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A MERRY TIME COMING TO MERRIJIG

Mountain Cattlemen gather for *their* annual event

The annual Mountain Cattlemen's Annual Festival and Get Together will be held at Merrijig on January 13/14th/15th, 2012 and is shaping up to be one of the best.

This year the function will be held at the Merrijig rodeo ground which offers spectators very good views of the events.

The ground has a large arena and the organizers plan to hold most events in and around that area.

One of the main features on Saturday afternoon will be a large pioneer parade. This will include wagons, pack horses, and drovers and cattle. This event is designed to showcase the heritage of the Cattlemen which the MCAV is determined to preserve. The President Mark Coleman and other dignitaries will say a few words about the Cattlemen's fight to stay in the High Country during the parade. Following the parade there will be other ring events and the entertaining poetry competition just before dusk.

President of the local branch of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association, Bruce McCormack said that there will be nonstop entertainment during the weekend.

"I recommend people get there early and find a good spot to set up your chairs and rugs. Nearby will be the usual attractions including the MCAV merchandise tent, the bar will be right beside the action as will be the catering, other food outlets and lots of stalls" Bruce McCormack said this week.

The famous Mountain Cattlemen's Cup will be held on Sunday along with many other events. Bands will play into the night, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Organizers are confident that regular attendees of the annual function will remember the great success of the last Get Together held at Merrijig three years ago where the stars of 'The Man from Snowy River' attended. This year will also offer surprises.

There is plenty of camping on site and several nearby businesses offer accommodation. If it is hot, the Delatite River is very close for a cool off swim for the kids.

More information can be obtained from Bruce McCormack 0427 752886, Charlie Lovick 0429775510 or at WWW.MCAV.com.au

Caption for the photo: Mountain Cattlemen Bruce McCormack and Charlie Lovick are pictured on site at Merrijig planning the 2012 Get Together and festival.



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