

GIPPSLAND CAMPDRAFT NEWSLETTER MAY 2023



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This Newsletter has been a long time in the making, however I guess it can be a diary of our Campdraft Season.

Thank you to everyone who has put a report in, the last thing you want to do after a draft is do up a report, so I am very appreciative of everyone's efforts.

Thank you to Andrew Franks for his great photo of Marni and Summer at Lang Lang. Thanks also to everyone who contributes photos for the newsletter and reports.

Unfortunately I have had a few technical hitches getting this out on time, the internet is not my friend sometimes out in our little blackspot in Won Wron!! As a consequence, Willinga would have been run and won, congrats to all who competed.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you like to put something in the Newsletter, or if you have any ideas for items etc.

We spoke about putting the stories behind our Memorial Drafts and this is something I will work on over the winter.

All the very best and looking forward to catching up at our Awards Night.

Sincerely, Karen Penney
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well that's a wrap, what an amazing GCA season, after a late start the venues finally dried out and let us get to it. Thank you to all members for their patience and willingness to adapt to the new Icompete system, such a change is fraught with potential issues but thanks to our secretary BJ, who spent countless hours working with ABRI, many bullets were dodged due to her experience in implementing such systems.

As usual our members performed well interstate, it was a very proud moment when Kathryn Hengstberger won the Young Guns Challenge in Tamworth, also our affiliation has been enriched by three more members joining the open competitor ranks, congratulations to Glen Rand, Georgia Goff and Lincoln Adams.

We said goodbye to our Powlett River Downs Campdraft after 25 great years, so many fond memories were made on Alan & Leanne Mitchell's property which were only possible because of their great generosity. Alan is a foundation member as well as a life member that has had far more influence on the GCA evolution than most people realise. I personally find him a leader and someone I wish to emulate.

Good luck to those members who are planning on heading to Willinga, it would be awesome to bring a third Gold Buckle back to the GCA.

It was great to finish off the season with the Bairnsdale Campdraft; after being plagued with poor weather and multiple cancellations the sun shone down on a marvellous draft and a great addition to our calendar. Well done to the Bairnsdale team.

A reminder that our GCA dinner is in Sale this year on the 27th of May, we are close to capacity but could fit some late comers in if you have forgotten. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Although there were some challenges faced throughout the season which were new and at times stressful, it was alleviated by the committee I am blessed to work with. Glen Rand, Lincoln Adams, Katherine Hengstberger, Tom Ford, Sophie White and Tammy Goff, thank you for your patience, common sense and calmness throughout the season. Karen Penney, thank you for your guidance and willingness to voice a sometimes alternative viewpoint which makes us a great diverse team, and thank you to BJ for your amazing work ethic and devotion to the secretary job you volunteered to take on.

I often pinch myself realising how lucky we are to have such high quality Campdrafts only a stone's throw from where we live, I'm also reminded when helping run our Sale Campdraft that it is not a coincidence. It is result of many active hard working committee members and community minded cattle donors that make it so. It is an absolute privilege to be the President of such an amazing affiliation.

To all the people that helped make the 2022/23 season as great as it was, thank you very much.

GCA President
Peter Boulton



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Secretary's Report

What can I say the 2022-2023 GCA season has come to a close and what a season it has been, once again with curve balls being thrown left, right and centre. Our dedicated and resilient committees forged ahead to run outstanding events back to back with very little down time.

A big shout out to each and every one of you for your continued patience and understanding whilst we navigated our way through the first season using iCompete. Next season will be so much more streamlined thanks to your willingness to learn, provide feedback and input to help customise the system. Cory and the team at ABRI also thank you.

Given there was a whole changing of the guard coming in to this year and as this is my first term being a member of the GCA committee let alone taking on the Secretary/Treasurer role I really did not know what to expect. Throughout the season there were many trials and tribulations which I am proud to say as a team we were able to come together, listen to each other, consider the facts and make decisions that we felt were in the best interest of the GCA as a whole.

I feel very privileged to be part of such a dynamic team of people that volunteer their time to contribute to the sport of campdrafting that we are all so passionate about.

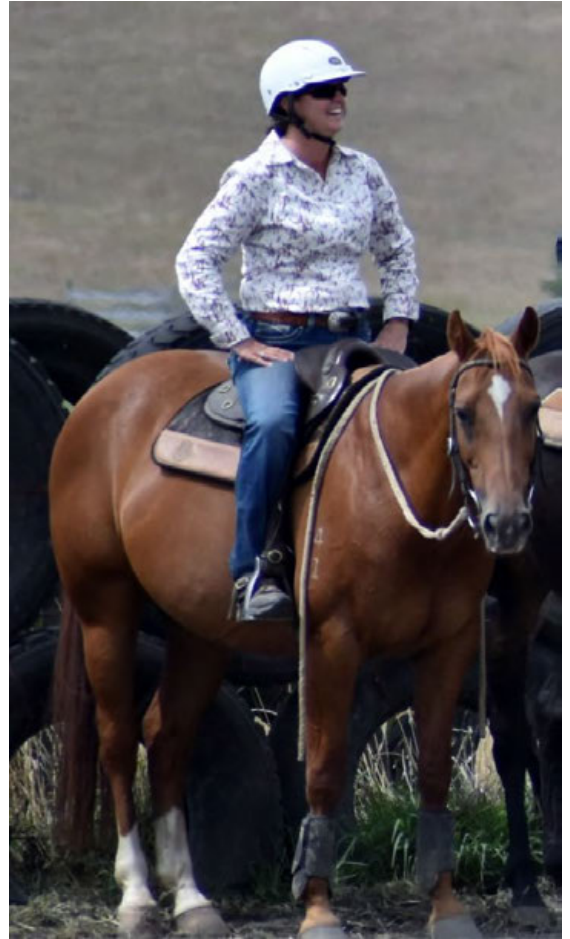
To Lincoln Adams, Katherine Hengstberger, Sophie White, Tom Ford and Tammy Goff thank you all for your wit, humor and sensibility and most of all your patience while I found my feet. To Karen Penney thank you for sharing your vast knowledge it is very much appreciated, to Glen Rand thank you for your calm manner and sensible approach, to Pete Boulton our very humble Captain thank you for fielding my million and one phone calls and for all your support whilst steering the ship through the tricky waters.

All in all I feel that the 2022-23 season was a successful one and look forward to celebrating with you all at the Awards Dinner on 27 May 2023.

To the members that are heading to Willinga safe travels and the best of the luck.

Last but not least a very big thank you to all the people that are not members that contribute to running our drafts, without you it would not be possible.

BJ Thorburn
GCA Secretary/Treasurer



Dumbalk Country Campdraft by Kathryn Hengstberger

The Dumbalk Country Campdraft ran without a hitch this year.

First off, we would like to thank all the sponsors, cattle donors, committee members and everybody in between; without the help and support of everyone around us we would not have been able to run as successfully as the years previous and hopefully the years to come.

We also would like to do a quick shout out to our awesome judges for making the trip down from Queensland - Will Durkin, Ben Hall and Georgia Curr, thank you again for your time. Also a special mention to Kim for her efforts and hosting the 'Kids Games' each day, they were a big hit.



Ben Hall



Georgia Curr



Kids having fun with Kim – photos thanks to Lilly Boulton



First off, we started with the 4CYTE Novice A event. The final was held on the last day ending in a spectacular fashion, with a two way run-off not once, but twice between Mark Ruff and Matt Bechaz, with Mark just coming out on top riding 'Royal'.



Dumbalk Country Campdraft by Kathryn Hengstberger – Page 2

We then commenced the Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock Maiden A event; this was run and won that day with Luke Cheney and 'Libertine' taking the win with a 178.

To finish day one we ran the Inaugural O'dell Equine Open for Open Shootout under lights, and what a spectacle it was. The Shootout was judged by both Will and Ben and taking home the \$9000 cash, first prize was Ken Boulton riding Tina Arena with 92.5 points.

Day two began with the Nutrien South Gippsland Livestock Maiden B, with Dean Rogers and 'Doo B Lucky' taking out the win with a 92 and 89.



Dean Rogers Competing



Luke Cheney



Ken Boulton



Sam Hukins

Dumbalk Country Campdraft by Kathryn Hengstberger – Page 3

We then ran our Irwins Stockfeeds Open for Open Campdraft which also resulted in a run-off between Tanya Rand and Peter Boulton with Tanya and 'Kite' coming out on top.

Our Prydes Easi Feed and Diamond Wool Pads Novice for Novice was Up Next which was taken out by Georgia Goff riding 'Rebock' with an overall score of 179.



Georgia Goff & Rebock

Day three began with our feature event the Longhorn Open round one, with two 90s run by Lexi Blecec riding 'Tic Tac' and Callum Moore riding 'Conmans Request' taking the first place on the round money. We then had our E and C Joinery Juvenile event. This was run and won by Nicholas Rand on Felix with a score of 89.

And to finish off the day we had our 4 CYTE Novice B, ending in a run off with Travis Bandy riding 'Hazelwood Weapon' and Dean Rogers riding 'Doo B Lucky' resulting in Travis and Weapon coming out on top with a 270.



Travis Bandy



Judge Will Durkin competing at Chinchilla 2022

Dumbalk Country Campdraft by Kathryn Hengstberger – Page 4

Day four began with our Wonthaggi and Leongatha Toyota ladies event, judged by Georgia Curr. We saw Marni Hamilton and 'Plain Jane' take the win and the Ladies Longhorns home with a score of 178.



Marni Hamilton & Plain Jane



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Thanks also to all photographers including Intense Photography

Following the Ladies, we had our E and C Joinery Junior event this was won by Tia Ford and 'Pav Rio' with a score of 82.

Round two of the Longhorn open was very hotly contested with seven people coming in on a 91. This set the precedent for the final that came later that day with 28 contestants competing for the Trophy Longhorns and the \$15,000 cash prize. After two rounds and a final, the draft resulted in a run-off between Peter Boulton riding 'Nandeye Destiny's Reflex' and Mark Ruff riding 'Sue' who both had a 268 with Mark and 'Sue' claiming the win with another 90.

Finally, the draft concluded with everyone dancing the night away and bringing in the New Year to the band 'No Mistake.'

A quick mention to our wonderful Sponsors, we thank you for all your generosity and support: Bulla Lyn, C M Pastoral, Irwin's Stockfeed, 4cyte, South Gippsland Livestock Nutrien, Diamond Wool Pads, O'dell equine, Leongatha and Wonthaggi Toyota, E and C Joinery, South Gippsland dumpsters, Greenhams, LCT Enterprises, Kepia ASH, Bairnsdale horse center, South Gippsland Dumpsters, Ag warehouse, BXT Boots, Kaycee Creative, Adamslea Park Equine, Tony and Ann Donovan, Janine and Stephen Fenwick, Prydes Easi Feeds, This Catts Destiny, Riverstone Leather Creations, Sonya and Stephen Ford, Nioka Creations.

Also our awesome Cattle Donors we thank you, our draft would not be able to run without you: J McGrath, G Reid and Family, Somerleigh Farms, I and R Hengstberger, C Hengstberger and J Stockdale, C and W Stockdale, K and A Boulton, P and B Svenson, R and L Cope, G Webster and Family, J Coleman and Family, T Brown.



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Yarram Campdraft

6-8 January 2023

Our first draft for 2023, and a great weekend of drafting it was! Many congratulations to the Yarram Campdraft Committee members who have been working diligently on the arena, camp and cattle yards. Rob Hunt and Graeme Davis have spent countless hours preparing the arena. Yarram Garden Centre provided the water truck for the whole event, and many thanks to Andrew Dunkley Machinery for slashing the camping area. We were also lucky enough to be provided access to a new warm up arena thanks to the Yarram Adult Riding Club. The grounds were an absolute picture and the beautiful Yarram weather returned after our damp 2022.

On Friday at 12.00pm we began with Maiden A & B. Zac Svetlik judged the Yarram Laundry sponsored Maiden A, with New South Wales competitor Natasha Walsh riding Dual Destiny taking home the win. To follow, Stephen Fenwick judged Maiden B (sponsored by Yarram Dental Clinic). Congratulations to Yarram Campdraft President Tom Thorburn riding Jimmy for the win.



Saturday morning kicked off with the Jack O’Neill Novice. This event is hotly contested each year and many a highly skilled campdrafter has taken home the prize, as evident in the list of names featured on the trophy! This event is sponsored by the O’Neill & Boddy Families, and it is fantastic to see so many of Jack’s family attend the draft every year. With Glen Rand judging, Darren Goff riding Frodo was the elated winner – Darren has been trying to get his name on the trophy for years. Congratulations Darren!



Darren Goff & Frodo - Photo thanks to Andrew Franks

The Sonny Davis Memorial Open for Open (sponsored by the Davis family and Matt Maliki) was the next event, showcasing the sport’s top horses and riders. Judged by Lachie Bowman, and awarded by Sonny’s family, the trophy and service to Matt Maliki’s stallion “Palmers Super Idea” went to Evan Hiscock riding Nix. We know Sonny would have been extremely proud to see Evan win this event.



To round out Saturday Vicki Hiscock took up the whip to judge the Juniors and Juveniles. Many thanks to Vicki who set our young riders minds at ease, greeting each child by name, and wishing them luck. The Juniors (sponsored by DMG Financial) was won by Zac Whipp riding Breeze with a score of 85! The Alistair Irving Memorial Juvenile (sponsored by the Irving Family Trust) came down to a run off for first, with Zoe Adams and Tommy taking the win.



To begin Sunday, the lovely ladies rolled out of their swags to compete in the Ladies Event. This event was sponsored by Devon Park Pastoral. Judge Stephen Fenwick awarded the trophy rug and first place ribbon to Bonnie Hiscock riding Alvin.

Our final event saw Vicki Hiscock in the hot seat again judging the TKP Stockhorses & Southern Stockfeeds sponsored Open. This was a tightly contested event, with Vicki commenting that it came down to course times for her to be able to separate the top riders. Congratulations to Ken Boulton riding Tina Arena, winning the event and a service to "Contractor" owned by TKP Stockhorses, Goulbourn.

The Yarram Campdraft Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved in making our event a success. To everyone who helps with cattle, works the gates. Works in the yards, helps in the announcers box, with first aid, catering and the million other little jobs that sometimes go unnoticed, we thank you all.

We have an extensive list of generous sponsors: 4Cyte, Prydes Easifeed, Nioka Creations, Southern Stockfeeds, Yarram Laundry, Yarram Dental Clinic, the O'Neill & Boddy Families, the Davis Family, Matt Maliki, Mark & Shelley Ruff, DMG Financial, the Irving Family Trust, Devon Park Pastoral (King Family), TKP Stockhorses, Evans Petroleum, Sue Gilliland Reins, Heathfield Building Group, C&S Stockfeed, Lothian Constructions (Portaloos), Kwik Tip Bins, Cassie Goding Photography and Alex Scott & Staff (Friday night free sausage sizzle).

We are also eternally grateful to our cattle donors for allowing us the use of their valuable assets: Glenn & Michelle Moore, Bart & Tracey Dowling, Jo & Peter Boddy, Pat, Norma, Damien & Maria Moore, Scott Mattern, Rod Jackson & Julie Barlow, Vicki & Lachie McLeod, the Haymes Family, Bill Bodman and the Wheeler Family. Thanks to all involved, here's cheers to a new year and a successful campdrafting season for 2023!

Report By Kate Steele

Yarram Campdraft 2023



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The weatherman said it was going to be hot. The committee was prepared and had a plan, but it didn't end up too hot.

What was hot, was the competition. As usual, there was plenty of runs and big scores were needed to make the finals.

There are three things that make a great campdraft.

1. Safe Ground. We always try very hard to have that.
2. Good Judges. It was great to have Troy Palmer and Jade Smith down from the ABCRA.

And

3. Good cattle. We are so lucky to have cattle donors who have been with us for many years supplying us with amazing cattle.

The drafting started early Friday with the maiden. Thanks to Judge Jade, quality cattle and competitors we were able to finish in reasonable time to enjoy the free BBQ donated by Ron Darren and Tammy Goff.

Saturday had to start early, to beat the heat. Competitors and our judges ran through at 52 per hour allowing us to break through the hottest part of the day. The finals were run together Saturday afternoon and drew a big crowd.

But the best event, was the Fancy Cut Out. The Committee have started a new tradition: The Committee Cup Event. Last year, it was the teams draft and this year it was a Fancy dress Cut Out, where Toby White aka The Indian stole the show and had everyone in fits of laughter when he leapt off his pony to block the cow with a little help from Indi and Ella!



TOBY WHITE

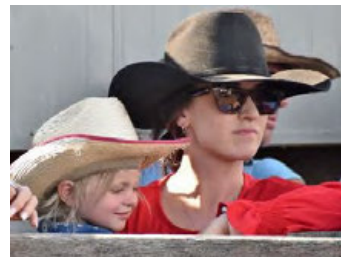


JUDGE TROY PALMER

Sunday was an easier day with just the Open and the Ladies Event.

A big thank you to everyone who helped the Sale Committee to run another great weekend of drafting.

Report thanks to Vicki Hiscock



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Trafalgar Campdraft 2023

By Cheryl Joosten

The 19th Trafalgar Campdraft was held on the 20/21/22 January, 2023. A huge THANK YOU to our cattle donors, great committee, competitors, sponsors, volunteers, transport workers, judges, yardmen and the people that give up their time during the event to score, do side gate, front gate and commentate. Our draft certainly would not have been the success it was if it wasn't for people like you. Special Thanks to Dot Esser for working along side me in the Announcers Box all weekend. Dot doesn't draft, just comes along every year to assist me.

This year we decided to run our Ladies Draft on the Friday commencing at 4pm, which was a great success along with the opening of the FLYING MO'S camp side bar. Thanks to our President Lukas Roberts for all your work building the bar.



LADIES SHOOTOUT



Our first event was held Friday afternoon. The Ladies Shoot Out judged by Glen Rand was won by BJ Thorburn who received a beautiful perpetual trophy sponsored by Traf Draft and a vase trophy to keep sponsored by Cheryl & Erick Joosten.

JD—JOHN DELANY MEMORIAL DRAFT

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Our first event on Saturday morning was the JD—John Delany Memorial Draft, judged by Michael Hiscock. This year's winner was Darren Towns riding Contractor. The event this year saw Craig and Carolyn McNabb from C M Pastoral come on board as the major sponsor, so we thank them very much for their continued support to our draft. The Delany Family sponsored the trophy which was presented by Cheryl & Erick Joosten on behalf of the Delany Family



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Cattle Donors: Ken & Alison Boulton, Amanda Waller & Ben Saxton, Phil Bogle, Ryan Berry, Nathan Gibbon Livestock, Jimmy Arbrecht, Bryce Templeton & Steven & Shelly Boulton from Wellington Livestock

Transport Workers: Wally Ingram for supplying his truck and driver Paul, Andrew Edyvane and Chris Jolly.

Graeme McKnight Memorial Open Draft

Our second event on the program Saturday afternoon was the Graeme McKnight Memorial Open Draft judged by Peter Boulton, which was won by Charlie Hengstberger riding Basalt. The event is sponsored by Graeme's daughter Sonya Webster, her husband Alex and children Sienna and Archer. Charlie's name now goes on the perpetual board in Graeme's honour which is kept in the club rooms. The trophy was presented by Cheryl & Erick Joosten on behalf of the Webster family.



MAIDEN DRAFT

Sunday we were back up for a 6am start. The first event was our Maiden judged by BJ Thorburn. Congratulations to Russell Lawrence riding Ida taking out the Blue Ribbon.

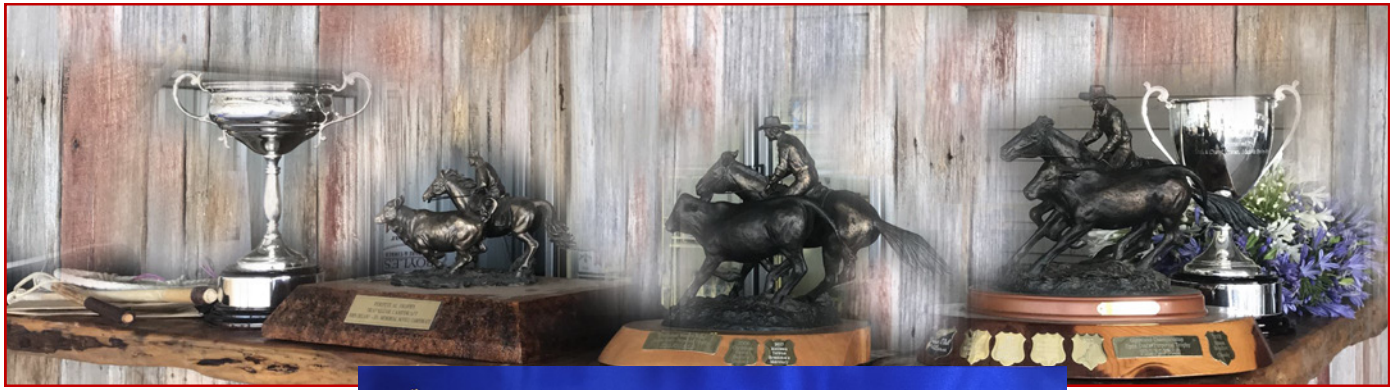


cups and belt buckles sponsored by Mark and Shelley Ruff, along with Cheryl and Erick Joosten. Congratulations to Lachlan Rand riding Donari winning the 8-U13 event. The 13-u17 win went to Nick Rand riding Montana.

8-U13 and 13-U17 DRAFT

The next two events were our 8-u13's and 13-u17's event, judged by Michael Hiscock. On offer to win was the magnificent perpetual silver





TRAFALGAR CAMPDRAFT
TOP CUT OUT

The winner of this years cut out was Toby White. Congratulations Toby. Thank you to Wellington Livestock for sponsoring this event.



Pictured here with Trafalgar President Lukas Roberts

OPEN 4 OPEN

This years Open 4 Open event judged by Jenny Neave was won by the inform Charlie Hengstberger ridng Tango. Charlie took home a perpetual trophy sponsored by the Traf Draft.





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MDU FOOTBALL NETBALL CAMPDRAFT 6/7 FEB 2023

By Gail Baker

The skies shone, but with the talk of wet horrible weather, everyone was amazed on how the ground stood up with the horrendous downpour overnight, which continued all morning. Judge Karen Penney deemed it all fit to go and started the Maiden Campdraft by 6.30 am. The riders and their horses did an amazing job with eventual winner Lachie Bowman and his horse Chance with a 176, narrowly taking the blue ribbon off Charlie Hengstberger on Smithy running a 175. Judge Karen Penney and horse Vinnie braved the horrendous conditions, and like all riders, we all hoped the weather would improve.

The ground held up well and with no falls and with the weather improving, the rest of the events went quite smoothly for the rest of the weekend. Congratulations to all winners and place getters.

MDU would like to take the opportunity to thank all that helped out on the weekend, especially Marni Hamilton and Rob King for their support before and during the weekend; they helped to make it all run smoothly. To all our side gate, front gate, Judges and caterers, we all appreciate all you have given and done.

A big thank you goes to our Cattle donors Cam Delbridge, Gary Anthony, Shane Harris and family, Reece Livingston, Chloe Stock, Dyke Family, Erick O'Loughlin and John Heppell without these people and our truck drivers our sport would not flourish.

A big mention, also goes to Wayne Cook who keeps this Campdraft happening, with tireless energy, organising it all with only a small band of people to help give us Campdrafters another competition to enjoy, Thank You Cooky!

Placings	Maiden		
1 st	Lachie Bowman	Chance	176
2 nd	Charlie Hengstberger	Smithy	175
3 rd	Sonya Ford	HB	174
4 th	Glenn Park	Little Jeannie	172
5 th	Dean Cameron	Brown Maria	171
6 th	Mark Ruff	Angelina	169

Placings	Open		
1 st	Charlie Hengstberger	Basalt	267
2 nd	Mark Ruff	Royal	178
=3 rd	Mark Ruff	Sue	176
=3 rd	Jake Fullgrave	Sia	176
=3 rd	Sonya Ford	Birneys Matches	176
6 th	Peter Boulton	Sweet Romance	175

Placings	2 run Nov		
1 st	Tom Thorburn	Jimmy	179
=2 nd	Ken Boulton	Vienna	177
=3 rd	Janelle Kennedy	Mewburn Reebar	177
=3 rd	Tom Thorburn	Bob	175
6 th	Dean Cameron	Cage	174

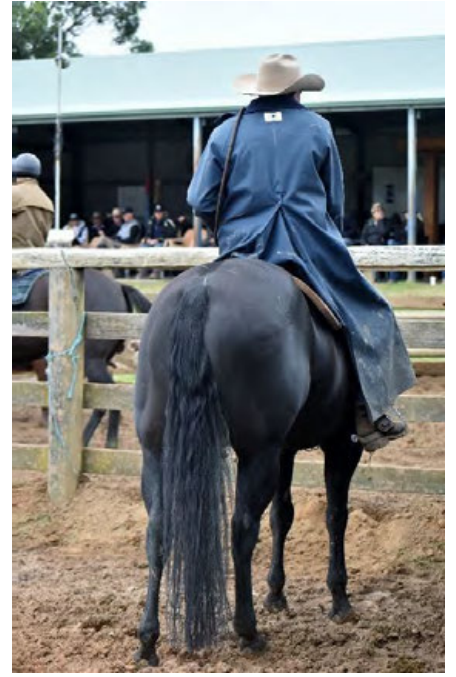
Placings	Charles Nails Cook Novice		
1 st	Jordie Stockdale	Darma	181
2 nd	Thomas Ford	Image	180
3 rd	Stephen Fenwick	Budget	179
4 th	Angus O'loughlin	Statement	178
5 th	Mick Lucas	Simba	177
6 th	Thomas Ford	Mini Max	174

Placings	Juniors 8/13 yrs		
1 st	Lachlan Rand	Donari	81
2 nd	Ayla Jones	Gidgee	54
3 rd	Lachlan Rand	Kite	21
=4 th	Hayley Blackshaw	Rosie	20
=4 th	Hollie Jennings	Mac	20
=4 th	Hollie Jennings	Flossy	20

Placings	Juveniles 13/17		
1 st	Nicholas Rand	Mandoo	89
2 nd	Nicholas Rand	Montana	87
3 rd	Matilda Kennedy	Acres of Candy	85
4 th	Rhyme Anderson	Johnny Cash	84
5 th	Archie Boulton	Miss Munroe	82
6 th	Matilda Kennedy	Benny	80



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YANAKIE CAMPDRAFT FEB 10th /11th /12th 2023

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The Yanakie Campdraft celebrated their 21st anniversary this weekend, inviting past sponsors, truck drivers and cattle donors to a special luncheon and the opportunity to sit, relax and enjoy some top drafting.

Friday afternoon started with the ladies, and after a hotly contested final, Heidi Smith came out with a big smile and the blue ribbon. Zoe Adams coming in 2nd.

Saturday morning began with the Maiden draft. After 145 runs and a final, Tom Ford came out on top with Jarred Blackshaw in 2nd place, and the legend Michael Kelly in 3rd.



This was followed by the maiden for maiden final with Tom Ford's fiancé Emily Cruickshank winning the blue ribbon.

The next event was the very excited U/13yo's. This was sponsored by Alison Lester, donating her beautiful books for all the kids. Lachlan Rand in 1st place, with Indi Jacobsen and Lachlan Rand coming in = 2nd. This event was followed by the U/17's. Nick Rand 1st place, and his brother Cooper Rand 2nd place.

Next was the Open for Open sponsored by Elders Korumburra, with top horses and riders lining up. Peter Boulton 1st place and his father Ken Boulton 2nd place.



YANAKIE CAMPDRAFT FEB 10th /11th /12th 2023

CELEBRATING 21 YEARS – report thanks to Stella Bowman

Sunday morning kicked off with the Novice Draft, sponsored by Toora Foodworks, with 194 competitors, Tammy Goff 1st place and local rider Marni Hamilton 2nd place.

Sunday afternoon finished with 104 competitors in the Open event, sponsored by Alex Scott & staff. This event finished with 3 competitors on equal scores – Tammy Goff, her brother Peter Boulton and brother-in-law Michael Hiscock in a 3 way run off, with Peter and Tammy on equal scores again and another run off saw Tammy come in 1st place and Peter 2nd.



A big thank you to Storr transport carting cattle all weekend. Richelle and Beau did a great job. Dave Dorling from Dorling Transport.

A great effort from the Tracy family supplying over 600 cattle for the weekend. Brad Gardiner for yarding all the cattle for the weekend. Lachie and Stella Bowman also supplying cattle for the draft. Our brilliant caterers Peb and Tillarni. Did a brilliant job of not only keeping everyone fed all weekend but also catered for the special lunch to celebrate our 21st anniversary.

Thank you to Jarrad Moon. Paul Hanigan and Pat Morgan for their time and effort preparing the arena, Billy and Deb Davy for the use of their paddock for the weekend.

One Big Huge Thankyou to our sponsors:

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**Congratulations to Kathryn Hengstberger who did really well in the Nutrien Classic at Tamworth.
This is Kathryn's story from that time:**

"In January, we started our yearly trip to compete in the Nutrien Classic at Tamworth. The whole week is eye opening and brings a high level of competition. I was absolutely thrilled and so humble to have made the Prydes Easifeed Performance Horse Challenge and also in that, the Young Guns Incentive.

I competed on a mare I had brought a few years prior, Two Beneficial. I would love to thank everyone for their kind words of encouragement and confidence. I was lucky enough to have both Mum and Dad at Tamworth to help and support me, it is never ending and so greatly appreciated.

With that said and a whole heap of nerves later my absolute gem of a pony and I won the Young Guns Incentive. I would like to thank the Metallic Storm Syndicate for their generous support of the Young Guns Incentive. There are many people who have helped out and shared knowledge, I wouldn't have achieved what I have so far without it. Thank you Kathryn Hengstberger – Photo thanks to Jo Theime Photography"

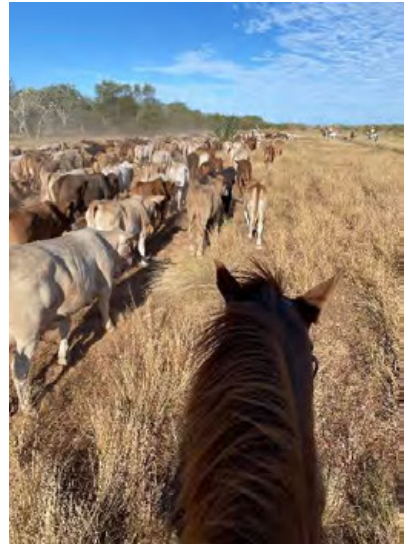


Congrats to all who competed or bought up at Tamworth, and a particularly warm congratulations to our GCA team who came in 2nd to the ACA by just 12.5 points pictured here with Jack Ventry

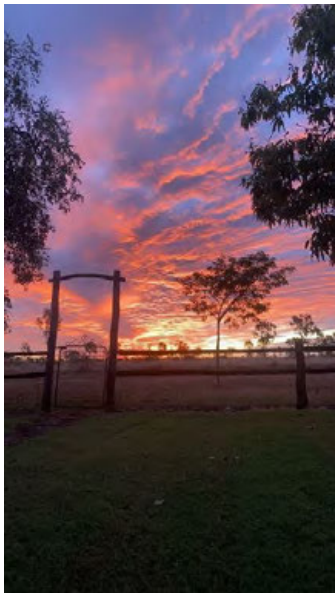


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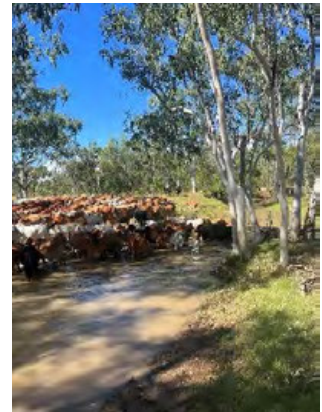
Kealee Hamilton applied for a job on Saxby Downs and headed up that way a couple of weeks ago. Kealee is really enjoying her work (up in the chopper mustering) and sent through some photos (didn't use the cane toad one though) thanks Kealee!



Evan Hiscock has been running Mt. McConnell for John and Susan Salmond. He is thoroughly enjoying it, including loving the fishing...



Our best wishes go out to Vick who went up to visit Evan for this birthday and ended up in hospital with a serious hand injury.



PRD – THE LAST MONSTER – 25 YEARS

BY CAROL TOMKIN

Thank you to those competitors who came to the last PRD Campdraft, we saw some great drafting over the weekend judged by Greg Charleson and Steven Hart.

A Big Shout Out to our small committee for all that you do on the weekend and leading up to the Draft, it makes my job so much easier. To our sponsors new and old, thank you (SEJ, Landmark, Alex Scott, Elders, SKT Leather, Bainsdale Horse Centre, Evans Petroleum, C & S Stockfeed, Agmart, Browns Stockfeed & Autopro all donating to the Monster Raffle. Cattle transport (Gavin Ferness, Robert & Ruth Findlay), and Ryans Bricks for the viewing trailer, thank you for your support over the years and to our Fantastic cattle donors (Jelbart Family, Laretta Maybin & Richard Rowe, Alan & Leanne Mitchell) - without you we wouldn't have run for so long.

Lastly but not least to the lovely Leanne and Alan Mitchell for the use of your beautiful Property Powlett River Downs for the last 26 years (25 Drafts 1 cancelled due to Covid, not bad I'd say) - you are amazing. A word from Alan and Leanne - We would like to say Thank You for the enjoyment that you have given us from running a draft over the years and also for being part of a club that has given back to the local community and community groups with Donations.

Winners for the weekend:

NOVICE - Peter Boulton Carramar Gifted Spin

OPEN 4 OPEN - Peter Boulton Condo

MAIDEN - Ken Boulton Geneva

OPEN - Victoria Hiscock Boy

JUVENILE 13 - U17 - Charlotte Taylor Lenas Little Tassa

JUNIORS 8 - U13 – Lachlan Rand Donari



Pete Boulton won both the Russell Scott Memorial Novice and the Open 4 Open
Photos thanks to Sarah Phelan



PRD – THE LAST MUSTER – LINE UP FOR THE LAST RUSSELL SCOTT MEMORIAL NOVICE EVENT

Man from Snowy River Festival

Quite a few Gippslanders ventured up to the Man from Snowy River Festival, and although it was pretty wet at times, had a great time. Congratulations to our Cooper (well Sophie & Mick's) for winning the Under 8 Whip Cracking Competition. It was a real GCA effort with Coop purchasing the calves from Rob King to rear, then sold onto Chloe Stock & Gail Baker so he could buy his whips. What an awesome effort, Coop!!! Congratulations!

Thanks Sophie for the photos ☺



Winner of the Man from Snowy River Challenge 2023

Travis Bandy & Hazelwood Weapon

Congrats to Travis and Weapon – Photo thanks to Charlotte Delosa – Intense Photography



Thank you to all our photographers contributing to this Newsletter

Tarwin Valley Campdraft

BY MEG O'LOUGHLIN

Tarwin Valley Campdraft pulled in competitors from different states to run our biggest competition in a few years.

Thankyou to all our generous sponsors for putting together some wonderful prizes for our winners and placegetter, our yard workers for running a beautiful line of cattle through the yards all weekend, Thank you to all the club members and volunteers that stepped up and helped many hands make light work. A massive thankyou to our youngest committee member Angus O'Loughlin for stepping up and continuing with the cattle when Mick had a nasty fall off his horse. Thanks also to our wonderful truck drivers that continue to support us year after year with having cattle in and settled for everyone to run.



With having a beautiful mild weekend to run just over 1300 head of beautiful cattle through the yards for the weekend brought us to having some very high scored finals with only 2 points separating top to bottom in the finals. Our wonderful winners for each event were the following:

Maiden: Mark Ruff riding Angelina

Novice: Beejay Thorburn riding Reaction

Open: Matt Holtz riding Last Frontier

Open 4 Open: Peter Boulton on Condo

Novice 4 Novice: Tom Thorburn riding Jimmy

Juniors: Ayla Jones riding Joey

Juveniles: Cooper Rand riding Argyle



LANG LANG CAMPDRAFT BY SOPHIE WHITE

The fourth Lang Lang Campdraft was held on 17- 29 March 2023. The committee had spent time over the winter upgrading the camp-side bar, so the atmosphere was set for a great weekend.

Friday afternoon kicked off with the Kevin Glover Memorial Open 4 Open, judged by Darren Goff. 48 riders started the weekend of drafting, and the unstoppable combination of Charlie Hengstberger and Basalt added another Open win to their belt. Charlie took home the Kevin Glover Perpetual Trophy, a custom made hat rack donated by Mick Lucas, and a trophy rug. Ken Boulton was only 1 point behind with both his horses Redeem and Tina Arena tying for second place.



The Woodstock Angus Novice started Saturday's program, and saw a very popular win with Marni Hamilton and her exceptional mare Summer coming out on top after 243 starters. Following on from a very successful season, this win broke Summer's novice status and saw her become an Open horse. Marni took home a Diamond Wool pad, trophy rug and bag of Pryde's feed.



The Open was judged by Mark Ruff, and saw 141 riders compete for the blue ribbon. An ecstatic Glen Rand aboard Mandoo was able to put together a phenomenal run in the final to mark a score of 23-4-65 (92) to put him in the lead by 1pt ahead of Jarryd Sutton on Corvette, who ran an equally impressive 91 in the final.



LANG LANG CAMPDRAFT P2

Saturday night was Family Games night, and saw the kids and adults return to the arena (some were so committed they turned up in their active wear!) to participate in games such as a sack race, 3 legged race, balloon race and apple bobbing. Competition was incredibly fierce with many spills and tumbles. There were a few strained hamstrings and stiff muscles the next day, but well worth it for the fun that was had. The fun kept going into the night as the bar got busy and live music by Bec Hance kept the crowd entertained.



The maiden kicked off on Sunday morning under judge Richard Clarke. It was so exciting to watch Robert Lamb put together two wonderful runs to finally break the maiden status of his horse VB. They've been so close so many times, and it was great to see VB with the blue ribbon.

Success for the Rand family continued in the kids events, with Lachlan Rand taking out first and second place on Kite and Donari respectively in the Junior. Nick Rand narrowly held on to his lead of 89 points in the Juvenile aboard Montana to take the win by 1 point over Archie Boulton on Miss Munroe



The final draft of the weekend was the Maiden 4 Maiden. 10 riders worked hard to put together another good run in this final to add to their score from the Maiden. Young Ellie Bowman showed everyone how it's done by scoring 84 points aboard Charity, putting her 7 points clear and in first place. She took home a Diamond Wool pad, trophy rug, and became a Novice rider too. Her smile said it all! In equal second place was John Baillie on Pure Blonde and Mitch Allenby on Taffy



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Fiona Glover once again ran the kids games throughout the day, which kept the kids (and their parents!) very busy. The kids absolutely loved having some more events to take their horses to, and the really little kids had a great time saddling up and having some fun with their ponies.

The Lang Lang committee would like to thank all the sponsors and cattle donors who supported our third draft. We were so lucky to draft such terrific cattle all weekend, and extend a huge thank you to all our cattle donors – Chris & Leanne Lancey, Wes Webb, Will & Sarah Jelbart, Andrew Eadyvane, & Steven Kent.

Thanks also to our sponsors Woodstock Angus, Nutrien Delaney Livestock & Property, Victorian Livestock Exchange, Diamond Wool pads, Caldermeade Farm, Aaron James & Tutt Bryant Hire, Niokia Creations, Tom & Lenice, Stephen & Janine Fenwick, and Russell & Susan Lawrence.

We look forward to seeing everyone back again in 2024.





THANKS TO THIS COLLAGE FROM CHARLOTTE DELOSA – INTENSE PHOTOGRAPHY

STONY CREEK FNC / MEENIYAN GOLF CLUB DRAFT

As the main people involved are currently away enjoying a visit to Canada, I have taken the liberty of just putting a bit of a report together.



Thanks to Richelle and Ian, Veronica and Neil for putting this draft on a later date in March than the proposed 2022 date due to inclement weather at the time. It was a great weekend with lots of good runs, thanks to their cattle donors, sponsors, cattle workers, truckies, catering workers and everyone involved in putting this draft together.

Winners on the weekend were:

Novice – Marni Hamilton on Summer

Open – Michael Hiscock on Dolly (after a 4 way run off)

U13 – Lachlan Rand on Kite

U17 – Lilly Boulton on Miss Munroe

Maiden – Alison Blackshaw on Rocky

Nov4Nov – David White on Paris

Open4Open – Wade Grinstead-Jones on Cross





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SALT CREEK CAMPDRAFT 2023 – BY TRACY SCOBLE

On 25th and 26 March Salt Creek ran their annual campdraft, although this year was the first year the draft was held on Rod Baylis and Belinda Kramme's property which was purchased from Moo Morrison. Rod and Belinda presented a well maintained and improved grounds, with Rod keeping the arena surface to a high standard all weekend.

The draft commenced on Friday with the ladies event which was hotly contested on a great line of cattle, and a beautiful purse as 1st prize donated by Country Allure from Black Water, QLD awarded to Kerryn Gardiner & Not Happy Jan. Competitors and spectators went on to enjoy a cold drink and the usual tasty fish and chips for Friday night tea by the fire.

Saturday saw Dean Rogers and Doo B Lucky taking home the blue ribbon in the Novice event with his usual consistent competitiveness and style and showing us some impressive camp cut outs!

Congratulation to Archie Boulton and Reflex winning the Juvenile draft. It was impressive to see our younger drafters with their support, encouragement and mateship congratulate each other in such a genuine manner.

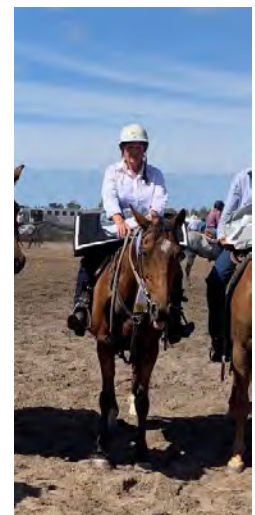
Over the weekend we saw the consistent Tanya Rand taking home the blue ribbon on Kite in the Open 4 Open on Sunday. We also got to see Tanya's sister Janelle Kennedy and her mare Mewburn Reebar have some ripping runs to take home 1st place in the Maiden 4 Maiden. But it didn't stop there for the Rand family with Glenn Rand and Mandoo taking out the Don Whelan Memorial Open. It was lovely to see Don's wife (who is in her 90's) congratulate Glenn on his win on Saturday night as well as Don's granddaughter and Salt Creek Campdraft's Treasurer, Jo Akeroyd and great granddaughter Bridie Akeroyd. Once again, we found a member of the Rand family in 1st place in the Junior draft with Lachlan Rand and Donari riding under the watchful eye of Judge Darren Towns.

Saturday night everyone enjoyed a roast beef dinner and sweats whilst ribbons were presented to the day's placegetters and a large raffle was drawn with lots of items being won. The Joe Cool Band played the night away with lots of catching up around the fires with a cold drink.

We all had a nice 'sleep in' on Sunday when the Maiden commenced at 8am with Judge BJ Thorburn taking the whip. We got to watch the very capable Colin Stockdale and his mount Oakey put some great runs on the board taking home first place and breaking Oakey's status to Novice horse. Stella Bowman impressed us and the judge with her consistent runs in the Maiden event to take out the Judges award and a beautiful saddle blanket kindly donated by Bowerette Sport Horses.

Salt Creek committee are thankful to the cattle donors, judges, first aid, sponsors, truck drivers, those who helped in the announcer's box and to all who gave their time to assist over the weekend.

Photos thanks to Tracy Scoble



Bairnsdale Campdraft 31st March – 2nd April – Report by Sarah Harry

Well after 3 attempts, several date alterations, weather, covid and a change of venue The Bairnsdale Campdraft finally got underway with Darren Bowman cracking the whip at 4pm on the Friday for the first event of this much anticipated Campdraft. With the 'Salt Creek Grounds' looking amazing thanks to Rod Baylis and Belinda Kramme, the stage was set for a fantastic weekend of drafting.

Huge Congratulations to Zoe Adams on Dixie taking out the Ladies final, and taking home a special gift from Riverstone Leather Creations, Big Thanks to Mel Towns for supporting our first Ladies event.

With the fire pits burning and the fridges filled with cold beverages everyone enjoyed the great Friday night meals from Sue and her crew 'Little Balls and More'.

Saturday Morning gifted us with the most amazing sunshine with the day commencing with Darren Towns taking the whip for the first round of the very special feature Event the 'Max Lind Memorial Open'. Max loved his Campdrafting, he was a great committee man. He worked on both the East Gippsland Stockhorse Branch and the Salt Creek Campdraft committee. Max was a much loved gentleman and as I heard many describe him over the weekend, 'a good bloke' who is forever in our hearts and it is a privilege to have this event in his honor to carry on his legacy in our newly formed Bairnsdale Campdraft. Thank you to Sue, Sarah, Paul and Georgia for your sponsorship of this special event. Maxxie I am sure cracked a can and enjoyed watching! After the first round, we saw 27 riders wait in anticipation to ride in the 'Max Lind Memorial Final at the end of Saturday's events.

With the day rolling onto the next event we saw Lincoln Adams Judge the RACV Solar Novice. Big thanks to RACV Solar for their major sponsorship for our weekend to get under way. The RACV Solar Novice saw the first 120 runs then we held the Dale Perdon Farrier Junior Draft. Erik Joosten took the whip to judge the Junior and Juvenile Campdraft events. Huge congratulations to Chelsea Gardiner and her fantastic pony Cahoots Crackerjack winning the Junior's event. Next saw the excitement of the Lindenow Farmers Home Hotel Juvenile event finishing with a run off between Zoe Adams and Archie Boulton to end with another run off; well done to Archie taking out the event on Nandeye Destiny's Reflex. Lincoln resumed the whip to finish off the RACV Solar Novice first round.

With the crowd gathering, the Finals kicked off with the Novice with a big congratulations to one of our hard working committee members Lance Anderson on Connie taking out the RACV Solar Novice. Taking home the embroidered RACV Solar trophy rug and the kindly donated service fee to Uno Hell by Nicklan Stockfeeds and Performance Horses. Lance also was the winner of the Baxter boots voucher for the weekend.



Bairnsdale Campdraft 31st March – 2nd April – Report by Sarah Harry

Ken Boulton said a few words about his mate Max Lind. With hats removed we all remembered this special man stopping for a minute's silence before Darren Towns cracked the whip for the inaugural Max Lind Memorial Open final to commence. With great excitement we saw a 3 way run off with Ken Boulton, Georgia Goff and Jordi Stockdale ending with the amazing duo Georgia Goff and her horse Jackson being awarded the 'Max Lind Memorial Open' winner.



With presentations held in 'The Shed' everyone raced to feed up, scrub up and return to the bar for the evening's Presentations. Not to mention the amazing Roast dinner put on by Sue and her team from 'little balls and more'. The presentations for the Dale Perdon Juniors Draft, Lindenow Farmers Home Hotel Juveniles and RACV Solar Novice were made. Followed with the very emotional tribute to 'Max Lind' and the deserving winner of the feature Open event, Georgia Goff. It was such a special presentation to share with Sue, Sarah, Paul and Georgia. With Darren Towns the judge of this special event saying a few fond words of his fond memories of Max Lind and well awarded winner Georgia Goff. A tribute from Charlie Whelan who unfortunately couldn't be there on the night was read with Ken Boulton and Sue Lind sharing their stories before presenting the trophy rug to Georgia along with the service fee to Contractor kindly donated by TKP Stockhorses.

With the very emotional tribute seeing an end to the Presentations and with Raffle tickets on hand, the many winners collected their prizes from the huge collection to choose from. I think everyone would say the water pistols were certainly the biggest hit - not sure if it was the adults or kids that wanted them more but I do know water pistols turned to buckets of water. Safe to say I think the raffle will need more water pistols next year. Kane Sparks taking the microphone did a fantastic job hosting the Auction which was a great success.



Thanks to Sue Lind for this lovely photo of Max



Winner, winner chicken dinner!

Bairnsdale Campdraft 31st March – 2nd April – Report by Sarah Harry

Huge thanks to kind sponsor's Eastcoast Welding & Maintenance solutions donating a fire pit and a night's accommodation at the Nicholson River Holiday Park. Aussie Septic Solutions donating a seven piece camp fire kit and Andrew Bulmer donated the SKT Leather hand crafted stock whip. With that the Band took over and everyone enjoyed the evening's live entertainment thanks to Ryan Shaw and co for making it such a fun night.

The morning seemed to roll around way to quickly and even though Sunday marked the end of daylight savings the sun shone beautifully on all the freshly ploughed grounds. Tiffany's Coffee van sure was a blessing! Erik Joosten took the whip for the Bairnsdale Shoe Repairs & Engraving Maiden Campdraft. Congratulations Graeme Rozynski on Hope for taking out the Maiden Campdraft.

The Bairnsdale Stockfeed Maiden 4 Maiden final followed with the winner Casey Parker on her horse Lewis taking home the blue ribbon. The final event of the day being the Coonawarra Trail Rides Open 4 Open. Congratulations Dean Rogers and his horse Eve N Con.

With that the last of the yards were packed up, trucks pulled out and we could finally say it was through all adversity we were able to prevail. The highlight was seeing the laughs, the tears the memories being made over the weekend and those that came to the first Bairnsdale Campdraft.

This weekend would not have been possible without the support and generosity of our Cattle donors and we can't thank you enough Tom Ford & Emily Cruickshank, Coonmore Pastrol Company, Brian & Vicky Hayden – Buchan Station, Peter & Michelle Boulton, Graham, Kate & April Simpson, Murray & Debbie Stewart, Todd & Emma Cameron, Frank & Dawn Boulton, Wellington Livestock, Craig & Cindy Fletcher. Our hard working hardworking Cattle truck drivers Dale Perdon, Danny Britton, Bayrook Pastrol & Co, Wally Ingram and his driver Paul we thank you for your hard work.

To all our competitors, our amazing sponsors, all our helpers over the weekend in the backyards, front gates, announcers, first aid, side gate, Toilet cleaners, bar tenders, carter's, Stella Bowman providing her amazing treats, coffee makers, fire stokers you made this weekend a success and we thank you. Huge thanks to our hard working committee who all pulled together to make this weekend in my opinion a great success. We cannot thank everyone enough for all their support, words of encouragement and positive feedback over the weekend. Seeing people enjoy a weekend of Campdrafting is what it's all about – Photos thanks to Sarah Harry.



A big shout out to and thanks to Paula Perdon and Pakenham Western Wear for sponsoring the committee shirts!

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