

## History of Post War Period from 1950 to 1959.

**1950** - As in all Marburg Shows since then the Trotting program has been the highlight.

**1953** - Improvements made to the luncheon booth.

**1955** – Improvements to the bar. Junior Farmers staged displays and included some one-man farm exhibits.

**1956** – Toilet block was built.

**1958** - Soft drink stall was built. Trees were planted.

**1959.** Wood Chops' section was built.

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## History of Marburg from 1961 to 1995.

**1961** - Dairy classes enlarged.

**1966** - A further extension was made on the eastern end refurbishing, offices and kitchen.

**1968** - The Christmas Carnival is held every year. Here many children enjoy the arrival of "Santa Claus", gifts, free rides, fireworks and plenty of food while Mum and Dad try their luck on the various wheels etc. This has been well supported by the community, that being sponsors and patrons alike.

**1970** - At this time the "Marburg dances" were really popular with large, crowds present nearly every Saturday night, sometimes with two bands playing continuous music. With the interior sparked up with coloured lights this Saturday night program has continued to this present day. These fund-raising nights have been the powerhouse for improvements here and also for many other community groups. Another proposed extension was planned in the mid 70's but failed to materialize because of high quotes and lack of guarantors. A period of renovations then took place when many buildings were improved so much that they were as good as new when finished.

There have been consistent and generous sponsors which together with provision of better facilities in the 1970's and 1980's has drawn many trotting enthusiasts to Marburg. With the Marburg Pacing Association Inc. using the grounds regularly for trials this section has gone from strength to strength. For the future, we could well use the words of a famous showman - "You ain't seen nothin' yet" Other ring events have continued to expand over the years. There has been, and still are, top class performances in every part of the ring program i.e. Ponies, Hunts, Hacks, Bloods etc. Because of the increased dimension of the Show in the recent years more land was purchased with several additions bought from neighbouring properties - Kerle's, Smith's, Simmons', Mohr's and Holt's. Extra buildings were acquired.



**1977** - A New Dining Pavilion which was a R.A.A.F. building, was relocated to the ground.

**1987** - In the last decade, major improvements have been the extension on the north side of the hall, which was assisted by participation in the R.E.D. Scheme (Federal Government unemployment scheme). This has been a real boom to patrons of the weekly Saturday night dances. This regular dance night has been a great social benefit to many families who look for a well-run entertaining night. Many couples met at Marburg and now bring their children along to enjoy the fun. A committed group of members keeps these functions running smoothly.

**1992** - With the help of government subsidy (usually 40%) many improvements were made such as new toilets, sealed roadways, new pavilions for Birds, Farm Produce, Fruit and Vegetables and Horticulture.

**1994** - The Grandstand was built. This was funded by the efforts of the Grandstand Committee which within the space of three years, raised sufficient funds for the project and together with the services of the Dept. of Administrative Services. It is used, not just on Show days, but by followers of Pacing, Pony Club, Cricket, various horse days and others.

**1995** - Needlework & Handicraft pavilion and water and drainage facilities. The number of classes in all sections has increased.