



The Royal

The Official Newsletter of The Royal
Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.
Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road,
Ascot Vale, Vic. 3032

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1992-93 ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Mr. J. Keith Buchanan
President

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 31st March 1993.

Since the Annual General Meeting in 1992 for the year ended 31st December 1991, significant changes have taken place in your Society, and the extension of the financial year to 31st March has had an effect on some previous procedures. Matters of necessity were the moving back of the Annual General Meeting by 3 months, to July, as well as moving the dates for the Notice of Business for the AGM and the nomination of members for Council, and the extension of the membership year for 1992.

During 1992 the Council decided to alter the date for election of the President and Vice-Presidents to February. This previously took place following the Annual General Meeting. The election of the Management Committee was moved to March and the other committees to April – thus allowing a settling in period for the incumbents prior to the Royal Show in September.

We have instituted a more sophisticated budgeting system throughout the organisation and over the past 15 months we have seen a satisfactory improvement in our financial result. This achievement has been brought about due to a number of factors, most of which were explained in a mail-out to members with the comparative results for the years, to 31st December 1991 and 1992. We were able to achieve this result in spite of no increase in attendances on the 1991 Show.

The long awaited incorporation of the Society under the Associations Incorporation Act, which will limit the liability of members, took place on 10th March 1993. The Council Incorporation Sub-Committee is now working on the amalgamation of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. and R.A.S.V. Limited and the consequent changes to the rules.

Our Royal Show, with the theme "It's too big to miss", was again subjected to some most unpleasant weather conditions but was certainly a happy Show and, in spite of the rain and the recession, compared very favourably with that of the previous year.

The continuing support from our exhibitors and sponsors in all sections is indeed heartening and record entries were received in fifteen sections.

We are indebted to His Excellency The Hon. Richard E. McGarvie, Governor of Victoria, for opening our Show, and to both His Excellency and Mrs McGarvie for their great interest in the other events in which they were able to participate.

For the first time, the Society's Horse Committee was instrumental in splitting the very large horse entries of the past and instituting The Weekly Times Royal Summer Horse Show on 6, 7 and 8 of January 1993. The Show, with generous sponsorship from The Weekly Times, was an undoubted success and will surely become a regular Royal event. I feel confident we will see it extended and even more successful in 1994.

On March 31st a meeting was held with Coopers & Lybrand to discuss ways and means by which the Society could put in place the mechanism to develop a corporate plan. As a result a number of working parties have been set up with a view to having a first draft prepared by June 1994.

I look forward to playing a part in steering this proposal to a useful conclusion which should set the scene for the high profile role played by the Society, in all facets of its activities over the last 100 years, to be continued and enhanced in the years ahead.

On February 16th this year the Council held a function to pay homage to Mr John Gardiner and Mr David Knox both of whom have given 40 years of dedicated service to the Society. Congratulations to them both for this very special achievement.

Congratulations are also due to Mr. Frank Stephens on his appointment as a Life Councillor and to Mrs Elizabeth Lithgow and Mr Bill Forrest on their

election to Council.

During the period on which I am reporting, significant steps forward have been taken to see us successfully into the next century, and this has been in no small way due to the work and enthusiasm of our Immediate Past President, Mr Robert Beggs.

To Robert and Mrs Beggs, thank you for a job well done during your 3 years of leadership, and we look forward to your continued contribution for many years to come.

Finally, thank you to the Director and staff of the Society, and to all those other people who contribute to our operations in so many ways and make it possible for us to provide the services that we do.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Keith Buchanan".

J. Keith Buchanan

COUNCIL NEWS

New President

Mr Keith Buchanan, AM, was elected President of the Society at the February 1993 Council meeting.

He succeeds Mr Robert Beggs, AM, who was President for the preceding three years. Mr Beggs did not seek re-election to the position.

Mr Buchanan, appointed to Council in November 1973, has had a lifetime association with the dairy industry, stud breeding and the RASV. He has served actively on a number of Council committees and, at the time of his election, was Chairman of the Finance, Membership and the Dairy Cattle committees and a member of the Management, Farm Management and Pig committees.

Vice-Presidents

Mr Ian Bucknall, Mr John Fox and Mr Bob Potter were elected Vice-Presidents at the February 1993 Council meeting. It is Mr Bucknall's fourth term and the first terms for Mr Fox and Mr Potter.

New Life Councillors

In recognition of their 20 years' service on Council, Mr Frank Stephens and Mr Adrian Gibson have been appointed Life Councillors of the Society.

Resignation

Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Sir Ian McLennan at its October 1992 meeting.

Sir Ian had served actively on Council for almost 15 years.

New Councillors

At the February 1993 Council meeting, two new Councillors were appointed to fill casual vacancies.

Mrs F J (Elizabeth) Lithgow of Coldstream was elected to fill the casual vacancy created by the appointment of Mr Stephens as a Life Councillor.

Mrs Lithgow owns and manages farming properties producing vealers, steers and commercial Limousin cattle and has a keen interest and involvement in horse sports.

She has had a long and close association with the Royal Show having been a horse events competitor and judge, and is currently a steward in the Arts & Crafts section. Mrs Lithgow's late husband, Mr John Lithgow, was a Life Councillor and chairman of the Horse Committee.

Mr W J (Bill) Forrest has filled the casual vacancy arising from Sir Ian McLennan's resignation.

Mr Forrest is a partner in a Melbourne law firm and has a long standing interest in rural matters through his family and his previous work for the Society and animal breed societies.

NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr Stuart Mactier and Mr Trevor King have been made Honorary Life Members in recognition of their work for the Society.

Each has been involved with the Royal Show for 20 years – Mr Mactier with the Sheep section and Mr King with the Horse section.

The Society extends its gratitude to them for their dedication and assistance.

SOCIETY INCORPORATION

On March 10, 1993 the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria became incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1991.

The Society is now known as 'The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.'

1992 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW



■ Shearers compete beneath a painted rural scene in Centenary Hall.

Official Opening

His Excellency, The Hon Richard E. McGarvie, Governor of Victoria, opened the 134th Royal Melbourne Show, at a ceremony on the Main Arena, on Saturday, September 19.

Attendances

654,214 people attended the 1992 Show. In spite of cold weather and rain on eight of the 10 days, this was only 129 people fewer than in 1991.

Show Day, a fine weather day, saw an excellent attendance of 109,100 people.

A measure of the real size of Show attendances is gained by comparing the figure of 654,214, over 10 days, with attendances at other recent major events in Melbourne.

- Total attendance at the seven 1992 Australian Football League finals was 481,346;
- Total attendance at the 1993 Australian Open Tennis Championships over 14 days was 332,074;
- Total attendance at the four day 1992 Melbourne Cup Carnival at Flemington Racecourse was 207,119.

The Show attracts more patrons than any event in Victoria.

Theme

'The Royal Melbourne Show. It's too big to miss.' was the theme for the 1992 Show.

This theme emphasised the physical size of the Show and the huge range of activities and events for visitors to enjoy.

New Activities

The daily **Cleanevent Street Parade** around the grounds included animals, costume characters and entertainers and successfully attracted crowds every day.

Farming '92, a display of 'alternative' farming activities drew crowds of interested people each day. On view were alpacas, ostriches, yabbies, llamas and various other farming activities.

The **Worm House** was also very popular. It included educational displays showing the role of worms in agriculture and the garden.

The **Australian Country Style** pavilion on the corner of Plummer Avenue and Degraeves Street was a most successful and innovative Show display. The pavilion was decorated as a country streetscape and the participants displayed high quality goods reflecting the lifestyle theme of the Australian Country Style magazine.

One of the most popular exhibits at the Show was the **Channel 7** television studio in Plummer Avenue. Returning after an absence of three years, Channel 7 ran celebrity game shows, showed how the news is presented and provided daily live crosses from the Show, featuring updates on activities.

Providing top class entertainment and showing the latest fashion, the "Wrapped in Cotton" Fashion Shows presented by the Cotton Foundation of Australia attracted big audiences at every session.

One of the major successes of the 1992 Show was the promotion of "6 after 6". This encouraged people to come to the Show in the evenings for \$6 after 6pm, half the normal adult entry fee. Melbourne people responded enthusiastically and evening attendances were more than doubled on most nights. Unfortunately rain kept the crowd numbers down on a couple of evenings.

New Breeds

Three breeds of animals were exhibited for the first time in 1992.

They were Tarentaise, a beef cattle breed, originally from the French Alps; White Suffolk sheep, bred from Suffolks and Poll Dorsets to overcome abattoir resistance to coloured points; and the Maine Coon cat, the largest domestic breed, from North America.

Entries

34,362 entries were received in 1992, only 2095 fewer than 1991, but it must be remembered that the horse section was split in two in 1992 and many entries normally received for September were in fact made for the January show. When the Royal Summer Horse Show entries are added to the Royal Melbourne Show entries, the total of 39,003 was 2546 greater than in 1991.

Record entries were received in the following categories: Alpacas; Cattle – Belgian Blue, Brangus, Brown Swiss, Charolais, Piedmontese, Pinzgauer, Romagnola, Salers, Simmental, Wagyu and Welsh Black; Dairy Produce; Rabbits; Sheep – Shropshire.



■ The Honourable Richard E. McGarvie, Governor of Victoria, with Mr Tony Tidcombe and his Federation Insurance Champion Dairy Bull, Allensvale Tony.

Rain Effects

The heavy and constant rain during the Show made the Main Arena unusable on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23.

The Garryowen judging on the Tuesday was conducted in two areas – on the trotting track and under the Hunter Stand.

In spite of the handicaps caused by the rain, all the horse events were successfully completed.

The beef cattle breed judging on the Wednesday was carried out at various areas around the grounds.

The Society's thanks go to all the exhibitors affected by these last minute alterations. Their patience and co-operation were greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of the judging.

The Main Arena entertainment program was badly affected by the rain as the arena became too wet for some activities.

1992 Weekly Times Miss Country Show Girl

Kerrie Marriott, a 21-year-old nurse from Outtrim, South Gippsland, was named The Weekly Times Miss Country Show Girl for 1992. Kerrie will represent Victoria at the National Final of the Show Girl Quest to be held at the 1993 Brisbane Royal National Exhibition in August.

In early 1993, Narelle Carr, who was second in the Show Girl competition, won the Miss Victoria Quest.

PRESIDENT'S MEDALLIONS

During the 1992 Show four people were honoured by the President, Mr Robert Beggs, for their services to the Society.

President's Medallions were presented to the following:

Mr Keith Kneen who has been with Wormald Security on the Showgrounds for more than 40 years;

Dr John Arnott, veterinary surgeon, who has served on the Society's veterinary panel for 54 years;

Mrs Joy Feldt, a teacher at Canterbury Primary School, who has given great assistance with the Society's school show project;

Mrs Norma Buckland, chaperone for The Weekly Times Miss Country Show Girl Quest for nearly 30 years.



■ Dr. John Hewson, MP, Leader of the Opposition, presents Olympic Gold Medallist Andrew Hoy with a special RASV Plaque.

1993 WEEKLY TIMES ROYAL SUMMER HORSE SHOW

The first Royal Summer Horse Show, sponsored by The Weekly Times, was a very successful event for the Society and for exhibitors.

An impressive 4641 entries were received with records achieved in the following 11 sections: Anglo Arabians, Part Arabian Ponies, Australian Ponies, Breeding Stock, Galloways, Hackney Horses and Ponies, Miniature Ponies, Riding Ponies, Thoroughbreds, Warmbloods and Welsh Ponies.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the Show was the very keen response from pony club members. There were 1171 entries in 19 special classes.

The attractive Main Arena layout and the concentration on horse events contributed to a more relaxed atmosphere than at the September Show.

COMMERCIAL FARMING COMPETITIONS

The Society's five commercial farming competitions were very successful in 1992, with good entries received for each of them. They were conducted in conjunction with the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association Incorporated and the Department of Agriculture.



THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.
BALLOT PAPER
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 1993
(Eleven to be elected)

NOMINATIONS

- * C.J. FOX
- T.C.W. KING
- * W.H. HILL
- * E. DRINKWATER
- * R.T. BALDERSTONE
- * I.K. MORTON
- * J.S.A. ROBB
- * W.D. CROWLEY
- * J.M. BURSTON
- * M.T. MARRIOTT
- * E.R. LITHGOW
- * R.M. BUTLER

***Retiring Councillors eligible for re-election**

Voting Directions:

1. Separate the Ballot Paper from the information on the candidates along the dotted line.
2. On the Ballot Paper, strike out the name of the candidate for whom you **do not** wish to vote.
(Note. **One** name only must be crossed off the above list of nominations. No more than eleven (11) can be elected.)
3. Place the completed Ballot Paper in the small envelope marked **Ballot Paper** and seal the envelope.
4. Place the small envelope in the larger envelope addressed to the **Returning Officer** and sign your name in the space provided. Seal the envelope.
5. Ensure that the sealed envelope reaches the Society's office no later than **4.30 p.m. ON THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1993.**

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

ROBERT TAYLOR BALDERSTONE



ADDRESS: 5 Lockington Crescent, Point Lonsdale
AGE: 72
Widower, 2 sons, 2 daughters
OCCUPATION: Retired
FIRST JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1971
RASV COMMITTEES: Marketing, Farm Inventors, Beef Cattle
COMMENTS: Served on Beef Cattle, Farm Management, Finance and Marketing Committees. Vice President 1973 - 1976, President 1977 - 1981. Awarded CMG 1980. Resigned to live in Queensland 1984. Re-elected to Council 1990
 Farmed Riverina 1939-1940. Five years 2nd AIF, awarded Military Cross, New Guinea, 1943. Farming: Riverina 1946-1954, Mortlake 1954-1974 beef cattle and fat lambs, Bellarine Peninsula 1974-1984
 Former Director: Dennys Lascelles, DSM, AMLF Holding Co, Elders Pastoral Group Advisory Board.
 Inaugural Chairman Young Farmers Finance Council
 Council (now Trustee) Marcus Oldham College

JOHN MICHAEL BURSTON



ADDRESS: Benalla
AGE: 59
OCCUPATION: Farmer
JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1973
RASV COMMITTEES: Management, Beef Cattle, Wine
COMMENTS: Commercial Cattle operation, Sheep & Cropping. Past President Benalla & District Memorial Hospital. Chairman - VFF Cattle Committee. Member of: Pastoral Council, VFF, Cattle Council of Australia, Victorian Abattoir & Meat Inspector.
 Past Vice-President RASV 1981-87
 Chief Steward Carcase Competition

ROBERT MAXWELL BUTLER



ADDRESS: "Meadow Banks", Newstead
AGE: 62
OCCUPATION: Farmer
JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1977
RASV COMMITTEES: Farm Management & Inventors, Dairy Cattle, Pigs, Catering, Sheep & Goats, Other Animals
COMMENTS: B. Agr. Sc. (Melb. Uni). RASV representative on Victorian Agricultural Societies Association Crop Competition Sub-Committee; Royal Show Pig Exhibitor 1960-85; Awarded RASV Travelling Scholarship for Victorian Farmers in 1956 and undertook 6 months study of mixed farming methods in the U.K. and Denmark.

WILLIAM DESMOND CROWLEY, Q.P.M.



ADDRESS: Westburn
AGE: 76
OCCUPATION: Retired
JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1973
RASV COMMITTEES: Marketing, Dogs, Woodchop
COMMENTS: Appointed Kennel Control Council 1958. Chairman 1977 - 1991. International dog judge, delegate Australian National Kennel Council 1963 to 1991.
 Life Member: Victorian Canine Association, Australia Day International Dog Club, Australian Cattle Dog Kelpie Club, Victoria Police Association.
 Served as Assistant Commissioner, Principal Detective Training School, Secretary Police Association
Awarded: Queen's Police Medal, National Service Medal, State Police Medal for Exemplary Service, Royal Humane Society's Medal.
 Served as Member TAB Board, Chairman Greyhound Racing Board, Committees Yarra Glen and Cranbourne Harness Racing Clubs
 Breeds Trotting Horses

ERN DRINKWATER



ADDRESS: Berwick
AGE: 66
JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1988
OCCUPATION: Retired
CURRENT RASV COMMITTEES: Marketing Dog
 Previously served on the Public Relations, Attractions, Sponsorship and Non-Show Space Committees.
 Fellow of Australian Society of Accountants and Institute of Chartered Accountants (Retired). Prior to retiring was Chief Executive of R.A.C.V. for 12 years and Secretary for 18 years.
 Member of Victorian Canine Association. Elected Life Member of the V.C.A. (previously K.C.C.) in 1974. Appointed an all breeds dog judge in 1976. Honorary Life Member of Royal Agricultural Society

CHARLES JOHN FOX



ADDRESS: Highton
AGE: 52
OCCUPATION: General Manager, Rural Finance
JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1999
RASV COMMITTEES: Management, Beef Cattle, Finance, Horse, Sheep
COMMENTS: Responsible for the lending and development activities of the Rural Finance Corporation. Heavily involved in the winding up of the renowned Heytesbury Development Project. Played an active part in the outstanding presentation and marketing of the Hereford and Black and Baldy beef herds. RFC lending across all facets of agriculture provides a wide range of contacts and involvement throughout Victoria.
 Twenty one years in Pastoral Industry mainly western Victoria. Previous association with Lismore and Geelong Shows assisting in Sheep and Wool Sections.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

WILLIAM HENRY HILL



ADDRESS: Benalla
 AGE: 53
 Married, 3 children
 OCCUPATION: Dairy farmer & Company Director
 RASV COUNCILLOR: October 1990 - April 1991 and October 1991 - present
 RASV COMMITTEES: Dairy Cattle, Farm Produce
 Director: SwanPool Co-operative Dairy Co Ltd 1965-67, Shepparton Co-operative Butter Factory Co. 1967-76, Ibis Milk Products Ltd 1976-86, Amalgamated Co-op Marketers (Aust) Ltd 1980-86, Australian Dairy Corporation 1989 - present
 Chairman of Directors: Bonlac Foods Limited appointed 1986 - present; Unilac Australia Pty Ltd appointed 1987 - present; Midland Milk Pty Ltd appointed 1989 - present
 Appointed by Victorian Minister for Agriculture as one of three people to negotiate with NSW on future of Market Milk Interstate
 Appointed by Government in October 1990 to Dairy Industry Taskforce as an Agribusiness Representative

TREVOR KING



I stand as an active exhibitor and competitor of forty years standing and a horse and arena steward for twenty years and, secondly, as a reformer. I would seek to make the Society's management more professional and the key role of being a competitor more pleasant and hassle-free.
 My record: a founder of Melbourne Show Jumping Club, of Northern Victorian Show Jumping Club, of Victorian Horse Trials Club, initiator of Victorian Campdrafting Championships, former Director of Melbourne Three-Day-Event, Ringmaster of Barastoc Horse of the Year, Life Member of E.F.A.
 I am Honorary Life Member of the RASV

ELIZABETH ROSINA LITHGOW



ADDRESS: "Flowerfield", Goldstream
 AGE: 55
 Widow, three children
 OCCUPATION: Farming in the Yarra Valley and at Benalla, producing vealers, steers and commercial Limousin cattle
 JOINED RASV COUNCIL: February 1993
 RASV COMMITTEES: Horse, Marketing, Arts & Crafts
 COMMENTS: Horse Steward, former competitor and general appearance judge, Arts and Crafts Steward since 1984, twenty years involvement as Councillor's wife
 Former office bearer of Lilydale Pony Club, Yarra Glen & Lilydale Hunt Club and Lilydale Young Farmers Club
 Honorary Life Member of Victorian Polo Club and Patron of Lilydale Polo Club

MAXWELL THOMAS MARRIOTT



ADDRESS: Benalla
 AGE: 53
 OCCUPATION: Farmer
 JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1987
 RASV COMMITTEES: Management, Horse, Woodchop, Other Animals
 COMMENTS: Operates a cattle breeding and fattening property
 Breeder of Clydesdale horses
 Member - Victorian Branch Committee, Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society, Immediate Past President - Benalla Agricultural & Pastoral Society
 Has judged Clydesdales at interstate Royal Shows and also in New Zealand
 Clydesdale Exhibitor at Royal Melbourne Show for 35 years
 Captain of local C.F.A. Brigade

IAN KENNETH MORTON, A.M.



ADDRESS: Essendon
 AGE: 73
 OCCUPATION: Retired
 JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1976
 RASV COMMITTEES: Marketing
 COMMENTS: Lifetime experience in rural matters, including 28 years as Chairperson of Rural Finance Corporation
 Childhood and youth spent on farm, then war service, then rural land development and rural finance and beef production

JOHN STANLEY ALEX ROBB



ADDRESS: Strathallan, 7 Phillip Avenue, Ballarat
 AGE: 74, married with 3 sons
 OCCUPATION: Retired
 JOINED RASV COUNCIL: 1979
 RASV COMMITTEES: Catering Committee (Chairman), Wine, Farm Management, Farm Produce
 COMMENTS: Diploma of Agricultural Science, Longerenong and Doonkin Colleges, Diploma of Industrial Management, S.A. School of Mines, Qualified Cheesemaker and Buttermaker, Formerly General Manager and Director of "Chateau Remy", Avoca, Vic, "Mount Pleasant", Pokolbin, NSW and "Oliverwood Estate", Renmark, SA, Member of VicTV (Ballarat) Advisory Council, Member of Ballarat Art Society, Judge of Farm Management Competition, Former Wine Show Judge



The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. will be held in the Royal Banquet Room, Plummer Avenue, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale on Tuesday, July 13, 1993, 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 various alterations to the Rules of the Society in accordance with the accompanying special resolution.
5. To appoint two auditors.

Dated 28th Day of May, 1993

R. E. Carr
Executive Director

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

- * C.J. FOX, 10 Shoubra Drive, Highton, 3216
- T.C.W. KING, "The Pines", RMB 2370, Stewarton, 3725
- * W.H. HILL, RMB 2330, Benalla, 3672
- * E. DRINKWATER, PO Box 42, Berwick, 3806
- * R.T. BALDERSTONE, CMG, MC, 5 Lockington Crescent, Point Lonsdale, 3225
- * I.K. MORTON, AM, 53 St Kinnord Street, Essendon, 3040
- * J.S.A. ROBB, 7 Philip Avenue, Ballarat, 3350
- * W.D. CROWLEY, QPM, Railway Road, Wesburn, 3799
- * J. M. BURSTON, "East Mount Ada", RMB 5530, Benalla, 3672
- * M.T. MARRIOTT, "Tatong Estate", RMB 4280, Benalla, 3672
- * E.R. LITHGOW, "Flowerfield", Coldstream, 3770
- * R.M. BUTLER, "Meadow Banks", Newstead, 3462

(*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 INC.
(formerly the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria)
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1993

	CONSOLIDATED		CONSOLIDATED		CHIEF ENTITY		CHIEF ENTITY	
	1993	\$	1991	\$	1993	\$	1991	\$
FIXED ASSETS								
CROWN GRANT LAND								
At 1993 Councillors Valuation	2 606 756				2 606 756			
At 1988 Independent Valuation			7 946 178				7 946 178	
FREEHOLD LAND								
At 1993 Independent Valuation	3 026 000				3 026 000			
At 1988 Independent Valuation		5 631 756	8 578 822	16 525 000		5 631 756	8 578 822	16 525 000
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS								
At 1988 Councillors Valuation			20 416 000				20 416 000	
At 1993 Independent Valuation	18 865 800				18 865 800			
Additions At Cost			2 560 954				2 560 954	
	18 865 800		22 976 954		18 865 800		22 976 954	
LESS Provision for Depreciation		18 865 800	1 111 905	21 865 049		18 865 800	1 111 905	21 865 049
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AT COST	2 758 311		2 779 786		1 880 348		1 880 348	
LESS Provision for Depreciation	941 008	1 817 303	790 668	1 988 918	355 641	1 524 707	314 508	1 565 840
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT UNDER FINANCE LEASE	476 257		476 257		-		-	
LESS Provision for Amortisation	238 129	238 128	119 061	357 193	-	-	-	-
FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND FITTINGS	790 648		830 008		-		-	
LESS Provision for Depreciation	505 700	284 948	463 326	366 682	-	-	-	-
		26 837 935		41 102 842		26 022 263		39 955 889
INVESTMENTS								
- General	25 000		25 000		-		-	
- Trust Accounts	-		5 560		-		-	
- Short Call	-	25 000	947 861	378 421	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS								
Cash on hand	700		700		-		-	
Prepayment and Accrued Interest	140 773		27 480		-		-	
Receivables	142 310		406 273		-		-	
LESS Provision for Doubtful Debts	(38 000)		(38 000)		-		-	
Stock on Hand at Cost	75 016	320 801	95 519	491 952	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS		27 183 736		41 973 215		26 022 263		39 955 889
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES								
Bank Overdraft Secured	386 830		1 375 406		-		-	
Bank Bills	1 150 000		-		-		-	
Loans Secured	188 433		145 000		166 433		145 000	
Loans Unsecured	18 110		325 534		11 110		11 110	
Loan from RASV Limited	-		-		1 270 642		1 863 472	
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	667 807		1 080 860		-		-	
Provision for Long Service & Annual Leave	273 972		285 422		-		-	
Income in Advance	281 336		-		-		-	
Short Call Deposits	-		309 617		-		-	
Lease Liability	86 016	3 030 504	71 375	3 593 014	-	1 448 185	-	2 019 582
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES								
Loans Secured	875 323		1 105 695		875 323		1 105 695	
Loans Unsecured	48 350		66 460		33 350		44 460	
Lease Liability	145 213		231 229		-		-	
Trophy Funds	67 870	1 136 756	38 244	1 441 828	-	908 673	-	1 150 155
Trust Account	-		30 560		-		-	
Provision for Long Service Leave	53 827	53 827	69 514	100 074	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4 221 087		5 134 716		2 356 858		3 169 737
TOTAL NET ASSETS		22 962 649		36 838 499		23 665 405		36 786 152
REPRESENTING								
Accumulated Funds		1 550 505		2 145 379		2 253 261		2 253 261
Reserves								
- Asset Revaluation	21 412 144		34 532 891		21 412 144		34 532 891	
- Spotless Catering Development Fund	-	21 412 144	160 229	31 693 120	-	21 412 144	-	34 532 891
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES		22 962 649		36 838 499		23 665 405		36 786 152

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTH FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH, 1993

1. Note on Auditor's Report

Mr J.A. Court (Chartered Accountant) and Mr J. Pasiak of Pannell Kerr Forster, the Auditors of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. and Pannell Kerr Forster, the Auditors of R.A.S.V. Limited, have audited the financial statements of the respective entities for the 15 month period ended 31 March 1993 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 Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria, Statements of Accounting Concepts, applicable Accounting Standards and where appropriate the Corporations Law and comply with the rules of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. and R.A.S.V. Limited.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the economic entity comprising the chief entity The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. and its controlled entity, are stated in order to assist in a general understanding of the financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied 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. The carrying amounts of non-current assets do not exceed the net amounts that are expected to be recovered through the cash inflows and outflows arising from continued use and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows included in determining the recoverable amounts have not been discounted to their present values.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.
(formerly the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria)
**CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTH FINANCIAL PERIOD
ENDED 31st MARCH, 1993**

	CONSOLIDATED		CHIEF ENTITY	
INCOME	1993 \$	1991 \$	1993 \$	1991 \$
Show Admissions & Parking	3,964,272	4,036,285		
Advertising	7,406	19,409		
Catering Premiums	291,084	447,900		
Competition Entry Fees	506,947	435,479		
Computer Fees	153,730	101,285		
Donations & Sponsorship	546,184	838,494		
Materials & Services	190,948	118,324		
Members Subscriptions	290,183	292,808	290,183	292,909
Secretarial Services	353,832	622,561		
Show Sales & Sundry Revenue	143,822	120,702		
Space & Ground Rental	2,984,399	2,444,489		
Contribution from RASV Ltd			371,469	273,477
	<u>\$9,432,407</u>	<u>\$9,477,837</u>	<u>\$681,652</u>	<u>\$566,386</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Advertising & Publicity	285,568	454,407		
Audit & Legal	107,098	57,690		
Catering	158,913	136,779		
Computer Rental & Maintenance	216,110	125,742		
Depreciation	897,882	721,176	543,490	417,794
Directors Fees	1,250	1,250		
Electricity and Gas	356,220	297,152		
Insurance	252,850	174,291		
Interest and Financial Costs	495,369	440,397	149,407	148,592
Judges Expenses	88,902	111,518		
Maintenance & Cleaning	1,428,163	1,802,018		
Printing & Stationery	306,852	300,296		
Rates	186,201	165,693		
Show Attractions	228,435	293,697		
Show Running Costs	334,429	341,361		
Sundry Costs	125,677	90,427		
Salaries, Wages & Payroll Costs	4,184,430	4,530,754		
Telephone & Postage	154,600	147,510		
Trophies & Prizes	249,577	450,775		
	<u>\$10,058,526</u>	<u>\$10,642,933</u>	<u>\$692,897</u>	<u>\$566,386</u>
Trading Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	(626,119)	(1,165,096)	(31,245)	
Abnormal items - Profit on Sale of Land	31,245		31,245	
- Spotless Catering Development Fund	(160,229)			
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	<u>\$(755,103)</u>	<u>\$(1,165,096)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Balance at Start of the Period	2,145,379	3,470,704	2,253,261	2,253,261
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	(755,103)	(1,165,096)		
Transfer to Reserve-Spotless Catering Development Fund	160,229	(160,229)		
Balance at End of the Period	<u>\$1,550,505</u>	<u>\$2,145,379</u>	<u>\$2,253,261</u>	<u>\$2,253,261</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTH FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH, 1993

(b) Consolidated Balance Sheet and Consolidated Revenue Account

The Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1993 and the Consolidated Revenue Account for the 15 month period ended 31 March 1993 are the consolidations of the financial accounts of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc and RASV 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.

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

Items of plant and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method. Land, buildings and improvements have been revalued on the basis of estimated current market values. The balance of provision for depreciation existing at the time of revaluation have been credited to the asset accounts and the amounts restated to revalued amounts. Future depreciation charges will be based on the revalued amount.

(d) Income Tax

Any income derived by the Company is exempt from income tax under S 230a of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(e) Inventories

Inventories have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value and represent merchandise stock and consumable supplies.

(f) Employee Entitlements

The amount expected to be paid to employees for their private entitlements to long service and annual leave are accrued annually at current wage rates.

Report on the Financial Statements for the fifteen month financial period ended 31st March, 1993

The consolidated result for the period was substantially affected by the change in the financial year end from 31st December to 31 March. As reported to members in January 1993, the result for the 12 months ended 31 December, 1992 was a profit (after abnormal items) of \$99,666, compared with a loss of \$1,165,095 for the previous 12 months.

The change in the date of the financial year end has resulted, for this year only, in the company reporting for a 15 month period ended 31 March, 1993. Due to the seasonal nature of the company's operations, the quarter ending 31 March always records a substantial loss. This has resulted in the company reporting a loss of \$755,103 for the 15 months ended 31 March, 1993.

The company's budget for the 15 months ended 31 March, 1993 was for a loss of \$908,000. The actual loss of \$755,103 represented a substantial improvement on the budget.

Abnormally wet weather in September 1992 is likely to have had an effect on admission income. Significant reductions in salary, wage and payroll costs have been achieved. Interest costs during the period were assisted through a lower general interest rate and refinancing of our facilities with the National Australia Bank to take advantage of further interest rate reductions. The unexpected failure of the company's accounting software in February 1993 resulted in a substantial replacement cost.

The abnormal items in the Profit and Loss Statement consist of a profit of \$31,245 for the sale of land in Elliott Street, Ascot Vale, which was surplus to requirements, and a \$160,229 accounting adjustment in relation to the treatment of the Catering Development Fund.

Some unusual changes between 1991 and 1993 are due to several factors. These include:-

- (1) The Victorian Canine Association (VCA) taking over the RAS Dog Section staff and operating as a fully independent body from January 1, 1992. This reduced income from Secretarial Services and reduced Wage and Salary expenses.
- (2) A lease agreement has been reached with the VCA effective from January 1, 1992, in respect of rental for the Dog Complex and office and storage space in the Administration Building. This has resulted in increased income from Space and Ground Rental which has been partly offset by a reduction in parking income.
- (3) A change in the accounting treatment of the Catering Development Fund.
- (4) The splitting of Royal Show horse events between the Royal Melbourne Show in September and the new Royal Summer Horse Show in January.
- (5) The discontinuing of accounting for non-cash sponsorship due to the difficulty of valuing such sponsorship. In 1991 non-cash sponsorship was \$348,493.
- (6) Some other changes in the manner in which we account for RAS kitchen supplies and for telephone lines for computer services.

Independent valuations of Freehold Land, Buildings and Improvements were made in 1993 on the basis of existing use by F L Julier AVLE (VAL) registered Valuer Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia, for and on behalf of Edward Rushton Pty. Ltd.

Crown land has been granted to specific Trustees by the State of Victoria for the financial and beneficial interest of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. The Council has revalued the Crown Grant Land on an existing use basis. The valuation was made on a basis consistent with the independent valuer's per acre valuation for Freehold Land.

The revaluations were made in accordance with a policy of regular revaluation. The previous revaluation was made in 1988.

The short call deposit system operating with breed societies and rural organisations ceased at 31st March, 1993.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIFTEEN MONTH FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH, 1993

(g) Leased Assets

A distinction is made between finance leases which effectively transfer from the lessor to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased property, without transferring the legal ownership, and operating leases under which the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risk and benefits.

Where assets are acquired by means of finance leases, the present value of minimum lease payments is established as an asset at the beginning of the lease term and amortised on a straight line basis over the period of the lease. A corresponding liability is also established and each lease payment is allocated between such liability and interest expense.

(h) Comparative Information

Where appropriate, the comparative figures have been amended to enable a meaningful comparison to be made. Comparative figures in these financial statements represent trading figures for the twelve month period to the 31 December 1991 and the balance sheet as at that date.

(i) Non-Cash Sponsorship

The treatment of non-cash sponsorship in prior periods has been to offset revenue with an equivalent amount of non-cash expenditure. This practice has been discontinued during the period due to the difficulty in determining a reliable value for such sponsorship. Non-Cash sponsorship is not recorded in the financial statements of the Society.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

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THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

Resolution for Inclusion in Notice of Annual General Meeting

Alteration of Rules

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Rules of the Society be altered as follows:

1. A new Rule 6.6 is inserted as follows:
"6.6 Any person appointed by the Council to be an Honorary Life Member or Life Councillor shall be deemed to have paid his annual subscription and shall be accepted to be a full financial member of the Society."
2. In Rule 10.2, the words "Trustee or" are inserted between "position of" and "Director".
3. Paragraph (e) of Rule 10.4 is deleted.
4. In Rule 10.5, the words "at its meeting prior to the annual general meeting" are deleted."

Dated 28th May, 1993

R.E. Carr

Executive Director

Explanation of Proposed Alterations of Rules

(The numbering of the alterations below is the same as the numbering in the proposed special resolution to alter the Rules.)

The effect of **Alteration no. 1** is to give Honorary Life Members and Life Councillors the benefits of being full financial members of the Society without the payment of any annual subscription.

Alteration no. 2 will permit Life Councillors to be appointed from Trustees who have retired, as well as from retiring Directors.

Alteration no. 3 follows from Alteration no. 1 and removes non-payment of membership subscriptions as a ground for a Life Councillor to be removed from office.

The effect of **Alteration no. 4** is that any appointment of the Minister of Agriculture to the Council may take place at any Council meeting rather than only at the Council meeting prior to the annual general meeting.

The Weekly Times RASV Commercial Flock of the Year Competition: The judges praised the winners, KF Perry & Co of Bears Lagoon, for their clearly defined breeding objectives which were producing sheep suited to their environment.

Nick Trompf, Editor of *The Weekly Times* said "Since *The Weekly Times* took over the major sponsorship of the competition three years ago, it has developed into one of the most successful and highly-regarded farmer competitions in Australia.

"The *Weekly Times* has committed itself to supporting the competition because we are keen to encourage excellence in agriculture, particularly in wool growing during its current difficult times."

The Dalgety Farmers' Commercial Beef Herd of the Year Award: A & B Clyne Farms of Tinamba won the 1992 award with their Angus herd.

Mr John Sinclair, Regional Manager Marketing, Dalgety/G&N Eastern said "This is the 19th year that our company has been involved with this award. This year the winner was selected from 25 participants.

"Our company's main objective in sponsoring this award is to acknowledge and assist producers in improving their beef cattle herds with an emphasis on productivity, performance and profitability.

"Winners of this award have been able to gain recognition across the state, and a premium when they sell their store and fat stock."

The Bonlac Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year Award: The winners of the 1992 award, Neville & Evelyn Watkins of Huon achieved their win even though they were in a drought declared area for most of the year.

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

"This competition is unique in that when it was established, there was no vehicle for judging of commercial dairy herds.

"The RASV and VASA are ideally suited to the running of this competition which, last year, involved the judging of 27 dairy farms across the state."



■ The cooper outside the Australian Country Style Pavilion attracted crowds every day.

The VAB Share Dairy Farmer of the Year Award: Ian and Dale-Maree Florence of Kyabram were the winners of this year's competition. They share-farm for Terry and Glen Makin, also of Kyabram.

Tim van der Poel, from VAB, a judge of the competition, said "It was pleasing to have young people who are totally committed to dairy farming win the competition. Major factors in the Florence's win were the attention to herd management procedures, pastures, fertiliser application rates, irrigation, supplementary feeding, milking systems and genetics. Their effort is a great demonstration of a way to go about the business of farming."

Mr van der Poel said "Sponsorship allowed VAB to identify closely with sharefarmers who make up a large part of VAB's customer base. It allows us to give something back to the people who support us."

The Commonwealth Development Bank Victorian Farm Management Competition: Section A, for enterprises with a capital investment of less than \$750,000, was won by Bill & Hettie Mezenberg of Denison. The judges commended the Mezenbergs on their development of an impressive dairy farming business from very limited resources.

The winners of Section B, for enterprises with a capital investment of more than \$750,000, were dairy farmers Eric and Jan Baker of Tongala. The Bakers were runners-up in 1991.

Bernie Hoy, State Manager Victoria, Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia, said "The Bank again sponsored this prestigious competition in

1992 continuing an association that has been in place since 1960.

"As well as rewarding the winning entrants for their outstanding performances, a major aim of the competition is to bring those performances to the attention of the farming community for the benefit of other primary producers. This was achieved through the very successful field days held on the properties of Eric and Jan Baker of Tongala and Bill and Hettie Mezenberg of Denison.

"The Development Bank and the Society are delighted to continue the competition in 1993 and are seeking an increased number of entries."

ROYAL MELBOURNE WINE SHOW

Australia's wine producers showed strong support for the 1992 Royal Melbourne Wine Show with a record 258 exhibitors submitting 2426 entries.

Compared with 1991 there were 13 more exhibitors from South Australia alone and Western Australian entries increased by eight.

This support reflects the stature of the show, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank, as one of the premier wine industry events in Australia.

The prestigious Jimmy Watson Trophy was won by B Seppelt & Sons with a classic European blend of cabernet sauvignon and malbec grapes. It was the first time such a combination of grapes had won the trophy but it was the third time the company had been successful, having won in 1965 and 1972.

NATIONAL CHEESE SHOW

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

The show is now an established part of the dairy foods calendar.

483 entries were received.

Allowrie Foods of Murray Bridge, SA, won the Champion Cheddar award and Jindi Cheese Pty Ltd from Jindivick, Vic., won the Champion Fancy Cheese with a Camembert.

THE SHOWGROUNDS

Grounds Improvements

To improve facilities in the Hunter Stand, extra seating was erected in the public viewing area and some older seats were replaced in other areas.

As part of a continuing lighting improvement program, the lighting in Centenary Hall was upgraded last year.

The roof on the Creswick Stand was re-pitched, a new area of lawn was laid near the Boral Woodchop Stadium and security has been improved on major buildings.

Year Round Marketing

The Showgrounds continues to be used all year round for a diverse range of activities including meetings, sales, animal shows, concerts, sporting activities and university examinations.

The Showgrounds is now the permanent headquarters for 23 businesses and another 18 companies make use of storage facilities. In addition, many long term sales were conducted on the grounds last year.

There was an increase in the use of the facilities for meetings, parties and football training days during 1992.

An increased marketing effort has been started in 1993 to promote the key building facilities for exhibitions, trade shows and other large functions at the Showgrounds.

It will emphasise the diversity of facilities on the Showgrounds, its proximity to the city and its availability all year round except for the Royal Show period.

COMPUTER SERVICES

The Computer Services Department has overseen the installation of a new financial management system for the Society. The information provided by this new system will be more readily accessible and available in more useful formats than was possible with the previous system.

The desktop publishing operation is growing and most of the Royal Show schedules, catalogues and entry forms are now produced inhouse. Breed societies' typesetting requirements provide additional work.

BREED SOCIETIES

During 1992-93 the RASV provided secretarial services for 25 breed societies and associated rural organisations.

The organisations were:

Cats

Feline Control Council

Cattle

Angus Society of Australia (Vic. Committee)

Australian Ayrshire Breeders' Association Inc.

Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc.

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

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

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

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 Stud Merino Sheepbreeders' Association Inc.

Rural Activities

Australian Nuffield Farming Scholars' Association

Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association Incorporated

Departures

In January 1992 the Victorian Canine Association Inc. and the Australian National Kennel Council took over their own administration; in



■ Preparing sheep for judging is an exacting task
Photo: Phil Weymouth, Stock and Land.

February 1993 the Beef Improvement Association of Australia Inc. moved office; the Association of Stud Sheep Breeders of Australia, the Australian Rural Youth Inc. and the Australasian Dexter Association Inc. also left the Society.

In addition, the Victorian Prime Lamb Committee ceased active operation in 1992.

1993 SHOW

Two major new elements have been added for the 1993 Royal Melbourne Show. They are the Australian Beer and Brewing Awards and a new and larger pig exhibition.

Beer Awards

The Australian Beer and Brewing Awards are a new competitive section run in conjunction with Ballarat University College.

Sponsored by Nobbys Nuts, the awards cover international, national and local boutique brewers. More than 50 international entries have been received for the inaugural awards in 1993.

Entries were judged at the end of May and the awards will be announced at a dinner at the Hilton on the Park on June 21.

New Pig Exhibition

It was with much regret that the competitive pig classes ceased after the 1991 Show due to lack of entries.

This year a new and larger pig exhibition will focus the public's attention on the pig industry, the breeds of pigs, their care and husbandry and their intelligence.

This major exhibit will be in the Pig Pavilion and will inform and entertain showgoers, marking an increased commitment from the Society to the pig industry.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 1992

ALPACAS

Supreme Champion

Purrumbete Scarborough, exhibited by Haldane Alpacas, Yarra Glen, Vic.

APICULTURE

Champion Honey – Small Producer

S Starc, Avondale Heights, Vic

Champion Honey – Open Producer

K Gell, Maryborough, Vic

Champion Honey – Packers

Capilano Honey Corporation, Maryborough, Vic

(Two entries with equal points)

Best Mead in Show

H Gilham, Eltham South, Vic

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

Mrs J Brooks, Wonga Park, Vic, for Jewelled and Cut Eggs.

The Janice M Gray Memorial Award for Most Successful School – Garment or Wood Work Sections

Forest Hill Secondary College, Forest Hill, Vic

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

Mrs K Wildman, Melton Senior Citizens, Vic (Leatherwork)

The Judith McRobert Memorial Trophy for Most Successful Exhibitor – Cookery

Mrs N Clark, Box Hill, Vic

BIRDS

Poultry – Champion Bird in Show

White Wyandotte Cockerel, exhibited by P Ubrihien, Bega, NSW

Best Finch in Show

Waxbill, exhibited by M & P Wherrett, Alexandra, Vic

Best Parrot Type Bird

Cockatoo, exhibited by Jenkins Family, Melton, Vic

Best Cage Bird (Other than a Finch)

Quail, exhibited by C Bush, North Fitzroy, Vic

Grand Champion Budgerigar

Normal Green, exhibited by HF Eady, Bulleen, Vic

CARCASE COMPETITIONS

Grand Champion Beef Carcase

Charolais – Exhibited by RS & JC Burgmarin, Singleton, NSW

Champion Bacon Pig Carcase

Exhibited by J & A Watson, Berrillock, Vic

CATS

Best Cat – Longhairs

Blue Persian – CCCofA. DBL.GD. CH.,GOLD.GD.CH. Tuam Brooklyn, owned by D Turner, C, R, & J U'Ren, Seville, Vic

Best Cat – Siamese/Oriental

Siamese – Naerignoi Savoy, owned by L May, Waikerie, SA

Best Cat – All Other Shorthairs

Burmese – SILV.GD.CH. Besakin Murni, owned by Mrs C Edwards, Unley Park, SA

CATTLE

Elders Pastoral Beef Breed of the Year – Charolais – Grand Champion Bull

Woodlands Ju-Jitsu, exhibited by HA Seeley, Flowerdale, Vic

Supreme Beef Breed Bull (Charolais)

Woodlands Ju-Jitsu, exhibited by HA Seeley, Flowerdale, Vic

Supreme Beef Breed Female (Simmental)

Bass River Jenilee (P), exhibited by Bass River Simmental Stud, Glen Forbes, Vic

Supreme Junior Beef Breed Bull (Shorthorn)

Marellan Super Dazzler 1st, exhibited by Marellan Pastoral Company, Cumnock, NSW

Gippsland & Northern Champion Dairy Cow (Holstein Friesian)

Rockwood Park Starbuck Wendy, exhibited by McGannon/Flanagan/Adams, Koonwarra, Vic

Gippsland & Northern Champion Dairy Heifer (Holstein Friesian)

Wlabuna Inspiration Harmonise, exhibited by P Malcolm, Catani, Vic

UDV Interbreed Type & Production Cow (Jersey)

Bushlea Brass Fernleaf 2nd, exhibited by K & P Kuhne, Leongatha South, Vic

Federation Insurance Champion Dairy Bull (Illawarra)

Allenvale Tony, exhibited by TL Tidcombe, Finley, NSW

COMMERCIAL FARMING COMPETITIONS

See Page 5.

DAIRY

Champion Butter for Export

Bonlac Foods, Shepparton, Vic

Champion Butter – Fresh

Bonlac Foods, Cobden, Vic

Champion Dried Milk Product

Bonlac Foods, Campdown, Vic

Champion Yoghurt

Allowrie Foods, Taree, NSW

Champion Cheddar

Vintage – Allowrie Foods, Murray Bridge, SA

Champion Fancy Cheese – (Open Section)

Camembert – Jindi Cheese Pty Ltd, Jindivick, Vic

Champion Cream

Associated Dairies, Knoxfield, Vic

Champion Ice Cream

Riviera Natural Farm Ice Cream, Lakes Entrance, Vic

Champion Dairy Dessert

Dairy Vale Co-op, Edwardstown, SA

Champion Flavoured Milk

Haberfields Milk, Albury, NSW

Innovation Award

Ricketts Point Fine Foods, Sandringham, Vic (Yoghurt Sorbet)

DOGS

Best Exhibit in Show

Cocker Spaniel (American) Dog – Swelegant Once Again (V), exhibited by Mrs P Tomski, Langwarrin, Vic

Runner up to Best Exhibit in Show

Fox Terrier (Wire) Dog – Ch. Chaduna Lovem N Leavem (V), exhibited by Lee & Hodgkins, Ballarat, Vic

Best Puppy in Show

English Springer Spaniel Bitch – Wongan Thats Jazz (V), exhibited by D & S Rickard, Gisborne, Vic

Best in Obedience Trial

Irish Setter Bitch – Redpoint Queen of Hearts (N), exhibited by G & S Field, Lavington, NSW

FLEECES

Best Sample Lambs Wool

(Classes 1-14)

Challicum Partnership, Buangor, Vic

Feature Breed Fleece –

Medium Merino

Millear Bros, Warren, NSW

Best Victorian Bred Fleece

J & S Speirs, Casterton, Vic

FODDER

Victorian Championship for Meadow Hay

AW & IF Bunn, Tatura, Vic

GOATS

Supreme Champion Doe – Dairy

Saanen – Buttara Magnolia, exhibited by AJ & RL Butt, Ararat, Vic

Champion Angora Doe

DR & MA Nicholls, Pakenham, Vic

Champion Mohair Fleece

Tangeera Angoras, Tanjil South, Vic

GRAINS

Champion Hard Wheat

C & J Dalton, Balranald, NSW

Champion Soft Wheat

B & J White, Bunnaloo, NSW

Champion Australian Standard Wheat

K & V Hunter, Brim, Vic

Champion Oats

C Hanley, Rathscar, Vic

Champion Oats – Milling

WL Jenkins, Stawell, Vic

Champion Barley

Low Rainfall Zone – H Rabone, Kaniva, Vic

High Rainfall Zone – C & G Wilks, Lara, Vic

Best Grain Legume

Peas – RW & WL Westendorf, Dimboola, Vic

Best Oil Seed

Sunflower – N & G Pink, Boort, Vic

HORSES

Best Equestrienne Turnout (Garryowen)

Mrs C Wagner, Somerville, Vic, riding Ark Royal

Champion Saddle Horse over 15 hands

Supernova, exhibited by Mrs C Newbold, Beaconsfield, Vic

Champion Saddle Galloway

Covers, exhibited by D Plumb & W Warke, Mordialloc, Vic

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

Sanlirra Accolade, exhibited by Mrs CS Milton & Mrs PR Wilson, McLaren Vale, SA

Champion Saddle Pony (12 hands and under)

Kinleth Linnett, exhibited by Mrs R Hamann, Riddells Creek, Vic

Most Successful Showjumping Horse

Yaba Daba Do, exhibited by Miss G Powell, Morisset, NSW

Most Successful Showjumping Rider

John Fahey, Taree, NSW

PHOTOGRAPHY

Best Print in Exhibition

D Mahony, Copa Cabana, NSW – "Daydreaming"

Best Slide in Exhibition

G Weber, NSW – "Rainbow Bird with Dragonfly"

SHEARING

The Steel Cement Ltd Victorian Strong Wool Open Championship

D Bryant, Clifton Springs, Vic

The Sunbeam Rural Division Victorian Merino Open Championship

B Sullivan, Rushworth, Vic

RASV Shearer of the Year

T O'Connor, Euroa, Vic

SHEEP

Supreme Champion Ram

Poll Dorset – Exhibited by N & S Armstrong, Marrar, NSW

Supreme Champion Ewe

Poll Dorset – Exhibited by JA & MY Gilmore & Sons, Oberon, NSW

Dalgety Farmers Feature Sheep Breed – Cheviot

Champion Ram

J Armstrong & N Hopkins, Apollo Bay, Vic

Champion Ewe

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STOCK & LAND FARM INVENTORS

State Final (item over \$1000)

B Wundke & V Dutschke, Brinksworth, SA – 'Harvester turbo charger'

State Final (item under \$1000)

A Carter, Tatura, Vic – 'Swivel vacuum pump flange seal'

1992 WEEKLY TIMES COUNTRY SHOW GIRL

Kerrie Marriott, Oultrim, Vic, representing the Central & South Gippsland Region.

WINE

The Commonwealth Bank Trophy for the Best Muscat in Show

Brown Bros Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd, Vic

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

Lindemans Wines Pty Ltd, Red Cliffs, Vic

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

Brown Bros Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd, Vic

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

B Seppelt & Sons Ltd, Seppeltsfield, SA 1991 (Cabernet/Malbec)

WOODCHOPPING

Grand Aggregate Trophy

DJ Foster, Latrobe, Tas

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