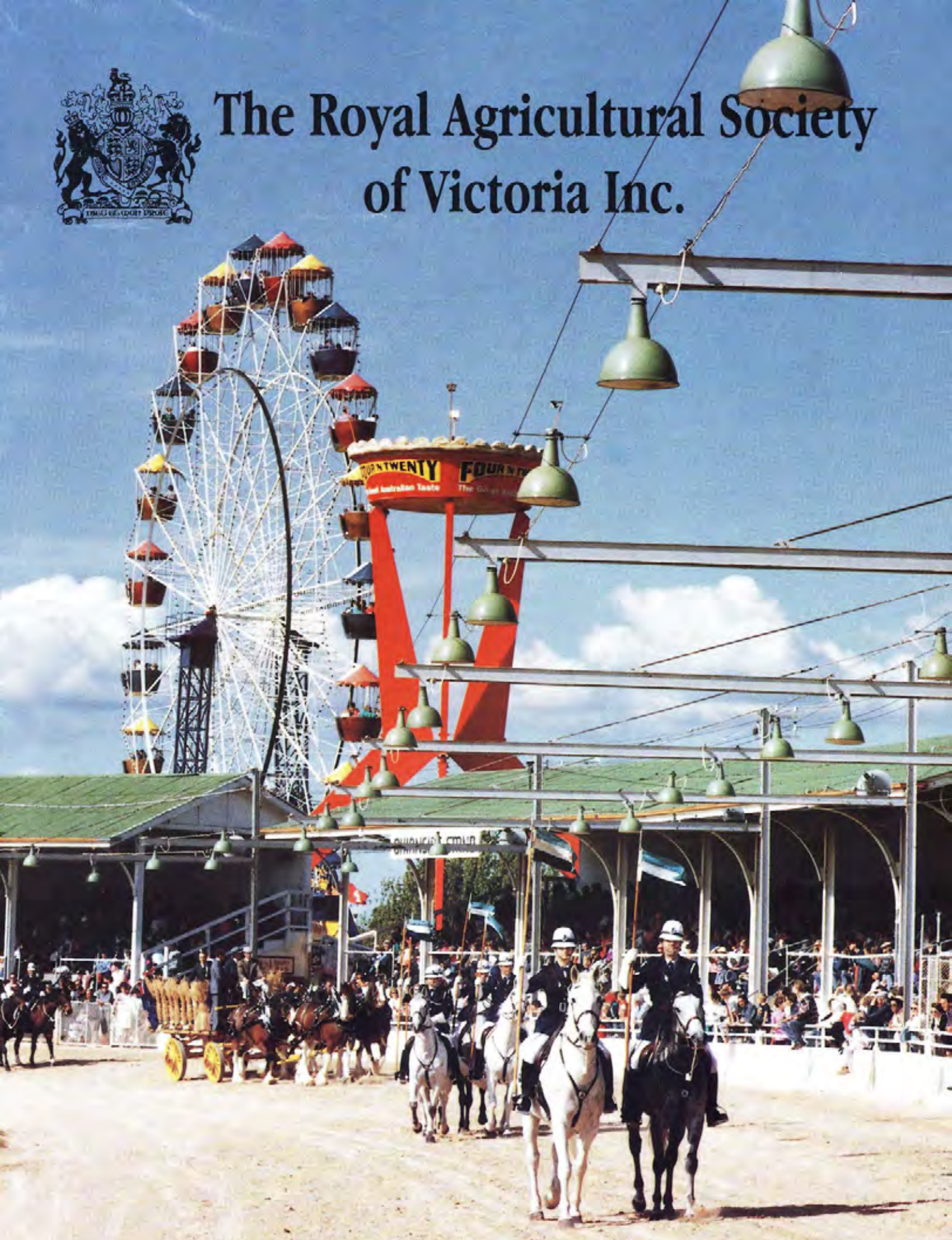




The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.



1993/94 ANNUAL REPORT

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.

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EXECUTIVE STAFF

Director: R.E. Carr (resigned 10/11/93)

Acting Director: J.F. Clifford (appointed 11/11/93)

Computer Services Manager: D.G. Hay, MACS

Corporate Services Manager:

J.F. Clifford, FCPA, FCIS, FCIM

Finance Manager: J.G. O'Reilly, AASA, CPA

Grounds Manager: M. Martin

Marketing Executive: T.R. Morgan



The Royal Agricultural
Society of Victoria Inc.

Royal Showgrounds,
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale,
Vic. 3032

President's Report

1993/94

It is my pleasure to have the privilege to present the Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended March 31 1994.

I am pleased to be able to advise you of a great improvement in our financial result for the year 1993/94 compared with the previous year. We have recorded a trading profit for the 12 months of \$123,772, compared with the 1992/93 figure of a \$626,119 loss. The net final figure of \$229,637, after allowing for abnormal items, compares very well with the 1992/93 \$755,103 loss.

This result has been achieved despite a week of very unfavourable weather during the Show and continuing and growing competition for the Victorian population's spending dollar.

The Royal Melbourne Show remains Victoria's largest event people pay to attend, and our recently commissioned economic impact survey indicates the Show contributes more than \$100,000,000 annually to the Victorian economy.

As always, it provides a venue for education, for fun, for competition, and for some, the excitement of achieving the pinnacle of excellence in a wide range of fields, particularly agricultural related events.

The loss of the traditional Show Day public holiday, by Government decree, is a great disappointment to the Society and adds to the challenge facing us in the future. However, on the more positive side we believe the inclusion of the Showgrounds within the boundaries of the City of Melbourne, should prove to be advantageous to the Society.

The 1994 Show will run for one extra day with the second Sunday added, and will feature significant changes. In particular, there will be a decrease in emphasis on commercialism and an increase in educational concepts.

The Society is making efforts to bring horticulture back to the Show and to introduce new agricultural related attractions.

The Governor of Victoria, His Excellency the Honourable Richard E. McGarvie, and Mrs McGarvie, are most sincerely thanked for their continued assistance to the Society, and particularly for their participation in the official opening of the 1993 Show. We thank them for offering their encouragement, which they do so enthusiastically.

On November 10 1993, I accepted the resignation of the Director, Mr R E Cair in accordance with the terms of his employment. A representative Select Committee was appointed to select a replacement. I am pleased to report that an appointment appears to be imminent.

Appreciation is extended to Mr John Clifford, Corporate Services Manager, who acted in the position with an unselfish commitment, until this time.

In November 1993 the Society commissioned a Market Research Survey by the PGI Group. This survey has given us valuable information, some of which has already been acted on and some of which will be given consideration in the future.

We have also recently engaged Mr David Crawford of KPMG Peat Marwick to assist us in some restructuring of the Society.

On February 6 this year we were saddened at the sudden death of Mr John Sleigh, a Past-President and Honorary Life Councillor of the Society. John and his wife, Shirley, worked unstintingly for the Society and our sympathy to the Sleigh family has been well expressed.

Congratulations are extended to Mr Barrie Crotty and Mr Tony St.Clair, appointed to fill two casual vacancies on the Council during the year.



• J. Keith Buchanan, President.

Recent elections have seen Vice-Presidents Mr Bob Porter, Mr Ian Bucknall and Mr John Fox re-elected to those positions for the ensuing 12 months. Mr Bill Forrest has been elected to the Management Committee and also accepted the position of a Director of R.A.S.V. Limited. The resignation of Mr Ian Starritt as a Director of R.A.S.V. Limited was accepted.

The following Councillors have been appointed Honorary Life Councillors:
Mr J.K. Buchanan
Mr W.D. Crowley
Mr J.M. Burston
Mr A. Gibson

My final comments are to thank, most sincerely, all those Royal Show people who participate in so many ways to make it the great event it is. We look forward with confidence to the continued support of our members, exhibitors and sponsors. Likewise our very loyal staff and voluntary contributors. The Society is acutely aware of its wonderful support base and aims to give you all even greater reason than ever before to be associated with us in the future.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Keith Buchanan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being significantly larger and more prominent.

J. Keith Buchanan
President

Chief Executive's Report

The year ended March 31 1994 has been a year of review.

In late 1993 a consultant was commissioned to carry out an extensive investigation into the reasons for falling attendances at recent Royal Melbourne Shows. Following interviews with more than 700 people throughout Victoria, including suppliers, sponsors, ride operators, showbag marketers and members of the general public, the consultant tabled an extensive report with a number of solid recommendations.

These include:-

- that, because of the perception the Show has become too commercial, greater emphasis must be placed on the agricultural and educational content of the Show;
- there is a need to make the public more aware of the free activities at the Show which give patrons great value for money;
- there is a need to alter the public perception that 'nothing changes from year to year';
- that the public be made aware of the main events and activities earlier.

The more urgent recommendations will be implemented for the 1994 Royal Show while others will be implemented over the next two years.

In March, Mr David Crawford of KPMG Peat Marwick was commissioned to report on the operational efficiency of the Society as well as the appropriateness of the organisation's structure. This report will be completed soon.

Following the changes to local government boundaries, in December 1994 the Showgrounds ceased to be a part of the City of Essendon and came under the authority of the Melbourne City Council. At about the same time the Victorian Minister for Planning authorised amendments to the Town Planning Scheme regarding the Showgrounds. These amendments will permit a greater 'right of use' of



• *Getting to know an alpaca is part of the Show experience.*

the Showgrounds and allow the Society to utilise them more effectively out of Show. During 1993/94 discussions have taken place with several state government ministers, seeking their assistance in making the Society a more effective organisation in the agricultural network. These discussions have been beneficial and are continuing.

1993 St.George Bank Royal Melbourne Show

At its meeting on June 22 1993, the Council approved the granting of naming rights to the Royal Melbourne Show, to St.George Bank Limited. This was the first time in the history of the Society that naming rights to the Show have been granted.



• *While at the Royal Melbourne Show, the Bridgestone Holden Precision Driving Team celebrated its 5000th performance.*

The 135th Royal Melbourne Show was officially opened by His Excellency, The Honourable Richard E. McGarvie, Governor of Victoria, at a ceremony on the Main Arena on Saturday September 18.

622,461 people attended the 1993 Show, in spite of cold, wet weather on most days. To emphasise that the Show is different every day, a theme was given to each day. Starting from Thursday September 16 the days were: Seniors Day, School's Out, Carnivale, The Weekly Times/Kubota Farm Sunday, Craft & Hobbies Day, Life. Be In It Day, Victoria. Go For It!, Show Day, Oz Day, Streets Kids' Day.

55,625 entries, 1264 more than in 1992, were received in 28 competitive sections.

Record entries were achieved in the following categories: Bacon Pig Carcase; Beef Cattle - Belgian Blue, Black Simmental, Gelbvieh, Highland, Maine-Anjou, Salers, Santa Gertrudis, Welsh Black; Dairy Cattle - Brown Swiss, Dexter; Dairy Produce; Horses - Equitation, Harness Clydesdales, Mounted Turnouts, Sidesaddle; Sheep - Dorset Down, Drysdale, Poll Dorset, Shropshire, White Suffolk.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members
of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. will be held
in the Royal Banquet Rooms, Plummer Avenue, Royal Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale
on Tuesday, July 12, 1994, at 12 noon.

B u s i n e s s

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

Dated 10th day of June, 1994

Peter Payne
Chief Executive

L i s t o f N o m i n a t i o n s M e m b e r s o f C o u n c i l (Eleven to be elected)

- *A.C. BOTT, "Naranghi, Yarrowonga, 3730
- *I.I. BUCKNALL, "Yaralla", RMB 1073, Maryborough, 3465
- *S.C. CROOKE, RMB 1169, Gundowring, via Wodonga, 3690
- *B.M. CROTTY, "Brimbank", Stumpy Gully Road, Moorooduc, 3933
- *W.J. FORREST, GPO Box 1776Q, Melbourne, 3001
- *C.R. KELLY, "Barwidgee", Caramut, 3274
- *C.R. LYONS, "Dundas Park", Vasey, 3407
- *K.J. McIVER, PO Box 594, Ballarat, 3350
- *P.J.B. RONALD, "Koo-man-goo-nong", Pakēham, 3810
- *K.W. URQUHART, "Boonerah", Hexham, 3273
- *R.G. WALKER, OAM, "Pleasant Park", Goroke, 3412

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

Note: Nominations not being in excess of the number of vacancies, a ballot will not be conducted.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheet As At 31st March, 1994.

Fixed Assets	Consolidated		Consolidated		Chief Entity		Chief Entity	
	1994	\$	1993	\$	1994	\$	1993	\$
Crown Grant Land								
At 1993 Councilors Valuation	2,606,756		2,606,756		2,606,756		2,606,756	
Freehold Land								
At 1993 Independent Valuation	<u>3,025,000</u>	5,631,756	<u>3,025,000</u>	5,631,756	<u>3,025,000</u>	5,631,756	<u>3,025,000</u>	5,631,756
Buildings and Improvements								
At 1993 Independent Valuation	18,865,800		18,865,800		18,865,800		18,865,800	
Additions At Cost	<u>29,983</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>29,983</u>		<u>-</u>	
	18,895,783		18,865,800		18,895,783		18,865,800	
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>330,370</u>	18,565,413	<u>-</u>	18,865,800	<u>330,370</u>	18,565,413	<u>-</u>	18,865,800
Plant and Equipment At Cost	3,708,844		3,548,959		1,939,733		1,880,348	
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>1,063,544</u>	2,044,300	<u>1,446,708</u>	2,102,251	<u>413,123</u>	1,526,610	<u>355,641</u>	1,524,707
Plant and Equipment Under Financial Lease	476,257		476,257		-		-	
Less Provision for Amortisation	<u>333,380</u>	142,877	<u>238,129</u>	238,129	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
		26,384,346		26,847,935		25,793,779		26,022,283
Investments								
- General				25,000				
Current Assets								
Cash on Hand	700		700					
Prepayments and Accrued Interest	66,975		140,773					
Sundry Debtors	180,115		142,310					
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>(38,000)</u>		<u>(38,000)</u>					
Stock on Hand At Cost	<u>60,903</u>	279,693	<u>75,018</u>	320,801	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-
Total Assets		<u>26,684,039</u>		<u>27,163,736</u>		<u>25,723,779</u>		<u>26,022,283</u>
Less Current Liabilities								
Bank Overdraft Secured	16,874		388,830					
Bank Bills	1,300,000		1,150,000					
Loans Secured	100,000		166,433		100,000		166,433	
Loans Unsecured	18,110		18,110		11,110		11,110	
Loan From RASV Limited					1,149,701		1,270,642	
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	544,402		667,807					
Provision for Long Service & Annual Leave	272,623		273,972					
Incomes in Advance	151,914		281,336					
Lease Liability	<u>103,870</u>	3,507,793	<u>86,016</u>	3,030,504	<u>-</u>	1,260,811	<u>-</u>	1,448,185
Non Current Liabilities								
Loans Secured	775,323		875,323		775,323		875,323	
Loans Unsecured	30,240		48,350		22,240		33,350	
Lease Liability	41,343		145,213					
Trophy Funds	69,345		87,870					
Provision for Long Service Leave	<u>47,708</u>	863,860	<u>53,827</u>	1,190,583	<u>-</u>	297,563	<u>-</u>	908,673
Total Liabilities		<u>3,471,753</u>		<u>4,221,087</u>		<u>2,058,374</u>		<u>2,396,858</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>23,192,286</u>		<u>22,962,649</u>		<u>23,665,405</u>		<u>23,665,405</u>
Representing								
Accumulated Funds		1,780,142		1,550,505		2,253,261		2,253,261
Reserves								
-Asset Revaluation		<u>21,412,144</u>		<u>21,412,144</u>		<u>21,412,144</u>		<u>21,412,144</u>
Total Accumulated Funds and Reserves		<u>23,192,286</u>		<u>22,962,649</u>		<u>23,665,405</u>		<u>23,665,405</u>

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.
Consolidated Revenue Account for the
Financial Year Ended 31st March, 1994.

	Consolidated		Chief Entity	
	1994 \$	1993 \$	1994 \$	1993 \$
Income				
Show Admissions & Parking	3,714,467	3,964,272		
Advertising	36,879	7,406		
Catering Premiums	290,360	291,084		
Competition Entry Fees	532,366	506,947		
Computer Fees	83,625	153,730		
Donations & Sponsorship	641,102	546,184		
Materials & Services	181,808	190,948		
Members Subscriptions	260,789	290,183	260,789	290,183
Secretarial Services	226,155	353,632		
Show Sales & Sundry Revenue	182,572	143,622		
Space & Ground Rental	2,940,561	2,984,399		
Contribution From Rasv Ltd			224,969	371,469
	<u>\$9,089,685</u>	<u>\$9,432,407</u>	<u>\$485,758</u>	<u>\$661,652</u>
Expenditure				
Advertising & Publicity	62,704	285,568		
Audit & Legal	96,849	107,098		
Catering	223,808	158,913		
Computer Rental & Maintenance	188,018	216,110		
Depreciation	673,456	897,882	387,852	543,490
Directors Fees	2,500	1,250		
Electricity & Gas	336,571	356,220		
Insurance	293,211	252,850		
Interest and Financial Costs	270,688	495,369	97,906	149,407
Judges Expenses	95,820	88,902		
Maintenance & Cleaning	1,505,862	1,428,163		
Printing & Stationary	317,951	306,852		
Rates	153,569	186,201		
Show Attractions	394,524	228,435		
Show Running Costs	341,316	334,429		
Sundry Costs	81,140	125,677		
Salaries, Wages & Payroll Costs	3,562,581	4,184,430		
Telephone & Postage	138,404	154,600		
Trophies & Prizes	286,941	249,577		
	<u>\$8,965,913</u>	<u>\$10,058,526</u>	<u>\$485,758</u>	<u>\$692,897</u>
Trading Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	123,772	(626,119)	-	(31,245)
Abnormal Items:				
- Profit on Sale of Land	-	31,245	-	31,245
- Spotless Catering Development Fund	-	(160,229)	-	-
- Resolution of Legal Matter	105,865	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	<u>\$229,637</u>	<u>\$(755,103)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated Funds				
Balance At Start of the Period	1,550,505	2,145,379	2,253,261	2,253,261
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	229,637	(755,103)		
Transfer to Reserve-Spotless Catering Development Fund		160,229		
Balance At End of the Period	<u>\$1,780,142</u>	<u>\$1,550,505</u>	<u>\$2,253,261</u>	<u>\$2,253,261</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH ,1994

1. Note on Auditor's Report

Mr.J.A.Court (Chartered Accountant) and Mr.J.Pasias of Pannell Kerr Forster,the Auditors of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. and Pannell Kerr Forster ,the Auditors of R.A.S.V. Limited,have audited the financial statements of the respective entities for the period ended 31 March 1994 and those audit reports accompany the statutory financial statements of the respective entities. The Auditors advise that the respective financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act of Victoria and applicable Accounting Standards and where appropriate the Corporations Law and comply with the rules of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. and R.A.S.V. Limited.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the economic entity comprising the chief entity,The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc.and its controlled entity, are stated in order to assist in a general understanding of the financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied except as otherwise indicated.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets. The carrying amounts of non-current assets do not exceed the net amounts that are expected to be recovered through the cash inflows and outflows arising from continued use and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows included in determining the recoverable amounts have not been discounted to their present values.

(b) Consolidated Balance Sheet & Consolidated Revenue Account

The Consolidated Balance Sheet as at the 31 March 1994 and the Consolidated Revenue Account for the period ended 31 March 1994 are the consolidations of the financial accounts of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Inc. and RASV Limited. These consolidated financial statements are prepared for the members of the Society to give them a better understanding of the financial affairs of the two entities.

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

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

(d) Income Tax

Any income derived by the Company is exempt from Income Tax under S 23(h) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(e) Inventories

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

(f) Employee Entitlements

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

(g) Leased Assets

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

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

(h) Comparative Information

Where appropriate, the comparative figures have been amended to enable a meaningful comparison to be made. Comparative figures in these financial statements represent trading figures for the fifteen month period to the 31 March 1993, and the balance sheet as at that date.

(i) Non-Cash Sponsorship

Non-Cash sponsorship is not recorded in the financial statements of the Society.

(j) Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment is performed in accordance with a policy of regular revaluation on the basis of existing use.

(k) Employer Superannuation Contributions

Pursuant to an actuarial review of the RAS Superannuation Plan performed during 1993, company contributions to the Plan have been suspended for a period of one and a half years. The contribution suspension arose as a result of a surplus of funds within the Plan due to the earnings of the Plan and previous years funding levels. The suspension of contributions, which commenced in June 1993, has resulted in a reduction of the superannuation expense of \$210,585 during the financial period.

Shows

The major event organised by the Society is the annual Royal Melbourne Show, in September.

However, four components of the Show are held at other times during the year.

The Weekly Times Royal Summer Horse Show is conducted in the first week in January each year, and in 1994, its second year, was very successful.

The Royal Melbourne Wine Show, arguably Australia's most prestigious, is judged in August each year. The Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy from the Show is one of the most sought after awards in the wine industry.

The Royal Melbourne Dairy Show has grown from the Dairy Produce Section of the Royal Melbourne Show into a major national competition in its own right, attracting entries from all over Australia.

New, in 1993, was the Australian Beer and Brewing Awards, run in conjunction with Ballarat University College, attracting good entries in both the Australasian and International Sections.

Commercial Farming Competitions

A major part of the Society's work in promoting agriculture is the annual organisation of five commercial farming competitions.

These competitions attract entries from all over Victoria and offer benefits for all farmers, not just the winners.

The expert judges who assess the entries give constructive criticisms for individual entrants, and the field days on the properties of the winners offer another avenue of education, for the public as well as entrants.



• The apiculture display fascinated Harvest Hall visitors.

The winners receive the prizes generously offered by the sponsors and, importantly, gain increased prestige and credibility within their industry.

The competitions are conducted in conjunction with the Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association Incorporated and the Victorian Department of Agriculture.

The Society is very grateful for the support given by all the sponsors of these competitions.

The competitions are:

- The Bonlac Commercial Dairy Herd of the Year
- The Commonwealth Development Bank Victorian Farm Management Competition
- The Dalgety Farmers Commercial Beef Herd of the Year
- The Genetics Australia Share Dairy Farmer of the Year
- The Weekly Times/RASV Commercial Flock of the Year

Year round activities and events

Increasing use is being made of the Showgrounds' facilities throughout the year. At the time of compiling this


report 18 permanent businesses operated from the Showgrounds.

A number of major events were conducted on the Showgrounds during the year under review. These included:

- Esso Family Day May 2 1993, 800 employees plus family and friends attended
- Rainbow Festival June 4, 5 & 6 1993, 7000 attended
- ASBA Sheep & Wool Craft Show July 17-20 1993, 12,000 attended
- Big Day Out Concert January 23 1994, 20,000 attended
- Australia Post Fair March 26 & 27 1994, 17,000 attended

Financial Result

The increased use of the Showgrounds facilities and the stringent control of expenditure has resulted in this year's trading profit of \$229,637, compared with the loss of \$755,103 for 1992/93.


J.F. Clifford
Acting Director

Major Award Winners

1993

Alpacas

Supreme Champion:
Beau Blanc Crem, exhibited by
L. Christell, Kilmore, Vic

Apiculture

Champion Honey - Small Producer:
S. Starc, Avondale Heights, Vic

Champion Honey - Open Producer:
King Island Honey Farm, Currie, King
Island, Tas.

Champion Honey - Packers:
Coopers Fine Foods, Tooronga, Vic



▪ The colourful VASA exhibit was a feature of the 'Our Agriculture On Show' display in Centenary Hall.

Arts & Crafts

Florence Monod Memorial Award for
the Best Exhibit in Arts & Crafts:
L.G. Elliott, Hallam, Vic, for 'Wooden
Ship'

Beer

Nobby's Nurs Championship Prize for
highest scoring entry from all sections:
Redback Original Wheat Beer, Matilda
Bay Brewing Co

Birds

Poultry - Champion Bird in Show:
OEG Black-Red Dark Leg Cock
exhibited by A.N. Jorgensen, Waala, Vic

Best Finch in Show:
Greenfinch exhibited by C. Szumlanski,
Altona, Vic

Best Cage Bird (Other than a Finch):
Exhibited by C. Bush, North Fitzroy, Vic

Grand Champion Budgerigar:
Mrs M. Duffy, Watsonia, Vic

Carcase Competitions

Grand Champion Beef Carcase:
Murray Grey, exhibited by B.L. Tamton,
Tynong North, Vic

Champion Bacon Pig Carcase:
S. Rowsell, Keith, SA

Cats

Best Cat - Longhairs:
Ch. Tuam Livewire, exhibited by
Mrs L. Truscott, Nunawading, Vic

Best Cat - Siamese/Oriental:
Rama New Yorker, exhibited by
Mrs J. Luyten, Gisborne, Vic

Best Cat - All Other
Shorthairs:
Gd.Ch. Rogan Makita
Kellana, exhibited by
Mrs R. Gooding,
Morwell, Vic

Cattle

Supreme Beef Breed
Bull:
Santa Gertrudis, The
Lakes Yes Sir, exhibited
by J. Bolster, Tweed
Heads, NSW

Supreme Beef Breed
Female:
Charolais, Rosevale
Ruby 5, exhibited by
M. & J. Millner, Blayney,
NSW

Supreme Junior Beef Breed Bull:
Angus, Merrigrange Scotch
Whisky, exhibited by Merrigrange Pty
Ltd, Tennyson, Vic

G & N Champion Dairy Cow:
Jersey, Delwyn Park Martha's Joy 6th,
exhibited by J., G.J. & C.M. Plant,
Tongala, Vic

G & N Champion Dairy Heifer:
Holstein Friesian, Altagen Mark Windy,
exhibited by Mrs P. Malcolm,
Tallygaroopna, Vic

Champion Dairy Bull:
Holstein Friesian, Maxmount TR
Charmer, exhibited by R., P.E. & A.J.
Roberston, Warragul, Vic

Cavies

Grand Challenge:
Sheltie Boar, exhibited by J. Davidson,
The Patch, Vic

Commercial Farming Competitions

Bonlac Commercial Dairy Herd of the
Year:
K. & P. Jordan, Katandra, Vic

Commonwealth Development Bank
Victorian Farm Management
Competition;

Section A for enterprises of less than
\$750,000:
D. & C. Cutri, Woorinen, Vic

Section B for enterprises of more than
\$750,000:
W.R. & D. Mills, Kalkee, Vic

Dalgety Farmers Commercial Beef
Herd of the Year:
L. & V. Kerr, Hoddles Creek, Vic

Genetics Australia Share Dairy Farmer
of the Year:
G. & D. Evans, Toolong, Vic

The Weekly Times/RASV Commercial
Flock of the Year:
M., H. & N. Schilling, Nhill, Vic

The Dairy Show

Champion Butter for Export:
Bonlac Foods Ltd, Shepparton Vic

Champion Butter - Fresh:
Allowrie Foods, Drouin, Vic

Champion Dried Milk Product:
Allowrie Foods, Taree, NSW

Champion Yogurt:
Associated Dairies Ltd, Knoxfield, Vic

Supreme Cheese Award:
Parmesan, exhibited by Kraft Foods
Ltd, Melbourne, Vic

Champion Cream:
Haberfields Milk Pty Ltd, Albury, NSW

Champion Ice Cream:
Bows Natural Icecream, Morwell, Vic

Champion Dairy Dessert:
Associated Dairies Ltd, Knoxfield, Vic

Champion Flavoured Milk:
Haberfields Milk Pty Ltd, Albury, NSW

Champion Chocolate:
Haighs Pty Ltd, Parkside, SA
and Chocolatier (Australia) Pty Ltd,
Ivanhoe, Vic

Dogs

Best Exhibit in Show:
Standard Poodle - Ch Troymere Believe
Inme (N), exhibited by T.G. Tanner &
L.M. Henery, Kenhurst, NSW

Runner up to Best Exhibit in Show:
Bedlington Terrier - Ch Breckland
Buller Proof (N), exhibited by G.B. & E.
Wells, Kenhurst, NSW

Best Puppy in Show:
Whippet - Auriway Drummer Boy,
Mrs C. Mudge, Elizabeth Field, SA

Fleeces

Best Sample Lambs Wool:
Challicum Partnership, Buangor, Vic

Best Victorian Bred Fleece:
Barrama Pastoral Co, Coleraine, Vic

Fodder

Victorian Championship for Meadow
Hay:
A.W. & I.F. Bunn, Tatura, Vic

Goats

Senior Champion Doe - Dairy:
Mrs R. Butt, Ararat, Vic

Champion Angora Doe:
Trutex Angora Stud, Woodstock, Vic

Champion Angora Fleece:
N. & S. Dix, Bendigo, Vic

Grains

Champion Hard Wheat:
R.M. Roads Staff Services, Merringur, Vic

Champion Soft Wheat:
J.L. Vagg & Co, Bunnaloo, Vic

Champion Australian Standard White:
J.F. & P.A. Rickard, Birchip, Vic

Champion Oats:
H.M. & J. Rabone, Kaniva, Vic

Champion Milling Oats:
I.W. & P.M. Loeliger, Stawell, Vic

Champion Barley:
Low Rainfall Zone - N.A. & G.C. Pink,
Boort, Vic

High Rainfall Zone - Alasen Pty Ltd,
Lethbridge, Vic

Horses In Action

Best Equestrienne Turnout:
(Garryowen)
Miss S. Penny, Traralgon, riding Cruise

Champion Saddle Horse over 15 hands:
Stayard, exhibited by Mrs L. Thomas,
V. Corvi & T. Cowan, Largs, NSW

Champion Saddle Galloway:
Pure Caste, exhibited by Mrs C. Lawrie,
Ungarra, SA

Champion Saddle Pony (over 12.2 and
not over 14 hands):
Spring Holly of Astral, exhibited by
Mrs L.J. Walkinshaw, Warragul, Vic

Champion Saddle Pony (12.2 hands and
under):
Carrita Park Springtime, exhibited by
Miss N. Nalder & Miss H. Stone,
Rochester, Vic

Photography

Best Print in Exhibition:
W Chung, 'Looking Backward'

Best Slide in Exhibition:
J H Christy, 'Le Liseur'

Rabbits

Best in Show:
Satin, exhibited by S. Burchstaller,
The Basin, Vic

Shearing

The Sunbeam Australian Merino Open
Championship:
P. Pretlove, Goroke, Vic

The Victorian Strong Wool Open
Championship:
P. Pretlove, Goroke, Vic

Stock & Land Farm Inventors

State Final (Retail value more than
\$1000):
G. Richards, Cavendish, Vic - Mobile
submersible sheepdip.

State Final (Retail value less than
\$1000):
S. McAlpin, Seymour, Vic - Chainsaw
sharpening jig

The Weekly Times Country Show Girl

Rachel Driscoll, Terang - representing
South West Region

Sheep

Supreme Champion Ram:
Poll Dorset, exhibited by J.A. & M.Y.
Gilmore & Sons, Oberon, NSW

Supreme Champion Ewe:
Border Leicester, exhibited by G.H. &
I.M. Grinter, Ariah Park, NSW

Wine

The T.C. Scabrook Trophy for Best
Sweet White Table Wine:
BRL Hardy Wine Company, Reynella, SA

The J.C.M. Fornachon Memorial Trophy
for Most Successful Exhibitor of Sherry,
Amontillado:
B. Seppelt & Sons Ltd, Seppeltsfield, SA

The Victorian Wine Industry
Association Inc Trophy for the Most
Successful Exhibitor in Victorian Wine
Classes:
Mitchelton Wines, Nagambie, Vic

The Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy
for the Best Red Beverage Wine of the
vintage year prior to the current vintage
year:
Elderton Wines, Nurootpa, SA

Woodchopping

Grand Aggregate Trophy:
D.J. Foster, Latrobe, Tas



• David Foster, Latrobe, Tas, receives his Grand Aggregate from Trophy Andrew Marjoribanks, BHP Steel.

Breed Societies and kindred organisations

During 1993/94 the Society provided secretarial services to 22 animal breed societies and kindred rural organisations.

Cats

Feline Control Council of Victoria

Cattle

Angus Society of Australia

(Vic. Committee)

Australian Ayrshire Breeders' Association Inc.

Australian Highland Cattle Society Inc.

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

(Vic. Branch)

Charolais Society of Australia (Vic. Region)

Dairy Shorthorn Association of Australia Inc.

Shorthorn Society of Australia (Vic. Branch)

Victorian Stud Beef Cattle Breeders' Association (incorporating Young Handlers' Camp)

Dogs

Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association

Goats

Cashgora Fibre Association of Australia

Horses

Australian Palomino Horse Breeders' Association

Australian Pony Stud Book Society (Vic. Branch Inc.)

The Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (Federal Council)

The Victorian Dressage Club Inc.

Sheep

Australian Sheep Breeders' Association Inc.

Australian Society of Breeders of British Sheep Ltd. (Vic. Branch)

Australian Superfine Woolgrowers Association

Sharlea Ultra Fine Society of Australia Ltd.

Victorian Stud Merino Sheepbreeders' Association Inc.

Rural

Activities

Australian Nuffield Farming Scholars' Association

Victorian Agricultural Societies' Association Incorporated

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