

N E W S L E T T E R

August, 1983.

On behalf of the Association, I wish to express our appreciation for the response to the circular letter we distributed appealing for supporting submissions to the Land Conservation Council. Letters of encouragement and support have come from throughout the State and from widely dispersed areas of New South Wales.

There has also been wonderful support for the Petition Form that you would have received, supporting Alpine Grazing. I feel there is a continuing need to obtain as many more names as possible by the end of this year. Another Petition Form is attached and we would appreciate any further help you can give towards getting it filled. I am sure that the very large number of names that we will have by the time the Government is expected to make binding announcements regarding the Alpine Area, could be definitely influential upon their decision making.

Another way by which anyone who is not fooled and misinformed by the alleged damage to the Alps and who understands the social and economic benefits of Alpine Grazing, or values the ongoing heritage connection, can help our cause by not failing to make known their concern to their Local Member of Parliament at this critical time.

Members of our Association have been active in attending Government Advisory Committee meetings, lobbying ministers and speaking to groups such as The Morwell Branch of the A.L.P., and Melbourne University students.

We have also gained favourable mass media publicity in the National Press following our last Annual Get-together, and since then in various T.V. productions.

Another edition of our Journal, Voice of the Mountains, is in the early stages of production and we anticipate its completion by the end of October.

I am pleased with the acceptance of our t-shirts and car stickers. It has been found that certain colours of our t-shirt are more popular and our range for future sales included navy blue, light blue, red and white at the present price of \$6.00 each, plus postage.

Since we have extended this form of message, it is found that distribution and sales management of these articles has added quite a considerable extra burden upon our Secretary and there is a clear need for a Secretary with more available free time or another person to accept this area of responsibility. For at least the immediate future, I think the latter alternative is desirable.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Dalgety House, 461 Bourke Street, Melbourne, in the Tobacco Leaf Marketing Board Room, commencing 10.30 a.m. Members only have voting power, but Associate members are welcome to attend. Please advise Mrs Aston on (051) 57 3236 of your attendance no later than Friday, September 16, so that catering arrangements can be attended to.

Thank you all for your support and interest.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. COMMINS

President