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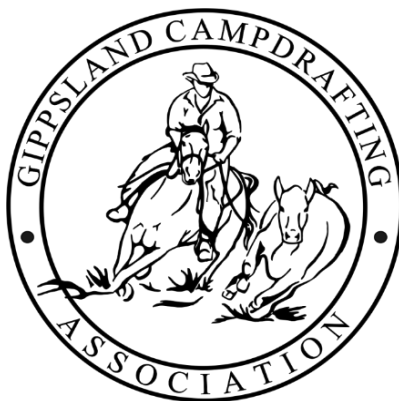
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

The days are slowly getting longer and the sun is getting a bit more kick, spring is just around the corner and so is another GCA Campdraft season.

Our AGM was held on the 14th of July to a massive turnout of 67 people, almost tripling the number of attendees of the previous 2022 meeting, there is no doubt the increased connectivity that I compete

provides helps alert more members of the AGM date, but also going on the kind words I, and other committee members received on the night, it was a sign of support for the management group and the direction the GCA is heading.

I want to thank the outgoing members such as Sarah Phelan for her work in social media for the last 5 years or so, she has worked hard for the GCA keeping everyone informed and producing many very professional videos for the NCCA riders. Vicki Hiscock has been our NCCA representative and the one who has grown the sponsorship role to an important elected position and a key money generator for the GCA. Thank you for your efforts in both fields. Karen Penney and Kathryn Hengstberger for their contributions throughout the last year, but they are still heavily involved with Karen continuing in her role as Judging Coordinator and Newsletter Editor and Kathryn is well underway organising the GCA Adult Clinic.

Our new appointees to Social Media and Sponsorship roles have jumped straight into action, Michelle Boulton has been busy refreshing our sponsorship packages and contacting new and previous sponsors. A massive thank you to Josh Gibson and 4cyte for again being our Platinum Sponsor for the 2023/24 season. Janelle Kennedy has been busy posting fun and engaging content for the upcoming kid's and adult clinics, I'm sure she itching for more things to post about.

In our first committee meeting we elected Mark Ruff to replace me as Judging Coordinator which he graciously accepted. I'm sure Mark and Karen will do a great job of arranging judges for our upcoming season.

Our adult clinic booked out within minutes of the entries opening, the committee have enlarged the size of the event to the biggest we have ever ran to accommodate all those who have expressed interest. A huge thanks to all the instructors who have made themselves available.

Mark and Shelly Ruff are well underway making preparations for our annual Kids Clinic, which no doubt will be an amazing experience for our young riders. Entries opened on 30th of August.

I look forward to seeing you all at our first draft Dutson.

Peter Boulton



Congratulations to Tom Ford & Emily Cruickshank and of course proud grandparents, Stephen & Sonya Ford (and Kenny & Allison Boulton ☺) as well as Emily's family, on the arrival of John Jock Ford born 15/9/23 – Emily and Johnny are doing great.



Calendar of Events 2023 - 2024 Season



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Campdraft	Dates	Contact	Phone #	Email address
GCA Adult Clinic	23-24 Sep 2023	Jordi Stockdale	0421 605 637	jc.hensy18@gmail.com
Dutson Downs	30 Sep - 1 Oct 2023	Cindy Ryder	0438 502 718	cindy.ryder4@bigpond.com
Hinnomunjie	7-8 Oct 2023	Brenda Flannagan	0409 846 771	brendaflannagan67@gmail.com
GCA Youth Camp	11-12 Nov 2023	Shelley Ruff	0417 325 877	mru79309@bigpond.net.au
Buchan	25-26 Nov 2023	Lance Anderson	0439 866 811	lyricalanswers@westnet.com.au
Meeniyah GF & Stony Creek FNC @ Dumbalk	2-3 Dec 2023	Richelle Hengstberger	0429 648 373	r.ihensy@gmail.com
Fish Creek FNC @Yanakie	9-10 Dec 2023	Veronica Park	03 5663 6279	neverpark@bigpond.com
Dumbalk Country	28-31 Dec 2023	Kathryn Hengstberger	0403 678 778	dumbalkcountry@gmail.com
Yarram	5-7 Jan 2024	Marni Hamilton	0400 143 369	marni.hamilton2019@gmail.com
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Trafalgar	19-21 Jan 2024	Cheryl Joosten	0416 166 027	cheryl.joosten@bigpond.com
MDU FNC @ Dumbalk	3-4 Feb 2024	Gail Baker	0428 644 474	jgashdale@hotmail.com
Yanakie	10-11 Feb 2024	Marni Hamilton	0400 143 369	marni.hamilton2019@gmail.com
Lang Lang	16-18 Feb 2024	Sophie White	0411 720 654	sophie.white@bigpond.com
Bairnsdale Campdraft	1-3 Mar 2024	Sarah Harry	0448 571 936	bairnsdalecampdraft@gmail.com
Tarwin Valley @ Dumbalk	9-10 Mar 2024	Carol Tonkin	0497 077 544	tarwinvalleycampdraftclub@gmail.com
Salt Creek	22-24 Mar 2024	Tracy Scoble	0407 342 038	tracyscoble@icloud.com
2022 - 2023 GCA Championships	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

GCA PRESENTATION NIGHT - 30TH MAY 2023

The GCA Presentation Night was very well attended in its new venue, The Criterion at Sale. There were lots of great awards and the presentation area looked beautiful thanks to Michelle, Tammy and BJ. Congrats to all winners and gridders!

2022-2023
GCA Champion
Open Horse
Nandeye Destinys
Reflex
Owner: P & M Boulton





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2022-2023
GCA Champion
Maiden Horse
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Novice Horse
Carramar Gifted Spin
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Runner Up
Glen Rand

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Champion
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Runner Up
Ken Boulton




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GCA Lady Rider
Champion
Victoria Hiscock
Runner Up
Bonnie Hiscock








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GCA PRESENTATION NIGHT - 30TH MAY 2023

2022-2023
GCA Maiden Rider
Champion
Janelle Kennedy
Runner Up
Rhys Redenbach

2022-2023
GCA Juvenile Rider
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Runner Up
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2022-2023
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GCA PRESENTATION NIGHT - 30TH MAY 2023

2022-2023
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Female Rider
Champion
Victoria Hiscock
Runner Up
Tammy Goff



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It's nearly that time of year again when entries for our 2024 Young Ambassador Quest will open 1st August, 2023 and close 30th September, 2023 (unless extended).

Once again we are hoping the GCA will choose to participate and support the Quest by nominating an entrant.

Each year the Quest and what we are able to offer our entrants continues to grow. This year we are hoping to continue to have the mini clinic and Meet and Greet Mentoring Session with a professional photographer along with a brand ambassador/western clothing model. The YAQ activities also include selling raffle tickets, working on the CLF Stand, meet and greet, CLF team mentoring session, meeting high profile trainers, YAQ social get togethers, flag carrying for Nutrien finals.

While we have a winner and runner up, over the years it is clear that the focus of the Quest has become about mentoring young campdraft women, providing them with a unique Nutrien experience and giving them the opportunity to work alongside the Classic Ladies Foundation team raising funds for our chosen charities. Also providing skills to young campdraft women for them to take away and use in the future to ensure a strong foundation for our horse industry and the sport we love.

Our Nutrien Classic 2024 CLF Charities will be announced shortly and I will provide you with an update, once they are announced.

Also remember each Association can only nominate one entrant, but those girls who are unsuccessful as the YAQ Association representative are welcome to take part in the Quest as a "stand alone" entrant.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Young Ambassador Quest

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TRIPS AWAY

A few of our members have made trips up to see fellow drafters in QLD plus enjoy the sunshine. Faulky and Kero Gilliland made it for the muster at Mt McConnell, catching up with Gordon & Susan Salmond, their family and of course Evan Hiscock. Rhonda Stephens & Matthew Goulden called in to enjoy the hospitality at Salmond's Lestree Downs Property and Jarryd Sutton and Laurel took a flying trip up to Roma etc and caught up with Evan, the Salmond's and Trinity McInnes.



Kero with Blondie out mustering - Faulky photo



Cattle at the Saleyards – Jarryd photo



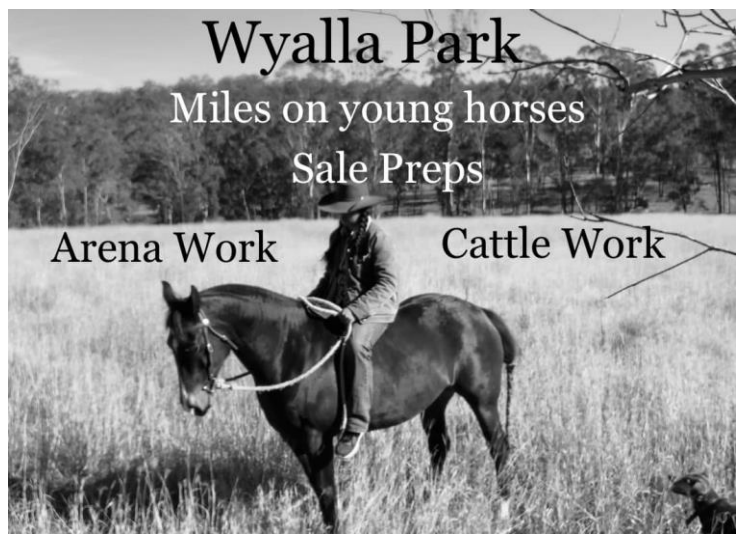
Susan Salmond, Kero and Faulky

TRIPS AWAY

Some more photos from Laurel and Jarryd...



Another GCA drafter who has found her way up to Queensland is Po Hasthorpe and Po is doing some enterprising work on her beautiful property Wyalla Park near Kingaroy, Queensland. All the best Po in your new ventures.



Sincere Condolences from all of us go out to Cheryl Joosten and family on the passing of her father Ivan



COME AND CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF
THE GCA AT ONE OF THE OLDEST
DRAFTS ON THE CALENDAR

Hinnomunjie Campdraft

7th & 8th Oct 2023
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Warrigal Creek

Welshpool

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Willow Grove

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Yarram

THE G.C.A. CAME INTO BEING IN 1973, PRIOR TO THIS A GROUP OF KEEN DRAFTING COMPETITORS WHO TRAVELLED TO SCA DRAFTS FOR APPROX 2 YEARS CALLED THEMSELVES EASTERN CAMPDRAFTING ASSOC.

THE SECRETARY'S JOB IN THIS EARLY ERA WAS VASTLY DIFFERENT IN A PRACTICAL SENSE THAN TODAY WITH ALL THE MODERN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE.

THE BCA WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE SCA IN THE EARLY YEARS, OPERATED UNDER SCA RULES, INSURANCE COVER, PAID REGISTRATION OF HORSES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AWARDS SYSTEM, A LEVY WAS ALSO PAID ON THE NUMBER OF RUNS IN THE MAIDEN, NOVICE AND OPEN - THESE LEVIES WERE FORWARDED TO THE SCA SECRETARY ALONG WITH A COPY OF SCORE SHEETS FOLLOWING EACH CAMPDRAFT.

A COPIES OF ALL CAMPDRAFT DRAWS WERE REQUIRED -

1 TO SCORE ON, 1 FOR NOTICE BOARD WITH COMPETITOR NO'S, 1 FOR THE SCA AND 1 FOR ORGANISING COMPETITORS INTO THE CAMP. - THIS WAS ACHIEVED BY USE OF CARBON PAPER - "ALL HANDWRITTEN."

THE WEEK PRIOR TO A CAMPDRAFT ENTAILLED DOING THE DRAWS FOR EACH CATEGORY, WRITING UP ALL THE DRAWS, MAKING SURE DRAWS WERE DONE WITH EACH COMPETITOR HAD A RUN ON 1 HORSE BEFORE COMPETITORS WITH 2 OR 3 HORSES, COMPETITORS WITH QUITE A FEW HORSES HAD TO BE SLOTTED INTO DRAWS TO AVOID TOO MANY CLOSE RUNS.

MOSTLY 1 JUDGE WAS USED BUT SOMETIME 2 JUDGES WERE USED, A SCORER STOOD ADJACENT TO EACH JUDGE, SCORES WERE WRITTEN ON TICKETS, INITIALED AND THEN TAKEN TO THE SCORERS AT THE OFFICE (USUALLY A FLOAT) THESE TICKETS WERE CONVEYED OVER TO THE OFFICE BY A FEW WILLING'S.

YOUNG MEMBERS, ONE WHO RECENTLY SAID TO ME "THOSE DAMN TICKETS" THESE YOUNG MEMBERS WERE - VICKY AND TAMMY BOURTON, SUTTON AND CONNERBY FAMILY - LATER ON NEWS, HUSLOCKS ETC... BLACKBOARDS WERE TRIED BUT THE CAMP, JUDGE AND OFFICE SETUP WASN'T ALWAYS CONVENIENT.

AFTER EACH CAMPDRAFT - SCORE SHEETS WERE CHECKED

LEVIES WORKED OUT, BANKING DONE ETC. AND AS QUITE A FEW DRAFTS AT TIMES WERE ON CONCURRENT WEEKENDS, ANDY WE MET AGAIN - CONCURRENT DRAFT WEEKS WERE VERY BUSY, WITH UP TO 6 OR 7 CAMPDRAFTS A SEASON AND FOR A FEW YEARS THE GCA SECRETARY DID ALL THE BOOKWORK ETC.

STILL ALL "HANDWRITTEN" THANKS TO MARGA SUMON FOR YOUR HELP WHEN THE GCA MADE THE DECISION TO LET THE SCA AND GO IT ALONE THERE WAS SOME ANGST AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP, THINGS SEEM SMOOTHED OUT, THE GCA BENEFITED FROM THIS DECISION FINANCIALLY AND WERE ABLE TO HELP OTHER COMMITTEES TO SET UP AND RUN CAMPDRAFTS IN VARIOUS AREAS WHICH ALSO HELPED LOCAL COMMUNITYS RAISE REVENUE.

THE GCA THEN BECAME THE OVERALL COMMITTEE.

THE GCA WERE THE FIRST CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION TO MAKE COMPULSORY WEARING OF HELMETS WHEN CAMPDRAFTING - SUCH A GREAT DECISION! - NOT AGREED TO BY SOME CAMPDRAFTERS FROM OTHER AREAS, BUT THE GCA STUCK TO THIS DECISION DESPITE SOME HARASSMENT FROM OTHER QUARTERS!

I REMEMBER THE EARLY YEARS WITH GREAT KINDNESS, THE DRAFTS WERE OBVIOUSLY MUCH SMALLER, MAYBE NOT AS PROFESSIONAL AS NOW, BUT CERTAINLY LOTS OF KEEN MEMBERS, GOOD FRIENDS, A CLOSE-KIT COMMUNITY - FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRES, FUN AND GOOD TIMES.



Our latest GCA Life Member, Walter John Ingram was born in Orbost on the 15th March 1942 to parents John and Georgie who originated from Delegate, NSW. He was the 2nd youngest of 6 children, the family moved quite a lot when Wally was young – Tinamba, Cowarr, Carrum Downs, Little River then back to Orbost where Wally finished his schooling at Orbost High. *Allison Boulton continues Wal's Story.*

"Wally met and married Val and worked on a share farm until they moved to Tinamba in 1969, share farming for well-known horse enthusiasts Jack and Nancy Williamson, who I am sure would have had quite an influence on Wally's riding career. Wally later purchased his Vardies Road property neighbouring the Williamsons.

He had two really good showjumpers in the late 80s and 90s having a lot of success locally and in the Wimmera, with one horse "Not Declared" jumping up to 6 foot.

And obviously things haven't changed a lot, a friend said of his show jumping days that Wal's horses were well presented, under worked at home, and fairly fresh, but great performers.

He purchased a grey Galloway called Balfron Quarters that he shared with his kids Malcolm and Kim. One year at the Bega Show, Quarters won the D Grade show jumping, all the novelties, Galloway Hack, Ridden and Working Stockhorse, Section 4s Hunting and the Childs Pony. Wally had trained him well. He believed in making sure his horses were capable in all disciplines.

I was told a story, I am not sure how correct it is but I think it shows Wally's soft side. When Quarters died the guy who buried him didn't dig a big enough hole and buried him standing up. Wally made him dig Quarters back up and dig a bigger hole so that he could lay down. Wally's reasoning was that he had worked hard all his life and deserved to lay down at the end of it.

Wally also had a lot of success at the Australian Stock Horse nationals, his ability ranged from winning the Gentleman's Hack to Led, Ridden and Working Stockhorse events.

Some of us remember when Wally started drafting, and he has had some good little horses, Comet, Amadeus and Digger to mention a few.

Wally has had a lot of enjoyment from drafting and is extremely generous with his time, his trucks and his cattle. Sale Draft is one that owes a lot to his generous nature. And it's an honour to have him as part of our team."

Congratulations Wally, on becoming a Gippsland Campdrafting Association Life Member

"Bar" Memories with Jo Bods and Faulk

After sitting down and chatting about our early campdraft days, Jo Bods and I came up with quite a few memories and highlights.

Jo was thirteen when she attended her first campdraft, April, 1974, at the Woodside Football Oval. It was one of the first drafts in this part of Gippsland as the others had been further east. Alistair Irving was one of the main organisers and Alan Sheridan and his family, Christa Mitchell, Ron Connley and Ricky Morgan were among many others who attended this event.

Rough arenas, mostly bare paddocks and unploughed grounds were the norm in the early days. The arena had plain wire with hessian hung over it and the front gates were manned by people waving hessian bags to block the cattle. As you can imagine there were quite a few break outs and, at times, cattle could be seen disappearing over the horizon. As the arenas were so big you did not have to get your first peg so long as you stayed on course. We travelled to the drafts in a cattle truck or float and the fancy horse rigs were not there. A tarp thrown over stock crates or a swag were good enough. The amenities were pretty basic and some of us would remember the Gelantipy shearing shed.

As the GCA was part of the SCA we had to travel to East Gippsland and the Monaro for a number of drafts. Most of us, who were brave enough, drove up the the Cann Valley Highway which was mainly dirt. Both Cabanandra Drafts stand out as being very social and enjoyable because of the great hospitality and entertainment. Bombala and Delegate drafts were a highlight as well.

One of the most memorable drafts was on Ronald Roger's property at Gelantipy when the morning mist came in and stayed for the whole day. After a short break the draft continued and what saved the day was the lack of breathalysers eh! The rain continued and at the end of the day we all crowded around the campfires with rivers of water running through the shed. Also at Gelantipy, while he was drafting, Bradley Matthews followed a beast over the fence and then jumped back into the arena and continued on.

You could run the early drafts with three to four hundred cattle and most times we would stop for lunch. Often cattle were escaping and the drafts were run at a more leisurely pace. In other words the drafts were far more casual and seemed to take a while to get through. Splitting events was unheard of and maiden horses were allowed to go in all events.

Earlier on our priority at the drafts was to socialise, sometimes to excess, and maybe our drafting suffered. What we conceive as some of the biggest changes in the last fifty years are:-

- Horses and training
- the easier access to the better quality cattle
- ploughed grounds
- safety and security of the arenas
- the comfort of the riders, competitors and spectators in their flash rigs which were not around in the seventies and the eighties
- the dress code has become more appropriate
- helmets

Today we are very lucky that there are so many drafts within the Gippsland area. The professionalism has come a long way and the committees are dedicated to running the best drafts they can with the ever growing entries. Drafting is such a wonderful family sport and long lasting friendships have been made Australia wide. It is a great family sport!



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Trips Away - as mentioned Rhonda Stephens captured some great shots from Lestree Downs Station



KEIPA BOMBALA

Thanks again to Karen Carter for letting me grab some shots of Keipa Bombala who is out of Wattlewood Lickadee Split HSH (Soda Justice) by Kneipps Conray



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