

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA ANNUAL REPORT 1973


## PATRON-IN-CHIEF:

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## PRESIDENT:

## VICE-PRESIDENTS:

## TRUSTEES:

LIFE COUNCILLORS:

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

DIRECTOR:

His Excellency The Right Hon. Sir Paul Hasluck, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.St.J.
His Excellency Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., K.St.J.
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d. H. H. Sleigh

R. T. Baldorstone, M.C.
(Circular)

## 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, 1974, at 12.30 p.m.

## BUSINESS

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

Dated the 5th day of February, 1974.

H. J. CLAPPISON,<br>Director.

For list of nominations see back.

## LIST OF NOMINATIONS

## MEMBERS OF COUNCIL <br> (Eleven to be elected)

## BUCHANAN, K. J., "Gleneira", Flinders, 3929.

CUNNINGHAM, L. S. K., 5 Hollingsworth Avenue, Hawthorn, 3122.

GREAVES, W. McL., "Warrook", Monomeith, 3983.
HUNTER, Robert, 8 Kensington Road, South Yarra, 3141.

KELLY, J. W., "Caramut North", Caramut, 3274. LITHGOW, F. J., "Flowerfield", Coldstream, 3770. McARTHUR, Col. M. H., O.B.E., "Melrose Farm", Wollert, 3750.

NICHOLAS, Lindsay G. C., "Cooring Yering", Lilydale, 3140 .

STEELE, P. J. R., 19 Bruce Street, Toorak, 3142. WARD, J. W. D., "Old Mitford", Musk Creek Road, Flinders, 3929.

WILCOX, The Hon. Vernon F., M.P., 76 Broadway, Camberwell, 3124.

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

## President's report to members

Ladies and Gentlemen,
In this my first year as President, I have pleasure, on behalf of the Council to present to you the report of the Socieiy's activities for the year ending 31st December, 1973.

The year under review has again been a memorable one for the Society in that record entries were received tor the Royal Show and the attendance of 913,834 was the second highest on record. The Council is anxious to make more use of the Showgrounds during the year, to improve buildings and facillities and update the whole complex. The Planning Committee elected for this purpose has already met to consider ways and finance available to implement the Councli's wishes.

Just on $\$ 150,000$ has been expended on improvements, alterations. additions and maintenance. These include new turnstiles on Epsom Road and the Western ares requiring new entrances at these points; purchase of new removable cattie pens; additional seating in the Mitchell Grandstand; alterations in the Administration Building, and completing the programme of sewering stock pavilions


## The 1973 Royal Melbourne Show



For the second year the Royal Show was conduoted over 10 days and 10 nights from September 20 to 29 inclusive.

## OFFICIAL OPENING

This year the Official Opening Ceremony was held at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. September 22 , and was followed by the Grand Parade.

His Excellency Major-General Sir Rohan Delacombe, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.. K.St.J., perlormed the Olificial Opening for the last time as Governor of Victoria.

Nobody has shown more interest and support for the Royal Show than His Excellency and Lady Delacombe, and we sincerely thank them and wish them well when they leave Victoria.

## OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

We were privileged to have amongst our other guests on this occasion, The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Cr A. J. Whalley, and Lady Mayoress; The Prime Minister, The Hon. E. G. Whillam and Mrs. Whitlam: The Hon Vernon F Wilcox, Q.C., M.P., Attorney-General representing the Premier; Brigadier D. C. Crompton, OBE - represening the QO.C. Southern Command. and Mrs. Crompioni His Worshla The Mayor of Essendon, Cr. 日 T Binhbridge, and the


Mayoress, Mrs. I. Siewart; Air Vice-Marshal G T Newstead, C.B.E., and Mrs. Newstead.

## ARENA ATTRACTIONS

A most comprehensive arena programme was presented and featured circus acts from Sole Bros. circus; the Acapulco high divers; the Precision Car Driving Team; Polo: the Austratian Gold Cup Tent Pegging series; Dressage demonstrations, and parades of historical horse-drawn vehicles. Besides the main attractions mentioned. 314 horse classes were judged in the main arena.

## VICTOAIA POLICE JUBILEE

The Society paid tribute to the Victoria Mounted Pollice: on the occasion of the Jubilee of performing the musical ride at the Royal Melbourne Show, by giving them the honour of leading the Grand Parade.

## ENTRIES, NEW RECORD

Tolal Entries for the 1973 Royal Show created a new record with a figure of 31,385 which was 1,201 greater than that of last year's record.

## 12 INTERNATIONALS

Twelve international judges azcepled invi'alions 10 adjudicate at the 1973 Royal Melbourne Show.
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Dr. Harlan D. Ritchie, Michigan State University, U.S.A., judged Angus, fat cattle (alive) classes and was a member of the panel in the Beel Cattle Judging Demonstration and Competition.

Mr. A. E, McArthur, Howick, Quebec, Canada, judged Ayrshires; Mr. J. D. Law. of Levin, New Zealand. Galloway cattle; Mr. D. H. Robertson, Gore, New Zealand, Romney Marsh sheep; Messrs. J. J. Calvert, E. S. Calvert and A. Ryan, judged in the pigeon section and Mr. J. Ryan, poultry. all these judges were from New Zealand.

Miss Diana Mason, Loxley, Warwickshire, England, judged dressage events and Major M. C. Cox, of Scotland, Judged Shetland ponies.

The big dog section was judged by Mr. isadore Schoenberg of Oklahoma, U.S.A. and Mr. Joe Tacker of Honolulu, Hawaii.

## APPRECIATION TO JUDGES

I extend sincere thanks on behall of the Council and Members of the Society to the many skilled judges from all over Australia who so ably supporied our overseas guests, and also express gratitude to all those honorary stewards, stewardesses and the many officials for their cooperation and contribution to the success of our 1973 Royal Show.

1. Sull King of the Horse World - the majestic Clydesdale.
2. Cock of the roost.
3. Something to purr about. A winner in the record Cat Section.
4. Beet Shorthorns show quality on Parade

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## other R.A.S.V. activities

## BREED SOCIETIES:

The R.A.S.V as part of its aims and objects has always endeavoured to encourage and support the formation and activities of Breed Societies.

Secretarial services for these organisations have been provided and to a large extent subsidised by the R.A.S.V. but increased costs, especially those of wages and salaries, continue to cause concern in budgeting.

Loyalty, understanding, and discussion are the three factors which are needed to continue the splendid co-operation which has always been apparent between the R.A.S.V and these organisations.

We welcome a number of new Societies including the Blonde d'Aquitaine Society of Australia, the Australian Limousin Breeders Society, the Galloway Beel Cattle Society of Australia and the Australian Stook Horso Society.

## COMPETITIONS:

(a) FARM COMPETITIONS ASSOCIATION:

The Crop Competitions continued to attract good support in the 1972-73 season but seasonal conditions lowered overall Qyields on those of the previous year.

## (b) THE VICTORIAN FARM MANAGEMENT, PRODUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT COMPETITION:

in all 26 Group finalists were nominated to compete in the 1973 Competition, this was an increase of four on last year.

Section winners were:
Section A (up to $\$ 140,000$ Gross Capital Investment).
A. M. \& L. E. Johnson, Neerim South, nominated by the Central and South Gippsland Group.
Section B (over $\$ 140,000$ Gross Capital Investment).
K. H. \& V. A. Cassidy. Newstead, nominated by the Northern Group,
Again the responsibility for selecting State finalists was left to the V.A.S.A. Groups and the finalists were excellent farmers and managers.

I take this opportunity on my Council's behalf to express appreciation to the Commonwealth Banking Corporation for continued support and additional prize monay for the 1974 Competition; the judges who travelled the length and breadith of the State; the Depariment of Agriculture for the services of lis experl officers and V.A.S.A. Groups for their excellent cooperation.

## (c) THE DISTRICT FLEECE COMPETITION:

Good support was agaln glven by country agricultural societies to the District Fleece Competition, which resulted in 69 entries - an increase of six on last year.
The winning fleeces were again of high quality in an even competition.


1. Mr. Isadore Schoenberg, U.S.A. with Miss Kristine Burton and "Sinah Danka".
2. A Jersey wins the big award.
3. Nor-stop action in the wood-chopping arena.
4. Mr. Jack Monaghan parades a champion at his "Coongee" Slud, Stawell, for the belefit of journalists.

## PRE-ROYAL SHOW JOURNALISTS' TOUR:

The 1973 Shell/R.A.S.V Journa'ists' Tour was conducted through the Central and Wimriera areas of the Slate.

Held in the first week of August and sponsored by the Shell Group of Companies for the 17 th consecutive year, the Tour gave media representatives a rare opporiunity to appreciate the revival of the wheal and sheep industries and follow the progress, in the areas visited. of the beet cattle induslry boom.

Excellent exhibitions of stock, produce and craltwork were organised by the Bendiga and Horsham Agricultural Societies

RA.S.V. Vice-President, Mr. R. T. Balderstone, M.C., Was Tour Leader and proved again an outstanding representative for the Society.
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Plant and Motor Vehicles at cost Less provision for depreciation
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## TOTAL NET ASSETS

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## TRUST ACCOUNTS－

Bank Loans
Mitchell Grandstand Loan
Accumulated Funds

Special Purposes Insurance Fund


> 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，1973．We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required，and， and that the accompanying Revenue Account is properly drawn up so as to 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 8th day of February， 1974.
J．A．COURT，F．C．A．
I．McC．ROUGH，F．G．A． Chartered Accountants
DIRECTOR＇S COMMENT
Included in the Genera Overhead and Administration Costs are various costs incurred by staff in performing secretarial duties between the R．A．S．V，and each Society or Association but the salary costs alone would far exceed the revenue figure of $\$ 206,266$ H．J．CLAPPISON．

## Changes in council

The past year has been a sad one for the Council with the deaths of His Honour Judge Norman Frederick Mitchell, C.M.G., in March: Mr. W. C. Greaves, O.B.E, in Augusi; Mr. A. H. Richards, in September. and Mr. A. E. Dahlenberg, in October.

His Honour Judge Mitchell, joined the Council in 1940, was Vice-President from 1952 to 1957 and President from 1957 to 1963 and a Trustee from 1949 until bis death. He was the driving force behind the K.C.C. and was Chairman of the Trotting Control Board Irom 1953 until 1957.

The fate Mr. W. C. Greaves, joined the Council in 1936, was Vice-President from 1944 to 1949 and made an Honorary Lile Councillor in 1957. An "all-rounder", he was associated with horses, sheep and the bulld up of the Centenary Hall.

Mr A E Dahlenberg was elected to Council also in 1936, and was created an Honorary Life Counclilor in 1960. He will long be remembered for his wark in connection with the Horse Section, especially the Clydesdales.

Mr A. H. Richards was a comparative newcomer to Council having been elected in December, 1971. He served the Society well in the short time we were privileged to work with him.

All those referred to above contributed greatly to the progress of the Society and will be most difficult to replace.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We offer congratulations to Mr. J. M. Buchanan. Mr. J. M. Gardiner and Mr, David W. R. Knox, on their election to Honorary Life Councillors, and welcome to the Council, Messrs, J. M. Burston, J. K. Buchanan. W. D. Crowley and Adrian Gibson, and express the wish that they will find great satisfaction in furthering the progress of the Society.

1. A view of the administration block trom the big wheel.
2. "Gendarme leading the Grand Parade.


## Acknowledgements

Without the assistance so Ireely given by multiple organisations and individuals, our Society would find it most difficult to function, and on behalf of the members of Council and the Society I wish to record sincere appreciation to all of our supporters.

Sincere thanks are extended to the Premier, The Hon. R J. Hamer, E.D., M.P. and members of his Ministry, especially the retired Minister of Agriculture, Sir Gilber! Chandler, and his successor. Mr. 1. W. Smlth, for continued assistance and co-operation

To the Director of Agriculture, Dr. David Wishart, and Officers of his Department; the members and staff of the Australian Wool Corporation the Australian Meat Board and the Meat and Allied Trades Federation; the Victorian Egg Board, the Milk Board and the numerous Government and semi-Government organisations, from which we call on for advice and assistance - we express our appreciation.

We are indebted to the Victoria Racing Club for the assistance given during the Royal Show in providing car parking facillifies and in helping to organise our Iree bus service.

To the members of the Press, Radio and Television services we are most grateful for the excellent coverage given to the Royal Show.

Our sponsors, donors and exhibitors and standholders deserve a special mention for wihout them we would not be able to function.

This report would not be complete witt out expressing my sincere thanks ano appreciation to all members of Council and their ladies for their support and loyally and the unselfish way in which they have served this Soclety. Especially do I wish to place on record my personal gratitude to the Vice-Presidents, Mr. G. R. Starritt, Mr. J. H. Sleigh and Mr. R. T. Balderstone who have helped me 50 much in this my first year as President.

I would also like to thank Mr. H. J. Clappison for the efficient and tireless manner in which he has carried out his duties in his first year as Director, and the members of the Staff for their dedication and layalty and the manner in which they supported the Society during the year.

## P. B. Ronald, President.

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## COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES




The Grand Parade, a feature of the Royal Show, where $\$ 5,000,000$ worth of stock parades daily.



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    Cartage and Fodder
    Printing and Booklets
    Repairs and Maintenance
    Signs and Floral Work
    Transport and Badges
    All other Exhibition Direct Costs
    

