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& The Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association.

1985 ANNUAL REPORT

MARCH/APRIL 1986

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that, on behalf of the Council, I report to you on the activities of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria for the year ending December 31, 1985.

1985 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW, SEPTEMBER 19-28

In complete contrast to 1984, the weather for this year's Royal Show was warm and sunny with only the last three days effected by intermittent rain.

These favourable conditions contributed to a satisfying total attendance of 873,288 for the Show's ten day, nine night duration.

Official Opening

His Excellency, Rear Admiral Sir Brian Murray, K.C.M.G., A.O., Governor of Victoria, officially opened the Society's 127th Show on Saturday, September 21.

The Governor was accompanied on the official dais by Victoria's Premier, The Hon. John Cain, M.P., The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Cr. Tom Lynch, and The Mayor of Essendon, Cr. Brian Shanahan.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, the official party viewed the Royal Show Grand Parade.

Major Highlights

City Parade

The 1985 Royal Melbourne Show was one of the last major events to take place in Victoria's 150th Birthday Year and accordingly was conducted under the theme 'Victoria on Show'.

To herald the Show, the '150th Primary Industry/Royal Show' Parade was staged down Swanston Street on Sunday, September 15. This was a co-operative effort involving the Society, Elders Pastoral and Victoria's 150th Primary Industry Committee.

The main aims of the Parade were to pay tribute to the contribution made by

Victoria's pastoral and livestock industries over the past 150 years, and to signal the commencement of the Royal Show fortnight in Melbourne.

A feature of the Parade was the driving of over 1,000 'Mountjoy' merino wethers down Swanston Street which created an extraordinary sight not seen in Melbourne for probably 100 years.

The idea was that of Mr Bill Hill of Elders Pastoral, who sat on the 150th Primary Industry Committee, under the Chairmanship of R.A.S.V. Councillor John Robb.

In addition, close to 200 Victorian Pony Club members rode in the Parade, many of whom commenced a relay ride from country areas several weeks before, bringing with them scrolls containing messages of goodwill and greetings from their home centres to The Lord Mayor of Melbourne. The scrolls were accepted by The Lord Mayor in front of the Town Hall, during the Parade.

On behalf of the Society, I wish to record our appreciation to Elders Pastoral for their most generous sponsorship of this Parade and congratulate Mr Hill on the ideas and organisational effort put into the 150th Primary Industry segment of the Parade.

Congratulations and thanks must be extended to Mr Tim Austin whose task it was to drive the sheep through the City, aided by his renowned 'Elfinvale' kelpies. We also thank the Mountjoy family of Puckapunyal for providing and transporting the sheep.



Mr. G. R. Starritt, O.B.E., President, Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

The efforts of the Pony Club Association of Victoria are acknowledged with thanks as are the efforts and enthusiasm of the hundreds of participants who so willingly involved themselves again this year, at their own expense.

Without the generous assistance and co-operation of the Victoria Police, officers of the various Melbourne City Council Departments and the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Parade could not have been conducted. We are most grateful to all those organisations and their personnel.

On the R.A.S.V. side, I must make special mention of the work of the City Parade Sub-Committee chaired by Mr Jack Rae, and Mrs Louise Hill of our Public Relations staff whose efforts must be highly commended.

'State Bank' International Timber Festival

As part of the 1985 Royal Show the World's first International Timber Festival was conducted, attracting over 50 top international timber sports men and women from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand who challenged Australia's best for a total prize purse of \$60,000.

The 49 event programme comprised a number of events new to the sport in

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

OFFICE BEARERS 1985

PATRON-IN-CHIEF:

His Excellency, The Rt. Hon. Sir Ninian Stephen, A.K., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.B.E.

PRESIDENT:

G. R. Starritt, O.B.E.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

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The Hon. Sir William McDonald, Kt.

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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

J. Balfour Brown

W. R. R. Beggs

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A. C. Bott

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EXECUTIVE STAFF:

DIRECTOR: J. B. Parry

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: I. A. Pedersen, D.F.C.

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER: D. J. Reid

FINANCE MANAGER: J. F. Clifford

GROUNDS MANAGER: K. J. Monkhouse

INFORMATION SERVICES MANAGER: J. O. Butler

MARKETING MANAGER: V. A. Hilton



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 Show Grounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale on Tuesday, April 8, 1986 at 12 noon.

BUSINESS

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

Dated 14th day of March, 1986

J. B. PARRY,
Director

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (Eleven to be elected)

- *J. BALFOUR BROWN, Sheffield Road, Montrose 3765
- *W. R. R. BEGGS, "Buln Gherin", Beaufort 3373
- *J. K. BUCHANAN, A. M., "Gleneira", Flinders 3929
- *W. McL. GREAVES, 48 Peel Street, Berwick 3806
- *B. R. J. HALLOWS, "Penmaen", Websters Road, Riddells Creek 3431
- *R. F. HASELGROVE, "Beneden", Lake Hawthorn, Merbein 3505
- *F. B. LANGLANDS, 230 Thacker Street, Ocean Grove 3226
- *F. J. LITHGOW, "Flowerfield", Coldstream 3770
- *Sir CECIL LOOKER, Kt, 26 Tormey Street, North Balwyn 3104
- W. B. MAHNCKE, Barty Street, Moyhu 3732
- A. T. MARRIOTT, 341 McKinnon Road, East Bentleigh 3165
- *R. POTTER, "Yarram Park", Willaura 3291
- *I. McK. STARRITT, "Kelso Park", R.S.D., Tatura 3616

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

(*Denotes Councillors retiring by rotation and eligible for re-election)

Australia including axe throwing, log rolling, 'Jack 'n Jill' Bucking (Sawing) and competition Speed Tree Climbing. The latter event was featured in the Main Arena and proved particularly popular with showgoers.

American tree climber Steve Bartow headed our Arena attractions bill with his performances as the 'Humes A.R.C. Tree Top Clown', enacted on the top of two 100ft. pine poles implanted into the Main Arena's surface.

I must acknowledge the contribution of Mr John Gardiner, Chairman of the R.A.S.V.'s Woodchop Committee, and his Committee members, who were directly responsible for the International Timber Festival's success. In November 1984 Mr Gardiner, accompanied by the Society's Marketing Manager and the Secretary of the Victorian Axemen's Association visited timber sport organisations in New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America to sell the concept of the Festival.

Telecom Australia Display

'Touch Tomorrow' was the title of a comprehensive exhibition of telecommunication equipment, presented by Telecom Australia, in the P.B. Ronald Pavilion.

The exhibition captured the advancement of telecommunications from its early experimental years to the sophistication of the 1980's and beyond.

Items displayed included Optical Fibre Communications, a talking computer, video phone and a dynamic display highlighting the workings of our STD System.

Show patrons were encouraged to participate directly in various segments of the display which contributed greatly to its popularity.

The Society is indebted to Telecom Australia for the commitment and contribution made to the success of the 1985 Royal Show through the 'Touch Tomorrow' Exhibition.

New Horticultural Display

The Nurserymen's Association in cooperation with all main segments of the horticultural sector joined with Hortico (Australia) to capitalize on Victoria's 'Garden State' theme, with a magnificent new horticultural display at this year's Show.

Around 1,000 species of plants were displayed on a carefully and beautifully landscaped area at the rear of the R.A.S.V.'s Administration Building and opposite the Centre Point Building.

Free advice from experts, including the ABC's Kevin Heinze, was given to gardening enthusiasts and on Show Day, around 1,000 plants were given away to patrons.

It is planned that this display will become a regular feature at future Royal Melbourne Shows.

Victoria's Youth on Show

1985 also marked the International Year of Youth and this important occasion was duly recognised at the Show by massed youth performances on the Main Arena.

'Dance on Show' was a unique event involving close to 5,000 young Victorians from schools throughout the State who performed a repertoire of colonial dances on four occasions.

'Music on Show' involved 300 secondary school musicians who performed as a massed youth orchestra to the delight of Showgoers.

The Society is most appreciative of the support of V/Line and The Met for their involvement in the free transportation of both the 'Music on Show' and 'Dance on Show' performers to and from the Show. Our thanks also goes to officers within the Education Department and to teachers of the participating schools whose enthusiasm and patience helped make the music and dance performances a reality.

'Marching on Show' was the third major segment in our 'International Year of Youth Spectacular' and involved 200 young women from the Victorian Precision and Recreational Marching Association and also proved popular with Arena spectators.

The A.M.P. School and Community Bands Festival, and the 3XY 'Australian Crawl' Pop Concerts were additional ways the International Year of Youth was celebrated.

Rural Education Programmes

Rural Education Programmes were further strengthened with the ongoing development of the National Australia Bank Animal Nursery, the Commonwealth Bank Farm Learning Centre and the Westpac Produce Display.

The Arena Farm Event, introduced last year under appalling weather conditions, was conducted on the Sunday in brilliant sunshine and proved an outstanding success. It must stand as a fine tribute to all involved. We acknowledge the support given to this unique educational concept by sponsors Nestle's and Radio 3UZ.

It is pleasing to note that several of the rural education concepts developed by this Society are now being considered or have already been adopted by a number of the interstate Royal Shows.

Wool Fashion Shows

'Wool Comes Alive!' was the theme for the Australian Wool Corporation's Spectacular Wool Fashion Shows in Centre Point this year.

The creative designs of Australia's Carla Zampatti, Robert Burton, Country Road, Walter Kristensen, Jean Couture, and an extravaganza of pure white evening wear in Supercool Wools, by Anthea Crawford, were incorporated in new, exciting and colourful 30 minute Shows. Australia's young designers were given special recognition with the Wool Corporation's presentation of a segment featuring innovative casual designs by fashion students.

The Victorian final of the A.W.C.'s Young Designer Award was judged during the Show with the winner going on to Sydney to contest the National Award and the chance of receiving 12 months' work experience programme with leading Sydney designer Trent Nathan.

The Wool Fashion Shows were enjoyed by all patrons who viewed them and we express our sincere appreciation for the Australian Wool Corporation's most creative support of the Royal Melbourne Show.

New Information Board

As a result of the significant sponsorship provided by Elders Pastoral, the Society was able to install a multi-function, computerized Information Board, to replace the old manually operated score-board in the Main Arena.

The 9.6 x 3.375 metre board was operational for the Show and kept patrons fully informed of programme details for activities in the Arena and around the grounds together with results of major events.

R.A.S.V. Information Services Department staff operated the Board from the Arena Broadcast Box, which had been extended to accommodate them.

Main Arena Seating

To enable patrons to experience a greater intimacy with feature attractions and events, the Society divided the Main Arena this year into two separate performance/event areas.

Special portable seating positioned across the southern end of the Arena permitted Showgoers to watch events from the Arena itself. A new gateway was constructed on the Arena perimeter to allow easy public access to and from the seating area.

This innovation proved most successful and will be continued and improved upon in the future.

Show Entries

Entries in competitive sections of the 1985 Royal Melbourne Show totalled 39,210, with best ever entries recorded in a number of horse breed sections, cattle breed sections, woodchopping, poultry and photography.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

Council and Members of the Society generally were deeply saddened by the deaths of two Life Councillors during the year.

Colonel Sir Malcolm H. McArthur, Kt., O.B.E., "Melrose Farm", Wollert, died on February 28 aged 73 and Mr J. M. (Jack) Buchanan, Flinders died at the age of 87 years on April 18.

Colonel Sir Malcolm McArthur was elected to Council in May 1962 and was made a Life Councillor in 1982. He served as an active member of the Finance, Sponsorship, Public Relations, Beef & Fat Cattle, Sheep and Commercial Space Committees in recent times and acted as Chairman of the Poultry Control Council when that body was administered by the R.A.S.V.

Colonel Sir Malcolm had a distinguished military career, and in civilian life was Chairman of the Australian Meat Board (1970-77), Australian Egg Board (1967-70), President of the Egg Marketing Authorities of Australia and was the Government nominee on the Victorian Egg Board.

He received the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) in 1966 for services to Primary Industry and was created a Knight in 1978, for distinguished service to the Australian Meat Industry.

Mr J. M. Buchanan became a member of Council in 1953 and in recognition of his contribution to the Society, in particular to the Dairy Cattle Committee and the Dairy Cattle Section of the Royal Melbourne Show, was created a Life Councillor in 1973.

As the second generation principal of the historic "Gleneira" Ayrshire Dairy Cattle Stud, Mr Buchanan's love for the breed led to a close association with the Ayrshire Cattle Society of Australia, an organisation his father helped establish.

Mr Buchanan served on the Victorian Branch Committee of the Ayrshire Society, was Branch President, served on the Society's Federal Council and was created a Life Member of the Society's Victorian Branch and Federal Council.

His experience as a judge was unequalled and he officiated at Royal Shows in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart and leading country Shows in Victoria and Tasmania.

Mr Buchanan was a very active member of his local community, he became a Justice of the Peace in 1950 and during the Second World War was appointed by the Department of Agriculture to the War Agriculture Committee.

Council Changes

I wish to acknowledge the contribution and assistance given to the Society



Colonel Sir Malcolm McArthur.



Mr. J. M. Buchanan.

by The Hon. Eric Kent, in his capacity as State Minister of Agriculture. Following Mr. Kent's retirement from politics we welcomed the Hon. Evan Walker to Council after his appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs portfolio.

Management Committee

In accordance with recommendations set down in the McKinsey & Company Report (Organisational & Management Consultants) tabled in December 1984, Council approved the creation of a Management Committee to assist in the streamlining of the policy making function. This Committee replaces the old Executive, Finance and Works & Planning Committees.

In March 1985, the new Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Sir Ian McLennan, with Messrs W. R. R. Beggs, J. K. Buchanan, A. Gibson,

J. G. W. Head, R. B. Langdon, I. K. Morton, the President and Vice-Presidents being elected to it. I take this opportunity to thank the members, all of whom have had to substantially increase their commitment in terms of time, to ensure the effective function of the Committee.

New Senior Administration Management Structure

The McKinsey & Company recommendations also called for the senior level of management to be strengthened by establishing five management positions reporting to the Director. These managers have responsibility for Administration, Finance, Grounds, Information Systems and Marketing.

By the middle of the year, all five positions had been filled as follows:

Administration Manager — Mr Don Reid

Finance Manager — Mr John Clifford

Grounds Manager — Mr Kevin Monkhouse

Information Services Manager — Mr John Butler

Marketing Manager — Mr Vance Hilton

Members will recall having been introduced to the above in more detail, in the September issue of 'The Royal'.

Fire Prevention Report

Continued pressure is being exerted on the Society by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, to implement wide spread and expensive fire prevention measures which have been laid down for many major buildings and facilities. In late October a joint report was received from the Essendon Council and the Fire Brigade requiring these works.

To implement such measures immediately is impossible both in terms of cost and time, and therefore a suitable time-frame is currently being negotiated. The Essendon Council is the body required to make the final decision on the works to be undertaken and the time table for implementation.

There are many important and complex problems which arise as part of these fire prevention stipulations, one of course being the accommodation of exhibitors on the Showgrounds over the period of the Royal Show. The Council will continue to press the authorities to ensure that exhibitors can be suitably accommodated.

Showgrounds Re-Development

A Showgrounds Re-development Sub-Committee, appointed following a McKinsey recommendation and chaired by Mr Adrian Gibson, has been deliberating throughout the year with the result that a number of important objectives have been adopted. They are:

- To retain the Royal Melbourne Show at Ascot Vale as the major community agricultural event in the State, and to work towards its recognition as the premier Royal Show in Australia.
- To ensure that any development of the Showgrounds is consistent with, or contributes towards, the Society's overall philosophy of 'speeding the plough'.
- To establish the Showgrounds as an economically viable, quality venue for agricultural and leisure related activities for metropolitan Melbourne and the State.

One point that has become abundantly clear is that we cannot continue to finance and upkeep the grounds on the basis that they are only fully utilized during the ten-day period of the Show. In view of this, the Re-development Sub-Committee has vigorously pursued its studies and investigations into possible options for the better utilization of the grounds out of Show period.

Council has requested that the Sub-Committee finalize its deliberations on the Showgrounds re-development by March 1986.



His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, chats with Mr & Mrs Ray Starritt at a dinner hosted by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, for representatives of Commonwealth R.A.S. Organisations which participated in the 1985 R.A.S.C. Conference.

1985 ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

In October (14-17 inclusive), the Society hosted the 1985 biennial Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth Conference which attracted 149 delegates from 14 Commonwealth Countries and Guest Nations in addition to 120 Australians.

The Conference, held at the Southern Cross Hotel, was officially opened on October 14 by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, in his capacity as the President of the R.A.S.C. His Royal Highness was also present at a Dinner for representatives of member organisations, conducted at the Showgrounds on the evening of October 14.

Under the theme "Agriculture: Future World Needs", the Conference

discussed topics which were relevant to the development of agriculture on a global scale. World markets and marketing, technical advancement and its effects, the challenges of an uncertain world economy, chemicals and fertilizers were all covered by a panel of speakers acknowledged world-wide for their expertise in their respective fields.

Preceding the Conference, around 160 delegates and partners took part on a five day tour of Northern Victoria. Based in Shepparton, the touring party visited a broad selection of agricultural and associated rural enterprises which successfully highlighted the diversity of the region. Centres covered included

Nagambie, Tatura, Stanhope, Deniliquin (N.S.W.), Conargo (N.S.W.), Dookie and on their return to Melbourne, Bendigo and Ballarat.

Four large coaches were employed to transport the visitors.

Both the Conference and the pre-Conference tour proceeded and concluded without a major organisational hitch and I commend the efforts of the Conference Organising Committee and their support staff for what can only be described as a most professionally arranged exercise.

The Society's gratitude must also go to those individuals and organisations who hosted such a large visiting party during the pre-Conference Tour.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Springsteen Concerts

On the evenings of April 3 and 4, the Showground was the venue for a two night concert engagement by American entertainer Bruce Springsteen.

Over 40,000 fans attended on each night, making it one of the largest open air concerts to be conducted in Melbourne in recent years.

The Society's administration worked closely with concert promoters, police, transport and other authorities in the

planning stages and during the concert, to ensure its smooth conduct.

This exercise provided us with invaluable experience and our attention to detail, particularly in regard to the overall control of crowds within the grounds, won the Society high praise from promoters and police.

Other major events staged on the grounds during the year included the Australian Sheep Breeders' & Woolcraft Show, Oktoberfest, Speedway Motor Cycles and the Victorian Stud

Pony Show. The Dog Centre continues to receive heavy use most weekends for dog shows and many weeknights for dog-related activities.

The past year has also seen increased use of stock pavilion facilities for the purpose of animal quarantine for sheep, goats and cattle.

The ability to isolate animals easily in addition to being able to provide plentiful covered accommodation make these areas of the Showgrounds ideal for quarantine testing.



Over 40,000 Bruce Springsteen fans were attracted to the Showgrounds on each night of his two night concert engagement.

Commercial Farming Competitions

This year, five statewide Commercial Farming Competitions were conducted by the Society in conjunction with the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association.

They were:

- *Commonwealth Development Bank Victorian Farm Management, Production and Improvement Competition*
- *Dalgety Farmers Commercial Beef Herd of the Year Award*

- *Elders Pastoral Commercial Wool Sheep Flock of the Year Award*
- *Gippsland & Northern/Western Star Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year Award*
- *V.A.B. Share-Dairy Farmer of the Year Award.*

The Field Days associated with each of the above competitions were well attended and received satisfactory coverage through the rural media. They have become widely accepted as important forums for the dissemination of practical information regarding the

most up to date management and husbandry techniques.

I wish to place on record the Society's sincere gratitude to the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association for its continued support and co-operation in the organisation of these competitions.

Likewise, I must acknowledge the contribution made by Officers of the Victorian Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs whose assistance has been vital to the successful conduct of the individual competitions and the associated field days.



Commercial farming competitions conducted jointly by the R.A.S.V. and V.A.S.A. and their respective field days, were well supported throughout 1985.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1985

	1985	\$	1984	\$
FIXED ASSETS				
Land at Council Valuation 1972		1,023,000		1,023,000
Buildings & Improvements at Council Valuation 1972	8,450,974		8,450,974	
Additions at Cost	<u>3,220,651</u>		<u>3,038,131</u>	
	11,671,625		11,489,105	
LESS Provision for Depreciation	<u>2,271,287</u>	9,400,338	<u>2,070,227</u>	9,418,878
Services and Utilities at Cost	615,987		615,987	
LESS Provision for Depreciation	<u>164,670</u>	451,317	<u>153,890</u>	462,097
Plant and Motor Vehicles at Cost	1,104,515		678,665	
LESS Provision for Depreciation	<u>456,051</u>	648,464	<u>405,777</u>	272,888
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings at Cost	871,134		802,110	
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>398,030</u>	473,104	<u>342,344</u>	459,766
		11,996,223		11,636,629
INVESTMENTS				
Debentures, Deposits, Bonds & Cash at Bank at Cost:				
— General	—		391,272	
— Special Purpose Insurance Fund	344,795		290,063	
— Trust Accounts	25,666		25,665	
— Short Call	<u>383,851</u>	754,312	<u>322,083</u>	1,029,083
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash on Hand	900		700	
Prepayment & Accrued Interest	101,116		33,662	
Sundry Debtors	984,091		538,847	
LESS Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>38,000</u>		<u>38,000</u>	
Stock on Hand at Cost	<u>100,453</u>	1,148,560	<u>137,133</u>	672,342
		13,899,095		13,338,054
LESS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Bank Overdraft — Secured	758,268		415,394	
Loans — Secured	15,900		15,900	
Loans — Unsecured	389,572		379,531	
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	534,764		569,834	
Provision for Long Service & Annual Leave	276,188		224,698	
Received in Advance	—		100,225	
Short Call Deposits	<u>383,851</u>	2,358,543	<u>322,082</u>	2,027,664
LONG TERM LIABILITIES				
Loans — Secured	406,722		394,138	
Loans — Unsecured	<u>853,172</u>	1,259,894	<u>680,923</u>	1,075,061
TRUST ACCOUNT		25,665		25,665
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>3,644,102</u>		<u>3,128,390</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>\$10,254,993</u>		<u>\$10,209,664</u>
REPRESENTING				
Accumulated Funds		1,458,112		1,467,514
Reserves —				
Asset Revaluation	7,759,189		7,759,190	
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	344,795		290,063	
Dog Complex Contribution	<u>692,897</u>	8,796,881	<u>692,897</u>	8,742,150
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS & RESERVES		<u>\$10,254,993</u>		<u>\$10,209,664</u>

Auditor's report to members of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet and Revenue Account in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria at 31st December, 1985 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and comply with the Rules of the Society.

Dated this 12th Day of March, 1986.

255 William Street,
Melbourne

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

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1985

EXPENDITURE	1985 \$	1984 \$	INCOME	1985 \$	1984 \$
Wages and Payroll Costs	3,231,521	2,993,962	Show Admissions and Car Parking	2,715,001	2,257,168
Maintenance and Cleaning	553,906	521,973	Space and Ground Rentals	1,552,211	1,401,038
Depreciation	357,477	332,335	Secretarial Service Fees	586,042	587,773
Show Attractions	317,742	232,374	Show Entry Fees	253,343	233,838
Printing and Stationery	228,836	204,031	Materials and Services	96,976	107,441
Show Running Costs	169,871	135,013	Members' Subscriptions	212,545	205,945
Insurance	143,533	137,425	Show Sales and Sundry Revenue	44,482	28,452
Catering	154,999	135,538	Donations and Sponsorship	592,043	291,499
Trophies and Prizes	267,273	169,831	Catering Premiums	281,782	223,849
Advertising and Publicity	206,717	147,198	Computer Fees	154,525	144,513
Interest	224,691	170,862	Advertising	53,857	29,961
Telephone and Postage	98,567	83,010	Commonwealth Conference	129,338	—
Rates	131,851	104,337			
Electricity and Gas	165,751	122,420			
Judges Expenses	46,116	47,800			
Sundry Costs	93,875	133,362			
Computer Costs	131,315	125,367			
Audit and Legal	22,504	25,971			
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	25,000	25,000			
Commonwealth Conference	162,002	—			
	<u>6,731,547</u>	<u>5,847,809</u>			
(Deficit) Surplus for Year	(59,402)	(336,332)			
	<u>\$6,672,145</u>	<u>\$5,511,477</u>		<u>\$6,672,145</u>	<u>\$5,511,477</u>

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	\$	\$		\$	\$
Deficit for Year	59,402	336,332	Balance at Start of Year	1,467,514	1,753,846
Balance at End of Year	1,458,112	1,467,514	Grant for Capital Improvements	50,000	50,000
	<u>\$1,517,514</u>	<u>\$1,803,846</u>		<u>\$1,517,514</u>	<u>\$1,803,846</u>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To mention the contributions of assistance to the R.A.S.V. by all individuals and organisations during 1985 would be impossible suffice to say that we are aware of our supporters and are most grateful to them.

There are however some particular acknowledgements which should be made. Included among these is an expression of gratitude for the support given to the Society by the Victorian Government through the Premier, The Hon. John Cain and his Ministry.

Special thanks are extended to The Hon. Evan Walker, Minister of Agriculture & Rural Affairs and the former Minister The Hon. Eric Kent, for the genuine interest shown in the activities of the R.A.S.V. during the year.

Our thanks also go to Officers of the Victorian Department of Agriculture & Rural Affairs headed by Dr David Smith, whose help has been essential particularly in relation to the organisation of commercial farmer competitions and field days conducted by the R.A.S.V. and V.A.S.A. annually.

The partnership between the R.A.S.V. and V.A.S.A. is a long standing bond through which the Society has been able to effect tangible benefits to a broad cross-section of the State's commercial farming sector.

The competitions mentioned above and elsewhere in this Report are acknowledged as having provided a positive impetus toward the updating and general improvement of farm management and stock husbandry throughout Victoria.

This contribution could not have been as effective without the association with the V.A.S.A. organisation and therefore, to the President of V.A.S.A., Mr Rod McRobert and to members of his Council, I record the R.A.S.V.'s sincere gratitude.

The financial contribution made by all our sponsors in support of the Royal Show and the other activities conducted by the Society during the year is vital to us. This year the R.A.S.C. Conference was an additional event for which we sought sponsorship and we were most grateful for the positive response we received from sponsors.

We record our special appreciation to the following major sponsors, for their continued support.

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In order to gain the degree of public response required to make the Royal Show a success, the Society must have the support of the metropolitan, country and rural media. I am pleased to say that in 1985 we had that support and I thank all media organisations and their personnel with whom we had an association this year, for their generally favourable coverage of our major event.

As in previous years, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution made by the hundreds of people who skilfully perform their tasks as judges, stewards, marshalls and other Show officials so willingly and in a completely honorary capacity. Likewise to the exhibitors whose participation makes the Royal Melbourne Show the great event it is and to the Society's members for their continued support.

It is not possible for the President of any organisation to act effectively in isolation. This statement prefaces my expression of personal gratitude to my Vice-Presidents, Council colleagues and their partners for their genuine and caring assistance to Norma and myself during 1985.

There has been a great deal of pressure on us all during the year, particularly with the added responsibility of the R.A.S.C. Conference which took place right on the heels of the Show. Therefore, on behalf of Council and members of the Society generally, I

place on record not only sincere thanks, but great admiration for the Director and all members of the staff, whose efforts have highlighted their dedication to the Society and what it stands for.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the President of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria for the past four years — a period that has seen great change which, I believe, will result in a stronger organisation, better equipped to meet the challenges of the future.

Finally, to my successor I extend my best personal wishes for a fulfilling and successful Presidential term.

**G. R. Starritt
PRESIDENT**

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 1985

Best Equestrienne Turnout ('Garryowen' Trophy)

Mrs P. S. Heagney of Diggers Rest, on Kaliche.

Elders Beef Breed of the Year Award (Beef Shorthorn)

Dallas Jewel, exhibited by R. Schurmann & Sons, "Red Hill", Tarrington, Victoria.

Gippsland & Northern Champion Dairy Cow

Wranhi Fobes Criss, exhibited by W. S. Adams & Sons Pty. Ltd., Cora Lynn, Victoria.

Gippsland & Northern Champion Dairy Heifer

Tallagandra Bluebelle 2nd, exhibited by M. Quigley, Yinnar, Victoria.

Federation Insurance Champion Dairy Bull

Sunny South Peration, exhibited by S. J. & M. E. Slater, Warragul, Victoria.

Supreme Champion Ram

Poll Dorset exhibited by J. A. & M. Y Gilmore, Oberon, N.S.W.

Supreme Champion Ewe

Poll Dorset exhibited by N. & S. Armstrong, Marrar, N.S.W.

Best Dog in Show

Siberian Husky, Australian Champion Rossfort Nijinski, owned by Mr & Mrs Harper, Hoddles Creek, Victoria.

Best Opposite Sex in Show

Fox Terrier (Wire) Bitch, Statuesque Fancy Dress, owned by F. Pieterse & Miss L. Benyon, Kenthurst, N.S.W.

Best Puppy in Show

Beagle Dog, Nangunyah Double Bunga, owned by Mrs G. R. Newick & Mrs S. Bownds, Oakville, N.S.W.

Miss Japan Airlines — T.A.A. Agricultural Show Girl of Australia

Miss Jill Noonan, Katanning, Western Australia.

Miss Sun Country Show Girl

Miss Joanne Taylor, Sale, Victoria.

Commercial Farming Competitions

Commonwealth Development Bank Victorian Farm Management, Production and Improvement Competition.

- Section A P. & E. Notman, Poowong, Victoria.
- Section B Heytesbury Meadows Pty. Ltd., Princetown, Victoria.

Dalgety Farmers Commercial Beef Herd of the Year Award

Mr J. Gubbins & Family, Coolana Corriedales, Chatsworth, Victoria, (Angus Herd)

Elders Pastoral Commercial Wool Sheep Flock of the Year Award

G. M., M. J. & R. G. Robertson, 'Gracemere', Bengworden, Victoria.

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

Laurie & Raynor Thomas, Yarroweyah, Victoria.

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

Mr B. Walker, Boisdale, Victoria.

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VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION

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— OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER —

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1985/86 Show season got off to a great start with the Melbourne Royal enjoying fine weather, and good crowds; fortunately for country shows the good weather prevailed at the weekends until late November, early December, when it was a case of too much rain.

It is pleasing to learn that in the main our spring shows were most successful and in particular that many of our larger country affiliates had record gates and entries.

Royal Show time was a busy period for all VASA folk with the final judging and announcement of State winners in our many competitions; extras this year included the national finals of the show Girl and Beef and Dairy Cattle Judging Competitions.

A pleasing feature of this year's Competitions is that the winners are evenly distributed around the State, which indicates keen competition from all areas, and we look forward to the Field Days to be held.

The VASA Reception, when we take the opportunity to thank our many sponsors, is an important function during Show time; we were pleased to have the Honourable Evan Walker, M.L.C., Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs present, and also to be able to take the opportunity to say farewell to Mr. Andy Finnin, State Manager, Commonwealth Development Bank, a great supporter of VASA, now the Victorian Agent General in London.

The summer and autumn shows are now well under way and I wish them great success on behalf of all members of the Association.

At the recent meeting of Council concern was expressed in relation to the Insurance Company increasing the Public Liability premium to the extent of 27% and this matter was to be investigated on your behalf to ascertain if a reduction in the level of increase could be gained. This approach was not successful, however within the World scope of Public Liability premiums, it is apparent that this is an overall situation and organizations are finding it difficult to obtain liability insurance cover. The percentage increase of 25% was placed on member societies and we trust that in future the level of increase will be contained, and



Rod McRobert

if increases occur be to the extent of inflationary trends.

Our next highlight is the Annual Meeting and Convention in May, so I take this opportunity to invite all Societies to participate and enjoy the hospitality of the Hosts, Seymour and the Central Highlands Group. To assist the Group in its planning it would be appreciated if members could respond quickly and lodge their registrations prior to 31 March 1986. I look forward to seeing you all at the Convention.

Rod McRobert
President

1986 CONVENTION AT SEYMOUR

The 20th Annual Convention of VASA will be held at Seymour on 30 April and 1 and 2 May, 1986.

Your Host Group, Central Highlands, have organized an interesting and varied program which includes a Civic Reception, visits to Puckapunyal Army Camp, Mitchelton Winery, and a Dinner Dance which will be held at Mitchelton.

REGISTRATION FEES

"A" — Registration only — \$60 per person

Fee includes — Convention folder; morning/afternoon teas; lunch (Thursday and Friday); Dinner Dance; Civic Reception; Bus travel to venues. (NO ACCOMMODATION).

"B" — Registration and Accommodation —

Fee includes — Registration (as above)	\$60.00
Twin share accommodation —	
Wednesday	\$27.00
Thursday	\$27.00
Wednesday evening —	
Chinese Banquet	\$13.00
Limited single accommodation is available on request.	

The Deadline for registration is 31 March 1986, and registration forms can be obtained from the Booking Secretary, VASA 1986 Convention, Box 6, Seymour, 3660, telephone (057) 92 1972 after 6.00 p.m. or from the VASA Secretariat, Royal Show Grounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale, 3032, telephone (03) 376 3733.

PROGRAM

The program for the Convention will be as follows:—

Wednesday 30 April —

- 3.00 p.m. Registration at Kings Park, Seymour
- 6.30 p.m. Civic Reception
- *8.00 p.m. Dinner — Chinese Banquet

*(Delegates free to make own arrangements for dinner).

Thursday 1 May —

- 8.30 a.m. Registration and morning tea.
- 9.15 a.m. Buses leave for Puckapunyal and Inspection Tour
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Puckapunyal.
- 2.00 p.m. Assemble for Convention at Kings Park, Seymour
- 2.00 p.m. Official Opening.
- 5.00 p.m. Convention adjourns
- 6.50 p.m. Buses leave for Mitchelton
- 7.30 p.m. Dinner Dance at Mitchelton.

Friday 2 May —

- 8.30 a.m. Leave by own transport for Mitchelton.
- 9.30 a.m. Convention resumes at Mitchelton.
- 10.30 a.m. Morning tea.
- 10.45 a.m. Guest Speaker — Dr. David McKinna, Acting Chairman, A.M.L.C.
- 11.15 a.m. Business Session
- 12.30 p.m. Lunch at Mitchelton
- 1.30 p.m. Business Session
- 2.30 p.m. Tour of Wine Cellars at Mitchelton
- 3.30 p.m. Departure.



Walter Carr

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we record the passing, in November 1985, of Walter Carr, late of the Castlemaine & District Agricultural Society.

The large number who attended his funeral gave evidence to his standing, not only in the local community, but also in the various organizations with which Walter had been closely associated over many years. Among those present were representatives of VASA, the Midlands Group, the Castlemaine Society, the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society, the Federated Iron Workers' Association, the Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band and the community generally.

Walter has been President of the Castlemaine Agricultural Society for the past seven years and his contribution to that Society and to VASA will remain in the memories of all who knew him. On behalf of VASA we extend the sympathy of all, to his wife, Win, and to his family.

HORSE SEMINAR

In July 1985 VASA, supported by the RASV and EFA, conducted a very successful Seminar of which a brief report appeared in the September Newsletter. So much interest was created by this Seminar that we have been requested to print a full report in this issue.

Guest speakers included Mr. Colin Kelly (EFA) who outlined the history and aims of the EFA and his involvement in the equestrian field. He spoke on the importance of the three bodies represented working together in harmony to achieve mutual understanding and agreement for the betterment of the horse fraternity.

Mr. Jack Rae (RASV) spoke on the importance of encouraging young people to become involved in show activities; attending gatherings such as this at which ideas can be exchanged and where the opportunity exists to learn from each other. He stressed the importance of societies listening to the competitors' point of view thereby gaining

input and establishing improved relationships; working classes, where possible, equivalent to those conducted at the Royal Melbourne Show to assist competitors endeavouring to qualify for the "Royal". The completion of performance cards is an essential part of qualifying and must be in accordance with the respective show society records. This year the Royal has printed the names of judges in the prize schedule and this has been very well received. He said that though it might mean societies have to organise their judges earlier they would find it a good policy and well worth the extra effort. He closed his address by indicating that a Ringmaster must be considerate and aware of the layout and the situation existing in each ring.

Mr. George Anthony (VASA) addressed the meeting on the necessity of Societies improving the content of their schedules and of keeping competitors well informed. The Horse Committee of VASA is well represented from throughout the State and receives a number of enquiries from competitors and societies alike. He informed the meeting that VASA is represented on the EFA Hack Committee which meets from time to time to discuss matters of mutual interest and to put forward proposals for the betterment of all involved in hack events. He expressed the importance of societies selecting their judges carefully and recommended use of the combined EFA/VASA panel of judges.

Mr. Alan Bruno (EFA Registrar) in his opening remarks congratulated VASA on instigating the meeting and said that horse sports could only benefit from such co-operation between the three bodies.

He then spoke on the following matters — the amalgamation of the EFA/VASA judges panel; the formation of the Hack sub-committee; the setting of guidelines for saddle horses by the Hack sub-committee, which in time may become definite rules; the introduction of performance cards on a compulsory basis for the Royal Melbourne Show; complaints in respect to misconduct at shows and the action taken by the EFA to introduce a penalty system; the benefits of show societies becoming affiliated with the EFA and receiving the quarterly Newsletter; the necessity for stewards at shows to check on performance cards, in particular show jumping. The policy of the EFA is to advise show societies that their representatives will be in attendance; the necessity for height classification at all shows to be similar; the inclusion of the definition of a novice horse in prize schedules; and the benefits to be gained by the respective organisations working together in a harmonious manner.

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman then opened the meeting for discussion.

The meeting agreed that the definition of a "novice horse" should be clarified. The EFA ruling is "Open to horses that have never won a blue ribbon (1st prize) competing singularly at any open show or gymkhana". Some show society representatives queried the interpretation to include "gymkhana".

It was agreed that prize schedules should be kept up to date and show societies should be guided by the RASV Horse Section Prize Schedule, and the importance of competitors being able to exhibit their horse in four or five individual classes.

The consensus of the meeting was that judges names should be published in prize schedules and it was suggested that if some societies found this difficult to do, that it would be appropriate to issue a press release to rural newspapers.

In order to assist junior judges, the matter of holding judging seminars from time to time should be looked into by the various bodies.

It was recommended to show societies that the current EFA/RASV official measurement certificates be accepted and it was noted that official measurement days are conducted by the EFA from time to time.

On the matter of misconduct by exhibitors at shows Mr. Bruno indicated that the EFA will take appropriate action if the misdemeanour is occasioned by an EFA member and pointed out that if such misconduct should occur on a show day it should be dealt with immediately and reported to the governing body.

In the case of stallions being shown the meeting agreed that it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make sure they are handled by capable handlers and the correct retention equipment used.

The meeting sought clarification in respect to show societies affiliated with the EFA conducting classes for freshmen and it was pointed out that this practice was acceptable.

The acceptance of post entries was discussed and some representatives were of the opinion that this was a good method of obtaining additional funds, but a record of the entries should be kept to allow for an analysis of whether the classes were warranted. It was suggested that some type of master sheet or card system could be used for this purpose.

In closing the Seminar the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and their valued contributions to the debate.

CENTENARY FOR MINYIP SOCIETY

The Minyip Agricultural and Pastoral Society Incorporated will be 100 years old on 13 April 1986. The Secretary, Miss Helen Boyd, has written a history titled "On with the Show" covering the period from foundation to the present day. The book in word and photographs will be launched at a public function in the Minyip Memorial Hall on Friday 11 April next.

A social afternoon is being arranged to compliment the launching, former Sun Country Show Girl winners from Minyip have been invited back for this special occasion and will take part in a parade. The Coromby Band, a feature at the Shows over a number of years will perform during the afternoon and a demonstration of Highland Dancing will also be presented.

Heritage displays from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Greece, Italy, China, Sri Lanka, Germany and Holland will be an interesting feature of the afternoon along with a display of old award cards, trophies, sashes, etc. from the Show Society. It is pleasing to report that almost a complete set of First Award cards from the first Show in 1886 to present 92nd Show in 1985 have been collected for the display. Minyip Society did not hold a show in 1915 and 1929 due to severe drought in the area, or for the five years 1940 to 1944 due to the Second World War.

The history book will be on sale following the launching and copies will be available from the Secretary, Miss Helen Boyd, Box 8, Minyip, 3392.

WIMMERA SHOW GIRLS

At a dance, attended by more than 200 people, and held at the Minyip Memorial Hall on Friday, 8 November last, Christine Kuchel, 19, of Kaniva, and Susan McLoughlin, 19, of Ararat were selected to represent the Wimmera Group in the State Final of the 1986 Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl Competition.

Christine, a Legal Secretary, and Susan, a Typist/Receptionist, were chosen from thirteen finalists, and will spend a week in Melbourne next September as guests of the Royal Agricultural Society, staying at the Southern Cross Hotel, when they will take part in the final judging.

The Judges, from Deniliquin, were Mr. & Mrs. Peter Grundy and Miss Mareeta Grundy, winner of the 1985 Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl and Miss TAA/Japan Airlines Agricultural Show Girl of Australia titles.

The winner of this year's Miss "Sun" Country Show Girl title will represent Victoria in the final of the National Show Girl Competition, to be conducted in 1987.

1985 COMPETITIONS — RESULTS

Beef Cattle Judging

STATE FINAL —

FIRST — Simon Taylor, "Ardrie"
Hereford Stud, Camperdown,
(SOUTH WESTERN)

EQUAL SECOND — Colin Rex,
Penola, S.A. (WESTERN)
Adrian Evans, Yea. (UPPER
GOULBURN)

NATIONAL FINAL—

FIRST — Sue Francis, Paterson,
(NEW SOUTH WALES)

SECOND — Rob Sinnarmon, Harlin,
(QUEENSLAND)

THIRD — J. Dixon, Bridgetown,
(WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Dairy Cattle Judging

STATE FINAL—

FIRST — Craig Pollock, Pyramid
Hill. (NORTHERN)

SECOND — Miss L. Campi,
Cohuna. (NORTHERN)

THIRD — Ian Cash, Lilydale. (PORT
PHILLIP)

NATIONAL FINAL—

FIRST — Craig Pollock, Pyramid
Hill. (VICTORIA)

SECOND — Daryl Hoey, Clifton,
(QUEENSLAND)

THIRD — B. Schofield, Byford,
(WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Honda Agricultural Motor Cycle Competition

FIRST — Russell Gillies, Tongala,
(GOULBURN VALLEY)

SECOND — Brett Hunter, Murrabit,
(NORTHERN)

THIRD — Dean Garrow, Mildura,
(NORTHERN)

Hand Knitted Garment

STATE FINAL—

FIRST — Mrs. G. Schwarze,
Glenroy. (CENTRAL HIGHLANDS)

Mrs. B. Renouf, Box Hill North,
(SOUTH WESTERN)

Mrs. J. Page, Greensborough,
(PORT PHILLIP)

Crocheted Article

STATE FINAL—

FIRST — Mrs. J. Hindle, Kyneton,
(CENTRAL HIGHLANDS)

SECOND — Miss D. Hicks, St.
Arnaud. (WIMMERA)

THIRD — Mrs. O'Nial, Barham,
(NORTHERN)

V.H.C. — Mrs. Y. Saunders, Cobden,
(SOUTH WESTERN)

Sun Country Show Girl



Joanne Taylor

FIRST — Joanne Taylor, Sale,
(GIPPSLAND)

SECOND — Tracy Haskett, Bacchus
Marsh. (CENTRAL HIGHLANDS)

THIRD — Cheryl Maltzsch,
Mildura. (NORTHERN)



Tracy Haskett

(The National title for 1986 will be contested at the Adelaide Royal Show to be conducted 5-13 September, at which Tracy Haskett will represent Victoria.)

National Show Girl

WINNER — Jill Noonan, Katanning, representing Western Australia.

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

FIRST — Mrs. B. Grills, Merrigum. (GOULBURN VALLEY)

SECOND — Mrs. D. Coutts, Moriac (SOUTH WESTERN)

THIRD — Mrs. M. Coman, Wangaratta (NORTH EASTERN)

V.H.C. — Mrs. M. Fleay, Healesville. (PORT PHILLIP)

V.H.C. — Mrs. E. Sage, Leongatha. (CENTRAL & SOUTH GIPPSLAND)

Sesqui Centenary — Art Competition

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL—

FIRST — Amber Hoare, Wonga via Foster. (CENTRAL & SOUTH GIPPSLAND)

SECOND — Steven Coverdale, Timboon. (SOUTH WESTERN)

THIRD — Dennis O'Dwyer, Castlemaine. (MIDLANDS)

SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL — YEARS 7, 8 and 9—

FIRST — Robyn Fletcher, Canterbury. (RASV — GROUP 14)

SECOND — Christine Bain, Dookie. (GOULBURN VALLEY)

THIRD — Russell Botten, Maryborough. (MIDLANDS)

SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL — YEAR 10, 11, and 12

FIRST — Sally Roberts, Narrawong. (WESTERN)

SECOND — Sharon Peachey, Maryborough. (MIDLANDS)

THIRD — Leanne Quinlan, Anglesea. (SOUTH WESTERN)

Sesqui Centenary — Photography Competition

FIRST — Mr. D. Gornie, Branxholme. (WESTERN)

SECOND — Mr. D. Smith, Minimay. (WIMMERA)

THIRD — Mr. J. Mead, Warragul. (CENTRAL & SOUTH GIPPSLAND)

PYRAMID HILL CELEBRATES 50 SHOWS AT MITCHELL PARK

November 1 will see the Pyramid Hill A & P Society celebrate its 50th Show on its present site at Mitchell Park.

This year's Show promises to be quite a day with memorabilia on display from many of those previous 49 shows.

The Trustees have made considerable improvements to Mitchell Park since it was officially opened by the late Dame Edith Lyons.

In 1988 the Society will celebrate its Centenary year and plans are already well in hand to ensure that the occasion will be a memorable one.

COOKERY WORKSHOP

A Cookery Workshop, to be held in the VASA Headquarters Building, Royal Melbourne Show Grounds, has been arranged for Thursday, 17 April next, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

The Workshop is being organized by the Ladies Committee of VASA and an invitation is extended to any person interested in learning some of the finer points of cooking, either from the point of view of exhibiting, stewarding, judging, or just improving their skills.

Guest Speaker and Demonstrator for the day will be Elaine Chambers of the Australian Dried Fruits Association and participants are invited to bring along some samples of cooking for discussion. The program will also include Question Time.

A registration fee of \$3.00 will be charged, and lunch is B.Y.O., with tea and coffee provided.

For further information on the Workshop contact either Mrs. Judith McRobert, Heathcote (054) 33 6214, or Mrs. Joy Johnson, Leongatha (056) 62 2804.

OMEQ SOCIETY CENTENARY

With true country style and hospitality the Ormeo Agricultural and Pastoral Society celebrated their Centenary with a very successful Show held over two days last November.

The Show was officially opened by Mr. Peter McGauran, M.H.R. for Gippsland, and included many special features and attractions in the program. One of the special features was a display of items, pictures and objects relevant to the life of the Society and the Community over one hundred years.

A special presentation of Life Membership of the Society was made to Mrs. F. E. Sandy of Swifts Creek, for outstanding devotion and service to the Ormeo Society over seventy-three years. Mrs. Sandy first entered the exhibition sections of the Show at the age of twelve and the Society extended thanks for her devoted service and wished her good health for the future.

The beautiful mountain town of Ormeo came alive with action and hospitality for the event, and the Show Committee are to be congratulated on their achievement of one hundred years, and the manner and success of their celebrations, and their contribution to the Gippsland Group.

GLENGARRY — "THE BIGGEST LITTLE SHOW"

One of the smaller town Societies in the Gippsland Group is the Glengarry Show. The Glengarry Society is pleased to report that it is now showing progress and expansion having experienced a manpower and community support crisis over recent years, it is once again very active having gained the full support of both young and old within the town and district. They have set about producing a much expanded program for their Show to be conducted on Easter Sunday and Monday, 30 and 31 March next.

Of particular interest will be the larger program planned for Easter Sunday which will include Pony Club Events and Novelties, along with an All Breeds Open Dog Parade. Monday will also be a big day with a full program of Horse, Cattle and Goat classes, together with a Championship Dog Show and a host of new attractions such as Woodchopping, Sheaf Tossing and extra side-shows. The new Committee are very enthusiastic and we wish them well.

At the Annual meeting of the Society seven Life Memberships were conferred, Alec Farmer, Charlie and Pearl Martin, Cr. Bill Campbell, Bernie and Margaret Hourigan and Denis Bermingham being the recipients. All are residents of Glengarry and District and the honour was bestowed on them for long and outstanding service to the Society. They, together with the Committee, over past years have been instrumental in the successful life of the Society and its Statewide popularity. Congratulations to each and it is pleasing to know that the future life of the popular "Glen Show" is assured and in good hands, good luck for further progress and many successful shows in the years ahead.

WARRACKNABEAL'S 100th

The Warracknabeal A. and P. Society celebrates its Centenary Show on Thursday October 9th, 1986. The hard working Committee have organised a number of attractions to make this a most successful event for both the public and competitors alike.

One major project to highlight the occasion will be a book, outlining the events and the people involved in the past 100 years of the Society.

MEETING DATES

APRIL 16 — Agricultural Machinery Field Day Committee

APRIL 30, MAY 1 & 2 — Annual Convention — Seymour

JULY 24 — Council

NOVEMBER 27 — Council