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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

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DIARY DATES

Wonnangatta 100th Anniversary of Murders

10-12 March 2018

2018 AGM

Friday the 19th of October 2018

2019 Get Together

11-13 January 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The MCAV annual Get Together attracted more than 4000 people and was held over three days at Livingstone Waters Omeo on Jan 12 to 14 2018.

Livingstone Waters is owned by the Ferguson family who were thanked several times over the weekend for providing one of the best Get Together venues.

One highlight of the weekend was a history of Omeo forum conducted by Jeff Cooper from the Omeo Historical Society. A verbal sparring match between Jeff and legendary Benambra pilot, Ben Buckley, was not to be missed. A public land management forum was also held in the Heritage Tent conducted by Chris Commins from Ensay. This included an update on the indigenous burning project which the MCAV strongly supports. The Heritage tent also hosted a farmer health stand hosted by National Centre for Farmer Health.

The Don Kneebone Kneebone poetry competition was well attended with the Heritage Tent overflowing with spectators.

128 horses were camped onsite and the horse events were strongly contested, especially by younger people keen to try their skills and horse against strong competition.

The Winner of the Mountain Cattlemen's Challenge Cup was Troy Nicholas and lady's division winner was

Shea Reynolds. The usual fun events and dog jump thrilled the crowd during the three days of family fun.

Rain dampened spirits on Friday and Saturday nights when the band was unable to play which disappointed the MCAV and many patrons who thankfully understood the reasons

However, during all the three days the sun came out during the day and large crowds supported the events stalls, MCAV bar and food vendors.



Life member

Past president Charlie Lovick was presented with a Life Membership certificate by former President Simon Turner. Geoff Burrowes has also been voted to be a life member of the MCAV.



The Glenda Lovick President's bar

Stonemason and craftsman Greg Cogan and his mates created a stone bar and inscribed the names of all MCAV Presidents. It was unveiled in front of the Lovick family on Friday night. Charlie Lovick told the crowd that on behalf of the family he was humbled by gesture.



High Country Hall of fame

The announcement by the Victorian Opposition that it will fund a feasibility study into the development of a High Country Hall of Fame has been welcomed by the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria (MCAV).

The announcement was made by the Leader of the National Party Peter Walsh MP during the official opening in the Heritage Tent. A good number of MPs from both the National and Liberal parties, and councillors from East Gippsland Shire were also present at the announcement. Peter Walsh told the crowd that the High Country is a unique part of Victoria's history and heritage for many reasons, "that is why we are making this commitment."

The MCAV welcomes the announcement by Peter Walsh because the Heritage and culture of the Mountain Cattlemen must be preserved.



Our families have developed a specific and unique culture ever since 1834 when James MacFarlane settled in Victoria near the headwaters of the Murray River.

Over the years, the Cattlemen's families have been gradually removed from most of the High Country and with that removal has been the loss of much knowledge as to how the High Country works and how best to manage it.

If this knowledge, history and culture isn't recorded and displayed in facilities such as in a Hall of Fame, soon it will be lost forever.



At the closing presentations I thanked the volunteers, sponsors, stall holders, patrons and the three announcers Steve Condon, John Embling and Tom Crombie. I also mentioned Ian Enders and his talented family who have provided the PA systems for the event for years and never fail to get the job done. I am only going to name one other person and that is the event coordinator, Scotty Jennison. Scotty and his team have hardly been to bed for a week and have presented us with an enjoyable and professionally run weekend, thank you.

Mountain Cattlemen David Hurley and Leonie Phelan have run the bar for years for the MCAV. They have

announced their retirement from that role. The MCAV acknowledges their long years of service to the MCAV and wishes them every success for the future.



Graeme Stoney



VALE JOHN FROGGY MCMAHON

John Russell McMahon 'Froggy'
05.05.1945-20.01.2018

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria has lost a stalwart.

Froggy was the voice of the MCAV, as commentator at Get Togethers for many years. He supported our rallies and protests and was a Central Councillor.

Froggy received a Life Membership in 2012 for his service to the Get Togethers.

Froggy always gave wise advice to Council which came from the heart.

Our sympathy goes out to Rita and the family.

Rest in Peace



WONNANGATTA 100th anniversary of murders event – 10-12 March 2018

The MCAV has been asked to be part of a group to create an event to mark the 100th anniversary of the Wonnangatta Murders. The groups involved include Friends of Wonnangatta, the Victorian High Country Huts Association, Four Wheel Drive Victoria, and the MCAV.



Bruce Treasure in the Wonnangatta Valley, picture supplied by Mary Treasure

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the Wonnangatta Murders and the date will be celebrated with an event planned for the Labour Day weekend in March. The MCAV will be present to sell a bit of merchandise and tell tall tales, while Bruce McCormack will ride in with his horses.

So please mark the long weekend in your 2018 diary for a weekend of celebration at Wonnangatta and if you would like to volunteer your help for the event, please contact Melissa Holden of the Friends of Wonnangatta on 0413 599 886.

VOLUNTEERS at the G2G

Thank you to our volunteers at the Omeo Get Together who did a great job.

This year we started a volunteer program and Anna Francis was our first coordinator. Anna did a great job and we have learned a lot from Omeo.

To put on this event, we need over 150 volunteers, we received applications from over 200, and many missed out.

So, if you do wish to join our team for next year, we will open applications in June.



MCAV is on Facebook

Join in our conversation

We have over 12,000 likes now – please log on and “like us” now, **search** under Mountain Cattlemen’s Association of Victoria.

MCAV Facebook

Julieann Martin has been working as our social media officer. She has been responsible for keeping you all up to date with the goings on at MCAV via facebook and Instagram. We think Julieann does a great job.

If you have any news or items you think should be include on our facebook, please email Julieann on raceg2g@mcaav.com.au

2018 GET TOGETHER RESULTS

OPEN CATTLEMEN’S CUP CHALLENGE

1. Troy Nicholls 394 points
2. Brett Lancaster 330 points
3. Stephen Connor 323 points
4. Ash King 317 points
5. Peter Sandy 314 points
6. Kieran Davidson 301 points
7. Danny Phegan 293 points
8. Graham Forge 280 points
9. Ben Belcher 262 points
(9.29 over 3 prelim. events)
10. Sean Purcell 262 points
(9.30 over 3 prelim. Events)

OPEN BUSH SKILLS RACE

1. Troy Nicholls
2. Brett Lancaster
3. Ash King

OPEN CATTLE HANDLING

1. Ben Belcher 95 points
2. John Douglas 92 points (3.28)
3. Troy Nicholls 92 points (5.00)

OPEN OBSTACLE COURSE

1. Stephen Connor 103 points
2. Sophie Clark 98 points
3. Jess Smith 97 points

OPEN WHIPCRACK

1. Kieran Davidson 89 points
2. Daryl Baines 75 points
3. Sally Watt 73 points (0.47.09)

LADIES MCAV CATTLEMEN’S CHALLENGE

1. Shea Reynolds 370 points
2. Danna Boulton 322 points
3. Hayley Hinton 294 points
4. Elle Woodgate 275 points
5. Christy Davidson 274 points
6. Kelsie Lupson 272 points
7. Carrie Jones 259 points
8. Joanne Akeroyd 205 points

LADIES BUSH SKILLS RACE

1. Shae Reynolds
2. Danna Boulton
3. Carrie Jones

LADIES CATTLE HANDLING

1. Kelsie Lupson 97 points
2. Shea Reynolds 96 points
3. Hayley Hinton 88 points

LADIES OBSTACLE COURSE

1. Christy Davidson 94 points
2. Kelsie Lupson 87 points
3. Shea Reynolds 86 points

LADIES WHIPCRACK

1. Kelsie Lupson 88 points
2. Carrie Jones 76 points
3. Christy Davidson 70 points

JUNIOR CATTLEMEN'S CUP CHALLENGE

1. Josie Elliot 345 points
2. Mikayla Semmens 317 points
3. Jade Clark 309 points
4. Chelsea Semmens 266 points
5. Jake Douglas 224 points
6. Emily Lucas 205 points
7. Katie Faithfull 195 points
8. Bridie Akeroyd 159 points

JUNIOR BUSH SKILLS RACE

1. Josie Elliot
2. Jade Clark
3. Jake Douglas

JUNIOR CATTLE HANDLING

1. Chelsea Semmens 98 points
2. Mikayla Semmens 94 points
3. Jade Clark 83 points

JUNIOR OBSTACLE COURSE

1. Mikayla Semmens 79 points
2. Jake Douglas 70 points
3. Emily Lucas 67 points

JUNIOR WHIPCRACK

1. Jade Clark 61 points
2. Bridie Akeroyd 59 points
3. Jake Douglas 54 points (0.53.66)

CATTLEKIDS CUP

1. Sarah Faithfull 87 points
2. Abby McCole 82 points
3. Matilda Jackson 70 points
4. Harry Semmens 65 points
5. Bill Phegan 63 points
6. Tayla McMillan 62 points
7. Darci Akeroyd 54 points
8. Cobie McCormack 47 points
9. Sharni Perdon 43 points
10. Tom Faithfull 36 points

RUSTY CONNLEY MEMORIAL RACE

- 1st – Luke Jones
2nd – Tom King
3rd – Daryl Baines
4th – Leo Macdonald

PACKHORSE

OPEN

- 1st – Graham Forge 245 points
2nd – Charles Connley 198 points
3rd – Darren Williams 197 points
4th – John Douglas 183 points

Neatest Pack – Graham Forge

LADIES

- 1st – Tup Forge 223 points
2nd – Hannah Brennan 143 points
3rd – Ellen Forge 80 points

Neatest Pack – Tup Forge

JUNIOR

- 1st – Jake Douglas 220 points
2nd – Sarah Faithfull 208 points
3rd – Melissa Higgins 170 points
4th – Matilda Jackson 164 points

Neatest Pack – Sarah Faithfull

WALKING RACES

WALLY RYDER SENIOR

- 1st – Luke Jones
- 2nd – Dale Reid
- 3rd – Renee Taylor
- 4th – Ken Connley

DOUG TREASURE JUNIOR

- 1st – Laura Rule
- 2nd – Joel Ferrari
- 3rd – Sarah Faithfull
- 4th – Monique Ferrari
- 5th – Tayla McMillan
- 6th – Katie Faithfull

WHIPCRACKING

7 YEARS & UNDER

1. Jessie Hurley
2. Tahlia Reti
3. Angus Robinson
4. Taylor Dennett

8-10 YEARS

1. Kade Mahoney
2. Julia Reti
3. Bobby Kanavan
4. Harrison Mills

11-16 YEARS

1. Danielle Hurley
2. Clay Davies
3. Lucy Hurley & Lucy Adams
4. Jade Wrigley

LADIES

1. Emiliqua East
2. Di Hurley
3. Jacqueline Davies

OPEN

1. Wayne Campbell
2. Jamie Davies
3. Graham Jones
4. Lachy Jameson

PHOTOGRAPHY

Category At Work in the High Country

1. Val Rees
2. Deb McCormack
3. Terry Moore

Category: At Play in the High Country

1. Rechelle Beveridge
2. Megan Dennett
3. Rechelle Beveridge

Category: Our Land, Our Home

1. Kate Hanton
2. Kate Hanton
3. Deb McCormack

Open Encouragement award – Maria Harkins

Junior

Category: Our Land, Our Home

1. Bianca Weadley

Category At Work in the High Country

1. Kathryn Box

Category: At Play in the High Country

1. Taylor Dennett

Junior Encouragement award – Willis Beveridge

HAYSTACKING

MENS

1. Jack Amery & Pat Byrne
2. Ray Fulton & Buster Robertson
3. Dylan & Nick

LADIES

1. Meagan & Shelley
2. Erin & Shanley

DOG HIGH JUMP

1. George Hancock & Malcolm
2. Eric Lee & Stan
3. Cassandra Farrugia & Charlie

QUICK SHEARS

INTERMEDIATE

1. Tom King
2. Luke Jones
3. Christopher Connley

OPEN

1. Joel Barton
2. Luke Jones
3. Mick Brownlie

SHOEING COMPETITION

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|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Josh Oatley | 77.5 points |
| 2. Hayley Hinton | 67.5 points |
| 3. Christopher Connley | 66 points |

POETRY

Don Kneebone Heritage Award – Julie Morris *Law of the Land*

Don Kneebone Runner Up – Alan O'Rourke *Legends*

Peter McCormack Bush Laureate – Jenny Healey *Daydream*

Bill Hicks Bush Minstrel – Laurence Webb

Don Kneebone Junior – Teanna Kilby *Standing Highland*

Don Kneebone Junior Runner Up – Andrew Stocks *Ya Mate*

Jack Treasure Traditional – Jeff Aronson *The Ballad of Dangerous Dan McGraw* by Robert W Service

Judges Choice – Carley Joiner *My Old Man and I*



PHOTOS thanks to
Rohan Rogers





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High Country History Hub Launch

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AT MANSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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WELCOME

The High Country History Hub (HCHH) is a digital library of the Victorian high country history from 1834 to now. Our untold history is derived from personal collections and publications.



History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

Winston Churchill

ABOUT US

The High Country History Hub is a community project developed by The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria, the Mansfield Historical Society, Merrijig Public Hall and the Victorian Government.



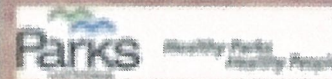
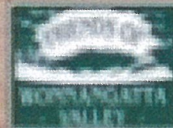


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In the Wonnangatta Valley

Labour Day Weekend
Friday 9th - Monday 12th March 2018

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