



The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Inc.

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MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

(Copies to all Mountain Cattlemen and Associate Members)

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of The Mountain Cattlemens Association of Victoria Incorporated will be held on **FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER, 1987** at the Victorian Farmers Federation Board Room, 6th Floor, Farrer House, 24 Collins Street, Melbourne commencing at 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. President's Address
2. Minutes.
3. Setting of fees - 1987/1988
4. To receive the annual report from:
Executive Officer
Secretary/Treasurer
Marketing Officer
5. Adoption of Reports.
6. To consider the proposal from
The Policy Consultants
7. Election of Office Bearers 1987/1988
President;
Vice President;
Executive Officer;
Marketing Officer;
Secretary/Treasurer
8. Any other Business.

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Following the Annual General Meeting there will be a Central Council Meeting. Central Council meeting is confined to Central Council delegates and Mountain Cattlemen only.

R.S.V.P. or Apologies for the Annual Meeting to Sue Silvers,
13 Tuxen Street, North Balwyn. 3104. Phone: 03 857 5316

ALPINE AREA PLANNING PROPOSALS - A BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

Summary of Concerns was included in the last Newsletter, and all interested people wanting to make a statement on this subject should have applied for their copy of the above document. Two weeks ago it was drawn to our attention that the Department had run out of copies of the Planning Proposals. After representation to the Department, the Minister has agreed to re-print the Proposals, and to extend the time for submissions, letters etc. on the subject until the end of September, 1987. We urge all Members and Associate Members to take advantage of the extra time allowed - OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PROPOSALS NOW (DETAILS BELOW) and send in a letter outlining your views on the proposal to create a National Park by regulation, ignoring the Parliament of Victoria.

Copies of the Planning Proposals can be obtained from:
CF&L regional offices: Alexandra, Traralgon, Orbost, Bairnsdale or Wodonga, or:

Information Centre,
Department Conservation Forests & Lands,
240 Victoria Parade,
East Melbourne. Phone: 651 4011

Key Issues to become subject to regulation are:

Flora & Fauna Conservation; Historic & Cultural features,
Landscape, Fire Protection, Soil Conservation and water catchments, Wild dogs, Brumbies, Wilderness, Bushwalking and walking

tracks (it is proposed that some bridle trails be used for bushwalking only); Cross country skiing, Horse riding; Fishing; Vehicle based recreation and vehicle access, Deer hunting, canoeing, kayaking and rafting, camping, huts, safety, grazing, timber harvesting etc.

The Conservation lobby appears to have had a great deal of impact with the drafting of these Management Proposals, and it is essential that the practical viewpoint be put by the larger volume of the community who know and care about the High Country. We have heard enough about "wilderness experiences", etc. it is now time for a rendezvous with reality and unless we all make an effort to put forward our views, they will not be heard, or will not be considered weighty enough to counterbalance the extreme conservationist view.

Letters and submissions to be posted to:

The Manager,
Alpine Planning Project,
4 Ireland Street,
BRIGHT. 3741.

ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

The response from Associate members has been simply terrific, and thanks to everybody who phoned and offered their services. We need only **two** more people to complete the roster! Can you help on either Tuesday 22nd September (Afternoon), or Friday 25th September (A.M. or P.M.). If you have either of these dates free and can help could you please ring Sue Silvers, 03 857 5316 and let her know?

Mountain Cattlemen Branch Presidents and Secretaries please

note : The following days have been rostered to your Branch

and you will be required to provide either 1 or 2 members from your Branch to be present at the shop on your rostered day to assist the Associate members but most importantly to be present to answer questions on the subject of alpine grazing.

MANSFIELD BRANCH:

Thursday, 17th September

Friday 18th, September

GIPPSLAND BRANCH:

Saturday, 19th September

Sunday, 20th September,

Monday, 21st September

OMELO BRANCH:

Tuesday 22nd September

Wednesday 23rd September

Thursday 24th September (Show Day)

NORTH EAST BRANCH:

Friday 25th September,

Saturday 26th September

Entry tickets will be forwarded to all Branch Secretaries as soon as they are available from the Show Society.

GATHERING AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE 16TH SEPTEMBER 1987

Following is a letter received by the Association from Sue and Russell Clay. The Clays decided to protest to the Government on behalf of the Mountain Cattlemen after watching a television programme on Day by Day last year, before they knew about the Mountain Cattlemens Association. They have subsequently become Associate members, but are undertaking this gathering on their own behalf. This is not an official M.C.A.V. rally, but Sue and Russell deserve all the support they can muster. If you can attend please phone Sue Clay direct on the number listed at the end of her letter.

Sue and Russell Clay,
Stumpy Gully Road,
MOOROODUC Vic. 3933

19th. August, 1987

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you with great concern about the Proposed Alpine National Park extensions and the recent publication of the 'Alpine Area Planning' proposal document.

As many Social and private organizations, Associations, clubs and industries are greatly affected by these proposed extensions and also severly restricted by the 'Alpine Area Proposals'. We are hoping to get enough support from concerned groups to participate in a public gathering to assemble outside Parliament House, Melbourne at 12.00 noon on the 16th. September, 1987.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GATHERING:

Mrs. Kirner will be invited to accept written objections and/or copies of the 'Alpine Area Planning Proposals' submissions from an appointed representative from each group assembled. If Mrs. Kirner declines the invitation to attend on this day, these objections and/or submission copies, will be accepted by the Shadow Minister - Mr. Jim Plowman.

We would also like individual groups to organize several copies of there own press releases to be distribute to the media in attendance on the day.

We would strongly urge concerned organizations, associations and members of the public to consider attending this gathering as it will be a wonderful opportunity for concerned groups, who cover a wide section of our community, to gather together with one main concern in mind - "Our Alpine Area" - and also an ideal

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opportunity to inform and remind the public and other unaware organizations that the 'Alpine Area, Planning Proposals' are open for public comment until the 30th. September 1987.

We especially hope that the various Clubs and Organizations that are most greatly affected by these proposed 'Alpine National Park Extensions' and the 'Alpine Area Planning Proposals', will be well represented on the day.

We must stress that this gathering is being organized by concerned individuals from the Mornington Peninsula and is in no way being instigated by any organization or association, making it easier for groups to accept or reject this invitation without prejudice.

We would be interested in knowing if your Organization or Association will be attending this gathering on the 16th. September, 1987 at 12.00 noon outside Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne and also the approximate number of people representing each group by the 11th. September, 1987.

Remember the more groups in attendance the less likely we will go unnoticed.

Please contact:

Russell and Susan Clay (059) 788 490
Stumpy Gully Road,
Moorooduc Vic. 3933

OR

Trevor and Val Smith (03) 786 7636

Yours faithfully,



Mrs. S. C. Clay

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR JIM COMMINS 17th SEPTEMBER, 1987

A Testimonial Dinner will be held on 17th September, 1987 at 7.00 p.m. at Leonda, (Garden Room), 2 Wallen Road, Hawthorn to mark Mr. Jim Commins tenth anniversary as President of the Association. Cost is \$20 per head. Some Government, Opposition and members of the Public Service as well as all Cattlemen families and a small group of Associate members were invited to attend. We intend this to be a social occasion where we can thank Jim for his ten years of unstinting service to the M.C.A.V. As there have been some apologies and cancellations there are a small number of places still available for this evening. If any Associate member would like to attend please phone Sue Silvers (03 857 5316) as soon as possible. It will be first in first served!

Please obtain a copy of the Planning Proposals and make your views known before the end of September. This is a most important issue, and is a chance for Associate members to show their support for the Mountain Cattlemen in a very positive and constructive way.

31st August, 1987