

1989 RASV ANNUAL REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,



Mr. J.H.H. Sleight, A.M.
President.

Before commencing the review of the Society's activities for 1989, I wish to pay special tribute to three very distinguished former members of Council, the late Mr Duncan MacGregor, MBE, the late Mr Peter Ronald, CMG, and the late Mr John Fischen.

Their deaths were formally announced to the Council in August, making that meeting one of the saddest in the history of the Society.

Mr Duncan MacGregor, 'Dalmore,' Baringhup, died on July 18, at the age of 72. He was a well regarded breeder of Beef Shorthorn cattle and British Breed sheep.

In 1966 he was elected to Council and became a Life Councillor in 1986. He served a record term of 17 years as Chairman of the Society's Sheep and Goat Committee and also chaired the Beef Cattle Committee. He participated actively on the Farm Management and Inventions, Woodchop and Fleece Committees. In 1977 Mr MacGregor was awarded the MBE for services to agriculture and the community.

Past President, Trustee and Life Councillor, Mr Peter Ronald, CMG, died suddenly at 'Koo-man-goo-nong' Pakenham, on July 25. He was 68.

Shortly before his death, Mr Ronald celebrated his 40th year on the RASV Council, an occasion marked by a special presentation to him at the May meeting of the Council. During this term, he served as Ringmaster (1960-1966) and led the Society as its President from 1973 to 1977. He was made a Trustee in 1973.

In 1978 a new pavilion was named in his honour, and officially opened by HRH Princess Alexandra. He was made a Life Councillor in 1969 and had been a member of the Finance, Horse, Attractions, Public Relations, Membership and City Parade Committees.

Mr John Fischen, 'Lal Lal Estate,' Yendon, passed away on August 8, at the age of 62. He was elected to Council in 1975 and was Vice President from 1981 to 1984. He had been a member of the Farm Management and Inventions, Attractions, Woodchop, Dairy Cattle and Public Relations Committees.

The Fischen family has had a long association with the RASV, with Mr John Fischen representing the third generation of his family on the Council.

I now have pleasure in reporting on the activities of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria for the year ended December 31, 1989.

THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

A total attendance of 808,104 was recorded for the 131st Royal Melbourne Show, which ran from Thursday September 21 to Sunday October 1 inclusive. This was the highest attendance since 1985 and included two best ever day figures for a second Wednesday (Sept. 27, 113,345) and a second Friday (Sept. 29, 86,980). The Society maintained the 1988 admission prices for the 1989 show.

Following the civil disturbances in China in the middle of the year, Council reluctantly decided not to proceed with China as a Guest Nation for the 1989 Show. The theme of "See the Winners" was adopted and the costume character "Champ" was developed to emphasise the Society's commitment to promoting excellence in rural industries through competitions.

A highlight of the 1989 Show's evening entertainment program was the combined Australian Defence Forces display which

performed on the main arena on five evenings.

Titled "Aussie Defence Action," the displays incorporated the participation of the Army, Air Force and Navy and served to illustrate the high-tech capabilities of these defence arms as a combined force.

The three services were also represented in a very large exhibition, (located on the Epsom Road frontage of the Showgrounds), designed to emphasise the defence self-reliance priority, together with the forces' employment of the latest technology.

Official Opening

The 1989 Royal Melbourne Show was declared officially open by Victoria's Governor, Dr Davis McCaughey, A.C., on Saturday, September 23.

This year's opening ceremony was effectively made even more of a highlight as a result of the participation of contingents from the Berwick Light Horse Troop, Victoria Mounted Police and Victorian Pony Clubs. Included in the mounted ranks were some former Australian Olympic competitors. Horse-drawn carriages and vintage cars added to the majesty of the event.

These significant additions to the ceremony were suggested and planned by the late Mr Peter Ronald.



Victorian Governor Dr. Davis McCaughey, A.C., officially opens the 1989 Royal Melbourne Show.

OFFICE BEARERS 1989

PATRON:

His Excellency, Dr. Davis McCaughey, A.C.

PRESIDENT:

J.H.H. Sleigh, A.M.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

W.R.R. Beggs, A. Gibson, R.B. Langdon.

TRUSTEES:

J.M. Gardiner (appointed 10/10/89), The Hon. Sir William McDonald, Kt., PB, Ronald, C.M.G. (deceased 24/7/89), G.R. Starritt, A.M., O.B.E., G.P.H. Wilson, C.M.G.

LIFE COUNCILLORS:

W.A. Angless
Sir Rupert W.J. Clarke, Bart, M.B.E., M.A.
K.A. Drummond
J.M. Gardiner
R.R. Gerrard, M.B.E.
W. McL. Greaves
J.G.W. Head
G. Howell
R. Hunter
J.W. Kelly
D.W.R. Knox
D.S. MacGregor, M.B.E. (deceased 18/7/89)
C.O. Moore
I.G.C. Nicholas
PB, Ronald, C.M.G. (deceased 24/7/89)
J.H.H. Sleigh, A.M. (appointed 12/9/89)
G.R. Starritt, A.M., O.B.E.
J.W.D. Ward
The Hon. Vernon F. Wilson, C.B.E., Q.C.
G.P.H. Wilson, C.M.G.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

J. Balfour Brown
W.R.R. Beggs
E.W. Best, C.M.G.
A.C. Bott
J.K. Buchanan, A.M.
I.I. Bucknall
J.M. Burston
R.M. Butler
W.D. Crowley, Q.P.M.
E. Drinkwater
K.A. Finin (elected 7/2/89)
A.J. Fiske (deceased 7/8/89)
C.J. Fox (elected 14/1/89)
C.B. Gardiner
A. Gibson
B.R.J. Hallows
R.E. Haselgrove
C.R. Kelly
R.B. Langdon
EB, Langlands
E.J. Lithgow
C.R. Lyons (elected 14/11/89)
The Hon. Sir William McDonald, Kt.
K.J. Melver
Sir Ian McLennan, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.
M.T. Marriott
I.K. Morton A.M.
R. Patter
J.W. Rae
J.S.A. Robb
I. McK. Starritt
FR.I. Stephens
K.W. Urquhart
The Hon. B. Rowe, M.P. (appointed 14/3/89)
R.G. Walker
A.J. Woods (elected 7/2/89)

EXECUTIVE STAFF

DIRECTOR: R.E. Carr, B. Ec., M.B.A., T.S.T.C., (appointed 21/8/89)

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER: D. J. Reid (resigned 1/12/89).

COMPUTER SERVICES MANAGER: D. G. Hay.

FINANCE MANAGER: J.E. Clifford.

GROUNDS MANAGER: M. Martin-Abaid.

MARKETING MANAGER: V.A. Hilton.

Entries

Entries in the 1989 Royal Show's competitive sections totalled 38,652. Entry increases were recorded in several animal and produce sections.

New entry records were established in the following sections:

Australian Riding Ponies
134 (previous best 117 in 1988)

Poll Shorthorn Beef Cattle
221 (previous best 165 in 1985)

Charolais Beef Cattle
111 (previous best 108 in 1985)

Simmental Beef Cattle
279 (previous best 223 in 1988)

Limousin Beef Cattle
182 (previous best 129 in 1988)

Saler Beef Cattle
20 (previous best 17 in 1988)

The reputation of the Royal Melbourne Show as a premier event for livestock has been further reinforced by the fact that a number of new breed sections were added to the prize schedules in 1989. These were:

Black and coloured sheep
Gelbvieh Beef Cattle
Anglo Arabian Horses
Part-bred Arabian Horses
Part-bred Arabian Ponies
Miniature Ponies.

Several new classes were also introduced to the very popular arts and crafts section, including a 'technology' section for schools. Students were invited to take up the challenge of producing exhibits for entry in three categories - 'materials', 'energy', and 'mechanical systems'. In each case, judges sought the most innovative and imaginative application of resources and skills. The section, in its first year, proved very successful.

Grounds Improvements

With the generous assistance of Cadbury Schweppes Pty. Ltd., the Society was able to completely refurbish the Public Stand. The refurbishment incorporated re-roofing, the installation of new seating and repainting. All improvements are in keeping with the stand's original design and construction in 1915. In acknowledgement of the company's contribution, the stand has been renamed the 'Schweppes Stand'.

Partial demolition of the old creche building (Plummer Avenue) was completed prior to the Show. This coincided with the construction of a new building located on the triangular lawn behind the Wilson Stand, to house the Ascot Vale Day Nursery.

The new nursery was opened on November 23, 1989 and will double as a Lost Children's centre during the Royal Show period.

Several old buildings in the south east corner of the grounds were demolished in 1989; extensive re-roofing work was carried

out on the sheep pavilion and the Bunge Clydesdale Pavilion. Repainting of the Halls of Manufactures and Commerce was completed as was the repainting of 75 per cent of the horse boxes in the western area. The second stage of a three stage upgrading of main arena lighting was undertaken in addition to the further improvement of the arena's public address system. Improvements were also made to the No. 3 Cattle Pavilion, and a new VIP area was constructed in the Boral Woodchop Stadium, for use by sponsors and other special guests to the Woodchop arena.

Building and structure upgrading which has been the subject of the "Joint MFB/Easenden City Council Fire Report" was completed, with the exception of the Administration Building. This work is expected to reach finality by the end of April 1990.



Royal Show mascot, "Champ", is surrounded by fans in Plummer Avenue.

COUNCIL

Life Councillor

The Society's President, Mr J.H.H. Sleigh, AM, was made a Life Councillor in September. He was elected to Council in September 1969, and three years later took on the position of Vice President, one of the youngest Councillors to do so. In 1986, Mr Sleigh succeeded Mr G.R. Starritt, AM, OBE as President.

During his 20 years as a Councillor, Mr Sleigh has served on the Finance, Management, Sponsorship, Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle and Arts and Crafts Committees. In 1985 he was appointed to the select committee charged with the responsibility of organising the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth Conference in Melbourne.

Trustee Appointment

Mr J.M. Gardiner, a Councillor with 36 years service, was appointed a Trustee of the Society in October 1989. His appointment follows the death of Mr PB, Ronald.

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 Royal Banquet Rooms, Plummer Avenue, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale on Tuesday, April 3, 1990, at 12 noon.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. To receive the declaration of election of Councillors.
4. To appoint two auditors.

Dated 9th day of March, 1990.

R.E. Carr.

Executive Director.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

(Eleven to be elected)

- E.W. Best, C.M.G., P.O. Box 55, Coldstream, 3770.
J.M. Burston, "East Mount Ada", RMB 5530, Benalla, 3672.
R.M. Butler, "Meadow Banks", Newstead, 3462.
W.D. Crowley, Q.P.M., Railway Road, Wesburn, 3799.
E. Drinkwater, "Tesdin", 9 Beaumont Road, Berwick, 3806.
C.J. Fox, 10 Shouhra Drive, Highton, 3216.
R.B. Langdon, c/- H.J. Langdon & Co. P/L, Cnr Parker & Whitehall Streets, Footscray, 3011.
M.T. Marriott, "Tatong Estate", R.M.B. 4280, Benalla, 3672.
I.K. Morton, A.M., 53 St. Kinnord Street, Essendon, 3040.
J.S.A. Robb, 7 Philip Avenue, Ballarat, 3350.
E.R.I. Stephens, "Vermont", RMB 1154, Benalla, 3672.

(The above Councillors retiring by rotation and eligible for re-election).

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

terprise. He is a Senior Vice President of the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association and a Past President of the Balmoral P & A Society.

He is an experienced sheep, beef cattle and farm management competition judge. His election to RASV Council fills the vacancy caused by the death of Mr A.J. Fiskin.

The Honourable Barry Rowe, MP, was elected to the Council on March 14, following his appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs portfolio. Mr Rowe succeeded The Honourable Evan Walker MLC.

Awards

The outstanding contribution made to the ongoing development of the Australian Nuffield Farming Scholars' Association by Mr G.P.H. Wilson, CMG, received formal recognition in July, when he was made an Honorary Trustee of the Nuffield Trust.

Mr Wilson was afforded the honor while attending the triennial Nuffield Farming Conference in the UK. He is the first person outside that country to have been so recognised and on behalf of his Council colleagues, I would like to record our sincere congratulations.

Mr G. R. Starritt, A.M., O.B.E., was made a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his services through Rotary.

Our congratulations to both of these Councillors.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

During the year, Honorary Life Membership of the Society was bestowed upon seven people for their outstanding service to the RASV and the Royal Show, over a considerable period of time.

The recipients were:

Mr J. West (Illawarra Dairy Cattle section) - presented May 9.

Mr M. Jarvis (Poultry section) - presented May 9.

Mr W.A. Fink (Poultry section) - presented May 9.

Mr T.R. Morgan (RASV staff) - presented September 12.

Mr S. Anderson (Poultry section) - presented September 12.

Mr D. Goddard (Ayrshire Dairy Cattle section) - presented September 12.

Mr L. Ewing (Horse section) - presented December 12.

The Society extends its gratitude to each of these members who, in most cases, have served the organisation for over 20 years.

New Councillors

There were five new Council appointments this year. Mr K.A. Finnin and Mr A.J. Woods were elected on February 7, and the successful candidature of Mr C.J. Fox and Mr C.R. Lyons was announced at the Council meeting on November 14.

A former state manager of the Commonwealth Development Bank, Mr A.J. (Andy) Finnin, 62 of Mt Waverley, has extensive experience and knowledge of the rural sector. He has had a long association with the RASV through the bank's sponsorship of the annual Farm Management competition.

Mr Finnin has judged both the 'Man of the Year in Agriculture' and the BHP 'Pursuit of Excellence' awards. He was also a member of the Young Farmers' Finance Council, Victoria.

He fills the Council vacancy created by the death of Sir Cecil Looker, Kt.

Mr A.J. (Alf) Woods, 61 from Essendon, occupies the Council position left vacant after Mr W.McL. Greaves was created a Life

Councillor. Mr Woods has held a life time interest in the breeding and showing of poultry and is an accomplished judge, having officiated at shows across Australia, in England, America and New Zealand.

He has had a long association with poultry fancy organisations in Victoria and is an Honorary Life Member of the RASV.

Mr C.J. (John) Fox is 49 and is from Highton. He currently holds the position of General Manager, Operations, for the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria. He played a significant role with the Corporation in helping farmers through the 1982/3 drought and the disastrous 'Ash Wednesday' bushfires. Mr Fox was responsible for the Heytesbury Development project and the subsequent successful sales.

He played VFL football with Geelong in the 1960's and later coached Lismore.

His election to Council follows Mr J.H.H. Sleight's move to Life Councillor.

Mr C.R. (Robert) Lyons, 41 from 'Dundas Park', Vasey, operates a Merino sheep and Shorthorn-Hereford cross beef cattle en-

ADMINISTRATION

Major General J.C. Hughes resigned from the position of Director in May 1989 and was succeeded in August by Mr R.E. (Bob) Carr.

Mr Carr's background is as a business executive with such companies as B.H.P. and Elders IXL. His previous position was Chief Executive Officer of the Zoological Board of Victoria. We warmly welcome Bob and Elizabeth Carr to the RASV.

Staff appointments and changes.

After 14 years as Registrar of the Kennel Control Council, Mr Bill Kinsman announced his retirement in December. His extraordinary administrative ability and knowledge of dogs will not be lost however, because he has taken on the position of Secretary of the Australian National Kennel Council. His successor in the KCC post is Mr Ian Hunter, who has more than 20 years experience with that organisation. Mr Peter Smith, who joined the KCC in September, will be Mr Hunter's deputy.

A member of our Society's senior management group, Mr Don Reid, left the organisation in December, after four years as Administration Manager. His duties have been absorbed by Mr John Clifford, who now has the title of Finance and Administration



Manager. Mr R.E. Carr was appointed Director of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria in August.

Computer Services

Council approved a further upgrading of the Society's computer system during the year. The improvements are designed to facilitate greater administrative efficiencies and are expected to be fully implemented in 1990.

Benefits will take the form of improved services for breed societies, the transfer of the grounds facility booking from the current manual system and economies emanating from the sharing equipment and software with the Royal Agricultural Society of N.S.W.

BREED SOCIETIES

In 1989, the RASV provided secretarial support for 33 breed societies and associated organisations.

Rising costs of administration have resulted in the RASV increasing its charges to breed societies in 1989. This decision was not taken lightly but was necessary in order to realistically cover the Society's costs on providing the services required by breed organisations.

I want to stress that the Council remains committed to the support of breed societies and, in view of this commitment, will continue to constantly review administrative procedures to ensure that an efficient and cost effective level of service is provided.

THE SHOWGROUNDS

As indicated earlier in this report, the process of upgrading and maintaining facilities on the Showgrounds is ongoing. We are gradually and successfully bringing about a positive change on the profile of the grounds, which is essential if we are to boost the commercial use of facilities throughout the year.

In November 1988, Council commissioned a commercial real estate agency to assess and report on the value of grounds facilities. The formal recommendations from the agency were used by the Society to restructure commercial rentals for show and non-show use of grounds facilities.

Victorian Expo Centre

Following more than 18 months of discussion and negotiation with the State Government, management control of the Victorian Expo Centre will be transferred to the Society in 1990. This will allow the Society to take full advantage of this very valuable facility, in terms of its commercial usage throughout the year.

Parking Revenue

Showgrounds parking fees for non-show events were increased in September to more realistic levels and the revenue derived from this source will be used to improve and maintain the roadways within the grounds.

Development of Showgrounds

Several discussions between the Council and staff have taken place during the year, to consider the medium to long term development of the Showgrounds. These discussions have proved very beneficial in generating ideas for facility usage and improvement, which will be implemented progressively as funds become available. As part of these discussions, it was agreed that the rural emphasis of the Royal Show would be maintained and enhanced.

1996 Olympics

Should Melbourne be successful in its bid to host the 1996 Olympic Games, the Showgrounds will be the venue for track cycling and the equestrian section of the Modern Pentathlon.

To house the cycling, a building would be constructed on the Epsom Road frontage, between Plummer Avenue and the Woodfull Pavilion. The new building would be of multi-purpose design and construction, allowing it to be used by the Society for the Royal Show and for other events throughout the year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sponsorships

The Sponsorship Committee, under the chairmanship of Sir William McDonald, successfully negotiated over \$1 million in sponsorship contributions for show and non-show activities in 1989. I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Sir William for his personal effort toward achieving this result and to thank members of his committee for their combined contribution.



Sarah Macquibe of Warrandyte won the 1989 Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl Title.

Animal Welfare

The Society's positive position on the issue of companion animals was expressed to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs during the year. The Director of the Society, Mr Bob Carr, has been appointed by the Minister as a member of the government's Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, which will enable the Society to be fully informed and make its views known on animal welfare matters.

RASC Conference

In February, my wife and I attended the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. While attending the conference, I delivered a paper as a support speaker, on the subject of "Breeding, feeding and animal health."

The RASV was also represented at the conference in their private capacities by Mr and Mrs J.K. Buchanan, Mr and Mrs J.G.W. Head, Mr and Mrs G.R. Starritt, Mr and Mrs C.O. Moore, and Mr and Mrs G.P.H. Wilson.

Encyclopaedia Britannica Travel Grant

The Society took advantage of a special travel grant offered by Encyclopaedia Britannica Australia, which enabled the Director to attend the International Association of

Fairs and Expositions convention in Las Vegas. The five day visit allowed Mr Carr the chance to gain an increased awareness of, and exposure to, those issues which are of interest to overseas organisations similar to our own.

It was also a valuable opportunity for him to get an appreciation of the latest trends in event marketing, ticketing, cleaning and general visitor services.

Our gratitude to Encyclopaedia Britannica must be recorded for making this opportunity available to us.

RASV Support Group

I am very pleased to be able to report on the growing membership of the Royal Agricultural Society's Support Group, which met during the 1989 Show. This group comprises young adults who have rural backgrounds and a common interest in the continued development of the RASV. From its ranks, we are hopeful of recruiting future Royal Show judges and stewards.

RASV/VASA Commercial Farmer Competitions

During the course of 1989, the RASV, in conjunction with the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association, successfully conducted the following commercial farmer competitions:

Victorian Artificial Breeders Share Dairy Farmer of the Year award.

Commonwealth Development Bank Farm Management, Production and Improvement competition.

Gippsland and Northern/Western Star Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year award.

Elders Pastoral Commercial Wool Sheep Flock of the Year award.

Dalgety Farmers Commercial Beef Herd of the Year award.

On behalf of the Society, I wish to record my thanks to the President of VASA, Mr Duncan Anderson and members of the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association, for the ongoing support of these particularly valuable commercial competitions. I must also express the RASV's gratitude to the responsible officers of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, who have, throughout the year, participated in the judging of the competitions and the organisation of the respective field days.



The Third Military District Band with soloist Donald Cuni, entertain crowds on the AMP Lawn.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In concluding this report I want to acknowledge the support given to both myself and my wife by the Society's Vice-Presidents and their wives during the year. My sincere thanks also goes to all my other Council colleagues, whose help and advice has been invaluable.

Of special importance to the Society are those companies and organisations which have continued their sponsorship of the Royal Melbourne Show and the RASV's other activities throughout the year. Our grateful thanks go to:

Ampol Petroleum (Victoria) Pty. Limited.
Australian Airlines.
Australian Meat & Live-Stock Corporation.
Australian Mutual Provident Society.
Australian Wool Corporation.
Benson Trading Company Limited.
BHP Steel Group.
Bonlae Foods Limited.
Boral Cyclone Limited.
Bowen & Pomeroy Pty. Ltd.
Bunge Australia Limited.
CC Stockfeeds Pty. Ltd.
Cadbury Schweppes Pty. Ltd.
Coles New World Australia.
Comaleo Aluminium Limited.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia.
Dalgety Farmers Limited.
Elders Pastoral.
Federation Insurance Limited.
Gippsland & Northern Company Limited.
Herald and Weekly Times Limited.
ICI Australia Limited.
ICL Australia Pty. Ltd.
Kubota Tractors (Australia) Pty. Ltd.
National Australia Bank Limited.
Patterson Cheney Pty. Limited.
Pavier Amusements.
Phosphate Co-Operative Company of Australia Limited.
Radio 3AK.
Radio 3MP.

Radio 3UZ.

Royal Parade Motor Inn.
Rural Finance Corporation.
Shell Company of Australia Limited.
Southern Cross Hotel.
St. Kilda Road Travelodge.
State Bank Victoria.
Stihl Chainsaw (Australia) Pty. Ltd.
Super K Mart Victoria.
Uncle Ben's of Australia.
Victorian Dairy Industry Authority.

In the same way that we rely on our sponsors, we are similarly indebted to the many hundreds of dedicated men and women who, each year, give freely of their time to ensure the smooth running of the Royal Melbourne Show. The commitment and dedication of these people can only be applauded, because without them there would be no show.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my warmest appreciation to the staff, both administration and grounds, for their loyalty and zealous attention to duty in staging a successful show under difficult circumstances.

I want to acknowledge the contribution of our Grounds Manager, Mr Michael Martin, who has been untiring in his efforts to improve the grounds. Also, I want to thank Mr John Clifford who took over the responsibilities of Director in the period leading up to and including the Show.

As the Society moves into a new decade, interesting and motivating challenges lie ahead to promote the development of all phases of the agricultural and pastoral fields, and I can assure you that the Council and staff will certainly be taking up the task with enthusiasm.

J.H.H. Sligh, AM,
President

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS - 1989 WINES

The Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy - Best Red Wine.

Haselgrove Wines Pty. Ltd.

The Victorian Wine Industry Association Inc. Trophy for the Most Successful Exhibitor in the Victorian Wine Classes.

Yarra Ridge Vineyard.

The Francois De Castella Trophy for the Most Successful Exhibitor in all Wine and Brandy Classes.

Lindemans Wines Pty. Ltd.

The State Bank Victoria Trophy for the Best Muscat in Show

Baileys of Glenrowan.

SHOWGIRL

MISS SUN COUNTRY SHOWGIRL.

Miss Sarah Macquire, Warrandyte, Vic.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Florence Monod Memorial Award.

Mrs K. Ter Haar, Glen Waverly, Vic.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Best Print in Exhibition.

A. Chan, FRPS, Greenvale, N.S.W.

Best Slide in Exhibition.

A. Parkes, Blacktown N.S.W.

FARM INVENTIONS

Grand Champion Exhibit.

Mr Peter Robinson and Mr Lawrence K. Marshall, Koo Wee Rup, Vic.

WOODCHOPPING

Grand Aggregate Trophy.

Mr D.J. Foster, East Devonport, Tas.

CARCASS COMPETITIONS

Champion Bacon Pig Carcass.

T. & V. James, Warracknabeal, Vic.

Grand Champion Beef Carcass.

Angus, Narbethong Farms, Narbethong, Vic.

PIGS

Supreme Exhibit.

Duroc, exhibited by P & H. Jacobsen, Lansdowne Upper, N.S.W.

DOGS

Best Exhibit in Show.

Mrs J Missen's Poodle (Miniature), Aust. CH. IR. CH. BON JOVI BACCHANTE (IMP. U.K.).

Best Puppy in Show.

W.M. & Mrs M. Thomas' Rottweiler MEIN-LIEB HERZCHEN(N)

Best in Obedience Trial.

T.L. & J.N. Richardson's Shetland Sheepdog MELWEST MR COPPERTOP (V)U.D.

CATS

Best Entire Cat - Longhair.

A Black Persian, CCCofA.GD.CH.GOLD GD.CH. TUAM BROOKLYN Owned by D. Turner, R.C. & J. U'Ben of Seville, Vic. Bred by Mrs Sealan of Queensland.

Best Entire Cat - Siamese/Oriental.

A Seal Point Siamese owned and bred by T. & B. Bradley of Strathfieldsaye. (Incidentally, same as in 1988).

Best Entire Cat - Other Shorthair.

A spotted British Shorthair owned by Miss K. Fowler of Sunshine Bred by Mr C. Lavelle of Ferny Creek, Vic.

1989 NATIONAL CHEESE SHOW

Most Successful Exhibitor - Cheddar (Open Section).

Winner: Boudge Foods Ltd. - South Melbourne.

Most Successful Exhibitor - Cheddar (Small Factory Section).

Winner: Murray Goulbourn - Kiewa.

Champion Prize - Cheddar (Small Factory Section).

The winner is presented with a Trophy from Cryovac Division, W.R. Grace Australia Limited.

No Award.

Champion Prize - Fancy Cheese (Small Factory Section).

The winner is presented with a Trophy from Cryovac Division, W.R. Grace Australia Limited.

Winner: Swissfield Cheeses Pty. Ltd. - Albury, N.S.W. (Tilsit).

Champion Prize - Fancy Cheese (Open Section).

The winner gains a Contract to supply 20 tonnes of the winning cheese to Coles New World Supermarkets, Victoria.

Winner: Lactos Pty. Ltd. - Burnie, Tas. (Camembert).

Champion Prize - Cheddar (Open Section).

The winner wins a Trophy presented by the Australian Dairy Corporation and gains a contract to supply 350 tonnes of the winning cheese to Coles New World Supermarkets, Victoria.

No Award.



Ms. Vicki Ward won the coveted "Garyowen" for a record fifth time. Her mount was Breughal.



The President and Mrs. Slough arrive in the Main Arena for the official opening of the 131st Royal Melbourne Show.



"Champ" helps a young patient aboard "Leo the Leopard" tank, at the Show's media launch, at the Royal Children's Hospital.

GRAINS

- Champion Hard Wheat.**
D.E. Leslie, Via Euston, N.S.W.
- Champion Soft Wheat.**
G. & R. Gamble, Moama, N.S.W.
- Champion Australian Standard Wheat.**
I.K. & C.G. Beddison, Horsham, Vic.
- Champion Oats, variety other than Echidna.**
B. Duddy, Caniamba, Vic.
- Champion Oats, Echidna.**
G.J. Mitchell, Lismore, Vic.
- Champion Oats, Milling, Echidna.**
G.J. Mitchell, Lismore, Vic.
- Champion Oats, milling, variety other than Echidna.**
No Award
- Highest points scoring Oat Champion.**
B. Duddy, Caniamba, Vic.
- Champion Barley.**
S. Walscott, Dimboola, Vic.
- Champion Grain Legumes.**
W. Walker Pty. Ltd. Carrick, Tas.
- Champion Oil Seeds.**
G.K. McKenzie, Kerang, Vic.
- Victorian Championship for Meadow Hay.**
A.W. & I.E. Bunn, Tatura, Vic.

SHEARING

- The "Sunbeam Corporation" Australian Strong Wool Shearing Championship (Crossbred sheep other than Merinos)
First - Doug Bryant.

FLEECES

- Best Sample Lambs Wool - Classes 1 to 15.**
Won by M.A. & E.I. Mibus & Son, Dunkeld, Vic.
- Feature Breed Fleece - Superfine Merino.**
John Crawford, Victoria Valley, via Dunkeld, Vic.

SHEEP

- Supreme Champion Ram.**
Elouera Stud, Gowra, N.S.W.
- Supreme Champion Ewe.**
Elouera Stud, Gowra, N.S.W.
- Feature Breed Sheep (Southdown).
Champion Ram.**
L. Hooper & Sons.
- Champion Ewe.**
L. Hooper & Sons.

GOATS

- Supreme Champion Doe - Dairy.**
Mr J. & Mrs D. Millward.
- Champion Angora Doe.**
Green Ridge Angora Stud.
- Champion Mohair Fleece.**
Mr D. Chadwick.
- Champion Black & Coloured Fleece.**
H.E. Wright.

PRODUCE

- Champion Prizes.**
- Honey Small Producers.**
J. Van Weeghel, Noble Park, Vic.

- Honey Open Producers.**
Donald Fulton, Lorne, Vic.

- Honey Packers.**
Honey Corporation of Australia Ltd., Maryborough, Vic.

- Most Successful Honey Exhibitor.**
Donald Fulton, Lorne, Vic.

- Best Mead In Show.**
Maxwell Wines, McLaren Vale, S.A.

- Champion Butter for Export.**
Allowrie Foods Aust. Ltd., Drouin, Vic.

- Champion Butter - Fresh Butter.**
Bonlac Foods Ltd., Shepparton, Vic.

- Champion Dried Milk Product.**
Bonlac Foods, Longwarry, Vic.

- U.D.V. Interbreed Type and Production Cow.**
Holstein-Friesian, C.G., I. & A. Cochran, Nowra, N.S.W. - Bridon Della.

BIRDS

- Poultry - Best Bird in Show.**
Woods Bros., Essendon, Vic. - O.E.G. Partridge Dark Leg Hen.
- Best Finch In Show**
M. & P. Wherrett, Alexandra, Vic. - Cuban.
- Best Parrot Type Bird.**
A. & B. Hodgson, Yarra Glen, Vic.
- Best Cage Bird (Other than a Finch).**
M. O'Connell, Watsonia, Vic.
- Grand Champion Budgerigar.**
J. & R. Tanner, Cheltenham, Vic.



Simmental judging in the Federation Ring.

- Champion Yoghurt.**
Equal Award to: Associated Dairies Ltd., Dandenong, Vic. and Dairy Vale Co-Operative Ltd., Clarence Gardens, S.A.

CATTLE

- Elders Pastoral Beef Breed of the Year (Poll Shorthorn).**
Yumbungan Boxer 58th exhibited by K.A. & E.M. Williams & Murrington Pastoral Co., Dubbo, N.S.W.
- Supreme Beef Breed Bull.**
Simmental, Matalanka Simmental Stud, Alexandra, Vic. - Matalanka Invincible.
- Supreme Beef Breed Female.**
Simmental, Tusmore Simmental Stud, Adelaide, S.A. - Tusmore Nicole.
- Supreme Junior Champion Beef Breed Bull.**
Simmental, C. & J. Simmentals, Moorooduc, Vic. - Boolaroo Hycluss.
- Gippsland and Northern Champion Dairy Cow.**
Holstein-Friesian, F. Sorrhughan, Arcadia, Vic. - Roekwood Park Warden Cretonne.
- Gippsland and Northern Champion Dairy Heifer.**
Holstein-Friesian, D.J. & R.M. Orchard, Drouin, Vic. - Orchard Vale Warden Tiffany.
- Federation Insurance Champion Dairy Bull.**
Holstein-Friesian, K.R. Gordon, Ardmona, Vic. - Donach Value.

1989 ROYAL SHOW MEDIA AWARDS

1989 Royal Show Press Photographic Awards

- Best Show Photograph.**
(Published) - Trevor Pinder, The Herald.
- Best Show Photograph.**
(Unpublished) - Mark Wilson, The Age.

1989 Olympus/Royal Show Press Journalism Awards

- Best Agricultural Story.**
Loretta Hall, The Herald.
- Best Show Story.**
Non-Agricultural - Alex Sloane, The Weekly Times.

1989 Olympus/Royal Show TV Journalism Awards

- Best Show Report.**
Jim Brown, Channel 10.
- Best Show Report - Non News**
Anna Gregory, Channel 9.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1989

	CONSOLIDATED WITH RASV LTD. 1989		CONSOLIDATED WITH RASV LTD. 1988		SOCIETY 1989		SOCIETY 1988	
	£		£		£		£	
FIXED ASSETS								
Land at Council Valuation 1988		16,525,000		16,525,000		16,525,000		16,525,000
Buildings and Improvements at Council Valuations 1988	20,416,000		20,416,000		20,416,000		20,416,000	
Additions at Cost	711,879				711,879			
	<u>21,127,879</u>		<u>20,416,000</u>		<u>21,127,879</u>		<u>20,416,000</u>	
LESS Provision for Depreciation Services and Utilities at Cost	357,280	20,770,599	1,890,348	20,416,000	357,280	20,770,599	1,890,348	20,416,000
LESS Provision for Depreciation Plant and Motor Vehicles at Cost	1,890,348		216,314		1,890,348		1,850,333	
LESS Provision for Depreciation Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings at cost	248,695	1,631,653	1,228,208	1,631,019	248,695	1,631,653	216,314	1,631,019
LESS Provision for Depreciation	1,295,771		690,950		537,338			
	<u>1,100,078</u>	<u>516,788</u>	<u>1,018,219</u>	<u>377,020</u>				
	744,058	39,800,060	641,199	39,489,377		38,927,252		38,575,019
INVESTMENTS								
Debentures, Deposits, Bonds & Cash at Bank at Cost:			264,100					
Special Purpose Insurance Fund	671,490		565,857					
Trust Accounts	29,592		28,715					
Short Call	341,460	1,042,542	332,649	1,191,321				
CURRENT ASSETS								
Cash on hand	1,200		900					
Prepayment and Accrued Interest	76,093		68,368					
Sundry Debtors	838,341		649,099					
LESS Provision for Doubtful Debts	(38,000)		(38,000)					
Stock on Hand at Cost	140,001	1,017,635	128,084	808,451				
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>41,860,237</u>		<u>41,489,149</u>		<u>38,927,252</u>		<u>38,575,019</u>
LESS								
CURRENT LIABILITIES								
Bank Overdraft Secured	24,415							
Loans Secured	41,500		41,500		41,500		41,500	
Loans Unsecured	1,237,452		1,151,585		11,110		27,362	
Loan from RASV Limited					549,324		133,591	
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	619,437		489,956					
Provision for Long Service & Annual Leave	352,804		327,442					
Received in Advance			483					
Short Call Deposits	341,460	2,617,068	332,648	2,343,614		601,934		202,453
LONG TERM LIABILITIES								
Loans Secured	1,472,486		1,508,624		1,472,486		1,508,624	
Loans Unsecured	102,680	1,575,166	206,366	1,714,990	66,680	1,539,166	77,790	1,586,414
TRUST ACCOUNT		29,592		28,716				
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>4,221,826</u>		<u>4,087,320</u>		<u>2,141,100</u>		<u>1,788,867</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS REPRESENTING		<u>\$37,638,411</u>		<u>\$37,401,829</u>		<u>\$36,786,152</u>		<u>\$36,786,152</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES								
Accumulated Funds		1,741,132		1,610,184		1,500,364		1,560,464
Reserves								
Asset Revaluation	34,532,891		34,532,891		34,532,891		34,532,891	
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	671,491		565,857					
Dog Complex Contribution	692,897	35,897,279	692,897	35,791,645	692,897	35,225,788	692,897	35,225,788
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES		<u>\$37,638,411</u>		<u>\$37,401,829</u>		<u>\$36,786,152</u>		<u>\$36,786,152</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1989

1. Note On Auditor's Report

Messrs. J.A. Court and L.McC. Rough, of Pinnell Kerr Foster, the auditors of the RASV Ltd. and the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, have audited the financial accounts of both entities for the year ended 31 December, 1989, and these audit reports accompany the statutory financial accounts of the respective entities. The auditors advise that the respective financial accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the rules of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and the RASV Ltd.

2. Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

The principle accounting policies adopted by the Society are stated in order to assist in a general understanding of the financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied by the Society except as otherwise indicated.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

(b) Consolidated Balance Sheet and Consolidated Revenue Account

The Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December, 1989 and the Consolidated Revenue Account for the year ended 31 December, 1989 is the consolidation of the financial accounts of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and the RASV Ltd. These consolidated accounts are prepared for the members of the Society to give a better understanding of the financial affairs of the two entities. These consolidated accounts are not required under the Companies (Victoria) Code.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1989

INCOME	CONSOLIDATED WITH RASV LTD.		SOCIETY	
	1989 \$	1988 \$	1989 \$	1988 \$
Show Admissions & Parking	4,217,481	3,745,912		
Advertising	85,851	54,557		
Catering premiums	341,846	326,855		
Competition Entry Fees	337,709	348,626		
Computer Fees	204,559	206,665		
Donations & Sponsorship	959,540	940,257		
Improvement Grant	50,000	50,000		
Materials & Services	76,506	117,402		
Members Subscriptions	299,362	276,097	299,362	276,097
Secretarial Services	569,788	513,922		
Show Sales & Sundry Revenue	162,767	86,345		
Space & Ground Rental	2,356,278	2,025,678		
Contribution from RASV Ltd			276,002	111,306
	<u>\$9,661,687</u>	<u>\$8,692,346</u>	<u>\$575,364</u>	<u>\$387,403</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Advertising & Publicity	358,606	374,620		
Audit & Legal	99,233	51,666		
Catering	80,736	182,716		
Computer Rental & Maintenance	237,383	141,620		
Depreciation	617,509	423,712	389,841	234,658
Directors Fees	1,250	1,258		
Electricity and Gas	222,537	210,117		
Insurance	282,100	276,710		
Interest	426,346	316,657	185,323	152,745
Judges Expenses	92,935	91,075		
Maintenance & Cleaning	1,396,524	987,131		
Printing & Stationery	242,449	304,277		
Rates	113,283	119,806		
Show Attractions	324,334	350,913		
Show Running Costs	227,505	279,100		
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	25,000	25,000		
Sundry Costs	87,701	130,296		
Salaries, Wages & Payroll Costs	4,191,862	4,038,399		
Telephone & Postage	129,007	105,793		
Trophies & Prizes	374,359	420,716		
	<u>9,530,739</u>	<u>8,831,582</u>	<u>575,364</u>	<u>387,403</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for Year	<u>130,948</u>	<u>(139,236)</u>		
	<u>\$9,661,687</u>	<u>\$8,692,346</u>	<u>\$575,364</u>	<u>\$387,403</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Balance at Start of Year	1,610,184	1,749,420	1,560,364	1,560,364
Surplus (Deficit) for Year	130,948	(139,236)		
Balance at End of Year	<u>\$1,741,132</u>	<u>\$1,610,184</u>	<u>\$1,560,364</u>	<u>\$1,560,364</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1989

(c) Depreciation and Amortisation of Property, Plant and Equipment.

Items of property, plant and equipment other than freehold land are recorded at cost, unless otherwise stated, and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using either the prime cost or diminishing value method. New items are depreciated from the date of acquisition or revaluation.

(d) Income Tax

Any income derived by the Society or the RASV Ltd. is exempt from Income Tax under S.23(h) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(e) Inventories

Inventories, have been valued at the lower cost and net realisable value, and represent maintenance stock, promotional products, stationery and supplies.

(f) Employee Benefits

The amount expected to be paid to employees for their pro-rata entitlements to long service, annual and sick leave are accrued annually at current wage rates based on past experience.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Mr. Duncan Anderson, President.

The Spring Show season, including the Melbourne "Royal," has been a successful one. For Jean and I, it has been a busy and rewarding time.

The "Sun" Show Girl functions were most enjoyable. RASV Councillor

in charge of the competition Frank Stephens and his wife Dawn, created a happy atmosphere at all gatherings. Sarah Macquire, representing Warragul, and Central and South Gippsland Group, was declared Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl for 1989. Congratulations to Sarah and all the finalists in the competition.

Jean and I represented VASA at a number of Royal Show luncheons and receptions as guests of the RASV, and our thanks go to the President John Sleigh, for his hospitality. Country Shows got into full swing following the Melbourne Show. Jean and I visited a number of Shows and look forward to being present at many more. Congratulations to all those hard working committees for making them possible and special thanks for the hospitality extended to us. Perhaps the most rewarding was to be asked to officially open my own local show, Warracknabeal. Thank you!

Following another successful year for the RASV/VASA farm competitions, a number of field days have been held on the winning properties. These were excellent properties and there was a lot to be learned from their management. I would like to thank all the entrants in these competitions for their interest, with a special thank you to all our sponsors for their generous support. The winners of these competitions are listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thank you to our three Vice-Presidents, Fred Bridgewater, Robert Lyons, and Bryan Tehan, who represented me at some of the field days, and for their support throughout the year.

Our Annual Meeting and Convention is being organised by the Murray Valley Autumn Shows Association and is to be held at Wodonga on 2, 3 and 4 May. Make a note in

your diary to be there, we look forward to seeing you. I extend an invitation to all affiliated Societies to participate. The Autumn shows are now in full swing and may you be rewarded with success.

Duncan Anderson,
President

1989 MISS SUN COUNTRY SHOW GIRL

Being selected as the 1989 Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl was an absolute thrill and unexpected honour. It provided me with the opportunity to see all facets of the Royal Melbourne Show and to participate in many of the activities and entertainments. The insight I obtained has made me aware and appreciative of the dedication and enthusiasm of all those involved.

There are a number of people and organisations that I would like to thank for

providing me with this opportunity. In particular the RASV, VASA, my local Agricultural Society - Warragul, and all competition Sponsors. I would also like to express my gratitude to Mrs Buckland for her wonderful companionship and support and to those whom I met during the Show, who made it so enjoyable for me.

I would like to encourage any girl to enter the Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl Competition. It is a tremendous experience and an enjoyable way of meeting so many people. I am looking forward very much to representing Victoria at the National finals at the 1990 Royal Melbourne Show.

Sarah Macquire

NATIONAL SHOW GIRL FINAL - BRISBANE

Although brief, my term spent in Brisbane for the judging of the National Show Girl Competition, was most enjoyable.

On arrival, following considerable delays due to the Pilots' strike, I was greeted by Lillian Kroeg, Queensland Show Girl Co-ordinator, who made me welcome instantly.

Finalists spent their time either with the Judges, "on tour" visiting the Brisbane Show, diving out, cruising the Brisbane River or at the Mayfair Crest Hotel, where we were accommodated.

They struck up instant friendships and the atmosphere was very relaxed.

I felt honoured to be chosen to represent Victoria as the Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl for 1988 and have thoroughly enjoyed my time as title holder.

Samantha Gallus.



1989 Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl Sarah Macquire, enjoying the Show.



National finalists — (l-r) — Debbie Pfeiffer (NT), Sandra Schilling (SA), Samantha Gallus (Vic), Jeannie Cowan (WA — Winner), Catherine Wilson (Tas), Michelle Cole (Qld).

VALE

J.J. (John) Drum

John Drum of Laen near Minyip, passed away on 2 October, 1989.

He was a member of the Minyip A & P Society for 37 years and during that period, served three years as a delegate to, and President of, the Wimmera Agricultural Societies' Association (WASA).

John was also very active with the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association for many years. He served as Association President for two years and was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the organisation.

John had a firm commitment to his local community which is evidenced by his involvement with the Minyip and District Hospital (Life Governor), the St. Arnaud Parish Church (Finance Committee) and the Laen Primary School (Secretary). He maintained a strong interest in politics and was a Liberal Party member for 25 years. He was Minyip Branch President for seven years and nominated for the region of Kara Kara.

For 20 years John held the position of President of the Banyena Silo Advisory Committee.

John utilised his good judgement in everything from Show Girl competitions to wool and fleece judging.

He will be sadly missed.

The late John Drum.



O.B. (Beau) Brown.

Beau Brown, a former President and Life Member of the Donald Pastoral Agricultural Society Incorporated died on March 10, 1989.

He was a very active member and involved as an arena steward at the Donald Show for many years, and will be missed greatly.

WILF HEWITT - WARRACKNABEAL

50 Years of Dedication.

Mr Wilfred Arthur Hewitt ('Wilf') will celebrate his 50th year of membership of the Warracknabeal A & P Society, on April 12, 1990.

Wilf followed in his father's footsteps when he was appointed to the Warracknabeal Society's Committee on April 12, 1940. In those days, his family exhibited Clydesdale horses and were breeders and exhibitors of Zenith Sheep.

In later years, Wilf became a Judge of the Victorian Farmers Competition and a member of the Executive Committee. He was appointed President of the Warracknabeal Society in 1960-61, and made an Honorary

Committee Member in 1972 and a Life Member in 1980.

During his half century with Warracknabeal, Wilf has demonstrated his dedication by attending meetings and working bees regularly. His experience and opinion are highly valued and sought after. Congratulations, Wilf and keep up the good work.

Wilf Hewitt



1990 CONVENTION AT WODONGA

The 24th Annual Convention of V.A.S.A. will be held at Wodonga on May 2, 3 and 4, 1990 and our major sponsor will again be the Commonwealth Development Bank.

Hosts for the 1990 Convention will be Murray Valley Autumn Shows Association. The main venue for activities will be the Wodonga Civic Centre, with a Civic Reception followed by dinner on Wednesday, 2 May.

Delegates have a choice of three tours on Thursday afternoon.

Tour 1:

Tour of the Hume Weir Trout Farm and the Latchford Apprentice School. The Latchford Apprentice School conducts Trade related courses for the Army.

Tour 2:

Visit to the historic town of Beechworth.

Tour 3:

A tour of the Albury/Wodonga Corporation has been arranged on Thursday morning for non delegates.

Tour 4:

Tour of the Murray Goulburn Dairy Farm at Kiewa, afternoon tea at Latchford Barracks.

A dinner dance will be held at the Wodonga Civic Centre on Thursday evening.

The closing date for registration is Friday, 30 March, 1990. They will close with the Convention Secretary, Mrs K. Mull, Smythes Road, Eskdale, 3701. Telephone (060) 720 371.

There are four registration options available to delegates, with the cost for full registration - \$150.00 per person.

Additional registration forms, program outlines and information sheets are available from the Registrar, V.A.S.A., Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, 3032. Telephone (03) 376 3733.

SHOW DATES BOOKLET

Copies of the 1989/90 Show Dates Booklet are available and can be purchased direct from the RASV or by forwarding a cheque or money order to the Registrar, VASA, Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Ascot Vale. 3032.

The cost of the booklet is \$4.50.

The convenient pocket sized booklet, as well as containing the dates of our Country Shows and Field Days in both alphabetical and chronological order, provides a list of Show Society Secretaries' names, addresses and telephone numbers and a list of other activities conducted by our affiliate member Societies, major E.F.A. Championship events, interstate Royal Shows and information on the A.S.B.A. Sheep and Woolcraft Show.

HONORARY COUNCILLOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Office Bearers and Council of the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association Incorporated, for the honour they bestowed on me at the Annual Convention at Hamilton last year, in making me an Honorary Councillor of the organisation.

I want to express my special thanks to my wife. Without her support and encouragement this may not have happened.

I will continue to support V.A.S.A. and Shows, as I have done for over 35 years.

Ken Johnson.



NEW AFFILIATE

Goulburn Valley Dairy and Machinery Field Days has joined the ranks of V.A.S.A. They will become part of Group 15. Field Days will be conducted at Stanhope on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5, April, 1990.

The Secretary is Margaret Wills, P.O. Box 128, Stanhope, 3623. Telephone (058) 57 2522.

1989 COMPETITIONS RESULTS

Victorian Farm Management, Production and Improvement Competition. Sponsored by The Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia.

Section A: First - B.J. & J.P. Englefield, Wemen (Northern).

Second - R.G. & G.R. Blamey, Kyabram (Goulburn Valley).

Section B: First - G.J. & B.R. Boyle, Corindhap (Midlands).

Second - P.S. & C.L. Harris, Larpent (South Western).

Elders Commercial Wool Sheep Flock of the Year Award.

First - T. & A. Silcock, Telangaturk (Western).

Second - R. & J. Hayes, Euroa (Central Highlands).

Third - J.B. Heard & Co., South Wonondah (Wimmera).

Gippsland & Northern/Western Star Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year Award.

First - R.A. & B.A. Hawkes & Son, Colden (South Western).

Second - L.A. & S. Onley & Son, Gorman-dale (Gippsland).

Third - W. & J. Weller, Longwarry (Central & South Gippsland/Port Phillip).

Dalgety Farmers Commercial Beef Herd of the Year Award.

First - Howquadale Station, Mansfield (Upper Goulburn).

Second - Alec Moore, Weerangourt Pastoral Co., Hamilton (Western).

Third - M.H. & R. Dennis, Glenmaggie (Gippsland).

Dalgety Farmers Beef Productivity Competition.

First - A. Economou, Krou Investment Pty. Ltd. Violet Town (Goulburn Valley).

Second - M., M.M. & R.B. Barry, "Fermoyne," Ullina (Midlands).

Third - Fairholme Pastoral Co. Pty. Ltd. "Antara," Warncoort (South Western).

V.A.B. Share Dairy Farmer of the Year Award.

First - Max and Heather Farley, Tallangatta.

Equal Second - John & Lyn Vesterden, Longwarry.

Equal Second - John Joiner, Waaia.

Third - Tony & Glenda Tesselar, Heytesbury.

Honda Agricultural Motorcycle Competition.

First - Gavin Johnson, Stawell (Wimmera).

Second - Dallas Campbell, Mardian via Mirboo North (Central & South Gippsland).

Third - Ian Bruhn, Berrys Creek via Mirboo North (Central & South Gippsland).

Dog Jumping Competitions.

Sponsored by Showgrounds Travel and Australian Cargo.

Intermediate Class:

First - "TOBY" S. Calvert, Creswick (Wimmera).

Second - "GUS" D. Keiller, Cashmore via Portland (Western).

Third - "BUCK" D. Fuge, Rutherglen (North Eastern).

Open Class:

First - "SMOKEY" Miss M. Froesch, Broadford (Goulburn Valley).

Second - "WHISKERS" Miss B. Froesch, Broadford (Upper Goulburn).

Third - "MAX" K. Haustorfer (Wimmera).

Crocheted Article.

First - Mrs S. Meyer, Kaniva (Wimmera).

Second - Mrs R. Tiekner, Morwell (Group 14).

Third - Mrs C. Batten, Wollert (Port Phillip).

Hand Knitted Garment.

First - Mrs G. Schwarze, Glenroy (Port Phillip).

Second - Mrs D. Heerde, Romsey (Group 14).

Third - Mrs G. Samson, Castlemaine (Midlands).

A.D.F.A. Rich Fruit Cake.

First - Mrs D. Woodhouse, Frankston (Port Phillip).

Second - Mrs R. Mott, Finley (Northern).

Third - Mrs E. Batey, Yabba North via Dookie (Goulburn Valley).

Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl Competition.

Sponsored by The Sun News Pictorial, Australian Airlines, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Southern Cross Hotel, David Jones Hair & Beauty Salon, O'Brien Catering, St. Kilda Road Travelodge and Freeman and Freeman Management Services Pty. Ltd.

First - Miss Sarah Macquiro, Warrandyte (Central & South Gippsland).

Second - Miss Claire Murphy, Darrawell Guim (Central Highlands).

Third - Miss Katrina Grundy, Deniliquin (Northern).

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SPONSORS, THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK

By the time this message is printed, I will have occupied my position here in Victoria for 12 months and so therefore be looking forward to the second round of annual rural events on the calendar. As I reflect upon the past year, it has been one of interesting challenges during which I have come to know many of the representatives of V.A.S.A. The Bank is delighted to be once again sponsoring this year's V.A.S.A. Conference at Wodonga.

The CDB has just completed a rather hectic period of expansion by establishing regional offices at Geelong (July 1989), Bendigo (February 1990), and Wodonga (February 1990).

Together with existing regional offices at Mildura, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool, the network provides the Bank with the capability of drawing its functions to the attention of those eligible for the Bank's special assistance.

As you are all aware, the CDB sponsors the Victorian Farm Management, Production and Improvement Competition, now in its 31st year. I am keen to see this prestigious event more widely canvassed in order to attract a greater number of entries thereby increasing the standards of excellence in rural pursuits. Accordingly, could I please exhort V.A.S.A. representatives to make it their belated 1990 year's resolution to actively generate entries which can only have long term benefits for the rural community generally.

The past 12 months have reflected a period of escalating interest rates with economic parameters being inconsistent with a buoyant economy. With the dawn of this decade, we have now reached the crossroads where we must seriously contemplate our future lifestyle and our responsibilities toward the next generation, in the absence of which an economic resurgence will be beyond our capability to achieve.

Warm regards,

Ron Ramsdale,

STATE MANAGER, VICTORIA.

