



The Royal

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Agricultural Society of Victoria
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1991 ANNUAL REPORT



W. Robert R. Beggs
President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 1991 Royal Melbourne Show received many favourable comments that it was well staged and was a refreshing move back to agriculture.

Our theme for the Show was "Our Agriculture on Show" and the theme pavilion, Centenary Hall, really demonstrated this in a very positive way. I was also delighted with the way the media and public picked up on the theme, which seemed to be particularly relevant during these difficult times.

Another extremely good concept was the Australian Dairy Corporation's "Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Healthier Eating". The idea created a sense of adventure - to buy an empty show bag and then follow the Yellow Brick Road around the Showgrounds, receiving healthy products from various outlets.

Unfortunately, as with so many things in this difficult economic climate, the Show was not immune from the difficulties people are facing and our attendances suffered accordingly. This in turn has put financial pressure on our Society and so, like many other businesses, we have had to regrettably reduce our staff.

As President, I am currently chairing a small sub-committee to review the structures and activities of our Society. This committee is to report to Council in early 1992 and I am quite confident that our recommendations will lead to a stronger organisation, better equipped to lead agriculture in the years ahead.

I would like to congratulate Mr Owen Moore, as 1991 marked his 40th year as a Councillor of the Society. Mr Moore has served the Council with distinction over the years, particularly as Ringmaster.

It is with regret that I record the death of Mr John Lithgow during the year. Mr Lithgow also served the Council with distinction and, at the time of his death, was Chairman of the Horse Committee.

In February 1992 we were also sadly advised of the death of Mr K. A. Drummond, Life Councillor.

The Council was delighted that the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency Dr Davis McCaughey, agreed to open our Show again this year. Dr and Mrs McCaughey have served Victorians well, particularly their interest in the country areas and our Royal Show, and so we were honoured when they both agreed to accept Honorary Life Membership of our Society.

COUNCIL

NEWS

President

In April 1991, Mr W.R.R. (Robert) Beggs was re-elected President of the Society for a second 12 month term.

Vice-Presidents

The following Councillors were re-elected in April 1991 for a further 12 month term as Vice-Presidents: Mr I.I. (Ian) Bucknall, Mr Adrian Gibson and Mr J.G.W. (Graham) Head.

New Life Councillors

Mr J.W. (Jack) Rae and Mr R.B. (Richard) Langdon were appointed Life Councillors in recognition of the 20 years service each has given to Council.

Mr Rae was appointed at the July 1991 Council meeting and Mr Langdon at the August meeting.

Resignation

Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr B.R.J. (Bruce) Hallows on July 1, 1991. Mr Hallows resigned because of the increased demands of the legal practice in which he is a partner.

Death of John Lithgow

Mr F.J. (John) Lithgow died suddenly in July 1991. Council posthumously honoured Mr Lithgow by appointing him an Honorary Life Councillor at the July meeting. (He was due to be appointed a Life Councillor at that meeting.)

Five New Councillors

1991 has seen five new Councillors elected.

At the annual election in April, Mr P.J.B. (Jason) Ronald of Pakenham was elected to Council. He is the son of the late Mr P.B. Ronald who was President of the Society from 1973 to 1977. Mr Ronald replaced Mr W.H. (Bill) Hill who had been appointed to Council in October 1990 to fill a casual vacancy.

The September Council meeting saw three new Councillors appointed to fill casual vacancies. They are Mrs S.C. Crooke, Mr L.R. Latta and Mr I.McC. Rough.

Mrs S.C. (Sarah) Crooke of Gundowring via Wodonga filled the casual vacancy which arose from the appointment of Mr Rae as a Life Councillor.

Mrs Crooke runs a dairy farm with her husband and is a Central Councillor with the United Dairy Farmers of Victoria, having acted as a Deputy General Councillor on occasions. She is also co-ordinator of the North East Dairy Industry Group.

She has just completed a Churchill Fellowship study tour of the US and Europe during which she looked at methods of increasing autumn/winter milk production.

An accomplished cheesemaker, Mrs Crooke has a diploma of Medical Technology from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Mr L.R. (Les) Latta of Winslow was appointed to fill the casual vacancy which arose from the resignation of Mr Hallows.

Mr Latta has a Diploma in Farm Management from Marcus Oldham Agricultural College and presently manages the family property "Kia Ora" which runs Hereford cattle and Romney sheep.

He has been a judge, a steward and an exhibitor in Royal Melbourne Show horse events, and has won the 'Good Hands' Challenge Trophy.

Mr Latta is currently Horse Supervisor and Ringmaster of the Warrnambool Show and has been a committee member of that Society for 20 years.

Mr I.McC. (Ian) Rough was appointed to fill the casual vacancy which arose from the death of Mr Lithgow.

Mr Rough is a current competitor in hunting events in the horse section of the Royal Melbourne Show and was a member of the winning Section Fours team at the 1991 Show. He is president of the Australian Jumping Racing Association, Honorary Secretary of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria and has been Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Yarra Glen and Lilydale Hunt Club for 16 years.

A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Mr Rough is a former auditor of the Society.

At the October Council meeting Mr W.H. (Bill) Hill of Benalla was appointed to fill the casual vacancy which arose from Mr Langdon's appointment as a Life Councillor.

Mr Hill is Chairman of Bonlac Foods Limited and in that capacity has been involved with the Society and the Royal Melbourne Show for several years. Mr Hill is actively involved in dairy farming and has a wide knowledge of the rural industry scene.

NEW HONORARY

LIFE MEMBERS

As a special mark of respect and appreciation, the Society last year conferred Honorary Life Membership on the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency, Dr Davis McCaughey, AC and Mrs McCaughey, Dr and Mrs McCaughey are keen supporters of the Royal Melbourne Show and the Society.

Honorary Life Membership was also conferred on the following five people who have shown great dedication to the Society over a period of twenty years. They are listed below under their particular area of interest:

Dog Section:

Mr M.D. McKerchar
Mr L.L. Grant
Mr W.C. Kinsman
Mr G.A.A. Lane

Horse and Sheep Sections:
Mr W.R.B. Ronald

■ The Governor of Victoria, Dr Davis McCaughey, AC, sashed the Grand Champion Limousin Bull (Elders Feature Breed). Photo: John Lamb, The Age.

1991 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

Official Opening

His Excellency, Dr Davis McCaughey, AC, Governor of Victoria, opened the 133rd Royal Melbourne Show at 2.30pm on Saturday, September 21, in a ceremony on the Main Arena.

Members of the Australian Army's Broadmeadows Logistic Battalion provided the Guard of Honour and were supported by the Australian Army Band Melbourne (formerly the Band of the Third Military District).

Special guests at the opening ceremony were the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, The Right Honourable John MacGregor, OBE, MP, and Mrs MacGregor, as well as the British High Commissioner, His Excellency, Mr Brian Barber and Mrs Barber and the British Consul General, Mr Stephen Brown and Mrs Brown.

Attendances

1991 Show attendances were disappointing with a total of only 654,343 people attending over the 10 days and eight nights. This is 120,583 people fewer than the previous year, although it should be noted that the 1990 Show ran for 11 days.

Cold weather, wind and rain on the first three days set the tone for the rest of the Show. The weather, coupled with the current economic recession, in which fewer people can afford to patronise events such as the Show, meant the overall attendance would not reach the level of 1990. Also, the ready availability of cheap domestic airfares during the school holidays encouraged more people than ever before to fly interstate at that time, leaving fewer at home to attend the Show. In addition, the absence of major concerts in 1991 meant a loss of some 25,000 visitors.

In spite of this, crowd numbers from Farm Sunday, September 22 to Wednesday, September 25, equalled or were greater than the equivalent days in 1990. This is attributed to the fine weather enjoyed on those days. Tuesday, September 24 was the day most people came to the Show with an attendance of 91,437, a pleasing increase of 27,673 on the equivalent day in 1990.

Theme

"Our Agriculture On Show" was the theme chosen for the 1991 Show to highlight the very positive aspects of Victorian agriculture.

It was timely and appropriate, during one of the most difficult and trying economic recessions we have faced, that the RASV demonstrated its solidarity and support for rural industries and the people who run them.



■ Alpacas made their debut in the judging ring this year.

There was special emphasis on the agricultural side of the Show, the highlight of which was the magnificent display in *The Weekly Times* "Our Agriculture On Show" theme pavilion in Centenary Hall.

The individual contributors, from the Department of Agriculture to the Organic Retail & Growers Association, combined to give a display which allowed Showgoers to see, sample and learn about various facets of agriculture and some of its production stages.

This display proved very popular with the thousands of Show patrons who enjoyed themselves in the Hall. Many favourable comments were received and the project was so successful it is planned to continue with a similar display for the 1992 Show.

Another successful project, allied to the theme of "Our Agriculture On Show", was "The Yellow Brick Road" Showbag presented by the Australian Dairy Corporation. Thousands of people followed the map and road markings to fill their bag with healthy snack foods and other items from the participating vendors.

Farm Inventors' Competition

This took on a new format and a new look in 1991. *Stock and Land* took over the major sponsorship and the competition was integrated with existing ones at Victorian field days.

The Show classes were altered to coincide with those at the other venues to make the Show winners eligible for the state final, which was also judged during the Show.

Max Larsen, of Tallangatta, won the Royal Melbourne Show class for inventions of more than \$1,000 retail value with his dairy gate design and then went on to take out the state final from the winners at Sheepvention, Mallee, Farm World and Wimmera Field Days.

Max capped his success by winning the national final at the Orange Field Days in NSW.

Young Auctioneers State Final

For the first time at the Show, young auctioneers went through their paces in front of the judges in the State Final of the Stock Agents Association of Victoria Young Auctioneers Competition held on the Main Arena on Farm Sunday.

The seven contestants, all under 25, each had to sell four steers to industry buyers and were judged on their appearance, diction, voice projection and personality.

The judges, unable to separate the best two, decided to award a joint first prize to Gary Foat of Gippsland and Northern in Yarram and Peter Steer of Elders in Dandenong.

Gary and Peter are now eligible to compete in the national final at the 1992 Sydney Royal Easter Show. The national winner will then compete in the World Championships at the Calgary Stampede in Canada.

Entries

Exhibitors showed their support for the Royal Show, and agriculture, by maintaining entries at a similar level to last year with a total of 36,455.

Particularly pleasing was the increase in poultry entries to 1,854 from 1,390 in 1990 and thanks are extended to the exhibitors for their support.

Record entries were received in the following categories: Cattle - Belted Galloways, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Highland, Limousin, Piedmontese, Santa Gertrudis and Welsh Black; Dairy Produce; Black and Coloured Sheep.

New Breeds

Five new breeds of animals were judged at the Royal Show this year.

The most unusual was the Alpaca, a South American grazing animal related to the camel. The exhibitors supported the competition well with 37 entries and there was much interest from the public. Alpacas originated in South America and are bred for their fibre.



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 7, 1992, 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 approve a change in the financial year end from December 31 to March 31.
5. To appoint two auditors.

Dated 28th Day of February, 1992

R.E. Carr
Executive Director

LIST OF NOMINATIONS MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (Eleven to be elected)

- * J. BALFOUR BROWN, "Two Creeks", Sheffield Road South, Montrose, 3765
 - P. FITZGERALD, PO Box 425, West Footscray, 3012
 - * I. McK. STARRITT, "Kelso Park", RMB 2330, Tatura, 3616
 - * R. POTTER, "Yarram Park", Willaura, 3291
 - * I. McC. ROUGH, "Dundonald", Hussey's Lane, South Warrandyte, 3134
 - * G.J. SHEPPARD, 16 Elm Street, Surrey Hills, 3127
 - * W.R.R. BEGGS, "Buln Gherin", Beaufort, 3373
 - * N.A. EDWARDS, APM, 8 Purse Street, Mt Waverley, 3149
 - B.R. OULD, 31 Thomson Avenue, Laverton, 3028
 - * J.K. BUCHANAN, AM, "Gleneira", Boneo Road, Flinders, 3929
 - * L.R. LATTA, "Kia Ora", Winslow, 3276
 - * K.A. FINNIN, 4 Sunhill Road, Mt Waverley, 3149
 - * R.F. HASELGROVE, "Beneden", PO Box 299, Merbein, 3505
- (*Denotes Councillors retiring by rotation and eligible for re-election.)

Note: Nominations being in excess of the vacancies, a ballot will be conducted. Refer to enclosed ballot paper for voting directions.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1991

	CONSOLIDATED WITH RASV LTD.		CONSOLIDATED WITH RASV LTD.		SOCIETY		SOCIETY	
	1991	\$	1990	\$	1991	\$	1990	\$
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	2 560,954		1 461,039		2 560,954		1 461,039	
	22 976,954		21 877,039		22 976,954		21 877,039	
LESS Provision for Depreciation	1 111,905	21 865,049	727,019	21 150,020	1 111,905	21 865,049	727,019	21 150,020
Services and Utilities at Cost	1 880,348		1 880,348		1 880,348		1 880,348	
LESS Provision for Depreciation	314,508	1 565,840	281,601	1 598,747	314,508	1 565,840	281,601	1 598,747
Plant and Motor Vehicles at Cost	899,438		867,577					
LESS Provision for Depreciation	476,360	423,078	387,660	479,917				
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings at cost	1 306,265		1 226,472					
LESS Provision for Depreciation	582,390	723,875	391,489	834,983				
		41 102,842		40 588 667		39 955 889		39 273 767
INVESTMENTS								
- Trust Accounts	30,560		30,156					
- Short Call	347 861	378 421	432 023	462 179				
CURRENT ASSETS								
Cash on hand	700		1 000					
Prepayment and Accrued Interest	27 480		100 128					
Sundry Debtors	406 273		578 735					
LESS Provision for Doubtful Debts	(38 000)		(38 000)					
Stock on Hand at Cost	95 519	491 952	124 836	766 699				
TOTAL ASSETS		41 973 215		41 817 545		39 955 889		39 273 767
LESS								
CURRENT LIABILITIES								
Bank Overdraft Secured	1 375 406		106 620					
Loans Secured	145 000		135 000		145 000		135 000	
Loans Unsecured	396 909		480 441		11 110		11 110	
Loan from RASV Limited					1 863 472		997 082	
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	1 080 660		587 777					
Provision for Long Service & Annual Leave	285 422		362 967					
Received in Advance			2 939					
Short Call Deposits	347 861	3 631 258	432 023	2 107 767		2 019 582		1 143 192
LONG TERM LIABILITIES								
Loans Secured	1 105 695		1 288 853		1 105 695		1 288 853	
Loans Unsecured	297 689	1 403 384	387 174	1 676 027	44 460	1 150 155	55 570	1 344 423
Trust Account	30 560			30 156				
Provision for Long Service Leave	69 514	100 074						
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5 134 716		3 813 950		3 169 737		2 487 615
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$36 838 499		\$38 003 595		\$36 786 152		\$36 786 152
REPRESENTING								
Accumulated Funds		2 145 379		3 470 704		2 253 261		2 253 261
Reserves								
Asset Revaluation	34 532 891		34 532 891		34 532 891		34 532 891	
Spotless Catering Development Fund	160 229	34 693 120		34 532 891		34 532 891		34 532 891
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES		\$36 838 499		\$38 003 595		\$36 786 152		\$36 786 152

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1991

1. Note On Auditor's Report

Messrs J A Court and J Pasis of Pannell Kerr Forster, the Auditors of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, and R A S V Limited have audited the financial statements of both entities for the year ended 31 December 1991, and those audit reports accompany the statutory financial statements of the respective entities. The Auditors advise that the respective financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the rules of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and R A S V Limited.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal 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 financial statements 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 1991 and the Consolidated Revenue Account for the Year ended 31 December 1991 is the consolidation of the financial accounts of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and R A S V Limited. These consolidated financial statements are prepared for the members of the Society to give them a better understanding of the financial affairs of the two entities. These consolidated financial statements are not required under the Corporations Law.

(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. Items are depreciated from the date of acquisition or revaluation.

(d) Income Tax

Any income derived by the Society or R A S V Limited is exempt from Income Tax under S 23(h) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1991

	CONSOLIDATED WITH RASV LTD.		SOCIETY	
	1991 \$	1990 \$	1991 \$	1990 \$
INCOME				
Show Admissions & Parking	4,036,285	4,372,765		
Advertising	19,409	55,673		
Catering Premiums	447,900	283,955		
Competition Entry Fees	435,479	432,353		
Computer Fees	101,285	129,986		
Donations & Sponsorship	838,494	861,286		
Improvement Grant		25,000		
Materials & Services	118,324	83,141		
Members Subscriptions	292,909	311,993	292,909	311,993
Secretarial Services	622,561	679,956		
Show Sales & Sundry Revenue	109,276	23,216		
Space & Ground Rental	2,444,489	2,698,293		
Contribution from RASV Ltd			<u>273,477</u>	<u>265,065</u>
	<u>\$9,466,411</u>	<u>\$9,957,617</u>	<u>\$566,386</u>	<u>\$577,058</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Advertising & Publicity	454,407	369,672		
Audit & Legal	57,690	123,908		
Catering	136,779	94,253		
Computer Rental & Maintenance	125,742	142,151		
Depreciation	721,176	658,069	417,794	402,645
Directors Fees	1,250	1,250		
Electricity and Gas	297,152	270,324		
Insurance	174,291	179,390		
Interest	428,971	318,638	148,592	174,413
Judges Expenses	111,518	104,959		
Maintenance & Cleaning	1,802,018	1,582,366		
Printing & Stationery	300,296	279,009		
Rates	165,693	139,157		
Show Attractions	293,697	592,041		
Show Running Costs	341,361	252,908		
Sundry Costs	90,427	124,095		
Salaries, Wages & Payroll Costs	4,530,754	4,101,225		
Telephone & Postage	147,510	155,588		
Trophies & Prizes	450,775	378,430		
	<u>\$10,631,507</u>	<u>\$9,867,433</u>	<u>\$566,386</u>	<u>\$577,058</u>
Trading Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(1,165,096)	90,184		
Abnormal items - Special Purposes Insurance Reserve		671,491		
- Dairy Pavilion Settlement		275,000		
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>\$(1,165,096)</u>	<u>\$1,036,675</u>		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Balance at Start of Year	3,470,704	1,741,132	2,253,261	1,560,364
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(1,165,096)	1,036,675		
Transfer from Reserve - Dog Complex Contribution		692,897		692,897
Transfer to Reserve-Spotless Catering Development Fund	(160,229)			
Balance at End of Year	<u>\$2,145,379</u>	<u>\$3,470,704</u>	<u>\$2,253,261</u>	<u>\$2,253,261</u>

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER, 1991**

(e) Inventories

Inventories have been valued at the lower of 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 and annual leave are accrued annually at current wage rates based on past experience

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

OFFICE BEARERS 1991

PATRON:

His Excellency, Dr. Davis McCaughey, AC

PRESIDENT:

W.R.R. Beggs

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

I.I. Bucknall, A. Gibson, J.G.W. Head

TRUSTEES:

J.M. Gardiner, The Hon. Sir William McDonald, Kt., G.R. Starritt, AM, OBE,
G.P.H. Wilson, CMG

LIFE COUNCILLORS:

W. A. Angliss

E. W. Best, CMG

Sir Rupert Clarke, Bart., MBE

K. A. Drummond (deceased 23/2/92)

C. B. Gardiner

J. M. Gardiner

R. B. Gerrand, MBE

W. McL. Greaves

J. G. W. Head

G. Howell

R. A. Hunter

J. W. Kelly

D. W. R. Knox

R.B. Langdon (appointed 20/8/91)

F.J. Lithgow (appointed 9/7/91,
deceased July 1991)

C.O. Moore

L. G. C. Nicholas

J.W. Rae (appointed 9/7/91)

J. H. H. Sleight, AM

G. R. Starritt, AM, OBE

J. W. D. Ward (deceased 28/3/91)

The Hon. Vernon F. Wilcox, CBE, QC

G. P. H. Wilson, CMG

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

The Hon. Ian Baker, MP (appointed 19/3/91)

R. T. Balderstone, CMG, MC

J. Balfour Brown

W. R. R. Beggs

A. C. Bott

J. K. Buchanan, AM

I. I. Bucknall

J. M. Burston

R. M. Butler

S.C. Crooke (elected 10/9/91)

W. D. Crowley, QPM

E. Drinkwater

N. A. Edwards, APM

K. A. Finnin

C. J. Fox

A. Gibson

B. R. J. Hallows (resigned 9/7/91)

R. F. Haselgrove

W. H. Hill (resigned 16/4/91,
re-elected 22/10/91)

C. R. Kelly

L.R. Latta (elected 10/9/91)

C. R. Lyons

The Hon. Sir William McDonald, Kt.

K. J. McIver

Sir Ian McLennan, KCMG, KBE

M. T. Marriott

I. K. Morton, AM

R. Potter

J. S. A. Robb

P.J.B. Ronald (elected 16/4/91)

I. McC. Rough (elected 10/9/91)

The Hon. Barry Rowe, MP,
(resigned 18/1/91)

G. J. Sheppard

I. McK. Starritt

F. R. I. Stephens

K. W. Urquhart

R. G. Walker, OAM

EXECUTIVE STAFF:

DIRECTOR: R.E. Carr, B.Ec., MBA

COMPUTER SERVICES MANAGER: D.G. Hay

CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER: J.F. Clifford, FCPA, FCIS, FCIM

FINANCE MANAGER: J.G. O'Reilly, AASA, CPA

GROUNDS MANAGER: M. Martin

MARKETING MANAGER: V.A. Hilton, AFAIM



■ Just two days old, born at the Show, and John Sullivan's foal is already striding around the Showring.
Photo: John Lamb, The Age.

There were three new cattle breeds: Pinzgauer, an Austrian lean beef breed; Wagyu, the national breed of Japan which produces the famous "Kobe-beef"; and Dexter, a miniature dual-purpose cattle breed originating in Ireland and shown during Dairy Cattle week. The Dexter is officially listed as a Rare Breed.

In the Dog Section, the Nova Scotia Duck-Tolling Retriever made its first appearance at the Show. As its name implies, the breed originated on the eastern coast of Canada.

Palouse ponies were new to the Horse Section in 1991. The breed was developed in America from Spanish Conquistador ponies.

Free Attractions

Top class free entertainment and displays were once again a highlight of the Show.

Music and dance were featured in the AMP Rotunda, with styles ranging from school bands to rock and roll and ethnic.

Main Arena patrons saw acts such as Dar Davies, the highwire motorcycle stuntman, the Bridgestone Holden Precision Driving Team, the Manchester Unity/TTFM Fabulous Fireworks, the Shetland Grand National and the Victoria Police Musical Ride.

Farm Sunday was again a success with thousands of Showgoers enjoying the displays, demonstrations and hands-on events on the Main Arena.

An attraction which seems to draw a larger crowd each year is the Farriers' Forge where the skills of blacksmithing and farriery were demonstrated. These ancient skills hold a fascination for city people and the Royal Show is probably the only place most can see them.

Carl O'Dwyer and his team showed the latest shoeing techniques and a farrier's competition was staged over three days.

An addition to the Farriers' Forge was a clinic on horse breaking, conducted over three days.

The Weekly Times Country Show Girl Quest

In 1991 the Country Show Girl Quest gained a new sponsor, The Weekly Times, and a new look presentation dinner.

It was decided to alter the traditional practice of the final judging on the Friday afternoon followed by the presentation dinner dance at the Showgrounds that night.

Instead, a dinner dance was held on the Friday night in the Duke of Norfolk Room at the Flemington Racecourse where the final judging and presentations were made. This proved successful with the larger venue allowing interested members of country agricultural societies to purchase tickets and attend.

Members Cocktail Party

Some 200 RASV members and their partners attended the inaugural Members Cocktail Party on the first Saturday of the 1991 Royal Show. RASV President, Robert Beggs, welcomed the guests and he and the Director, Bob Carr, outlined some of the issues confronting the Society and many of the new initiatives undertaken.

Comedian Peter Sharp entertained guests with a humorous look at the state of the wool industry.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLIONS

The President, Mr W. R. R. Beggs, awarded President's Medallions to four people in recognition of their long serving contributions to the Show and the Society.

Presentations were made during the Show to the following:

Mr Tom Wittingslow, the founder of Wittingslow Amusements, was awarded a medallion in recognition of his long and valued association with the Royal Melbourne Show.

Mr Howard Yelland, a highly respected breeder of Hereford cattle, was

recognised for his contribution, over many years, to the Beef Cattle section of the Show.

Mr Ron Nestor, who has been in charge of the Royal Show Main Arena crew for over 20 years was awarded a medallion in recognition of his work and dedication.

Mr Joe Hamblin, who has not missed a show since 1921, was awarded a medallion in recognition of his long and dedicated support of the Show and in particular the pig section. Mr Hamblin has also regularly exhibited sheep at the Show and served many years as senior steward in the pig section.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Commercial Farmer Competitions

Five commercial farmer competitions were successfully conducted in 1991 in conjunction with the Victorian Agricultural Societies Association Incorporated and the Department of Agriculture.

The competitions are important both to the entrants and to the farming community in general. All entrants learn from the experience of having their businesses appraised by independent assessors and the winners benefit from the prizes and the prestige associated with the competitions. Other farmers can learn from the winners' experiences and from the industry speakers at the field days. The media coverage of these events ensures a wide reach of information.

* **The Weekly Times RASV Commercial Flock Of The Year Competition:** The winner, David Weekes of "Hillside", Colbinabbin, impressed the judges with his intelligent approach to achieving his aims. They praised Mr Weekes' initial decision to buy five and a half year old classed merino ewes which enabled him to establish a quality flock in a comparatively short time. Mr Weekes won the competition from a record 70 nominations throughout Victoria.

Nick Trompf, Editor of The Weekly Times which sponsors the competition, said, "The Weekly Times regards the Commercial Flock of the Year as an ideal way to contribute to the development of Australia's sheep industry.

"As the premier commercial wool flock competition, it raises the profile of our paper through a series of field days, media promotion and general awareness.

"The Weekly Times is keen to support the competition, with its substantial financial and other commitments, as part of our endeavours to help sustain and improve agriculture in Victoria and Australia."

* **The Dalgety Farmers' Commercial Beef Herd Of The Year Award:** The judges described the winning herd, belonging to LR & GA Farquharson, as a credit to the Angus breed. They praised the quality of the animals and the very good management of the large herd.

Mr Kerry O'Connell, Regional Manager for Western Victoria, Dalgety

Farmers Ltd, said "Dalgety's are pleased to sponsor this competition because we believe in the long term future of the beef cattle industry and, the objective of the competition is to encourage Victorian producers to improve their herds in terms of commercial performance and profitability.

"In a competitive environment those who can efficiently produce good quality beef can improve their profits and this competition creates an opportunity for producers to learn from each other in terms of better management practices.

"The competition is aimed at purebred cattle and is an incentive to producers to keep the standard high, which ultimately influences the entire commercial market.

"Dalgety's market cattle and this gives us an opportunity to give something back to our customers, because if we can improve the sales price by helping to raise the standard, we will all profit."

*** The Bonlac Commercial Dairy Herd Of The Year Award:** The winning herd of Peter and Jan Fisher of Nathalia had the highest production figures in the history of the competition - 105 cows averaged 30.4 litres, 3.9% fat and 3.23% protein.

Bill Hill, Chairman of Bonlac Foods Limited, said, "As a supplier-owned dairy co-operative, Bonlac Foods has a commitment to the dairy industry in Victoria and sees this competition as an excellent way of encouraging all dairyfarmers to strive for improved productivity in their dairy herds with special emphasis on young stock and the improvement of their herd generally with AI and herd health.

"This competition is unique in that when it was established, there was no vehicle for judging of commercial dairy herds, unlike stud breeders who have always had the showing as an arena for competition. Not only do the entrants benefit from the experience gained by their participation, but many hundreds of Victorian dairyfarmers have gained invaluable knowledge from attending the well run field days held on the winning farm each year.



■ Inclement weather was no object to this dedicated Showgoing family. Photo: John Lamb, *The Age*.

"The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria in conjunction with the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association is ideally suited to the running of this competition, which last year, involved the judging of 26 dairy farms across the state."

*** The VAB Share Dairy Farmer Of The Year Award:** Wayne and Vicky Crole of Simpson won this competition because of what the judges described as the well kept property, the excellent herd and cowmanship of the highest degree.

Noel Russell, Chairman of VAB, said, "Share farmers are usually young and are a big part of our customer base. They have very little equity in the farm they work and so must achieve maximum profitability. The main way they achieve this is through herd improvement and VAB is a major player in this field.

"Sponsoring this competition allows us to give something back to our customers and thank them for their support.

"We can then demonstrate to others the best ways to go about the business of share farming through a field day with an in depth view of the farm and its operation.

"Winning the competition gives a young farming couple a distinct advantage when seeking farm finance."

*** The Victorian Farm Management, Production and Improvement Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Development Bank:** D & J Drysdale of Timmering won Section A for enterprises with a total capital investment less than \$600,000. The judges were particularly impressed with the pasture establishment and general condition of the Drysdale's 80 hectare, irrigated dairy farm.

Winner of Section B for enterprises with a total capital investment of more than \$600,000 was the Bon Accord Ingram Partnership of Bairnsdale. The large scale vegetable concern employs 15 full time and 30 casual staff to grow, harvest, pack and distribute the produce. The partnership sells mainly through an agent in the Sydney market but also negotiates directly with some of the larger supermarket chains.

Bernie Hoy, State Manager Victoria, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, said, "The Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia (CDB) again sponsored the prestigious Victorian Farm Management Production and Improvement Competition. In sponsoring this competition the CDB is giving a tangible contribution to that segment of its legislative charter which sets out in particular 'to provide advice and assistance with a view to promoting the efficient organisation and conduct of primary production'.

"The 1991 competition was highly successful with all entrants demonstrating sound management practices and skills notwithstanding adverse economic conditions. The CDB has approved sponsorship of the 1992 competition, which will be known as the Victorian Farm Management Competition.

"In providing an increased level of financial support the CDB in conjunction with the RAS, will be exploring means of



■ Dr John Hewson, MP, Leader of the Opposition, visited on Show Day and rode on the Marriott's wagon in the Grand Parade. Photo: John Lamb, *The Age*

enhancing the already high profile of this competition with a view to maximising the dissemination of sound agricultural management practices."

Royal Melbourne Wine Show

Acknowledged as one of the premier wine industry events in Australia, the Royal Melbourne Wine Show is conducted by the Society and sponsored by State Bank Victoria.

There were 2,410 entries in 1991, equalling the record set in 1989. There were actually fewer classes in 1991 but more entries in each class. The high number of entries was attributed to the increasing number of new wineries and the expansion of the Victorian wine-growing areas.

The entries in the red wine classes reflected the significant trend in the past 12 months towards increased red consumption. The number of entries in the white wine classes remained stable.

The prestigious Jimmy Watson Trophy was won by the Mitchelton 1990 shiraz, only the second time since the trophy's inception that a Victorian wine has won the award.

Noted Hong Kong wine expert, Thomas Lam, joined the panel of Australian judges at the Show.

National Cheese Show

A record 379 entries were lodged for the 1991 National Cheese Show. The previous record was set in 1961, when 357 entries were received.

The Society is very pleased to see so many Australian cheesemakers participating so enthusiastically in the Show. This enthusiasm generated among producers augurs well for the building of the cheese awards into a prestigious and popular event.

The National Cheese Show forms part of the Dairy Produce section of the Royal Melbourne Show and is sponsored by Coles Supermarkets and the Australian Dairy Corporation.

Dairy Vale Co Op Ltd, of South Australia, won the coveted Cheddar Open Section and Darling Downs United Foods Company, from Queensland, won the Open Section of the Non-Cheddar award with its mould ripened blue veir.

THE SHOWGROUNDS

Grounds Improvements

The Grounds Department carried out maintenance, alterations, construction and beautification works around the Showgrounds during 1991.

The following were some of the major items:

The landscaped lawn area adjacent to the eastern side of the Administration Building has been extended across Skene Street, which is now closed to vehicles. Stone paths and seats were added and the finishing touch was the completion of the garden beds beside the building. This was the site of the horticultural display at the 1991 Royal Melbourne Show.

Walkways were created for horses coming and going from the stables in the west end, to the Main Arena. Photinia and privet hedges have been planted, making two lanes, and these will beautify the area as they grow, as well as regulate the traffic of horses, patrons and vehicles thus making the area safer.

New offices were built along the south end of the Administration Building and these have now been let to permanent tenants.

The Members Meeting Room in the Hunter Stand was painted and refitted in time for the 1991 Royal Show.

The lawn area to the south of the Woodfull Pavilion in the dog area, adjacent to the railway entrance, has been altered. The children's playground equipment has been removed and the area has been lightly landscaped, creating a pleasant entrance to the Showgrounds for patrons using the railway entrance.

Showgrounds Use Out Of Show

The economic downturn has been reflected in the level of use of Showgrounds' facilities during the year under review.

A number of major public events recorded lower attendances and there was a percentage of planned activities that were either postponed or cancelled due to the unfavourable economic climate.

Net income from the hire of facilities and equipment totalled \$615,000, which was down \$164,000 on 1991 budget expectations.

The RASV has continued to work closely with consultants Wilson Sayer Core throughout 1991 to develop a submission to support a planning scheme amendment for the Showgrounds.

If adopted by the City of Essendon and the City of Melbourne, the conse-

quent rezoning of the Showgrounds would allow a far broader use of our facilities.

The rezoning would also permit the implementation of an overall land use and development strategy which has been prepared to guide the rationalisation of facilities and planning for future improvements to the Showgrounds.

BREED SOCIETIES

During 1991 the RASV provided secretarial services for 32 breed societies and associated rural organisations.

The organisations were:

Cats

Feline Control Council

Cattle

Angus Society of Australia (Vic. Committee)

Australasian Dexter Association Inc.

Australian Ayrshire Breeders' Association Inc.

Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc.

Australian Simmental Breeders' Association Ltd. (Inc. in NSW) (Vic. Branch)

Beef Improvement Association of Australia Inc.

Charolais Society of Australia (Vic. Region)

Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia Inc.

Shorthorn Society of Australia (Vic. Branch)

Victorian Stud Beef Cattle Breeders' Association

Dogs

Australian National Kennel Council

Victorian Canine Association Inc.

Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association

Goats

Cashgora Fibre Association of Australia

Horses

Australian Palomino Horse Breeders' Association

Australian Pony Stud Book Society (Vic. Branch Inc.)

Australian Warmblood Sporthorse Association Inc.

The Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (Federal Council)

The Victorian Dressage Club Inc.

Sheep

Association of Stud Sheep Breeders of Australia

Australian Corriedale Association Ltd.

Australian Corriedale Association Ltd. (Vic. Branch)

Australian Sheep Breeders' Association Inc.

Australian Society of Breeders of British Sheep Ltd. (Vic. Branch)

Australian Superfine Woolgrowers' Association

Sharlea Ultra Fine Society of Australia Ltd.

Victorian Prime Lamb Committee

Victorian Stud Merino Sheepbreeders' Association Inc.

Rural Activities

Australian Rural Youth Inc.

Australian Nuffield Farming Scholars' Association

Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association Incorporated

1992 SHOW

Several changes are planned for the 1992 Royal Melbourne Show.

Stud Pig Section

Unfortunately, the 1991 Show was the last year of the competitive Stud Pig Section. This was one of the oldest competitions in the Show and it is with regret that the decision has been taken not to continue.

Changes in the industry over the years, from farmer owned stud herds to large minimal disease commercial piggeries, have led to a decline in the number of pig studs and hence exhibitors. The Council extends special thanks to the exhibitors for their efforts over the last few years in keeping the competition going.

In its place, however, will be an educational exhibit with displays and different breeds of pigs on view with information on them and the pig industry.

The successful pig carcass competition will continue and will not be affected by the cessation of the stud pig competition.

Royal Summer Horse Show

From September, 1992, the traditional Royal Melbourne Show horse competitions will be divided into two separate events, four months apart.

Saddle pony, Galloway and hack, harness, showjumping, novelty and Clydesdale classes will be judged as usual at the Royal Melbourne Show in September, 1992.

All other horse and pony breed classes will be judged at the Royal Summer Horse Show in the first week of January. In 1993 the dates are January 6, 7 and 8.

The reasons for the change are the continued growth of the horse breeding industry and the corresponding interest in horse sports, which has meant more and more entries each year. This has put increasing pressure on the Royal Show horse program, arena space and stabling facilities, and the Show now being held over 10 days instead of 11 has meant further restrictions.

By separating the events, more horses will have the opportunity to compete, better use can be made of the stabling facilities and there will be more space on the arena for each event. Consequently, the severe balloting formerly required will be reduced.

Prize schedules for the 1993 Royal Summer Horse Show will be available from RASV in mid 1992 and entries will probably close in September 1992.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 1991

HORSES

Best Equestrienne Turnout (Garryowen)

Miss M.T. Tomkinson, Bulla, Vic, riding Le Pigalle.

Champion Saddle Horse over 15 hands
Trentham exhibited by L. Sutton, V. Corvi and T. Cowan, Pearcedale, Vic.

Champion Saddle Galloway
Gayleon exhibited by Miss D. McKay, Woori Yallock, Vic.

Champion Saddle Pony (over 12 and not over 14 hands)

Rhyl Simplicity exhibited by D.G., L. & Miss M.J. Beard, Koroit, Vic.

Champion Novelty Pony

Valentine Stud Disney exhibited by K & D Wynne, Cranbourne, Vic.

Most Successful Showjumping Horse & Rider

Wingadee and D. Brideoake, Moorooduc, Vic.

Champion Saddle Pony (12 hands and under)

Carnita Park Springtime exhibited by N. Nalder and H. Stone, Rochester, Vic.

WINE

The State Bank Victoria Trophy for the Best Muscat in Show

Morris Wines Pty Ltd

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

Lindemans Wines Pty Ltd

The Victorian Wine Industry Association Inc. Trophy for the Most Successful Exhibitor in Victorian Wine Classes (37 - 40)

Yarra Ridge Vineyard

The Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy for the Best Red Beverage Wine of the vintage year prior to the current vintage year

Mitchelton Pty Ltd

1991 WEEKLY TIMES COUNTRY SHOW GIRL

Miss Jane Fairbrother, Bairnsdale, Vic, representing the Gippsland Region.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Florence Monod Memorial Award for the Best Exhibit in Arts & Crafts

Miss E. White, Turrumurra, NSW, for Folk Art.

The Janice M. Gray Memorial Award - Most Successful School - Garment or Wood Work Sections

Forest Hill Secondary College.

The Hebe Ransford Memorial Award - Best Exhibit in the Restricted Section

Mrs G. Daya, Montefiore Home for the Aged.

The Judith McRobert Memorial Trophy - (Most Successful Exhibitor - Cookery)

Mrs P. Ewert, Deer Park, Vic.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Best Print in Exhibition

D.J. Mahony, LAPS - "Heavy Going No.2"

Best Slide in Exhibition

C. Gillies - "Red Flower"

STOCK & LAND FARM INVENTORS

State Final (over \$1000)

M. Larsen, Tallangatta, Vic., for 'Dairy Stall Gates'

State Final (under \$1000)

T. Downie and L. Young, Girgarre, Vic., for 'Adjustable Fire Extinguisher Vehicle Clamp'

WOODCHOPPING

Grand Aggregate Trophy

D. J. Foster, Latrobe, Tas.

DOGS

Best Exhibit in Show

Boxer Bitch - Ch. Taratan Shower Bonnet (V) Exhibited By J. & R. Kennedy, Mt Waverley, Vic.

Runner Up to Best Exhibit in Show

Shiba Inu Dog - Ch. Glendalín Konpakuto Sari (V) Exhibited by R. Smith & R. Anderson, Kalorama, Vic.

Best Puppy in Show

Afghan Hound Bitch - Aviva Venezia (N) Exhibited by Mrs R.M. Bacich, Dural, NSW

Best in Obedience Trial

German Shepherd Dog - Silcron Fire Drake C.D.X. (V) Exhibited by A.R. Saliba, West Sunshine, Vic.

SHEEP

Supreme Champion Ram

K. & D. Moore, Campania, Tas. (Southdown)

Supreme Champion Ewe

R. & J. Summers, Evandale, Tas. (Suffolk)

Dalgety Farmers Feature Breed Sheep - Border Leicester Champion Ram

I. Chandler, Barham, NSW

Champion Ewe

G.F.E. Hosking & Sons, Kerang, Vic.

SHEARING

The Cargill Watswool Woolbrokers Senior Shearing Championship

W. Johnston, Mortlake, Vic.

The Sunbeam Corporation Victorian Merino Shearing Championship

D. Bryant, Clifton Springs, Vic.

RASV Shearer of the Year

T. O'Connor, Europa, Vic.

FLEECES

Best Sample Lambs Wool (Classes 1 - 15)

Challicum Partnership, Buangor, Vic.

Feature Breed Fleece - Border Leicester

G.D. & G.B. Huxtable, Kaniva, Vic.

ALPACAS

Supreme Champion

R. Haldane, Camperdown, Vic.

GOATS

Supreme Champion Doe - Dairy

A. J. & R.L. Butt, Ararat, Vic. (Saanen)

Champion Angora Doe

C.D. & D.J. Finch, The Rock, NSW

Champion Mohair Fleece

D.A. Chadwick, Macclesfield, Vic.

PRODUCE

Champion Honey - Small Producer

J. Van Weeghel, Noble Park, Vic.

Champion Honey - Open Producer

A.K. Gell, Maryborough, Vic.

Champion Honey - Packers

Capilano Honey, Maryborough, Vic.

Best Mead in Show

Maxwell Mead, McLaren Vale, SA

Champion Butter for Export

Murray Goulburn Co-op Co Ltd, Koroit, Vic.

Champion Butter - Fresh

Bonlac Foods Limited, Shepparton, Vic.

Champion Dried Milk Product

Allowrie Foods Australia Ltd, Drouin, Vic.

Champion Yoghurt

Australian Co-op Foods, Wetherill Park NSW

Champion Hard Wheat

C. Hart, Beulah, Vic.

Champion Soft Wheat

R. & P. Nisbet, Mathoura, NSW

Champion Australian Standard Wheat

M. Johns, Warracknabeal, Vic.

Champion Oats

M. Cain, Nalke Yallock, Vic.

Champion Oats - Milling

K. Hall, Joel Joel, Vic.

Champion Barley

N. & N. Nash, Kaniva, Vic.

Champion Grain Legumes

M. Rabone, Kaniva, Vic.

Champion Oil Seeds

C. & L. Hart, Macorna, Vic.

Victorian Championship for Meadow Hay

A.W. & I.F. Bunn, Tatura, Vic.

CHEESE

Champion Cheddar - (Small Factory Section)

No Award

Champion - Fancy Cheese (Small Factory Section)

Jindi Cheese Pty. Ltd., Jindivick, Vic (Brie)

Champion - Cheddar (Open Section)

Dairyvale Co-op Ltd, Edwardstown, SA

Champion - Fancy Cheese (Open Section)

Darling Downs United Foods, Toowoomba, Qld. (Mould Ripened Blue Vein)

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 1991 (Cont'd)

PIGS

Supreme Exhibit

Duroc exhibited by B.J. Hamblin, Toolleen, Vic.

CATS

Best Entire Cat - Longhair. Orange eyed White Persian

GD.CH.TUAM EVEREADY Owned by D.Turner, C.R. & J. U'Ren, Seville, Vic. Bred by Mrs K. Scalan, Qld.

Best Entire Cat - Siamese/Oriental. Chocolate Point Siamese

SYRECKS NAMTJIRA Owned and bred by Mrs M. Osler, Upwey, Vic.

Best Entire Cat - Other Shorthair. Tawny Abyssinian

CH. ASMABBA LIL DASH Owned and bred by C. Colley & M. Charalambous, Mooroolbark, Vic.

CATTLE

Elders Pastoral Beef Breed of the Year (Limousin)

Grand Champion Bull

Evergreen Knighttrider exhibited by Kooragulla Limousin Stud, Yarragon, Vic.

Supreme Beef Breed Bull (Charolais)

Eagleglen Musicman exhibited by B. Ahearn, Canowindra, NSW

Supreme Beef Breed Female (Poll Hereford)

Davis HPH 120W Juno 112Y (Imp. Can.) exhibited by Margfred Park, Shepparton, Vic.

Supreme Junior Beef Breed Bull (Gelbvieh)

BTI Beartooth Zest 2010Z (ET) exhibited by Beartooth International, Wodonga, Vic.

Federation Insurance Champion Dairy Bull (Holstein-Friesian)

Avonlea Astro Compliment (ET) exhibited by H., V. & J. Gardiner, Avonlea, Carrum Downs, Vic.

UDV Interbreed Type & Production Cow (Guernsey)

Brookleigh Q.H. Fiona exhibited by L.F. & J.M. Cleggett, Langhorne Creek, SA

Gippsland & Northern Champion Dairy Heifer (Holstein-Friesian)

Elmar Sterling Farwina exhibited by G.E. & R.M. Hore, Leitchville, Vic.

Gippsland & Northern Champion Dairy Cow (Holstein-Friesian)

Elmslea Magpie 41st, exhibited by B.A. & C.M. Vallence, Tongala, Vic.

COMMERCIAL FARMING COMPETITIONS

Weekly Times/RASV Commercial Flock of the Year

D. & B. Weeks, Colbinabbin, Vic.

Victorian Farm Management, Production & Improvement Competition

Section A - D.S. & J.C. Drysdale, Timmering, Vic.

Section B - Bon Accord-Ingram Partnership, Lindenow, Vic.

Dalgety Farmers Commercial Beef Herd of the Year

L.R. & G.A. Farquharson, Birregurra, Vic.

Bonlac Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year

P. & J. Fisher & Son, Nathalia, Vic.

VAB Share Dairy Farmer of the Year

W. & V. Crole, Simpson, Vic.

BIRDS

Poultry - Best Bird in Show

T. Hickey, Narre Warren East, Vic.

Best Finch in Show

P. Wherrett, Alexandra, Vic.

Best Parrot Type Bird

C. Bush, Fitzroy, Vic.

Best Cage Bird (Other than a Finch)

C. Bush, Fitzroy, Vic.

Grand Champion Budgerigar

K.A. & D.E. Seeley, Chadstone, Vic.

CARCASE COMPETITIONS

Grand Champion Beef Carcase

Murray Grey - Mrs J. Curtis, Warragul, Vic.

Champion Bacon Pig Carcase

C. & M. Cormican, Tallygaroopna, Vic.

ROYAL SHOW MEDIA AWARDS

Royal Show Press Photographic Awards

Best Show Photograph (Published)

John Lamb, The Age

Best Show Photograph (Unpublished)

John Lamb, The Age

Olympus/Royal Show Press Journalism Awards

Best Show Story - Metropolitan Press

Sheena MacLean, The Age

Best Show Story - Rural Press

Robyn Bannister, The Weekly Times

Best Show Story - Suburban/Country Press

Jeff Jones, The Hills Trader

Royal Show Radio Journalism Award

Best Show Report

Shane Mahoney, ABC Country Hour

Olympus/Royal Show TV Journalism Awards

Best Show Report - News

Rebecca Matthews, ABV 2

Best Show Report - Non News

No Award



■ Robert Beggs presents first prize to Jo Drummond, Dept. of Agriculture for Best Display by a Government or semi-Government Instrumentality.



■ Gendarme, Victoria Police Drum Horse leads the Victoria Police rock band, Code One.

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