

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

CENTRAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL CONFERENCE — 22nd June, 1979 at 12.30 p.m. -- REPORT

PRESENT:

Bendigo - R. Robins, A. Hudson, R. Stephens, K. Fitzgibbon.  
South Bendigo - D. Oakes, J. Moncrieff, J. Scott, M. Jackman.  
Wedderburn - E. Walker.  
Murrabit - L. Bartels, H. Webb.  
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The President D. Oakes opened the Conference and welcomed those present.

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(iii) Press Releases re meatmeal, stock feed wheat and D.S.M.
- (11) Minet James Australia Ltd., documents on Insurance Scheme.  
Moved L. Bartels, seconded J. Scott that correspondence be received. Carried.

The Secretary was directed to reply to Minet James Australia Ltd., re Insurance Scheme, stating that we are not interested at present but we could be later especially if policy covered farm income.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Receipts	\$1935.51
Expenditure	2047.89
Bank Balance 22/6/79	1541.34
<u>Investments</u>	
Sandhurst Trustees	/\$2400.00
C'wealth Bank Interest bearing deposits	1600.00

Moved H. Webb, seconded M. Jackman that Treasurer's report be received and Treasurer be given authority to pay any outstanding accounts. Carried.

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Official Opening of the new Board premises at Keysborough by Mr. Hamer will be on 2nd August, 1979 at 2.30 p.m.

New Products, polyunsaturated egg mix going well, we are now working on a pavalova mix in powder form, also an instant scrambled egg powder is being investigated.

The European company is keen to set up a plant in Australia to produce the long egg.

Queensland new change, quota tied to farm with facility to surrender quota back to the Licensing Committee for \$3.

Licensing in Victoria, Mr. Hudson suggested that we must combine to work out a suitable price on quotas, and the submission be made.

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- (6) "That this meeting endorses a 5% flock reduction for 12 months, not 10% for 7 or 8 months, for flocks over 5,000 birds.  
This is the policy of our Association.

*J. D. Oakes*  
7/12/79

(7) "The V.E.B. does not pay compensation for compulsory cut backs in flock numbers".

It was pointed out by the Board Chairman A. Hudson, that the V.E.B. was instructed by the Government that it was necessary to do this.

(8) "The V.E.B. be encouraged to promote eggs on protein basis (food value) in face of rising beef and sheep prices".

As shown in the Board Chairman's report the Board are making a real effort to promote eggs in this way.

Delegates to Industry meeting with the Board to be held on 10th July, 1979, R. Robins, J. Scott, and L. Bartels.

Conference closed at 6.50 p.m.

*J. D. Cakes*  
Chairman,

Date 7/12/79.