1979

Mr. S.G. Anderson	18 Holyrood Avenue, Strathmore, 3041.	Ph. 379 2702
Mr. R.J. Barrow	15 Sherrard Court, Bendigo, 3550.	Ph. 054 43 9439
Mr. J. Brennan	77 Cramer Street, Warrnambool, 3280.	
Mr. K.R. Collins	Yallambee Road, Clyde, 3978.	Ph. 059 98 5310
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Mr. D.T. Dixon	Rohs Road, Bendigo East, 3550	Ph. 054 48 4261
Mr. A. Fatt	40 Hughes Street, Ouyen, 3490.	Ph. 050 92 1457
Mr. H. Harnden	65 McIntyre Drive, Altona West, 3018.	Ph. 398 4308
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Mr. H.O. Stehn	South Gippsland Highway, Five Ways, 3971,	Ph. 059 96 1681
Mr. I.D. Swaby	P.O. Box 17, Hamilton, 3300.	Ph. 055 72 2185
Mr. A.J. Toomey	120 Broughton Road, Surrey Hills, 3127,	Ph. 288 3002
Mr. A.B. Trewin	83 Edis Street, Kyabram, 3620	Ph. 058 52 2219
Mr. K. Watters	York Street, Marrar, 2593, N.S.W.	
Mr. A. Woods	18 Thomson Street, Essendon, 3040.	Ph. 337 7115

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Mr. D. Conroy	1 Alison Street, Bentleigh, 3204. (Not available night shows.)	
Mr. W.L. Fisher	163 Nareen Road, Cooriemungle, 3268.	Ph. 055 98 7332
Mr. R. Janson	3 Beauport Crescent, Ballarat, 3350.	Ph. 053 32 6994

All Breeds except Waterfowl

Mr. C.J. Humphries	50 Portland Road, Heywood, 3304.	
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Mr. G. Redmond	76 Wondaree Street, Rye, 3941.	Ph. 059 85 3649
Mr. F. Sawyer	504 Grant Street, Ballarat, 3350.	Ph. 053 32 6193

All Hardfeather

Mr. I. Grant	R.S.D. 650 Casterton, 3311.	Ph. 055 81 1659
Mr. B.J. McLennan	10 Masons Road, Blackburn, 3130.	Ph. 877 5715
Mr. B. Morgan	Valencia Creek Road, Boisdale, 3860.	Ph. 051 45 4256
Mr. W. Neave	P.O. Box, Cororooke, 3254.	
Mr. G. Redmond	76 Wondaree Street, Rye, 3941.	Ph. 059 85 3649
Mr. A. Veerman	12 Bradman Ave, Mt. Evelyn, 3796.	
Mr. K. Woods	269 Heard Avenue, Yarrambat, 3091.	Ph. 436 1335

All Large Game

Mr. G.R. Sawyer 504 Grant Street, Ballarat. 3350. Ph. 053 32 6193

All O.E.G., Indian Game & Modern Bantams

Mr. A.N. Jorgensen Waaia. 3637. Ph. 058 64 1016

Hardfeather Bantams

Mr. F. Pietschman 8 Camden Street, Hawthorn. 3122. Ph. 819 3944

Mr. I. Simpson 34 Beaver Street, St. Albans. 3021. Ph. 366 8130

Waterfowl

Mr. T. Dutton 56 Johnston Street, Newport. 3015. Ph. 391 6301

Mr. W. Neave P.O. Box 35, Cororooke. 3254.

PROVISIONAL JUDGES PANEL 1979

All Breeds

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Mr. M. Moore Kaoota. 7104, Tas.

Mr. W. Neave P.O. Box 35, Cororooke. 3254.

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Mr. A.E. Rowney Lot 20 Patterson Road, Cranbourne. 3977. Ph. 059 98 5392

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Mr. D. Conroy 1 Alison Street, Bentleigh. 3204. (Not available night shows).

Mrs. J. Eastes Kangaroo Ground Road, Wattle Glen. 3096.

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Mr. W.A. Fink Frankston Road, Carrum Downs. 3200. Ph. 782 1416

Hard Feather Bantams

Mr. J. Hooper Chapel Street, Campbell's Creek. 3451.

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Mrs. A. Rowe Bridge Road, Korumburra. 3950. Ph. 056 55 1226

Mrs. G. Rowney Lot 20 Patterson Road, Cranbourne. 3977. Ph. 059 98 5392

Waterfowl

Mr. D. Bunn P.O. Box 87, Tatura. 3616.

V.P.F.A. AFFILIATED CLUB SHOW DATES 1979

Peninsular Club Young Bird	Sunday	22nd April
Dandenong Club Young Bird	Sunday	29th April
Game Club Young Bird	Saturday	5th May
Geelong Club Young Bird	Saturday	12th May
Cheltenham Club	Saturday	19th May
Mountain District Club Young Bird	Saturday	26th May
Casterton Hamilton Club Young Bird	Sunday	27th May
Bairnsdale Club	Sunday	27th May
Victorian Poultry & Kennel Club	Saturday	2nd June
Camperdown Club Young Bird	Saturday	9th June
Game Club	Saturday	16th June
Colac Club	Saturday	16th June
Oakleigh Club	Saturday	23rd June
Wyandotte Club	Saturday	7th July
Leghorn Club	Saturday	7th July
Essendon Club	Saturday	14th July
Mountain District Club	Saturday	21st July
Casterton Hamilton Club	Sunday	22nd July
Footscray Club	Saturday	28th July
South Gippsland Club	Saturday	4th August
Camperdown Club	Sunday	5th August
Geelong Club	Saturday	11th August
Wimmera Club	Saturday	11th August
Bairnsdale Club	Sunday	12th August
Colac Club	Saturday	18th August
Game Club Derby & Oaks	Saturday	18th August
Wangaratta Club	Sunday	26th August
Rare & New Breed Club	Saturday	20th October
Whittlesea Club	Saturday	3rd November

Travelling to Sydney for the Easter "Royal"?

The Royal Easter Show will commence on Friday 6th April 1979 and run until Tuesday 17 April.

Members of the R.A.S.V. or any breed society directly associated with the R.A.S.V. planning a visit to Sydney for the "Royal", are reminded they can avail themselves and families of travel benefits by booking their flight through the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

Full details are obtainable by contacting Miss Jan Gray at the Royal Agricultural Society, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale. Telephone 376 0471.

Meat Corporation Calendar

Special recipes and general cooking hints for beef and lamb are contained in the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation's 1979 Calendar, just released.

In full colour photographs, the Calendar shows some of the recommended dishes - everything from the traditional beef pot roast to Kebabs Mashweya, Piroshki and Mish Mishiva; the centre spread has diagrams of standard beef and lamb cuts.

The AMLC's 1979 Calendar is also being used in the Corporation's promotional drive in the developing Singapore and Malaysian markets and about 35,000 copies will be distributed with a leading women's magazine.

Costing 25 cents plus postage the calendar is available from the AMLC's Head Office, 5 Elizabeth Street, Sydney or the AMLC offices in Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth.

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW ENTRY CLOSING DATES 1979

Wednesday, 20th June	- Horse events and Contests, Woodchopping
Wednesday, 4th July	- Sheep Dog Trials, Viticulture
Wednesday, 11th July	- Cattle (Fat, Beef, Dual Purpose, Dairy), Dogs, Pigeons.
Wednesday, 25th July	- Apiculture, Arts and Crafts, Cats and Kittens, Poultry, Pigs, Dairy and Farm Produce
Thursday, 9th August	- Sheep Shearing
Tuesday, 14th August	- Photography
Wednesday, 15th August	- Bacon and Pork Pig Carcass Competitions
Wednesday, 22nd August	- Cage Birds, Cavies, Trotting Races, Tug-o-war
Friday, 24th August	- Prime Lamb Carcass Competition
Monday, 3rd September	- Budgerigars
Monday, 10th September	- All Fleeces

COUNTRY SHOWDATES

MARCH AND APRIL

Mar. 10	Hayiesbury Mrs. M. Free, Block 270 W.S.D., Coorimungle via Timboon, 3268. Phone 055 94 3316.	Mar. 24	Balmoral. Mrs. A.P. Menzel, Telangaluk East, 3401. Phone 053 88 2231.
Mar. 10	Wakool Mrs. A. Hagen, "Rangemore" R.M.B. 375, Deniliquin, 2710. Phone 058 87 1117.	Mar. 24	Tatura. Mr. J. Payne, 32 Stonehaven Court, Tatura. Phone 24 1844.
Mar. 10	Pakenham D.J. Bourke, Box 141, Pakenham East, Phone 059 41 1075.	Mar. 24	Red Hill. Max Clarke, 73 Shoreham Road, Red Hill South, Phone 059 89 2144.
Mar. 10	Corryong & Upper Murray. Mrs. L. Lochhead, P.O. Box 140, Corryong, Phone 060 77 4273.	Mar. 24	Tallangatta. Mrs. M. Ross, R.M.B. 2080, Tallangatta, 3700. Phone 060 71 7221.
Mar. 11	Hobart Royal Horse Show. B. Christie-Johnston, R.A.S. of Tasmania, P.O. Box 94, Glenorchy, 7010, Phone 002 72 6812.	Mar. 25	Third Lions Grand Horse Show. Russell Holroyd, Box 217, Ringwood, 3134. Phone 876 2918.
Mar. 11	Wesburn Horse Show. Mrs. J. Graham, Phone 059 67 1466.	Mar. 31	V.Y.F. State Festival, Wangaratta Showgrounds State Secretary, V.Y.F. Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, 3032. Phone 03 376 0471.
Mar. 11 & 12	Orbost Mr. G. Chapman, P.O. Box 32, Orbost, 3888. Phone 051 54 1463.	Mar. 31	Brantholme Bushwackers' Carnival. P. Nash, P.O. Box 40, Brantholme, 3302. Phone 055 78 6319.
Mar. 17	Dookie Beef Cattle Field Day, Dookie Agriculture College, (Exhibition of Cattle, Horses & Trade Displays) H.J. Clappison, Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, 3032. Phone 376 0471.	Mar. 31	Shepparton All Breeds Horse Show. D.R. Forsyth, Box 286, Shepparton, Phone 058 21 4677.
Mar. 17	Yarra Glen Mrs. V. Walker, Yarra View Road, Yarra Glen, Phone 730 1216.	Mar. 31	Bunyip Mrs. K. Halvy, Stacey Street, Bunyip, 3815. Phone 056 29 3267.
Mar. 17	Jingellic Mr. W. Gadd, c/- Post Office, Walwa, Tintalra 060 77 9257.	Apr. 1	Castlemaine Clydesdale Foal Show. Mrs. Parsons, P.O. Box 63, Castlemaine, 3450. Phone 054 72 1547.
Mar. 17	Neerim District. Mrs. K. Marshall, 29 Hearn Street, Drouin, 3818. Phone 056 25 1243.	Apr. 4	Glengarry Carcase Competition. J.G. Waldron, P.O. Box 4, Traralgon, 3844. Phone 051 74 2569.
Mar. 17 & 18	Cohuna A.W. Cherry, Leitchville, 3567. Phone 56 7397.	Apr. 15-17	Auckland, N.Z. Easter Show at the Auckland Showgrounds.
Mar. 18	Dressage Competition, Werribee Park, Werribee, Secretary, Victorian Dressage Club, Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, 3632. Phone 376 0471.	Apr. 15-17	Sydney Royal.
Mar. 18	3rd All-Walsh Pony Show, Showgrounds, Ascot Vale. Mrs. J. McKinlay, "Orana Park", Officer, 3809. Phone 059 43 2337.	Apr. 15 & 16	Mtj Gen. C.M.L. Pearson, R.A.S. of N.S.W., G.P.O. Box 4317, SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2001 Phone 02 31 7781.
Mar. 22, 23, 24 & 25	Gippsland Field Days Farm World '79. Mr. A.G. Farrington, South Road, Warragul, Phone 056 23 2178.	Apr. 16	Glengarry. J.G. Waldron, P.O. Box 4, Traralgon, 3844. Phone 051 74 2569.
		Apr. 21	Lang Lang Rodeo. Mrs. N. Sampson, Westernport Road, Lang Lang, 3984. Phone 059 97 5452.
		Apr. 21	Avenel One Day Event Mrs. Helen Chisholm, "Fernside", P.O. Box 193, Semenur. Phone 057 96 9221.
		Apr. 21 & 22	Victorian Dressage Championships Secretary, Victorian Dressage Club, Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, 3032. Phone 376 0471.

PONY CLUB AND OPEN GYMKHANA DATES

MARCH AND APRIL

Mar. 11	Orbost Pony Club's Show Day Gymkhana, New- merelia Recreation Reserve. Mrs. S. Walker, P.O. Box 186, Orbost, 3888. Phone 051 54 1786.	Mar. 12	Keilor Pony Club Open Gymkhana, Harrick Rd, Keilor. Mrs. E. King, 29 Wunnamurra Drive, East Keilor, Phone 336 1374.
Mar. 11	Melton Open Gymkhana. Mrs. N. Kelly, Box 47, Melton, 3337, Phone 743 4263.	Mar. 12	Morwell Annual Horse & Pony Club Show, Toners Lane, Morwell. Mrs. M. Dykes, 60 McDonald Street, Morwell, 3840, Phone 051 34 4352.
Mar. 11	Shepparton Pony Club One Day Event, Shep- parton Raceway, Kiaila. Mrs. A. Little, P.O. Box 1031, Shepparton, Phone 058 21 1669.	Mar. 17	Condah Gymkhana Horse & Pony Club, Condah Recreation Reserve. R.L. Earl, Condah, 3303. Phone 055 78 2213.
Mar. 12	"Moomba" Pony Club Graded Showjumping, Lloyd Park, South Belgrave. Mr. R. Leason, Mountain Flat Road, Narre Warren East, Phone 796 8715.	Mar. 18	Doongala Pony Club Qualifying O.D.E. Grade 1, Pony Club Grounds, The Basin. Mr. N. Steele, "Aintree" Sehire Avenue, Wandin North, 3139. Phone 059 64 4812.

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- Mar. 18 Eastfield Gymkhana, Eastfield Park, Croydon. Mrs. V. Arkinson, 12 Karista Ave, Heathmont. Phone 729 5928.
- Apr. 7 Henty Park Open Gymkhana, Henty Park. Mrs. H. Burton, Westlakes Road, W.S.D. Mr. Richmond, Phone 055 23 1855.
- Apr. 8 One Day Event and Combined Training, Lloyd Park, South Belgrave. Mr. R. Leason, Mountain Flat Road, Narre Warren East. Phone 796 8715.
- Apr. 8 Ballan Pony Club, Junior O.D.E., Ballan Racecourse, Ballan. Miss D. Cramer, "Glenpedder", Greendale, 3341. Phone 053 68 7265.
- Apr. 8 Colac Senior O.D.E., Colac Pony Club Grounds. Mrs. K. Crabbe, Box 205, Colac, 3250. Phone 052 33 4528.
- Apr. 8 Eastfield Park Gymkhana M. Moorhead, 54 Belmont Road, Croydon.
- Apr. 8 Kyneton Pony Club Combined Training, Kyneton Pony Club Grounds. Miss S. Foreman, R.S.D. Kyneton, 3444. Phone 054 22 1851.
- Apr. 14 Tarwin Lower Open Easter Gymkhana, Tarwin Lower. Miss J. Doyle, "Maitland Downs", Tarwin Lower, 3956. Phone 056 63 2760.
- Apr. 14 One Day Event Oaklands Hunt Club. Mr. E. Heffernan, Yuroke, 3047. Phone 30 7362.
- Apr. 14 Clune Agricultural Society Gymkhana. Miss Trembath, Creswick Road, Clunes, 3370. Phone 053 45 3062.
- (Easter Sat.) Apr. 15 Neerim Pony Club Gymkhana, Neerim South Show Grounds. Mrs. N. Upton, Main Street Neerim South. Phone 056 28 1494.
- Apr. 21 & 22 ACCR, O.D.E., Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Baldry Road, Main Ridge. Mr. Tim Kendall, "Watford House", Kentucky Road, Merricks North, 3926. Phone 050 89 7332.
- Apr. 21 & 22 Mini O.D.E., The Knob O.D.E., Stratford. Mrs. P. Lamb, Cobains, via Sale, 3850. Phone 051 49 8220.
- Apr. 22 Barwon Valley P.C. Annual O.D.E. "Rosemont", Ceres via Geelong. Mrs. P. Belin, Pettavel Road, Freshwater Creek R.S.D. 3216. Phone 052 64 5144.
- Apr. 29 Braybrook Open Junior Gymkhana V. Barclay. Phone 741 3973.
- Mar. 18 Castlemaine Pony Club Open Gymkhana "Wattle Flat", Richards Rd. Castlemaine. Mrs. M. Harris, P.O. Box 184, Castlemaine, 3450. Phone 054 72 2708.
- Mar. 25 Warragul Pony Club Open Gymkhana (Riding for Disabled), Logan Park, Princes Highway, Warragul. Mrs. B. Taylor, Stirling St. Warragul. Phone 056 23 1846.
- Mar. 25 Tatura Gymkhana, Tatura Showgrounds. Mrs. J. Jenkins, 8 Hastie Street, Tatura, 3616. Phone 058 24 1339.
- April Lang Lang Pony Club One Day Event, Lang Lang. Mrs. S. Stanley, "Uralba", Harkaway Road, Narre Warren East. Phone 796 8633.
- Easter Saturday Warringa One Day Event, Warringa Basin. Mr. G. Fitzgerald, 54 Fisher Street, Kyabram. Phone 058 52 2752.
- Easter Monday Tocumwal Gymkhana, Tocumwal Pony Club, Baroonga Road. Mrs. S. Perryman, 18 Cobram St. Tocumwal. Phone 058 74 1211 Ext. 239.
- Apr. 1 Nathalia Pony Club Graded O.D.E., Bramah Racecourse. Miss F. Corry, R.M.B. 1010 Picola, 3619. Phone 058 69 3253.
- Apr. 1 Moe Pony Club Open Gymkhana, Moe Pony Club Grounds. Mrs. P. Simpson, 147 Monash Rd. East Newborough. Phone 051 27 1542.
- Apr. 1 Chelsea Pony Club, Youth Week Horse Show, Chelsea P.C. Grounds, Broadway, Bronbeach. Mrs. M. Ashton, 73 Embankment Grove, Chelsea. Phone 772 4289.
- Apr. 1 Findon Junior Gymkhana, Findon P.C. Grounds, Regent Street, Mernda. Mrs. P. Barber, "Carome", Plenty Road, South Morang, 3752. Phone 717 3593.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

MARCH AND APRIL

MARCH

- Monday 19**
1.30 p.m. Finance Committee
- Tuesday 20**
9.30 a.m. Committee Meetings
12.30 p.m. Annual Meeting
- Wednesday 28**
10.30 a.m. Works and Planning Committee

APRIL

- Monday 9**
1.30 p.m. Finance Committee
- Tuesday 10**
9.30 a.m. Committee Meetings
1.45 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wednesday 18**
10.30 a.m. Works and Planning Committee

FELICITY — A REAL SUPER PRODUCER

In the December/January "Royal" an article about Frank Sorraghan's Champion Friesian Cow, "Rockwood Park Achilles Felicity" which underwent a series of ovum transplants over the last year, was published.

We can now report that the resulting tally of live calves to this time is 18 and the number is expected to swell to some 35 within the next few months.

CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOWS

MARCH AND APRIL

The following dates are subject to alteration.

Further details may be obtained from the Registrar, Kennel Control Council, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, 3032 (Telephone 376 0471).

MARCH

German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria	Fri. 2
German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria	Sat. 3
Warragul & West Gippsland Agricultural Society	Sat. 3
Wodonga Show Society	Sat. 3
German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria	Sun. 4
Wodonga Kennel Club	Sun. 4
Basset Hound Club of Victoria	Sun. 4
Pakenham & District A. & H. Society	Sat. 10
Colac Kennel Club	Sun. 11
Poodle Club of Victoria	Sun. 11
Schnauzer Club of Victoria	Sun. 11
Chihuahua Club of Victoria	Sun. 11
Ballarat Dog Club	Mon. 12
Warragul & District Kennel Club	Mon. 12
Cohuna A.P. & H. Society	Sat. 17
Yarra Glen A. & H. Society	Sat. 17
Kerang & District Kennel Club	Sun. 18
National Toy Dog Club	(Evening) Fri. 23
Tatura Agricultural Society	Sat. 24
Rottweiler Club of Victoria	Sat. 24
National Toy Dog Club	Sun. 25
Wire Fox Terrier Club	Sun. 25
Cocker Spaniel Club of Victoria	Sun. 25
Bunyip Agricultural Society	Sat. 31

APRIL

Benalla Kennel Club	Sun. 1
Irish Settle Club	Sat. 7
Bullmastiff Club of Victoria	Sat. 7
Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club	Sun. 8
Glengarry Carnival & Agricultural Society	Mon. 16
Greensborough & District Kennel Club	Sat. 21
Victorian Gundog Club	Sun. 22
Australian Cattle Dog, Kelpie & Border Collie Club	Sun. 22
Seymour Dog Club	Sat. 28
Weimaraner Club of Victoria	Sun. 29

ROYAL SHOW DATES FOR 1979

SYDNEY — APRIL 6th-17th
BRISBANE — AUGUST 9th-18th
ADELAIDE — AUGUST 31st-SEPT. 8th
MELBOURNE — SEPTEMBER 19th-29th
PERTH — SEPTEMBER 21st-OCT. 6th
LAUNCESTON — OCTOBER 10th-13th

A Quick-Stick Solution to a Woolly Problem

The letter we have reproduced here was received recently by the Secretary of the Australian Sheep Breeders' Association.

Dear Sir,

Several weeks ago there appeared in a Montreal newspaper an article that touched on the shearing of sheep in your country.

Relative to this matter, one of your representatives in the sheep industry invited suggestions from the public on how to shear sheep without the use of an electric clipper.

Well, if I may be permitted to offer you this suggestion:

My idea on how to obtain wool in one quick and simple operation is to apply large strips of adhesive tape on the whole of the animal. Then after a few days, when the wool or fur has stuck firmly to the tape, a hired hand, blessed with more brawn than brain, rips off the mass — or mess, as the case may be. The animal, pitifully naked as a worm by that time, need not feel self-conscious; it can always pull the wool over the eyes of the furry ones. "Ewe" may be sure, if you'll pardon the pun.

No doubt the above operation can prove to be a hair-raising experience for the sheep, but it'll certainly be a boon to the farmers.

Another way, of course, is to assemble a colony of expertly-trained orang-utans ("Clyde" of Hollywood to act as supervisor) to depilate the sheep with tweezers. This is another economical method though a very tedious one, and, I'm afraid it would result in a tug-of-war between the S.P.C.A. and the Human Rights League. Personally, such a hassle could easily lead to a Camp-David meeting with President Carter sheepishly chairing the committee. So in this instance, I guess I must own that my suggestion would be as useful as a moose sporting a twin set of antlers. Or for our Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau cloning a stable of clowns. One Pierre in one's lifetime is sufficient.

If I'm not too late — Season's Greetings and best wishes for the new year.

Signed Frank B. Ricard



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