

# There was movement at the (Ringwood) station . . .

**The Man from Snowy River — 1985 style — and about 150 of his mates covering three generations will ride into Ringwood next Friday morning.**

Many of the seasoned riders were extras in The Man from Snowy River movie. All are members of The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria.

They have received permission from Ringwood Council and Ringwood Police to make the ride which will start at Eastfield Park, Croydon at 10 am and return two hours later.

The cattlemen will ride down Mt Dandenong Rd, to Maroondah Hwy, turn into Warrandyte Rd, then along Bond and Market St, to Maroondah Hwy and return.

by Roth Jones

The association's assistant secretary, Mrs Sue Silvers has told acting Chief Inspector Alan Fraud, of Ringwood Police, they would ride three abreast.

Organiser of the march Mr Graeme Stoney said his men would follow police instructions to avoid the minimum disturbance to traffic.

He said the ride was part of his association's campaign to draw attention to a bid by the State Government to create a national park in the Victorian Alps.

"We and our ancestors have been leasing this land for the last 150 years.

"If Labor is returned at the Nunawading Province by-election feel we will lose this land for ever".

He said the cattlemen had shod their horses which will be trucked to Eastfield Park.

Croydon for a rally and a barbecue lunch.

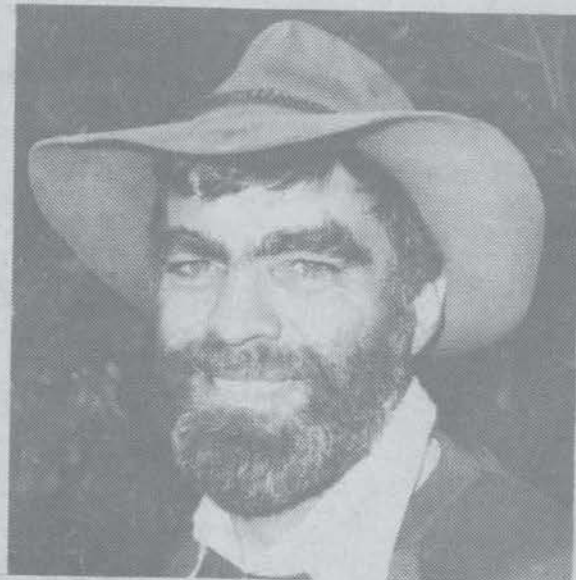
Mr Stoney said the cattlemen had no affiliation with any political party.

"We are supporting the Liberals in this election only because of their moderate and thoughtful conservation policies," he said.

He hit out at conservation groups which, he said, were campaigning strongly in Nunawading for particular candidates in the election.

"There is no question it is every Australian's right to have a choice at election time. The cattlemen believe that conservation groups which are subsidised by the taxpayer should have to observe a certain standard of conduct," he said.

"These groups do a necessary job in some areas, but we do not believe it is ethical for them to enter the political arena when they enjoy public subsidies."



● Mr Graeme Stoney . . . The man from Snowy River, 1985 style, will be riding into Ringwood on Friday with 150 others. He was an extra in the film adaptation of Banjo Paterson's poem.