

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION report of meeting held at Pretty Valley on Friday evening, February 5, 1982. Informal meeting before Get-together.

Graeme Stoney appointed minute secretary.

The President, Mr. Jim Commins welcomed those present and opened the discussion by voicing his concern at the escalating charges being levied for grazing rights. He said charges were being applied with a broad-brush with no consideration being given by the Government departments to individual circumstances or value received for that grazing.

Mr. McCready commented that the rates must be comparable with the result obtained.

There was general agreement on the problem and it was moved L. McCready and seconded Bill Cumming "That the executive prepare a submission to outline the true cost of grazing Alpine areas and to highlight the inconsistencies in the present scale of charges".

It was resolved that all members wear a ribbon at the Get-together to identify them to visitors. Badges were again discussed but it appears that the cost is too high for the value received.

Terry Murphy, Graeme Stoney, Mansfield Branch were elected to distribute the Voice of the Mountains to the branches and supply the Central Secretary with details of the distribution.

Distributors:-

N.E.	D. Kneebone, H. Ryder
Mansfield	T. Murphy
Gippsland	C. Hodge, Bill Cumming and R. Treasure
Buchan	David Rogers (Eagle Point)
Omeo	Bren Fitzgerald, Tom Connley, Jim Commins

Central Secretary to Advertisers and Associate Members.

Visitor at the meeting was Alan Anderson who is the Inspector in Charge of the livestock stealing squad. Cattlemen were very pleased to see some members of the squad attend the Get-together.

Inspector Anderson told the meeting that the Police appreciated the contribution of cattlemen to search and rescue work and their assistance in livestock problems. He said that his squad had been concentrating on some problem-areas such as Kevington, Mt. Skene and Jamieson and this, combined with a few road blocks had settled the situation down in that area.

He said local police were busy with their normal duties and he encouraged them to call the squad if anything is reported that would interest them. As an aside, Inspector Anderson advised cattlemen to keep out of the futures market if they deliver stock on contracts, unless they personally follow the consignment through to the point of assessment

at the yards. He concluded by urging the branding and registering of all stock in Victoria.

On Saturday morning a group of politicians and their wives will be escorted around the area of the Bogong High Plains that is scheduled to be closed to grazing.

Meeting closed.

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REPORT ON GET-TOGETHER by Harry Ryder

On 6th February, 1982, the 7th Annual Get-together was held at Pretty Valley on the Bogong High Plains and was a great success.

A visit to the Mt. Nelse area by a group of Liberal M.P.'s Messrs. Lieberman, Stacey, Ramsay, Secretary Trevor Armstrong and Mesdames Ramsay and Stacey, along with runholders and representatives of the Association, proved to be very encouraging. The M.P.'s were shown that cattle grazing was not the cause of any environmental disaster. They suggested that this area is not necessarily closed from grazing and that the Association should keep campaigning for multiple use.

Approximately 1100 people attended, including 95 children. All appeared to enjoy themselves and the entertainment was provided by a band that played country and western music. A few people commented that they would have liked to have seen more local entertainment from the cattlemen themselves.

The weekend was financially a success and the total amount taken at the gate was \$10,007 less expenses of \$5,804. The residue was shared with the caterer Allan Faithfull, leaving \$3,862 clear profit to the Association.

A special thank you to Allan Faithfull, for without Allan's help the weekend would not have been possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the period 31.8.81 to 31.1.82.

RECEIPTS

	\$	\$
Balance at 1.7.81		2,943.57
Subscriptions (Members)		330.00
Associate Subscriptions		526.00
Donations		5.00
Advertising		207.50
Sales of Voice of the Mountains		2,032.80
" " Stickers		74.70
Miscellaneous (reimbursement for lunch by Members at Annual Meeting)		60.00
Bank		12.58
		<u>\$6,192.15</u>

EXPENDITURE

Bank Fees (Chq.Bk. & CA Fee)	6.90	
Freight/Postage	128.59	
Copying & Duplicating	16.10	
Catering & Room Hire	160.00	
Professional Advice	100.00	
Secretary's Allowance	161.60	
Stationary	50.39	
Miscellaneous (H. Ryder \$200 Flags 93)	293.00	
	<u>916.58</u>	916.58

Balance as per Bank Statement at 31/1/82.	<u><u>\$5,275.57</u></u>
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Cost of Stickers \$624.03	
Sales <u>610.50</u>	

Stock on hand approx. 600.

Cost of V/Mtns. \$2,500.21	
Sales <u>3,538.65</u>	

Stock on hand 40.

Report confirmed 30/4/82
John G. ...