



- To raise awareness of the historic places of the high country in the context of a park known mostly for its natural values
- To identify the threats to cultural heritage, and to gain broad community acceptance of the heritage values
- To see how management affects the cultural heritage values of alpine parks

Omeo, Friday 15 May 2009

Dr Jane Lennon

Jane is a heritage consultant based in Brisbane. She has a long involvement with heritage conservation in National Parks, forests, coasts, goldfields, inner urban areas and museums as a public servant (1973-93) and as a member of numerous professional and community associations. She is a former member of the Australian Heritage Commission (1998-2002) and the Australian Heritage Council (2004-8). She was a founding member of the cultural heritage working group of the Australian Alps Liaison Committee in the 1980s and delivered the centenary of National Parks address at the opening of the Heritage Festival at Mt Buffalo National Park (1998). Her childhood was spent gazing up at the Victorian high country and she has visited many high places in her conservation work around the globe.

Ian Stapleton

Ian is a teacher who has spent most of his life living and working out-of-doors in the mountains. He ran the Outdoor Activities Department at Timbertop School (near Merrijig) for ten years, and founded Mittagundi (near Omeo) and later, Wollangarra (near Licola). His keen interest in the mountains has resulted in a set of books about the colourful characters of the high country.

Louise Rose

Louise is leading the project to review the Greater Alpine National Parks management plan. Louise has two full time staff assisting her, as well as help from relevant staff through the organisation. Louise has worked with Parks Victoria for seven years, has a Bachelor of Business Information Systems and a Graduate Diploma of Environmental Science.

Dr Ruth Lawrence

Ruth is Senior Lecturer in Environmental Studies in Outdoor & Environmental Education at La Trobe University. She has extensive research and teaching experience in the Victorian high country, having written a PhD on the historical interaction of the environment, land use and hydrology of the Bogong High Plains and published multiple papers on the topic. She has worked as a consultant to local government and educational providers in the region, and frequently runs educational field trips for a variety of organisations to the high country. Recently, Ruth was primary investigator in a research project into the importance of high country peatlands for water production in the major catchments draining from the high country to the Murray River and Gippsland.

Peter Jacobs

Peter has spent most of his career in and around the Australian Alps as a ranger, planning officer and now Chief Ranger for the Alpine District with Parks Victoria. Fire and fire recovery has had a major influence on the alps over the last 6 years. The effect of fire on cultural heritage, the emergence of good relations with traditional owners and the removal of cattle grazing in 2005 have led to cultural heritage being a key focus in the alps. Peter is also convener of the Australian Alps Liaison Committee which manages a very successful and innovative cross border co-operative program between Victoria, NSW, ACT and the Federal Government.

Philip Ingamells

Philip is an environmental educator and has worked in both the public and private sectors, particularly in relation to protection of Victoria's national parks and reserves. He is the author of guidebooks for two of Victoria's oldest national parks: Mount Buffalo and Wilsons Promontory. He is currently running the Park Protection Project for the Victorian National Parks Association, one of Victoria's oldest member-based nature conservation organisations. The project is aimed at radically increasing resources for management of our national parks in the face of climate change.

Russell Mullett

Russell is a descendent of the Gunai/Kurnai of Gippsland and is currently Chairperson of the Gunai/Kurnai Land & Waters Corporation. He is a past member of the Victorian Coastal Council, a past member of the Wilsons Promontory National Park Advisory Committee, and a founding Board Member of the Associate Dip. of Aboriginal Studies (Monash Uni - Gippsland). He has been surveying, recording, managing and protecting aboriginal cultural heritage for the last 20 years.

Rob Kaufman

Rob has a background in mining and other rural industries, which gives him a unique perspective as a heritage consultant. His projects include interpretation plans and conservation management plans for many heritage sites in the Victorian Alps, and broad surveys such as Lone Graves in Gippsland and post-bushfire surveys of remote sites in NE Victoria and Gippsland. He wrote *Remembering Lost Places* for the AALC, a book about historic huts lost in the 2003 bushfires. He also prepared the Australian Alps Mining Heritage Conservation & Presentation Strategy.



Registration

To register for Heritage of the high country on Friday 15 May 2009, please fill in this form and post with cheque or credit card details (sorry, VISA card only) to: Jane Andrews Forum Coordinator PO Box 428 Kew 3101 by 8 May 2009. Registration will be confirmed by email or phone, along with a list of accommodation suggestions. Cost of the Day forum \$100. Student discount and Alpine & East Gippsland Shire post codes (day only) \$50. Cost of dinner \$70 (incl. wine/soft drinks). Saturday 16 May self-drive tour cost \$20 (incl. morning tea & lunch). All prices include GST. Please fill in a separate form for each participant. NB: Make sure you fill in the back of the form with your workshop preference.

Omeo Historical Society drinks/nibbles Thurs 14 (price incl. in day forum)
 Day forum Friday 15 \$100
 Day forum Friday 15 \$50 - student or local
 Dinner Friday 15 \$70
 Day tour Saturday 16 \$20

First name: _____ Surname: _____ Organisation: _____

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Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Cheque enclosed for _____ made out to **Heritage Council Victoria** OR
 Please deduct payment of _____ from my VISA card

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Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

Heritage of the high country forum

Omeo, Friday 15 May 2009

Thursday 14 May East Gippsland Shire & Omeo Historical Society

Omeo Court House
Day Avenue and Short Street (entrance from Day Avenue). It's at the bottom of the Hill (coming from both directions), right in the middle of town.

5.30 - 7:00 pm
Drinks, nibbles and Omeo Historical Society will be providing tours of the Omeo justice precinct.

Fee included in forum cost



Omeo Court House

Location

Omeo Masonic Hall, Day Avenue, Omeo (opp. the Fire Station). Vic Roads Map 328 G4. Allow 5.5 hrs if driving from Melbourne.

The building is the first on the right after the Great Alpine Road turns SW - at what is virtually a T-intersection - to travel through Omeo's main street (conversely, if you're coming from Hotham, it's the last building on the left before the Highway makes the right turn to head away from the town).



Omeo Masonic Hall

Friday 15 May day forum Program

- 8:30 Registration
- 8:45 Welcome from Heritage Council of Victoria - Neville Wale
- 9:00 Welcome to Country - Russell Mullet
- 9:15 Heritage on high: Reflections on designating alpine heritage places - Dr Jane Lennon
- 10:00 People in the Alps: Wilderness, tourism, human & spiritual values - Ian Stapleton
- 11:00 Environmental history - Dr Ruth Lawrence
- 11:30 Cultural heritage in the Alps: Values, threats, management and partners - Peter Jacobs
- 12:00 Review of Alpine National Park Management Plan: Process and consultation - Louise Rose
- 12:30 Poster presentations - local historical societies and Friends groups
- 2:00 Climate change in the Alps - Philip Ingamells
- 2:30 Workshops (see below for topics)
Workshops are designed to draw out your views on heritage and the high country - Peter Hiscock
- 4:45 Rapporteur
- 5:00 Program concludes
- 6:30 Dinner, Golden Age Hotel, 189 Day Ave. After dinner speaker, Rob Kaufman, Prospectors and perils: Miners and the exploration & settlement of the high country

Saturday 16 May Self-drive tour

8.30 Omeo Court House gardens to Mt Beauty 4.00pm

The tour will be passing the following places and visits arranged as time permits.

- Omeo Highway
- Oriental Claims, Livingstone Creek (VHR place)
- Blue Duck Hotel, Anglers Rest
- Shannonvale
- Bogong High Plains Road
- Langford Aqueduct
- Mt Cope walk and Cope Hut (recommended for VHR)
- Wallaces Hut (VHR place) - lunch
- Maisie Fawcett's exclusion plots
- Bogong Village
- New power station near Clover Dam
- Clover Arboretum
- Mt Beauty

- * Please wear sensible walking shoes
- * Bring esky/cool bag to carry lunch in

Fee includes morning tea and lunch

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Workshop topics

Please number 1 & 2 in order of preference

Greater Alpine Parks Management Plan Review
- a chance to have your say

Tourism and recreation

Cultural Heritage: The tangible contributions to our alpine heritage of recreational use (walking, skiing), grazing, mining and hydro power

Education and interpretation

Natural heritage and landscape