

A new Regional Association for the Omeo Region / High Country:

Expression of Interest for the Committee 2025-26

A new regional community association is being established for the Omeo Region / High Country area. The association purpose is **to take action to create our own future and better our environment for the wellbeing of our region**. It is about the region growing and flourishing for the benefit of all communities within the region.

The objectives of a High Country or Omeo Regional Association are to:

1. **Provide collective advocacy** for the prosperity of the region while understanding the nuanced strengths of the various communities,
2. **Coordinate and communicate** so that we work collaboratively across the region to build on opportunities and address challenges, and
3. **Be socially connected and ready** for when, not if, the next natural disaster occurs.

The region includes the following towns and surrounding areas: Anglers Rest, Benambra, Bindi, Bingo Munjie, Brookville, Bundara, Cassilis, Cobungra, Dinner Plain, Doctors Flat, Ensay, Ensay North, Glen Valley, Hinnomunjie, Omeo, Omeo Valley, Reedy Flat, Shannonvale, Swifts Creek, Tambo Crossing, Tongio and Uplands.

Nominations for new committee members are called for the following positions to be appointed by a neutral and independent Nominations Committee. **Expressions of Interest close 11pm, Sunday 10 November 2024.**

Please see the accompanying document for further information about the Regional Association proposed.

The roles available for the 2025-26 Committee include:

President or Chair

Vice President or Deputy Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

Ordinary Committee Members x 7-8

All roles are voluntary roles to ensure impartiality or neutrality between committee members. To minimise conflicts of interest and avoid volunteer burn-out, there is a preference for applicants who are not on other community associations.

50% Committee will be appointed for a 12-month term and 50% for a 24-month term, expiring in 2026. Following the first 12-months, all terms for appointment will be 24-month term, with a maximum of 36 months on the Committee to encourage new members, share the experience and promote fresh thinking.

Please answer the following nomination questions and provide this form to Liza Gelt (independent facilitator) at info@collaborativeconsultingco.com.au by Sunday, 10 Nov 2024.

So we can learn a bit about you, please answer the questions overleaf.

Preliminary questions:

1. What area best reflects where you live? Please indicate:

(The new regional association is seeking 2-3 people from each of the following four areas)

- Doctors Flat, Ensay, Ensay North, Reedy Flat, Tambo Crossing
- Bindi, Brookville, Cassilis, Swifts Creek, Tongio
- Anglers Rest, Bundara, Cobungra, Dinner Plain, Omeo
- Benambra, Glen Valley, Hinnomunjie, Omeo Valley

2. What are the ways you are connected to your community in your local area?

(This may include activities you participate in, social gatherings you are a part of, your place of work or business, formal or informal groups that you belong to. To promote new thinking and minimise the risk of volunteer burnout, there is a preference for applicants are not currently on other community associations.)

3. What are your hopes /plans for a new regional community association for the High Country?

(Please indicate your interest or motivation for becoming a committee member)

4. The committee of the new regional association is encouraging a diverse range of skills, please indicate how you would rate your skills, interest and/or experience in the following skillsets:

Community engagement

Agriculture / farming

Governance

Communications / advocacy

Creative industries

Program / project management

Business

Other, please specify: _____

5. What role(s) would you be interested in? Please indicate 1 or more of the following

- President (expires in 2025)
- Vice President (expires in 2025)
- Treasurer (expires in 2025)
- Secretary (expires in 2025)
- Ordinary Committee Member (7-8 roles available)

Nominee details and signature

Nominee: (Enter Name)	Signature:	Date:
Best contact phone number:	Best contact email:	