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President's Report

Gooday All,

Well here we are with only three weeks to go 'til the 2009 Drovers Camp Festival and things are moving along very nicely this year. We have a few things to start off this year for our volunteers...on the 15th the Barkly Bike Challenge are having their function here that night which we are doing the bar for, then on the 19th we have the Queensland Variety Bash here for lunch (just 550 people) for which we are doing the catering and the bar. This is one way for us to make money for the Camp.

On the Thursday night we are having a Wine and Cheese Night to advertise our Art Show then the next day (21st) at 9.00am we have the registration of all the Drovers followed by their luncheon and then the Party begins down the street in the afternoon.

This year we have a \$20 registration fee on the drovers due to all the price increases in the food lines. Hope this is favourable by all.

As you can see by this Cattle Pad it has been another sad few weeks, I just hope they are all droving once again in the higher pastures.

Well folks see you all on the 20th or the 21st of this month.

Yours in droving Liz
Dean Perrett
Performing Saturday Night
22nd August 2009
LIVE

VALE
Ned (Kelly) Saville Born the 1st June 1935– departed this life 7th July 2009. Ned was the son of Lena and Thomas Saville.

A true gentleman and bushman.

Keith O'Keeffe Born in Camooweal on the 3rd September 1923 and after a short illness Keith died on the 11th July 2009.

He will be remembered by many.

Kenny Martin Passed away last month at the age of 68 in Winton. Kenny, a drover, was a son of well known drover Glen Martin and a brother to Alma (Clive Teece's Wife) Both of whom are deceased.

AVAILABLE NOW!!!
2008 DROVER'S FESTIVAL DVD - TWO DISC PACK

FEATURING - Street Parade, Bronco Branding, Mail Race and Walk up performances. Selection of Neville Anderson, Peter Denahy and Sunny Cowgirls songs performed at the festival and much more!!!! \$25 per pack + \$5.00 postage.

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Watch all the action at the Competition and Presentations for 2008.

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VALE

Bomber Stacey

Bomber was born 19th February 1942 in a white duck canvas tent under a bauhinia tree at Newcastle Waters NT. It was the day Darwin was bombed by the Japanese forces so he was naturally nicknamed Bomber. His parents christened him Leonard after a family friend Leonard McConville who was a supervisor of the Department of Interior, later called the Commonwealth Department of Works which is the equivalent of the Main Roads of Queensland.

Bomber grew up a very quiet and obedient kid, he was never a problem and never sick. Bomber went to school the Lady of Sacred Heart Convent in Alice Springs in 1949 and left school at the end of 1954. Bomber started work in 1955 at the age of 13 helping his brothers, Johnny and Kelly, run a droving plant which their father had left them. He had six straight years droving cattle through the Murrumbidgee and Barkly Tablelands. His longest trip he did was in 1956 when they took 1,500 bullocks from Victoria River Downs to Walgra Station Queensland (Urandangi) a distance of 800 miles—the trip taking 14 weeks.

He then worked for MIM for a year or so and then driving road trains for many years while based in Katherine. It was here where he and his wife bought a home and raised a family.

Bomber was a man who always looked after his mates - he would go out his way to say hello and help them if in need. He loved to reminisce and could always see the funny side of things.

Bomber is gone now but will never be forgotten, Johnny can still see him riding beside him at 13 years of age on his favourite horse "Rainbow" only 4 feet in height, a 10 gallon hat (3 sizes too big) pulled over his eyes and a pair size 8 boots curled up at the toes and a smile from ear to ear.

Bomber passed away on the 9th June, 2009 in Mount Isa.

CALLING ALL BRAND OWNERS

Ray Fryer has donated two beautiful sawn wood slabs. We would like to offer people the opportunity to have their brand (or if you have an old brand from your family) burnt onto a slab for permanent display in the memorial. \$150 per brand will be charged with the proceeds going towards running expenses for the Drover's Camp. Bring your brands to the festival in August and leave your mark on the Drover's Camp!

Books for Sale

Keep the Branding Iron Hot - Bobbie Buchanan - \$29.95 + postage

In the Track of Old Bluey - Bobbie Buchanan - \$29.95 + postage

Legends of the Outback - Marie Mahood - \$25.95 + postage

Battlers of the Barkly - Alf Chambers - \$23.95 + postage

Wind on the Cattle - Merrice Briffa - \$24.75 + postage

Red Dust Rising - Marion Houldsworth - \$30.00 + postage

From the Gulf to God Knows Where - Marion Houldsworth - \$33.95 + postage

Maybe It'll Rain Tomorrow - Marion Houldsworth - \$33.95 + postage

Barefoot through the Bindies - Marion Houldsworth - \$29.95 + postage

Horse Bells and Hobble Chains - Jeff Hill - \$35.00 + postage

Traditional Bush Horsemanship - J. F. Simpson - \$21.50 + postage

Songs of the Droving Season - Bruce Simpson - \$20.00 + postage

The Murrniji Track - Ghost Road of the Drovers - Darrell Lewis - \$29.95 + postage

Roping in the History of Broncoing - Darrell Lewis - \$25.95 + postage

Rodeos and Ringers - Bill Crosbie - \$20.00 + postage

Childrens Books

Outback Countout - Norah Kersh - \$15.00 + postage

Outback Alphabet - Norah Kersh - \$15.00 + postage

Grandma's Precious Chest - Norah Kersh - \$15.00 + postage

Bronze Statue Raffle

Made and Donated by John Forbes

\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5

Drawn 23rd August 2009

For tickets contact Liz Flood

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