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Final dreams of long affair

LACHLAN McKay remembers working at the stockyards as a teenager for a mere \$5 a day . . . and loving every minute of it.

He spent 16 years rounding up cattle for the auctioneers. He now works at Heinz, but is still an identity at the stockyards making regular visits as a "hobby buyer".

Mr McKay has a beef farm at Koo Wee Rup, and when he's not working on the farm, buying cattle or "on the boilers" at Heinz he is playing the accordion at old time dance parties.

Mr McKay has seen the highs and lows of beef farming for the past 38 years, blaming the fluctuations on the weather. "We used to be guaranteed wet winters", he said.

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