

The
Royal Agricultural
Society of Victoria



**ANNUAL
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The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria will be held in the Council Room, Administrative Building, Plummer Avenue, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, on Tuesday, the 5th March, 1963, at 12.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

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

Dated the 19th day of February, 1963.

H. T. C. WOODFULL,

Director.

For list of nominations see back.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (Eleven to be elected)

BOOTHBY, W. B., "Old Boorhaman," Peechelba East.

BUCHANAN, J. M., Bass Street, Flinders.

COLES, SIR EDGAR, "Hendra," Williams Road, Mt. Eliza.

DOOLING, L. J., LL.B., B. Com., F.A.S.A., 367 Collins Street, Melbourne.

FORSTER, Professor H. C., 2 Belmont Avenue, Balwyn.

HOWELL, G., Wollert, via Epping.

KNOX, David W. R., 29 Balmerino Avenue, Toorak.

PALMER, K. P., "Kielli," Mortlake.

RONALD, P. B., "Koo-man-goo-nong," Pakenham East.

SCOTT, F. E. Selwyn, M.B.E., "Yuulong," Scotsburn.

WILSON, G. P. H., Wilson House, Berwick.

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

ANNUAL REPORT

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Council of our Society, I have pleasure in presenting to Members, my report on the activities of the Society for the year 1962.

1962 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

We were honoured and happy to welcome to our Show a most distinguished Victorian, His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, Sir Edmund Herring who was accompanied by Dame Mary Herring, and who officially opened our 1962 Royal Melbourne Show. His Excellency The Governor of Tasmania, The Right Honourable The Lord Rowallan and Lady Rowallan were also present at this ceremony and the Vice-Regal Party later showed much interest in the Grand Parade and in many of the pavilion exhibits, which they visited.

We were proud also to have as our guests, on opening day, The Honourable The Premier, Mr. H. E. Bolte, M.L.A. and Mrs. Bolte, as well as The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir Maurice Nathan and Lady Nathan and the G.O.C. Southern Command, Major General L. C. Canet and Mrs. Canet. Throughout the Show we were hosts to many guests including overseas and interstate visitors, Trade Commissioners, Judges, Consular Corps representatives, Members of Parliament, visiting Agricultural students and delegates to current international conferences, as well as distinguished overseas Bankers and Journalists. His Worship The Mayor of Essendon, Cr. J. A. Fullarton and his fellow Councillors readily accepted an invitation to the Show and I feel sure enjoyed their visit. It was especially pleasing to see Presidents and Councillors of other State Royal Societies present.

RECORD ENTRIES

As the date of the 1962 Show approached, it was obvious that there was greater support than ever and this was evidenced by the fact that for the first time, our total entries passed the 26,000 mark.

All-time record entries were received in nearly all sections, notably in many classes in the Horse, Beef Cattle and Sheep (particularly poll animals), Fleeces, Wines, Dogs and Cats Sections. The Fruit Packing Competitions, Sheaf Tossing and the revived Tug O' War Sections also gained more support than ever before. A detailed list of entries is to be found appended to this report.

Judging of entries at the Show was followed with great interest. We were honoured to have with us His Excellency The Governor of Tasmania, The Lord Rowallan, as Judge of the Ayrshire Cattle, Major F. M. Symonds of Hereford, U.K., judging Herefords, Mr. H. J. Maillard of Jersey Island to judge the Jerseys, and Mrs. L. Macdonald Daly, of England, and Mr. M. K. McDermott of New Zealand, overseas Judges in the Dog Section. Many of other Judges came from interstate and it is pleasing to afford our exhibitors the privilege of such worldwide opinions.

ATTENDANCES

There were more visitors to the 1962 Show on the first three fine-weather days and nights than for the corresponding period of the 1961 record total attendance Show. However, the cold wet conditions prevailing for the remainder of the time coupled with a one day rail strike reduced the total 1962 attendance to 648,171. This total, although down by 66,544 on last year included more school children and other students who, whilst obviously enjoying themselves, undoubtedly benefited from the educational aspects of the Royal Show.

OTHER SHOW FEATURES

As in the past we received generous co-operation from Government, Semi-Government and private sources. The displays by The Victoria Police Motor Cycle Team and the visiting South Australian Police Troopers were very popular. The Sun Show Girl Competition, won by Miss Margaret Mezaks of Wangaratta, one of the 76 entrants, proved again a successful segment of the Show. The Australian Viticultural Championship and The Australian Shearing Championships were among other 1962 Show features. Of the new buildings and renovations carried out by standholders, The State Savings Bank premises come to mind, this and the improvements carried out by the Society itself, which spent about £35,000 on new works, including a Cafe and several refreshment Kiosks, new arena jumps and Judges Stand, Farriers Shop, barriers and many pavilion and general improvements, all helped to give the Show Grounds a brighter than ever appearance.

The displays staged in various pavilions by the Department of Agriculture, the Milk Board, the Wool Bureau, the Egg Board, the Department of Primary Industry, the Country Roads Board, the Department of Territories and many other Government and private agencies contributed a great deal toward the success of the 1962 Royal Melbourne Show.

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

The Lot Feeding Competition, with an increase in entries, 48 in 1961 to 63 this year, from beef breeders aroused much interest.

The Farm Management and Improvement Competition was won by Mr. Rex T. Motton of Kyabram from thirty-three fellow dairy farmers.

The Fodder Conservation, Wheat Crop Championships, Fat Lamb and the new District Fleece Competition were also successfully conducted. The Victorian Department of Agriculture renders great assistance in these contests, for which we are grateful.

The pre-Show Journalists Tour, this year around Central Victoria, was hailed as the most successful yet and the Society is indebted to the Shell Company of Australia Ltd. and Shell Chemical Pty. Ltd. for making possible this valuable means of publicising the Show, through Press, Radio and Television.

In June, the Society convened for the first time a Conference of Country Agricultural Societies, at which eighty delegates from more than fifty Societies joined in useful discussions on Show matters of common interest.

During the year an approach was made to the Minister of Labour and Industry on the question of the need for action to counter the growing incidence of Tractor accidents. A subsequent Conference of more than twenty organisations was held to follow up our initial concern. The report of the proceedings at this Conference is now being examined by the Minister, The Honourable G. O. Reid.

The Royal Show Grounds were once again the venue for the Autumn Thoroughbred Horse Show, at which the one hundred or more entries, under improved and safer transport facilities, attracted over 3,000 people.

The Jersey Herd Society has now transferred its administrative headquarters to new offices at 224 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne, and we are pleased that during the time we carried out the work for this Society they were able to become financially strong enough to enable this to be done.

The ever increasing impact of the Senior Young Farmers Movement with its 3,500 Members under the sponsorship of the R.A.S., is reflected by the frequent and widespread support given to the 131 Clubs by the State Government, Commercial firms and private individuals.

At a meeting of more than one hundred axemen, held during the Royal Melbourne Show, a Committee was appointed to co-operate with the Society in arranging a Tour of English Agricultural Shows by an Axeman's Team, with representatives from each State of the Commonwealth. This action followed an invitation from the Royal Agricultural Society of England, which has been extended largely through the enthusiastic endorsement of such a tour by His Excellency The Governor of Tasmania, The Right Honourable The Lord Rowallan.

During the year some discussions have taken place between the Members of the Trotting Control Board and the Council of the Society on the possibility of an extension to the length and shape of the Trotting Track. The substantial demolition involved with necessary reconstruction and arrangement to avoid seriously harming the Society's enterprise, resulted in an estimated cost which made the project impracticable. Discussion on a modified plan is proceeding.

Although the new R.A.S. Members Ties, both in silk and wool have been much in evidence since their issue, the Society still has some available at this Office.

FINANCE

With the reduced patronage of the Show, through adverse weather conditions and transport difficulties, the revenue was reduced by approximately £13,000. Notwithstanding rising costs our expenditure did not show any large increase. The Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet for 1962 are attached.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Honourable The Premier of Victoria, Mr. H. E. Bolte and Members of the Cabinet, in particular The Minister of Agriculture, The Hon. G. L. Chandler, have continued their interest in Society affairs, as also has the Director of Agriculture, Mr. F. M. Read. We are indebted to these gentlemen and indeed to many others, some of whose activities have been referred to elsewhere in my report.

The Victoria Racing Club has co-operated with the Society during the year and the friendly relationship between the Club and the Society is of great benefit to our Show.

Our Society is also most appreciative of the support so readily given by many other organisations and business firms who sponsored numerous sections and who donate valuable prizes for competition at our Show each year. It is not possible to mention all of these but I would like the organisations and firms to know how grateful the Society is for their continued support.

The great value of publicity to our Show is most difficult to assess and the assistance the Society received from the Press, Radio and Television before and during the 1962 Show is greatly appreciated.

We are grateful to the Army for their provision of the Guard of Honour at the Official Opening Ceremony.

The invaluable part played by our Stewards, Stewardesses, other officials and the Judges is deeply appreciated and well known to all.

The Members of the Council have throughout the year shown a tremendous enthusiasm in their work, and in the time spent on behalf of all members in conducting the affairs of the Society. During the year two Council Members were the recipients of Honours bestowed on them by Her Majesty The Queen. Sir Kenneth Luke, a Council Member for 12 years, was awarded the K.B. and Mr. F. E. Selwyn Scott received the M.B.E. for his outstanding community work in connection with Primary Industry. I know they have the congratulations and good wishes of all.

Following the appointments during the year of Messrs. D. Sutherland Smith and Russell H. Blackburn as Honorary Councillors of the Society, Lt. Col. M. H. McArthur of Wollert and Mr. K. P. Palmer of Mortlake were elected to the Council to fill the vacancies.

Before concluding this review of the Society's progress in 1962, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the loyal co-operation and efficient work of the Director, Mr. H. T. C. Woodfull, and his staff, both administrative and ground staff, whose efforts, notwithstanding adverse weather and the transport strike, enabled the staging of yet another most successful Show, and helped to extend the role of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria as a service to the people of this State.

NORMAN MITCHELL,

President, R.A.S.V.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE,
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

EXPENDITURE	INCOME
ANNUAL EXHIBITION	ANNUAL EXHIBITION
To Wages £40,183	By Admission:
.. Prize Money, Cups, Trophies 21,895	Turnstiles £70,000
.. Printing 13,662	Railways 26,167
.. Attractions 6,872	Grandstands 9,424
.. Catering 7,566	Woodchopping Arena 596
.. Advertising and Publicity 4,721	Motor Parks and Cloakrooms 562
.. Judges' Expenses 3,602	Sales Rings 185
.. Police and Fire Services 3,441	.. Ground Rents 61,294
.. Cleaning 1,431	.. Entry Fees 14,011
.. Public Address Equipment 1,648	.. Premiums — Refreshments and Catering 8,179
.. Wood Chopping 782	.. Catalogue and Programme Sales 1,928
.. Medical and Veterinary Officers' Fees 813	.. Commission Stock Sales 651
.. Cartage 500	.. Sundries 314
.. Fodder 158	<u>£193,311</u>
.. Kennel Control Council — Surcharge Refund 197	
.. Sundries 6,779	
<u>£114,250</u>	GENERAL INCOME
	By Rent of Showground and Buildings £27,012
	.. Donations 9,476
	.. Advertising 2,575
	.. Interest—Trotting Control Board 1,188
	.. Commission 237
	.. Motor Parks 746
	.. Sundries 3,172
	<u>£44,406</u>
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	SUBSCRIPTIONS
To Wages, Salaries, Superannuation £43,374	By Members £15,840
.. Repairs & Maintenance 25,224	.. Associate Members 3,180
.. Interest & Bank Charges 9,308	.. Ladies' Tickets 730
.. Insurance Premiums 9,979	.. Junior 475
.. Secretarial Services to Herd Societies 3,864	<u>£20,225</u>
.. Rates and Taxes 6,188	<u>£257,942</u>
.. Motor Vehicle Maintenance 3,141	
.. Office Cleaning 1,188	Balance Transferred to Accumulated Fund 3,651
.. Telephone 1,703	
.. Postages 1,531	
.. Office Supplies 2,032	
.. Catering 671	
.. Service for Tenants 307	
.. Audit and Legal Fees 403	
.. Travelling Expenses 483	
.. Sundry Competitions 1,809	
.. Loose Tools 225	
.. Advertising 115	
.. Sundries (including Members' Medallions) 3,075	
.. Members' News Letter 575	
.. Depreciation 32,148	
<u>£147,343</u>	
<u>£261,593</u>	<u>£261,593</u>

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Current Liabilities —	Current Assets —
Bank Overdraft £380,300	Cash on Hand \$45
Sundry Creditors and Accruals 1,852	Secretary's Advance 200
£382,152	Prepayments 2,423
Short Call Deposits 119,571	Sundry Debtors 23,846
Deferred Liabilities —	Showground Stock on Hand at Cost 4,102
Fodder Conservation 275	£30,616
Trust Accounts —	Short Call deposits —
T. H. Payne Memorial 250	Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd. 119,571
W. J. Dawkins Trophy 100	Deferred Assets —
Provident Fund 850	Trotting Control Board —
Australian Pig Society 3,000	Original Advance 18,735
Capt. A. E. T. Payne £10,000	Grandstand Advance 190,765
Income Accrued 95	Deposit State Electricity Commission 972
10,095	210,472
14,295	Trust Investments —
Members' Funds —	T. H. Payne Memorial Bonds 250
Accumulated Fund —	Capt. A. E. T. Payne Trust Inscribed Stock 10,000
Balance at 1/1/62 422,449	A. F. McNaughton Ayrshire Trophy Bond 120
Transfer from In- come & Expendi- ture Statement . . . 3,651	Provident Fund Inscribed Stock 850
418,798	W. J. Dawkins Inscribed Stock 100
Reserves —	Australian Pig Society Bonds 3,000
Assets Revaluation 1,042,008	14,320
Grandstand 242,123	Fixed Assets —
Buildings 35,111	Showground Services and Utilities 239,229
1,738,035	Land at Cost 61,532
	Buildings and Im- provements at Valuation 1,556,793
	Less Depreciation 26,780
	1,530,013
	Showgrounds
	Plant and Motor Vehicles 48,882
	Less Depreciation 4,892
	43,990
	Office Furniture . . . 5,061
	Less Depreciation 476
	4,585
	1,879,349
£2,254,328	£2,254,328

AUDITORS' REPORT

We wish to report to the members that we have audited the books and accounts of the ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA for the year ended 31st December, 1962. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and, in our opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs and that the accompanying statement of Income and Expenditure is properly drawn up so as exhibit a true and fair view of the results of the operations of the Society for the year, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Society.

Dated at Melbourne this 31st day of January, 1963.

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

H. T. C. WOODFULL, Director.

COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES

Section	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	Previous	Best
Clydesdales	129	130	154	120	124	139	271	1924
Farm and Lorry	24	8	25	22	16	24	75	1934
Arabs	22	27	32	31	54	36	54	1961
Trotters	52	44	46	42	44	32	112	1947
Galloways	72	68	69	57	85	78	85	1961
Ponies	245	256	273	290	289	335	290	1960
Horses (Led)	—	—	—	—	—	47	—	—
Saddle Horses, etc.	1,711	1,828	1,597	1,570	2,196	2,157	2,196	1961
Harness Horses, etc.	180	165	176	197	204	220	271	1947
*Riding Competitions	1,120	1,108	1,136	945	1,259	1,279	1,259	1961
*Novelty Horse Events	246	274	324	517	575	593	575	1961
*Jumping Competitions	1,175	898	861	694	980	696	1,226	1956
*Wood Chopping and Sawing	982	916	904	944	957	853	1,027	1955
Sheaf Tossing	—	—	21	17	46	53	46	1961
Tug-O'-War	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—
Beef Shorthorns	144	137	140	180	165	167	180	1960
Poll Shorthorns	14	20	6	31	38	46	41	1955
Herefords	85	104	83	117	91	102	117	1960
Poll Herefords	128	116	115	113	143	151	143	1961
Angus	179	226	186	208	259	278	259	1961
Devons	18	19	16	17	15	15	19	1955
Santa Gertrudis	—	—	6	10	—	2	10	1960
Red Polls	59	44	35	39	52	71	159	1934
Dairy Shorthorns	187	133	168	181	204	173	204	1961
Fat Cattle	62	55	84	41	87	64	113	1926
Aust. Illawarra Shorthorns	176	101	121	163	140	169	235	1948
Ayrshires	205	187	172	211	225	167	503	1922
Jerseys	588	555	556	595	702	699	702	1961
Guernseys	159	240	264	268	332	277	332	1961
Friesians	213	195	263	289	339	318	339	1961
Lincolns	8	6	6	—	5	6	219	1918
English Leicesters	39	39	44	46	46	40	114	1947
Border Leicesters	149	198	163	189	187	230	229	1928
Romney Marsh	50	104	91	92	81	107	159	1949
Cheviots	130	132	194	207	208	137	208	1961
Southdowns	145	133	160	178	183	162	196	1938
Shropshires	5	12	16	9	7	5	92	1934
Suffolks	30	28	39	22	20	17	60	1937
Dorset Horns	229	254	228	236	241	237	254	1958
Ryelands	160	118	143	120	98	149	160	1957
Hampshire Downs	5	3	6	—	—	—	8	1952
Dorset Downs	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1950
Poll Dorsets	—	36	64	101	157	221	157	1961
Corriedales	56	40	69	42	52	42	124	1934
Fat Sheep	34	—	—	—	—	—	125	1934
Fleeces	162	195	348	394	347	398	394	1960
*Sheep Dog Trials	117	99	115	104	87	84	117	1957
Sheep Shearing Competitions	16	16	37	25	28	70	92	1953
Goats	166	170	145	154	109	131	170	1958
Pigs	590	541	557	784	739	702	801	1954
Poultry	1,691	1,917	1,974	1,984	2,059	1,934	2,195	1955
Pigeons	997	1,161	1,312	1,047	949	1,292	1,312	1959
Budgerigars, etc.	630	773	856	971	886	894	971	1959
Wines, etc.	663	657	707	696	685	764	707	1959
Dairy Produce	264	315	324	338	357	336	357	1961
Farm Produce	198	192	155	151	196	227	431	1930
*Fruit Packing Competitions	96	108	120	90	102	126	120	1959
Apiculture	85	61	56	148	96	135	148	1960
Arena Contests	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,758	1953
Home Crafts	2,412	2,573	3,409	3,248	3,846	3,723	3,846	1961
Dogs	3,549	3,200	3,615	3,060	3,633	3,933	3,633	1961
†Young Farmers' Competitions	229	59	63	64	103	124	349	1956
*Trotting Races	717	546	535	342	432	337	717	1957
*Rodeo Events	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	1956
Cats	—	—	—	427	375	473	427	1960
Total Competitive Entries	21,797	21,540	23,384	23,178	25,955	26,295		

* Previously shown as Arena Contests.

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