

## Cattle Pads Volume 6 Issue 4

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CATTLE PADS The official newsletter of The Drover's Camp Assn Inc. Camooweal VOL # 6 Issue 4 September 2009  
President's Report

Gooday All,

Another Festival has been and gone - even though numbers were down a little, it was a great festival. This year we had 70 drovers register again 12 over 80. A big thank you to all the volunteers and my committee for a job well done.

We had new signs done on site, just before festival and must say the tourists are calling in now, even at the end of the season.

On Friday the 21st of August, Bluey Ellis unveiled the (Women in Droving) Honour Board which was donated by Don Corcoran and Bluey Ellis in memory of Edna Jessop. Thanks you boys. I am now asking for photos of women who were on the road in the past and a short write-up of their achievements/unique experiences.

We now have a bull in the shed - Col and Sue (showies who have been here for the last few festivals) have donated him to the Drovers Camp. Murrnji doesn't need feeding or watering, so is easy to look after and certainly looks very fitting.

On the 5th and 6th of September, Ellen Finlay and myself did a course with Museum and Galleries in restoration and cataloguing of memorabilia - a very interesting course - now the work begins!!!

Well folks, I hope you all had a safe journey home and that you get a good wet season. We will be running a Christmas raffle with info next issue.

Yours in droving, Liz  
BRONCO BRANDING RESULTS 22nd & 23rd August 2009 Singles - Sponsored by Myuma & Clargie Saltmere

1st Contractors: 2nd Red Rock: 3rd Mt Guide : 4th Mt Isa Produce: 5th Billy Ray: 6th Dundee Doubles - Sponsored by North West Crane Hire & Mt Isa Produce

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1st Neutral Junction: 2nd Claypan: 3rd Down South: 4th Just Like Fishing: 4th Camooweal 2 Beginner Branding - Sponsored by Myuma

1st Jim Bob: 2nd Beginner's Luck: 3rd Cactus: 4th Sissy's Boys: 5th Leichhardt 1: 6th Greenhorn Best Presented Team - Sponsored by Carmel Williams

BullWaddy Mob 2 Best Bronco Horse - Sponsored by Myuma

"Flicka" & "Chief" Best Catch - Trophy donated by Beryl Murphy

Mal Debney Best Brander - Trophy donated by Beryl Murphy

Shirley Macnamara Encouragement Award

Reece Macmillian BRONZE SPUR AWARD

Our thanks to the judges, Melanie Hall of Winton and Gary Fogarty of Milerran for their commitment to peruse all 50 entries in the Bronze Sur Award for 2009.

First Prize - "Time and Change" by Colleen McLaughlin of Springsure

Second Prize - "Through Frightened Brumby Eyes" by Kim Eifel of Limestone Creek

Third Prize - "A Few Bright Sparks" by Milton Taylor of Longreach Time and Change

For centuries men have reckoned time by the position of the Southern Cross constellation on it's nightly orbit through the skies. TIME

Call me when the cross turns over - then I know the dawn is near,  
Dark is thick and silent round me, still the stars are shining clear.  
I should hear the horse bells ringing - hear the clink of hobble chains -

Know that horse boy, Jim, has risen long before the darkness wanes. CHANGE

But there's silence. There is waiting for the far of distant whirr  
Of the chopper blades rotating, setting all the bush astir..

Smell the smoke. The coals are glowing, and the cook is on his feet.  
Tucks the damper in the ashes, stokes the fire and checks the heat.  
Sees the billies boiling briskly - time to throw the tea leaves in -  
Pull the boots on, roll the bluey, let the day long tasks begin.

Generator breaks the silence - cook van lights a golden glow,  
Warmth and comfort all around us - steak and onions on the go.

Take the bridle, think while walking. "There's a long hard day ahead,  
Need a horse whose heart will take me over plain and watershed."  
Saddle's on. He tenses muscles. "Mate, just pull the girth up tight -  
You can tell the way he's looking, he's just itching for a fight."

Bikes will maybe need refueling - check the tires and climb aboard -  
Kick the starter - gun the motor - overhead the chopper soared.

Fifteen miles to reach the boundary, and the wings are spreading wide,  
Turn them in, and search the pockets where the rogues and laggards hide.  
Time goes by, and dust clouds eddy, dinner camp is far behind,  
Mob is steady, as the sun sets, and the holding yard we find.

Eighteen hundred head are yarded, in the time we took to ride  
From the breakfast camp at daylight, to the fence the other side.  
Rotors whirring - bikes back-firing - bawling mothers calling calves.  
Time's the essence of the contract. Nothing can be done by halves.  
Not a drover now is waiting for a mob to hit the road.  
But by sundown trucks are leaving, taking out each drafted load. NOW

Call it change, or call it progress, call it what you think is best.  
Times we knew and old traditions, all are gone and laid to rest.  
Men whose hands were light as feathers, when they touched the bridle reins,  
Grab the bars of bikes with passion, as they search the hills and plains.  
Still, call me when the Cross turns over, when the dawn winds cool the air,  
As the bush begins to waken, for my heart will still be there.  
When I see the daylight breaking, see the stars put out their lights,  
Then I know that time's unchanging, while the Cross turns through the nights. By Colleen McLaughlin © 2009 ART  
EXHIBITION

Sect. 1 - Droving - Sponsor - The Drover's Camp Assn Inc. - 1st Ron Hope  
Sect. 2 - Australian Outback Landscape - Sponsor Coolreagh Pastoral Co. - 1st Patricia D'Arcy  
Sect. 3 - Station Life - Sponsor Hawkins Cattle Co. - 1st Patricia D'Arcy  
Sect. 4 - Aboriginal Art - Sponsor Dugalunji Aboriginal Corp. - 1st Bronwyn Smith  
Sect. 5 - Australian Relic - Sponsor L & M Miller. - 1st Stumpy Adams  
Sect. 6 - Junior to Year 12 - Sponsor The Drovers Camp Assn Inc. - 1st Felicity Cause Congratulations to Felicity Cause!!

Felicity was the only competitor in the Junior to Yr 12 section with  
her 7 entries that were of exceptional standard for her age (12).

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Sect 1 "Cute country Kids" - 1st Kate Flood, 2nd Raelene Macnamara, 3rd Lyn Makkai  
Sect 2 "Australian Scenic" - 1st Lyn Makkai, 2nd Patricia Pratt, 3rd Lyn Makkai  
Sect. 3 "Portrait" - 1st Kate Flood, 2nd Carol Letts, 3rd Kristy Murray  
Sect 4 "Droving Historical" - NO PLACE GETTERS  
Sect 5 "Black & White" - 1st Courtney Atkinson, 2nd Kate Flood  
Sect 6 "Animals" - 1st Emma Miller, 2nd Patricia Pratt, 3rd Courtney Atkinson

## JUDGE'S AWARD - Emma Miller

AVAILABLE NOW!!! 2009 DROVER'S FESTIVAL DVD - TWO DISC PACK FEATURING - Street Parade, Bronco Branding, Mail Race and Walk up performances. Selection of Dean Perrett, Tom Maxwell and Jeff Brown performed at the festival and much more!!!! \$25 per pack + \$5.00 postage.

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Wind on the Cattle - Merrice Briffa - \$24.75 + postage  
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From the Gulf to God Knows Where - Marion Houldsworth - \$33.95 + postage&mdash;out of print  
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Outback Songs - Norah Kersh - \$25 + postage  
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