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Front cover photograph

Two views of the new
Victorian Government Pavilion.



THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
Royal Showgrounds, Ascot Vale, 3032. *Phone 33 0471
*(035 0471 as from May 1978)

OFFICE BEARERS 1977

PATRON-IN-CHIEF:

His Excellency The Hon. Sir John Kerr, A.K., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.St.J., Q.C.

Sir John Kerr resigned on 8th December 1977 and Sir Zelman Cowen A.K., G.C.M.G., K.St.J., Q.C. kindly accepted the invitation to be our Patron-In-Chief.

PATRON:

His Excellency The Hon. Sir Henry Winneke, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., K.St.J., Q.C.

PRESIDENT:

R. T. Balderstone, M.C.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

G. R. Starritt, O.B.E., A. Gibson, J. H. H. Sleigh

TRUSTEES:

Hon. Sir William McDonald, W. J. T. Clarke,
P. B. Ronald, G. P. H. Wilson, C. M. G.

LIFE COUNCILLORS:

W. A. Angliss	D. W. R. Knox
J. M. Buchanan	H. L. Lyall
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W. J. T. Clarke	C. O. Moore
Sir Edgar Coles, Kt., A.A.S.A.	L. G. C. Nicholas
Sir Alec. R. Creswick	P. B. Ronald
K. A. Drummond	F. E. S. Scott, M.B.E.
Prof. H. C. Forster, O.B.E.	G. R. Starritt, O.B.E.
J. M. Gardiner	G. P. H. Wilson, C.M.G.
G. Howell	H. F. Yuncken
R. Hunter	

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

W. R. R. Beggs	F. B. Langlands
E. W. Best, C.M.G.	F. J. Lithgow
C. Bott	Sir Cecil Looker
J. K. Buchanan	D. S. MacGregor, M.B.E.
J. M. Burston	Colonel M. H. McArthur, O.B.E.
R. M. Butler	Sir Ian McLennan (elected Feb. 1978)
W. D. Crowley, J.P., Q.P.M.	I. K. Morton
A. J. Fiske	B. N. Naylor
C. B. Gardiner	K. P. Palmer
R. B. Gerrand	J. W. Rae
W. McL. Greaves	Hon. I. W. Smith, M.P.
J. G. W. Head	K. W. Urquhart
C. R. Kelly	R. G. Walker
J. W. Kelly	J. W. D. Ward
R. B. Langdon	Hon. Vernon F. Wilcox, C.B.E., Q.C.

DIRECTOR:

H. J. Clappison



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 14th March, 1978, 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 14th day of February, 1978.

H. J. CLAPPISON,
Director.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (Eleven to be elected)

BALDERSTONE, R. T., M.C. "Koonje",
Rhinds Road, Wallington, 3221.

BEST, E. W., C.M.G., "Eildon Park", Kerrie,
via Romsey.

BURSTON, J. M., "East Mount Ada",
Benalla, 3672.

BUTLER, R. M., "Meadow Banks",
Newstead, 3462.

CROWLEY, W. D., J.P., Q.P.M.,
Railway Road, Wesburn, 3139.

HEAD, J. G. W., "Grenada Park", Box 161,
Seymour, 3660.

LANGDON, R. B. "Wexford", Byaduk North,
R.S.D. 115, Hamilton, 3300.

MORTON, I. K., 53 Kinnord Street,
Essendon, 3041.

PALMER, K. P., "Taunton",
Benalla, 3672.

SLEIGH, J. H., "Bayunga",
Nagambie, 3608.

STEPHENS, F. R. I., "Vermont",
West Roadside, Tatura, 3616.

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

President's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, I have the honour to present this report on the Society's activities for the year ending 31st December 1977, my first year as your President.

May I firstly refer to the outstanding progress made during the year under review with almost \$3,000,000 being spent on improvements to the Showgrounds.

The magnificent Victorian Government Pavilion was designed and constructed in the short space of seven months at a cost exceeding \$1,800,000; it was occupied during the Royal Show 1977.

This fine building, with its 30,559 sq. ft. of exhibition space on two levels, a 300 seat air-conditioned theatre and conference room, accommodates most of the government departments under one roof. The Society is most appreciative of the Victorian Government's co-operation and sponsorship.

To keep pace with rapidly growing needs, a new pavilion has been constructed in the Dog Area. Built and financed by the Kennel Control Council of Victoria at a total cost of \$580,000 a portion of this pavilion was in usage during the "Royal". The pavilion is the first phase of a total concept that will ultimately cost \$1,000,000.

We now have a wonderful Animal Nursery situated in Lennon Avenue adjoining the Hall of Commerce. Costing \$150,000 the Nursery was generously sponsored by the National Bank and attracted large crowds during the entire Show. Currently, additional improvements are being effected here and our objective is to create a warm friendly farm atmosphere.

Other major work completed in 1977 included roofing of the A. G. Hunter Stand, the provision of toilets for handicapped people and the remodelling of other toilets. Several buildings were altered, some re-sited and others demolished to make way for new structures. Improvements were also effected to the Dairy Pavilion, the Poultry Pavilion, the Cat Pavilion, the Arts and Crafts Pavilion, Centenary Hall, the Woodchop area and the Epsom Road fence.

It was encouraging to see Standholders contributing to the progress and appearance of the Showgrounds by building such new commercial projects as a large circular kiosk for Four and Twenty Pies and a building to be used during the year by Benson Trading Company.

The Arena lighting was successfully upgraded by the installation of ten Mercury Vapour Units at a cost of \$5,500.

Council

During the year the following Councillors were elected to fill vacancies on Council: W. R. R. Beggs, C. Bott, B. Naylor, R. M. Butler, K. W. Urquhart, R. S. Walker.

The following were elected to become Life Councillors:

W. A. Angliss
Sir Rupert W. J. Clarke, Bart, M.A., M.B.E.
Prof. H. C. Forster, O.B.E.
Robert Hunter
Lindsay G. C. Nicholas
G. R. Starritt, O.B.E.

We congratulate Councillors who were honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during 1977:

Order of the British Empire:

G. R. Starritt

Member of the British Empire:

D. S. MacGregor

Queen's Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medal:

Sir Rupert W. J. Clarke, Bart, M.A., M.B.E.

Sir Alec R. Creswick

Hon. Sir William McDonald

Sir Cecil Looker

Hon. Vernon F. Wilcox, C.B.E., Q.C.

I. K. Morton

At the Annual Meeting in March 1977 Mr. Peter B. Ronald retired from the Presidency of the Society. His record of achievement over four years in office is one that will not be easy to follow.

Mr. Ronald continues to apply his wide and valuable experience to several roles within committees of the Society.

The Royal Show 1977

The Royal Show 1977 was well conducted smooth running and trouble free but disappointing in attendance.

Reference to figures over the past 10 years (shown below) will show that attendance at the "Royal" in 1977 was 25,771 higher than in the previous year.

It is a matter of concern that, despite good weather and many improvements the attendance in 1977 represented an increase of only 3.06% over 1976.

Attendance figures 1948-1977 inclusive

1948	531,214	1972	916,730
1958	864,709	1973	913,834
1968	767,014	1974	777,357
1969	780,139	1975	839,664
1970	810,233	1976	847,761
1971	866,409	1977	875,532

Considering that 1976 was a year of inclement weather, this result becomes even more disturbing.

Attendances appear to be decreasing at race meetings, trotting meetings and V.F.L. football matches, perhaps due to money being spent in other directions such as Tattsлото, Bingo and color television.

Your Council is keenly aware of the challenge in this situation and fully realises the urgent necessity to attract larger crowds by providing continually improving and more entertaining Royal Shows.

Official Opening

The Society was honoured to have the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, A.K., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.St.J., D.C. to open the Royal Show 1977. He was accompanied by Lady Kerr.

Among the distinguished company of guests were the Prime Minister, Mr. Malcolm Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, the Ambassador of the U.S.A. Mr. P. H. Alston and Mrs. Alston, the Premier of Victoria, the Hon. R. J. Hamer and Mrs. Hamer, the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor I. Rockman and the Lady Mayoress, and His Worship, the Mayor of Essendon, Councillor Ian Blair and Mrs. Blair.

Other Visitors

Other interesting visitors entertained during the "Royal" included a delegation from the National Peoples Congress of the Peoples Republic of China, and His Excellency, the Japanese Ambassador Mr. Okawarra and Mrs. Okawarra.

The City Parade

The Society staged a successful promotional parade through the centre of Melbourne, two days prior to the commencement of the Royal Show 1977.

Despite showery weather, the parade received good media coverage and created very favourable public interest; given permission the Society intends to again conduct this valuable promotion in 1978.

The Society's thanks is expressed to the Melbourne City Council and its administrative officers for their excellent co-operation and assistance.

The Arena

A balanced arena programme catered for all tastes with such items as motor bike racing, trotting, tent pegging, parachuting, the Victoria Police displays, ramp drafting and massed band displays adding to the general enjoyment.

Firework displays on 6 evenings proved very popular and to the delight of a large audience one display featured a silhouette of Queen Elizabeth II, in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee Year.

Bands and Dancing

The A.M.P. Square was always popular and featured country and folk groups and singers on week days with brass bands performing at week-ends. Highland dancing championships were also conducted in the square.

The "Woolcourt" was the setting for parades of Italian fashions, staged by the Australian Wool Corporation. These were excellently presented and attracted good attendance.

Centenary Hall

This ever popular venue featured a wide variety of free entertainment with gardening talks, cooking demonstrations, shearing and wool handling, Judo, Folk Music, Comedians, Singers and Magicians. The Champion Sheep Shearing Competitions were also held at Centenary Hall.

Meat Industry Symposium

The Society collaborating with the Australian Meat Industry Board conducted a successful Meat Industry Symposium at Flemington Racecourse, chaired by the Rt. Hon. Ian Sinclair M.P.

The five hundred people attending included visitors from U.S.A. and Japan.

Sixteen International Judges

The recognition of the status of our Society by experts in other countries is clearly evidenced by the number of overseas judges who accepted invitations to officiate at the 1977 Royal Melbourne Show.

There were four adjudicating in the Horse Section, five in the Cattle Section, four judging the Dog exhibits, two in the Cat and one in the Sheep sections.

These Judges were:

Horse Section

Mr. Paul Wilding-Davies of Dorstone, Hereford U.K.
— Welsh and Welsh Mountain ponies.
Mr. Richard Shrake, Oregon City, Oregon, U.S.A.
— Quarter Horses.
Mr. Graeme Manson, Gisborne, N.Z.
— Saddle Horses.
Mr. George Latham, Ashburton, N.Z.
— Section Fours and Hunting Events.

Cattle Section

Mr. J. Helgren, Gryslake, Illinois, U.S.A.
— Angus.

Mr. R. Wilson, Nairobi, Kenya.

— Galloways.

Dr. H. L. Gardner, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

— Brarforde, Brangus and Brahmans.

Mr. J. Austin, Oxford, N.Z.

— Charolais.

Mr. T. Carrick

— Friesians.

Dogs

Mr. Reg Gadsden, Seaham, Durham, U.K.

Mr. Leslie C. James, Northampton, U.K.

Mr. Arthur Westlake, Devon, U.K.

Mr. Gerry Randall, Rotorua, N.Z.

Cats

Mr. A. Sparks, Auckland, N.Z.

Mrs. T. Dixon, Auckland, N.Z.

Sheep

Mr. A. D. Wyllee, N.Z.

— South Down Sheep.

The Society is very much aware of the value in having international judges adjudicate at the "Royal" and, of course, is equally conscious of the expertise and experience that our Victorian and Interstate judges bring to the competition arena.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria is most appreciative of the contribution both overseas and Australian judges make to the success of the Royal Show and we extend to these fine officials sincere thanks.

Competitions

The Society conducted many Competitions — here are the main results:

Horses

Silver Jubilee Commemorative Cup:

Best Lady Rider, 16 years & over:

Mrs. P. Heagney, Oaklands Junction

Silver Jubilee Commemorative Plaques:

Best Gentleman Rider, 16 years & over:

R. C. Davis, Marburg, Q'ld.

Champion Saddle Horse 15 hands and over:

Mr. and Mrs. P. Crawshaw, Albury, N.S.W. "Mystic Summer"

Prince of Wales Cup for Jumping:

A. Uytendaal, Whittlesea, "Tongala"

Garryowen:

Best Equestrienne Turnout:

Miss A. Tyrrel, Hawthorn, "Copperfield"

Woodchopping B.H.P. World Championships

375 mm Underhand H/Cap:

L. O'Toole, Doncaster.

350mm Standing Block H/Cap:

D. Palmer, Hobart, Tas.

Underhand C/Ship:

G. R. Smith, Mitta Mitta.

Cattle

Grand Fat Cattle Championship:

(Murray Grey) J. F. & B. J. Holtkamp, R.M.B. 587 Murtoa North.

The Silver Jubilee Commemorative Cup for G. CH.

Galloway Bull:

H. T. Cock, Buchan, (Amberly Park Jules 853).

Champion Dairy Cow:

Andes Pastoral Co. Congupna, (Friesian) "Andes Apple Whynot 4th".

Dogs

Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medals:

Best In Show: Great Dane, Mrs. G. Catley's "Doggenstadt Jadd".

Best of Breed Welsh Corgi (Pembroke) Mr. and Mrs. P. Carman's "Ch. Keithvale Kimberley C.D."

K.M.M. Trusty Dog Food "Classic".

Alghan Hound, Miss H. Clarkson's "Ch. Alaqadar Chiaroscuro".

Sheep Shearing Championships

"Sunbeam" Australian Shearing Championship
J. W. Hutchinson, Victor Harbour, S.A.

Arts & Crafts

The Florence Monod Memorial Trophy
Mrs. M. Cardinaletti, Mt. Waverley

Goats

Dairy Breeds Supreme Champion Doe
R. and M. Matthews "Crescent Reach" Megan
Dubbo, N.S.W.

Angora Champion Doe

C. J. and M. E. MacKay "Glenroy Tamara" Greenvale

Poultry

Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medallion and T. J. Edwards Memorial Trophy for the Best Bird in Show

F. and M. Muto, Moorooduc

Pigeons

Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medallion for Best Bird in Show

J. W. Bennetts, Ballarat

Cage Birds

Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medallion for Best Bird in Show

Mrs. J. Harvey, Tecoma

Victorian Young Farmers

A.N.Z. Bank Drama Competition
Newstead Club

Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Most Progressive District Council
Coco Council

Bank of New South Wales Public Speaking
Lilydale Club

United Dairyfarmers of Victoria Debate
Loch Club

Cats

Guinea's Finals:

Longhair: Mr. and Mrs. B. Durston

"CH. Lavendell Cassandra No. 6"

Siamese: Mrs. E. Hamilton

"CH. Keda Kiminoto No. 26"

Other Shorthair: Mrs. R. Curnow

"GDL CH. Suni Prince Ramondo No. 65"

The Victorian Farm Management and Production Competition

Section A: R. and E. J. Maimo, Maffra

Section B: W. W. E. M. and W. J. Watson, Berrwillcock

Farm Competitions Association

Southern Wimmera District — Bennett and Hall, Nhill

Northern Wimmera District — K. Muller, Bangerang

Southern District — M. Davis, Lake Bolac

The Dalgely Commercial Beef Herd of the Year Award

F. Meagher and Son, Natimuk

Gippsland and Northern Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year Award:

R. and E. J. Maimo, Maffra

Sheep

Meridian Middle East Trade Sheep Carcase Competition

Champion Carcase: Robert J. Boyce, Geelong

Australian Lambswool Championship:

M. A. and E. I. Mibus and Sons, Dunkeld

Victorian Fleece Championship:

A. M. Evans, Lima East

Use of the Showgrounds

Throughout the year various organisations conducted yearling sales, thoroughbred sales, other bloodstock sales, cooking lectures and demonstrations, dog shows, cat shows and poultry shows.

The Australian Pony Stud Book Show, conducted annually, is considered to be the largest of its type in the world and the "Barastoc" Horse of the Year rates as a "must" on the Australian horse calendar of events.

Sport also has its part with basketball being played nightly and soccer each fortnight.

Melbourne's largest carpet auction is conducted every two weeks and large commercial exhibitions by such organisations as Mat-Pak Pty. Ltd. and Civinex Pty. Ltd. are held with great success.

Add to all this activity the Creche which caters for 45 children daily, the meetings of many breed societies, the Yooralla Week-End Market, the Yooralla Television Auction, the holding of 12 trotting meetings, a year and trotting training taking place on a daily basis and it makes the Showgrounds a very busy place.

New Magazine — "The Royal"

The Council has decided to publish a monthly magazine for the Society in April 1978, which will be named "The Royal".

The first issue, comprising 48 pages, will contain news and views from the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, breed societies and other associated organisations and also act as a forum for the interchange of information and ideas.

"The Royal" will be mailed to all members of the Royal Agricultural Society.

Breed Societies

The Society was appointed Secretary to three Breed Societies in 1977. The Victorian Branch of the Angus Society, the Angora-Mohair Association of Australia and the Australian Ayrshire Breeders Association. Breed societies which have transferred their activities elsewhere are the Beef Shorthorn Society of Australia (Federal Council) and the Red Angus Beef Cattle Society of Australia.

The 21st Shell/R.A.S.V. Journalists Tour

In early August, thirty-eight Victorian, Interstate and Overseas Journalists, representing press, television and radio media, were conducted over an area of the Western District of Victoria recognised for the excellence of its stock.

A diverse and interesting itinerary enabled the journalists to meet some of the best stock breeders and farmers in Victoria and to gain a greater understanding of the problems they have to face.

The Shell Group of Companies have promoted the Royal Melbourne Show through these tours for a period of twenty-one consecutive years and the Society expresses its sincere thanks for this valued sponsorship.

We are also most grateful for the generous hospitality of people who allowed the touring party to inspect their properties and also to those who supplied meals and refreshments.

Participants praised the Tour, and we thank the Tour Leader, Mr. P. B. Ronald whose knowledge and leadership were major factors in its success.

Finance

The Financial Statements of the Society as contained in this Report disclose a deficit for the year of 1977 of \$133,393.

Extraordinary costs were incurred in the extensive building programme which was carried out and is covered earlier in the Report. Despite the financial help received, the Society had to face up to demolition and removal costs in the area of the new Animal Nursery, the Government Pavilion and the Plant Nursery.

Acknowledgements

For a Society the magnitude of ours to function at peak of efficiency the need for voluntary assistance and advice of the highest quality becomes imperative.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria was singularly fortunate over the past year in being afforded such assistance from many individuals and organisations.

On behalf of the Council and Members I wish to place on record their thanks and appreciation to all who have so splendidly supported the Society and the Royal Show during 1977.

We especially thank the Premier of Victoria the Hon. R. J. Hamer, E.D. M.P. and Members of his Ministry for their co-operation and understanding throughout the year. We appreciate assurances received of their continued support.

To the Hon. I. W. Smith, M.P. and the Director and Officers of the Department of Agriculture thanks is expressed for their helpfulness throughout the year.

The Chairman of the Meat Board, Colonel M. H. W. McArthur, O.B.E. and the staff gave fine assistance and this has also been forthcoming from Members and staff of the Australian Wool Corporation, the Milk Board and those of the Western Egg Board and the Meat and Allied Trades Federation.

There are also numerous Government and Semi-Government Departments and instrumentalities to whom we turn and for their help we express our thanks.

The Media and its representatives have given the Society and the Royal Show wide and excellent publicity in 1977 and we express our gratitude and appreciation to these people and their organisations.

My first year as President would have certainly been more trying without the wonderful support given to my wife and myself by Councillors and their ladies.

In this regard I make special reference to the Vice-Presidents Messrs. G. R. Starrit, O.B.E., A. Gibson and J. H. H. Sleigh, who with their wives have been a source of great help and assistance to Mrs. Balderstone and myself.

The Society is fortunate in having a competent staff and I wish to place on record the thanks and indebtedness of the Council, myself and Members to our Director, Mr. H. J. Clappison for the efficiency with which he has carried out his duties and to members of the staff for the loyalty and dedication they have displayed in serving the Society during the past year.

R. T. BALDERSTONE, M.C.
President

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1977

	1977	1976		1977	1976
	\$	\$		\$	\$
EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
Wages and Payroll Costs	1,598,722	1,222,328	Members Subscriptions	112,586	95,154
Maintenance and Cleaning	186,080	332,611	Show Admissions and Car Parking	1,248,081	1,085,823
Insurance	117,992	119,320	Show Entry Fees	132,642	109,692
Printing and Stationery	145,915	133,661	Advertising	36,773	47,316
Catering	126,200	102,061	Donations and Sponsorships	77,670	75,859
Show Attractions	109,069	149,499	Catering Premiums	58,946	64,720
Advertising and Publicity	68,374	76,491	Materials and Services	134,730	153,394
Trophies and Prizes	93,213	92,642	Space and Ground Rentals	569,221	467,477
Telephones and Postage	35,275	44,552	Secretarial Service fees	428,166	395,807
Rates	46,514	36,492	Show Sales and Sundry Revenue	64,268	-45,858
Interest	49,240	33,321	Deficit for Year	133,393	183,261
Electricity and Gas	45,072	43,672			
Judges Expenses	28,487	20,974			
Show Running Costs	69,203	65,682			
Audit and Legal	15,595	9,774			
Depreciation	190,547	188,233			
Sundry Costs	59,978	48,048			
	<u>2,985,476</u>	<u>2,719,361</u>			
Special Purpose Insurance Fund	2,000	5,000			
	<u>2,987,476</u>	<u>2,724,361</u>			
	<u><u>2,987,476</u></u>	<u><u>2,724,361</u></u>			
 ACCUMULATED FUNDS:					
	1977	1976			
	\$	\$			
Balance at Start of Year	1,738,422	1,896,683			
Add: Grant for Capital Improvements	50,000	25,000			
Special Trust (See Note 2)	171,802				
	<u>1,960,224</u>	<u>1,921,683</u>			
Less: Deficit for year	133,393	183,261			
Balance at End of Year	<u><u>1,826,831</u></u>	<u><u>1,738,422</u></u>			

* Notes to the Accounts:

Note 1: *Dog Complex* During the year the Kennel Control Council contributed \$571,574 to the Society to meet the costs of the erection of a new Pavilion and other improvements in the Dog Complex. Accordingly this amount has been added to both Fixed Assets and Reserves.

Note 2: *Special Trust* An amount of \$171,802, being \$150,000 previously received from the Kennel Control Council and held in trust, together with interest accumulated thereon, has now been transferred to the Society. This amount will contribute towards the cost of installation of a computer.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1977

FIXED ASSETS —	1977	\$	1976	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land at Council valuation 1972		1,068,000		1,068,000
Buildings and improvements at Council valuation 1972	8,489,774		8,489,774	
Additions at Cost (Note 1)	1,036,458		248,358	
	9,526,232		8,738,132	
Less provision for depreciation	763,369	8,762,863	808,540	8,129,592
Services and Utilities at cost	585,023		585,023	
Less provision for depreciation	51,185	533,838	40,948	544,075
Plant and Motor Vehicles at cost	374,519		359,783	
Less provision for depreciation	280,360	94,159	264,596	95,187
Office Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings at cost	101,644		93,581	
Less provision for depreciation	60,909	40,735	53,546	40,035
INVESTMENTS —				
Debtures, Deposits, Bonds & Cash at				
Bank at cost				
General	335,600		125,600	
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	76,700		67,800	
Trust Accounts (Note 2)	24,883		206,377	
Short Call	98,382		72,125	
		535,565		471,902
CURRENT ASSETS —				
Cash on hand		800		800
Prepayments and Accrued Interest		96,950		10,156
Sundry Debtors	313,468		168,591	
Less provision for Doubtful Debts	3,000		3,000	
		310,468		165,591
Stock on Hand at Cost		54,298		39,784
TOTAL ASSETS		11,497,676		10,565,122
LESS —				
Current Liabilities —				
Bank Overdraft	313,054		79,016	
Bank Loans	22,012		66,482	
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	297,919		123,131	
Provision for Long Service Leave	53,810		68,070	
Rents Received in Advance	6,527		3,455	
Short Call Deposits	98,382		72,125	
Building Loans	5,667		12,066	
		797,371		424,345
Long Term Liabilities —				
Bank Loans	224,130		146,324	
Mitchell Grandstand Loan	200,000		200,000	
Building Loans	16,997		22,664	
		441,127		368,988
Trust Accounts —				
		24,883		206,377
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,263,381		999,710
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$10,234,295		\$9,565,412
REPRESENTING —				
Accumulated Funds		1,826,831		1,738,422
Reserves —				
Assets Revaluation	7,759,190		7,759,190	
Special Purposes Insurance Fund	76,700		67,800	
Dog Complex Contribution (Note 1)	571,574			
		8,407,464		7,826,990
TOTAL ACCUMULATED CAPITAL FUND & RESERVES		10,234,295		9,565,412

* The accounts are to be read in conjunction with the Notes on the adjoining page.

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, 1977. 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 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 Seventh day of March, 1978.

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

COMPARATIVE LIST OF ENTRIES

Section	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Clydesdales	138	100	108	128	113	133	119	156
Farm and Lorry	27	30	26	31	31	35	42	53
Arabs	59	72	83	80	112	147	169	113
Trotters	31	41	48	37	32	40	52	24
Palominos	30	34	43	43	62	63	57	61
Quarter Horses	5	12	11	17	30	41	14	78
Appaloosas	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	45
Galloways	41	46	62	48	57	60	69	58
Ponies	275	307	328	356	394	481	526	459
Connemaras	—	—	21	16	17	12	15	19
Horses (Led)	37	36	34	46	48	72	66	45
Saddle Horses, etc	1,777	1,875	1,615	1,995	2,104	1,981	2,255	2,289
Stallions	77	77	93	89	125	146	149	148
Harness Horses, etc.	219	212	241	265	279	310	367	385
Stock Horses	—	—	—	—	41	55	58	74
Donkeys	—	—	—	—	58	57	94	102
Riding Competitions	1,327	1,441	1,614	1,678	1,863	1,854	1,782	1,766
Novelty Horse Events	514	480	515	539	579	523	587	468
Jumping Competitions	739	640	663	718	642	748	611	680
Wood Chopping and Sawing	839	655	865	750	915	670	1,674	1,789
Tug-O-War	16	17	16	18	12	12	6	12
Fat Cattle	235	243	364	355	349	226	293	335
Beef Shorthorns	174	165	159	145	209	149	151	129
Poll Shorthorns	70	61	45	56	99	74	74	102
Herefords	152	147	134	185	235	198	182	223
Poll Herefords	177	162	155	205	259	283	217	259
Angus	314	253	287	291	380	317	304	283
Devons	—	—	—	7	17	7	7	5
Santa Gertrudis	25	27	29	42	49	27	27	46
Galloways	33	37	20	41	45	39	42	122
Murray Greys	72	86	82	117	150	148	148	155
Brahmans	25	42	33	37	52	39	22	9
Brafords	8	14	9	18	20	15	28	28
Brangus	—	4	6	10	9	12	8	16
South Devons	—	—	2	—	2	—	4	3
Charolais	—	—	4	11	12	27	28	34
Simmental	—	—	—	—	—	1	16	24
Limousin	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Belad Galloways	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
Mame Anjou	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
1977 First Year of Exhibition	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Herdman's Competition	9	13	11	11	10	10	6	15
Red Polls	50	36	43	61	83	78	55	63
Dairy Shorthorns	169	243	268	256	209	149	136	128
Australian Illawarra Shorthorns	98	155	209	145	90	82	60	75
Ayrshires	185	179	225	202	172	156	108	119
Jerseys	784	681	572	562	555	452	312	308
Guernseys	256	255	266	247	263	264	180	224
Friesians	458	462	490	476	520	397	311	386
Lindolns	1	4	7	2	3	3	4	4
English Leicesters	13	5	10	—	—	—	—	1
Border Leicesters	200	137	106	59	28	38	42	50
Romney Marsh	34	33	38	32	26	54	74	72
Cheviots	83	50	80	60	48	56	46	73
Southdowns	93	123	108	95	95	94	72	70
Shropshires	2	4	—	3	1	—	—	—
Suffolks	21	25	20	44	51	42	57	84
Dorset Horns	165	135	124	127	142	129	128	108
Ryelands	108	115	123	128	104	72	72	85
Hampshire Downs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Dorset Downs	—	1	—	—	2	—	3	4
Poll Dorsets	329	314	302	329	305	305	294	338
Corriedales	52	44	37	25	22	35	19	21
South Suffolks	16	11	—	8	8	8	4	8
Perendales	16	12	8	7	6	10	13	8
Wiltshire Horn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trade Lamb Competition	43	17	22	24	18	40	—	28
Fleeces	276	309	268	288	321	206	225	246
Sheep Dog Trials	111	88	94	69	80	76	68	100
Sheep Shearing Competitions	79	66	90	74	101	115	99	142
Goats	223	198	212	256	413	361	312	402
Pigs	775	951	1,158	884	631	665	591	544
Poultry	1,669	1,723	1,846	1,654	1,899	1,791	1,661	1,617
Eggs (Commercial)	222	207	174	161	159	112	114	74
Pigeons	1,073	1,275	1,259	1,083	955	1,334	1,384	778
Budgerigars, etc	426	666	476	597	463	487	533	571
Wines, etc	900	1,300	1,208	1,575	1,657	2,007	2,337	2,203
Dairy Produce	215	244	236	184	188	175	192	171
Farm Produce	152	138	142	151	85	121	103	61
Floriculture	70	78	80	63	66	66	64	75
Apiculture	132	134	102	135	90	90	64	75
Arts and Crafts	3,111	2,987	4,136	4,075	4,277	4,472	4,204	4,195
Photography	1,129	950	952	1,061	869	1,235	1,444	1,447
Dogs	4,895	4,827	5,557	5,713	5,438	6,161	6,582	6,991
Young Farmers' Competitions	102	126	161	197	110	202	168	196
Trotting Races	262	324	319	337	266	176	248	194
Farm Gadgets	52	53	60	53	41	40	34	31
Cats	747	748	885	1,499	1,568	1,771	1,932	2,470
Gavies	—	—	—	—	78	181	179	179
Total Competitive Entries	27,292	27,752	30,164	31,385	32,917	33,319	35,145	35,897

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