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The alpine resorts of Mt Buller and Mt Stirling are the most accessible in Australia, located an easy three-hour drive from Melbourne in Victoria's picturesque High Country. When the winter snows melt away and fields of wildflowers bloom, the Resorts remain open to visitors seeking all kinds of escapes.

Stunning vistas combine with clean alpine air and a cool summer climate to provide the perfect setting to relax and recharge. For those who enjoy a thrill, the extensive network of cross-country and downhill mountain bike trails that wind their way around Mt Buller, over to Mt Stirling and down into the Delatite and Howqua Valleys is a fantastic way to enjoy a summer's day. One of the highlights is the cross-country Delatite River Trail, which takes you down Mt Buller to Mirimbah, at the base of mountain, meandering through stunning terrain and even through the refreshing Delatite River. Downhill enthusiasts can take to the trails that start at Spurs, then ride the Horse Hill Chairlift back up, taking in the breathtaking views of the High Country. The most recent developments in Mt Buller's mountain bike trail development plan are the brand new Copperhead flow down trail serviced by the Horse Hill Chairlift, and Stonefly, the Resort's signature 10km advanced endurance trail.

For a more leisurely pace, embark on a bushwalk. Free walking maps are available from the Mt Buller Post Office for self-guided walks, or guided Summit Nature Walks are available on weekends. Other activities in and around the Resorts include four-wheel driving, motorcycling, horse riding, tennis, scenic chairlift rides, movies at Australia's highest cinema and ski history at the National Alpine Museum.

The Mt Buller Village features a range of restaurants and various accommodation options, where you can enjoy the local cuisine and traditional mountain hospitality. Mt Buller also hosts a number of sensational summer events including food and wine festivals, mountain biking and cycling competitions, car races, Easter celebrations and much more.

Only 248km from Melbourne, the drive to Mt Buller and Mt Stirling is an adventure in itself. A variety of routes can be taken, either through the wine regions of the Yarra and King Valleys, or through the Kelly Country of Wangaratta and Glenrowan. Whichever route you choose, you're assured of great scenery, tempting food and drinks and significant sites along the way.



For further information about Mt Buller and Mt Stirling and all the things to see and do in the alpine area, please contact 1800 BULLER or info@mtbuller.com.au.



WHAT'S NEW FOR SUMMER 2011-12

NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Mt Buller is fast becoming a premier mountain biking destination, with a range of developments already in place and plenty more to come. Over the past several years, we have worked hard to develop the cross-country mountain biking offering, teaming up with renowned trail designer Glen Jacobs and his incredible team from World Trail to construct some seriously good trails as part of a five-stage plan.

Stages One and Two of this five-stage plan were completed in 2009, and consisted of new beginner and intermediate trails around the Mt Buller Village as well as five new loops that stretch between the Village and the Corn Hill area.

Stage Three of the development saw the completion of Stonefly in January 2011, our signature 10km advanced endurance trail that stretches from Howqua Gap to Mt Stirling and back, and marks the completion of a trail network that allows mountain bikers to now ride from the summit of Mt Buller to the summit of the neighbouring Mt Stirling - a truly unique product.

Built by the team at World Trail over the past two summers, Stonefly climbs to an altitude of 1,660m at its highest point, and means that you can now venture from summit to summit by pedal power. Along the way, take in the magnificent Alpine Ash trees, thickets of Mountain Tea Tree and stunning Snowgum forests, and stop in at one of the traditional mountain huts for a rest or even stay overnight. At Corn Hill, take in the mountain bike skills park that was completed at the end of last summer as part of Stage Three. Beginner and intermediate riders can test their skills on a series of features including see-saws, berms, rock gardens, balance beams, board rides and more.

Since its launch, Stonefly has received rave reviews from industry, media and the general public, with many claiming it the best mountain bike trail in Australia. Whilst a challenging ride, it takes riders on a journey they want to do again and again, and has designer Glen Jacobs' signature all over it.

Brand new for this summer is Copperhead, a unique trail concept that will be the only one of its kind in the country when it launches in December. A mix between a beginner downhill and a cross-country trail, Copperhead is described as a 'flow down' style, and according to World Trail's director, Glen Jacobs, represents a whole new area for mountain biking in Australia. "No one has built anything like this in Australia", he said. "Copperhead is a unique concept, incorporating a flow country style but with a downhill edge. We've incorporated a few of our innovations from over the years to create a trail that will suit both downhill and cross-country bikes and all types of riders."

According to Glen, this trail is all about funk and flow and marks the creation of a new style of riding that's never been seen before.

So what's next for Mt Buller's trail development? Stages four and five will be completed during the summer periods between 2011 and 2012. These stages will see the construction of an advanced skills park, implementation of improved trail signage, the development of new trails to better link existing loops, and the provision of bike facilities and amenities such as car parking hardstands, bike washes, picnic facilities and more. So watch this space - there is plenty more to come here on top of the world!



MT BULLER SUMMER SCHOOL - NEW COURSES

After a successful debut last summer, the Mt Buller Summer School is back this year with even more courses set in the inspiring surroundings of Mt Buller. The Summer School will offer courses in botanical illustration, alpine photography, quilting and patchwork, plus a new course in flower styling and artistry with stylist to the stars Victoria Whitelaw. Renowned chef Guy Grossi, who ran an immensely popular masterclass last year, will return for a hands-on cooking tutorial and hosted lunch that is not to be missed, and Adriano Zumbo, of Masterchef fame, will thrill participants when he delivers his 'Sweet Treats' Masterclass.

MT STIRLING INTERPRETIVE WALKS

New for summer 2011-12, the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board (ARMB) has created two interpretive walks on Mt Stirling - the 4.4km Wombat Drop Loop and the 12.3km Summit Loop.

A number of interpretive signs are positioned along the trails, telling the stories of Mt Stirling's history, from the olden days of logging to the thrill of the 'Man From Snowy River' movie set and the characters that create the past and present, as well as the flora and fauna that make up the stunning environment.

GUIDED WALKS WITH HIKE THE HIGH COUNTRY

Hike the High Country will this summer offer guided overnight walks from Mt Buller to Mt Stirling, suitable for beginner and intermediate walkers. Operating on seven weekends from December to March, the walks start from \$662.50 per person twin share and include Friday night accommodation at the Mt Buller Chalet Hotel, full hot breakfast on Saturday, two-day guided walk, tent and sleeping mat, lunch both days, champagne sunset, gourmet camp dinner and return shuttle to Mt Buller.

SUMMER ADVENTURE BUS

This summer, Mt Buller and Altitude Tours have teamed up to offer the Summer Adventure Bus, a day tour service from Melbourne that offer a range of High Country experiences. Operating on selected Sundays from November to January, choose from four tours that incorporate horse riding, mountain biking, bushwalking and more. Dates and further information can be found at mtbuller.com.au.

THE MAN IN BLACK - THE JOHNNY CASH STORY

Mt Buller will this summer welcome The Man in Black Tour - The Johnny Cash Story, starring Tex Perkins & The Tennessee Four, for a very special show at Mt Buller. Following a limited series of sell-out gigs in 2009, Man in Black will hit Mt Buller for one night on Saturday 25 February in an experience not to be missed.

Man in Black is two hours of Johnny Cash's magnificent music interwoven with the story of his rise to stardom, his fight for survival and his eventual redemption. The show explores his relationships - with hardened prisoners to the beautiful June Carter and lots in between.

MT BULLER FAST FACTS

Location & transport

- 248km north east of Melbourne
- Easy three-hour drive from Melbourne. Mt Buller is accessible via 2WD and 4WDs in summer.
- Closest major alpine resort to an international airport in Victoria

Mountain Elevation

- Summit altitude: 1,805 m
- Village altitude: 1,600m

Activities

- Walking and hiking
- Mountain biking; downhill and cross-country
- Road cycling
- Rock climbing and abseiling
- Scenic chairlift rides
- Four-wheel driving
- Motorcycle adventures
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Gnome Roam and Arts & Artifacts Walks

Average temperatures

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- February min 8°C max 17°C
- March min 7°C max 14°C
- April min 4°C max 10°C
- May min 1°C max 6°C

Facilities and amenities

- Cow Camp Plaza day centre equipped with tables and chairs, public telephones, ATM, internet facilities and public toilets
- Post office located within the Clock Tower Information Centre
- FoodWorks supermarket located on Athletes' Walk
- Multi-denominational Alpine Chapel perfect for weddings
- Radio Station 93.7 Star FM Mt Buller and the High Country
- Swimming pool at Mt Buller Chalet
- Fully equipped gymnasium within the Buller Community Centre
- Australia's highest cinema within the Buller Community Centre
- Indoor and outdoor tennis courts
- National Alpine Museum of Australia within the Buller Community Centre
- Conference facilities

MT STIRLING FAST FACTS

Location & transport

- Approximately 230km north east of Melbourne
- Easy three-hour drive from Melbourne. Mt Stirling is accessible via 2WD and 4WDs in summer.

Mountain Elevation

- Summit altitude: 1,749m
- Telephone Box Junction altitude: 1234m

Activities

- Walking and hiking
- Mountain biking
- Horse riding
- Fishing
- Motorcycle adventures
- Four-wheel driving: the Mt Stirling Circuit Road winds through sub-alpine to alpine forest around Mt Stirling providing a starting point for many 4WD tours across the High Country.
- Camping: there are camping areas at Pineapple Flat and King Hut in the Alpine National Park that can be accessed from the Circuit Road.

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Accommodation

There is no commercial accommodation on Mt Stirling. However, Mt Buller is an easy 30-minute drive from Mt Stirling and offers a wide range of accommodation choices – from hotels and lodges to bed and breakfasts and self-catering apartments. Alternatively, Mansfield is 39kms away and also offers an array of accommodation options.

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BUSHWALKING

There's no better way to unlock the secrets of the High Country than on your own two feet. Mt Buller and the neighbouring Mt Stirling offer a variety of hiking experiences for all ages and levels of fitness. Use of the trails is free of charge and a complimentary bushwalking map is also available for the alpine area for self-guided walks. Mt Buller Resort Management runs guided walks on the Summit Nature Trail each Saturday at 1pm and Sunday at 10:30am from January 7 to April 8. Guides provide an informative and interesting interpretation of the natural environment, and share their experiences of living and working on the mountain during this two-hour walk.

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MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking at Mt Buller and Mt Stirling is the best way to explore the mountains, with trails to suit all levels from beginner cruisers to blazing downhill riders. Over 100 kilometres of quality cross-country trails stretch between Mt Buller, the neighbouring Mt Stirling and down into the Delatite and Howqua Valleys. Using pedal power, access the Resorts' iconic landmarks and take in some of the most stunning sights of the alpine region including fields of wildflowers, forests of Snow Gums and Mountain Ash and the impressive view from the summits of Mt Buller and Mt Stirling.

In summer, Mt Buller's premier snow runs turn into the ultimate downhill mountain biking course with a variety of challenging technical trail features such as berms, ramps and jumps. Mt Buller features four downhill mountain biking trails that are serviced by the Horse Hill Chairlift. All riders must have a valid pass that covers the use of all mountain bike trails and the chairlift. A Downhill Day Pass costs \$56 per person and Season Pass is priced at \$347 per person. The Horse Hill Chairlift is open 10am-4pm each day from December 26 to January 31.

ROAD CYCLING

Test your strength and endurance by cycling up the Mt Buller Tourist Road – a 16km stretch from Mirimbah at the base of the mountain to the Mt Buller Village. Champion cyclist and Tour de France competitor Simon Gerrans completed the climb in an impressive 39 minutes and 50 seconds – time yourself and see how you compare to Simon's record! Regular signposts along the roadway measure your progress, telling you how far you've climbed in terms of altitude and the distance left until you reach the top. Once at the Village, grab a drink and explore the mountain Village, then enjoy the exhilarating ride back down!

FOUR-WHEEL DRIVING

A range of 4WD trails offer a great way to see the neighbouring Mt Stirling and the adjacent Alpine National Park and State Forest. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the rugged High Country as you explore wide expanses of alpine forest, remote properties and the legendary Craig's Hut featured in iconic Australian movie *The Man From Snowy River*. Take yourself on a 4WD adventure or join a guided tour.

HORSE RIDING

Explore Mt Stirling on horseback like the cattlemen of old! Saddle up and roam freely along mountain ridges or through wide-open fields and thick forest gorges. A range of guided tours with local horsemen are available and can be tailored to suit all ages and abilities, including day trips and overnight treks. The Winery Ride is a standout – experience '*Man From Snowy River*' country and finish at Kinloch Winery where you'll enjoy a gourmet regional platter and premium cool climate wine. Horse riding is only permitted on Mt Stirling.

CRAIG'S HUT

The history of Craig's Hut is famous and controversial, however it is an amazing place to visit. There are a number of various ways to get out to Craig's Hut, which include four wheel driving, bike riding, walking and horse riding. Purpose built originally for the film, *The Man from Snowy River*, the hut was rebuilt a second time for the sequel and again in 2007 after being destroyed in the 2006 bushfires. Craig's Hut is an icon in Victoria, well renowned for its endless scenic possibilities. It is one of the most well-known landmarks for Victorian photographers.

SO MUCH TO ENJOY

Mt Buller offers a range of activities, from a relaxing picnic on the summit to a heart-pumping mountain-biking adventure. Join us on top of the world and experience the stunning alpine environment whichever way you choose.



SO MUCH TO ENJOY

CLIMBING AND ABSEILING

Feel a sense of achievement when you conquer the climbing wall - indoor climbing is available at the sports hall located within the Buller Community Centre. So pack some courage and we'll 'show you the ropes'.

GYM FACILITIES

The Mt Buller Gym in the Buller Community Centre boasts the most comprehensive international standard gymnasium in an Australian alpine environment. It features free weights, treadmills, exercise bikes, steppers, machine weights, boxing equipment and plyometrics rowers, and has fully qualified professionals who can help you meet your fitness goals.

ARTS AND ARTIFACTS WALK

Mt Buller features a broad spectrum of artistic pieces that are a testament to the history and culture of the area. Drop into the Mt Buller Post Office and collect an Arts and Artifacts brochure which identifies these works and their locations, and head off on a fascinating self-guided art tour around the mountain.

MOTORCYCLING

Explore Mt Buller and surrounds on a fully catered and accommodated bike adventure for beginners through to the most hardened experts. Take in the stunning scenery, learn from the knowledgeable guides and challenge your riding skills in a private group or join others for the ultimate trail riding experience. Guided tours are operated on and around the Resorts and are a great way to see the sights of the High Country.

AUSTRALIA'S HIGHEST CINEMA

The latest blockbusters are shown at the Mt Buller Cinema, which seats 180 people in comfort. Movies screen twice weekly throughout summer and there's a great little snack bar to grab some munchies.

SCENIC CHAIRLIFT RIDES

If you feel like taking in the views from above, jump on a chairlift and take a quick trip to the top for a look at the mountain from a new perspective! The Horse Hill Chairlift departs from the day car park at Horse Hill and travels across some of the Resort's northern slopes to Spurs Restaurant. The Horse Hill Chairlift is open 10am-4pm each day from December 26 to January 31 and costs \$17 for a sightseer pass for adults and \$12 for children.

NATIONAL ALPINE MUSEUM

Over the decades Mt Buller has evolved from a cattleman's run into Australia's premier alpine Resort. Learn about the mountain's fascinating origins and marvel at an eclectic collection of ski memorabilia at the National Alpine Museum. The Museum is located within the Mt Buller Community Centre.

GNOME ROAM

Grab a self-guided map from the Buller Post Office and set out in search of the Resort's favourite little residents - the Mt Buller gnomes. Gain a fascinating insight into the gnomes at work, rest and play! On your way up the mountain, you can also stop in at the Gnome Home for a visit. Located about 3km up the Mt Buller Tourist Road, keep an eye out for the Gnome Crossing sign and just past that you will find the Gnome Home, in a majestic Mountain Ash tree.

TENNIS

Enjoy a smashing game of tennis whilst taking in the spectacular views of Mt Buller's outdoor tennis court, or have a go at indoor tennis at the Buller Community Centre. Racquets and balls are available free of charge from the Buller Post Office.

ALONG THE WAY

At the base of Mt Buller, drive through the beautiful Mirimbah parklands and along the Delatite River, before beginning your ascent. Enjoy the challenge of the Buller Road - used to test vehicle handling by manufacturers and media alike. Take in magnificent views of the alpine ranges, Mountain Ash and Snow Gum forests and Mt Stirling on your way to Mt Buller Village.

A WINE ROMANCE

Depart: Melbourne-Yarra Valley
-Healesville-Alexandra-Mansfield-Mt Buller.

Drive time: 3.45 hours.

From Melbourne, leave the traffic lights behind and head for the hills. Enjoy a relaxed motoring experience along rolling country roads, through the vineyards and towns of the Yarra Valley and Healesville region. Visit cellar doors and sample award-winning wines and new varietals. When you reach Mt Buller, take a leisurely tour of the Village before settling in to watch the sunset with a glass of Victoria's finest.

COOL WINES

Depart: Mt Buller-Mansfield-Whitfield-Mansfield-Mt Buller.

Drive time: 3 hours.

Take the 'Cool Wines' loop and discover the cool climate wines and warm hospitality of the High Country. Visit cellar doors nestled in the foothills of Mt Buller, before motoring through beautiful winding roads to the King Valley where plantings large and small invite visitors to sample their wares. On your return to Mt Buller, shout your designated driver a cool drink and settle in for an evening of fine dining and travel tales amongst friends.

KELLY COUNTRY

Depart: Mt Buller-Mansfield-Benalla-Glenrowan-Whitfield-Mansfield-Mt Buller.

Drive time: 4 hours
(with optional Beechworth extension 1.25 hours).

Immerse yourself in the life of Australia's most infamous bushranger, Ned Kelly. Visit the museums, monuments, courthouses, lock-ups, hideouts and cemeteries still ringing with the horses' hoofs, shouts and gunshots of Kelly's bushranging days. Many towns offer maps and guided tours of significant sites. There will be plenty to talk about when you return for dinner at one of Mt Buller's renowned eateries.

Part of the fun of a trip to Mt Buller is the drive!
Embrace the excitement, romance and adventure as you wind along easy highways and beautiful country roads, to the rising twists and turns of Mt Buller.



SUMMER 2011-12 EVENT CALENDAR

29 October **Beautify Buller Day**

On Beautify Buller day, join one of the many teams that help clear away the litter that is found on the Resort's slopes and around the Village after the winter snow melts.

Info: www.mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

4-6 November **Targa High Country**

Returning for its second year, this motoring event consists of a street stage in Mansfield followed by closed road competition stages to Mt Buller, Jamieson, Eildon and the King Valley.

Info: www.targahighcountry.com.au
Telephone: 03 6221 8800

25-27 November **American Historical Truck Society** **Memorial Run**

Mt Buller will welcome up to 80 historic trucks for a memorial weekend event.

Info: www.mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

25-27 November / 2-4 December **27-29 January / 9-11 March** **Triathlon Clinic**

Altitude Lifestyle and Training will host specialised triathlon training clinics at Mt Buller this summer, including accommodation, coaching and meals.

Info: www.altilife.com

14-15 January **Downhill State Mountain Bike Series**

The best downhill riders in the state will tackle the Mt Buller downhill tracks in an epic battle, competing for cash and prizes.

Info: www.vicdhseries.com
Telephone: 03 5777 7800

20-21 January **Mt Buller Chamber Music Summer School**

Enjoy a fantastic performance by some of Australia's finest chamber musicians in the beautiful surroundings of the Mt Buller Chapel on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

Info: www.mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

20-22 January **MTBA National Mountain Bike Series**

This national event will see the best cross-country and downhill mountain bikers in the country convene on Mt Buller for a massive weekend of riding over a range of stages.

Info: www.mtba.asn.au
Telephone: 07 4959 1913

26-29 January **Mt Buller Summer School:** **Botanical Illustration in the Alps**

Botanical illustrator Helen Burrows will conduct a three-day course exploring and illustrating Mt Buller's unique alpine flora.

Info: www.mtbullersummerschool.com.au
Telephone: 0459 370 184

18 February **Mt Buller Summer School:** **Guy Grossi Tutorial & Lunch**

Leading Australian chef Guy Grossi will launch the Mt Buller Summer School series with a hands-on tutorial and hosted lunch.

Info: www.mtbullersummerschool.com.au
Telephone: 0459 370 184

23-27 February **Mt Buller Summer School:** **Quilting & Patchwork Retreat**

Australia's leading quilting and patchwork tutors will present a comprehensive series of classes and workshops.

Info: www.mtbullersummerschool.com.au
Telephone: 0459 370 184

24-26 February **Mt Buller Summer School:** **Mixed Media Painting**

Enjoy art on high with this mixed media painting course in the stunning surrounds of Mt Buller, with expert tutors on hand.

Info: www.mtbullersummerschool.com.au
Telephone: 0459 370 184

25 February **The Man in Black – The Johnny Cash Story**

Mt Buller will this summer welcome The Man in Black Tour – The Johnny Cash Story, starring Tex Perkins & The Tennessee Four. Man in Black is two hours of Johnny Cash's magnificent music interwoven with the story of his rise to stardom, his fight for survival and his eventual redemption.

Info: mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

3-4 March **Mt Buller Summer School:** **Flower Styling and Artistry**

Learn the art of flower styling and artistry in the stunning surrounds of Mt Buller. Victoria Whitelaw, flower stylist to the stars, will share her vast knowledge in this weekend retreat.

Info: www.mtbullersummerschool.com.au
Telephone: 0459 370 184

9-12 March **Mt Buller Summer School:** **Alpine Photography**

A selection of Australia's leading photographers will conduct a four day workshop for students of all levels that will focus on learning and perfecting a variety of technical and practical skills.

Info: www.mtbullersummerschool.com.au
Telephone: 0459 370 184

10-12 March **Bike Buller MTB Festival**

Hundreds of riders will hit Mt Buller for the fourth huge year, bringing participants of all ages together for a massive weekend of competition.

Info: www.bikebuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5261 5511

11 March **Picnic in the Park**

Relax at Mirimbah Park, at the base of Mt Buller, for this gourmet food and wine festival.

Info: www.mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

17 March **Scody High Country Cycle Challenge**

This multi-stage cycling event sees riders hit the Mansfield-Mt Buller region, with a gruelling 16km climb up the Mt Buller Tourist Road.

Info: www.bikeevents.com.au
Email: info@bikeevents.com.au

18 March **Mansfield—Mt Buller Road Race**

This 48km road race from Mansfield to Mt Buller will challenge riders on Mt Buller Tourist Road.

Info: www.mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

6-9 April **Easter Celebrations**

Enjoy entertainment, kids' activities, traditional chapel services and guest appearances by the Easter Bunny!

Info: www.mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

7 April **Mountain High Fun Run**

All levels of runners are taken care of with a choice of three courses, from a leisurely 3km tour of the Village to a tough 10km trail that takes in the spectacular views from high on Mt Buller.

Info: www.mtbuller.com.au
Telephone: 03 5777 6077

7 April **Mt Buller Summer School:** **Adriano Zumbo Sweet Treats Masterclass**

Adriano Zumbo, of Masterchef fame, will thrill participants when he delivers his 'Sweet Treats'.

Info: www.mtbullersummerschool.com.au
Telephone: 0459 370 184

HOLIDAY PACKAGES

Whether you're visiting for a week or weekend, we have a package to suit you. Be it adventure, relaxation or just a quick getaway, we make it easy to experience the wonders of Mt Buller and Mt Stirling in summer.



HIGH ADVENTURE

Get a group of friends together for a weekend of adventure, combining downhill mountain biking with a thrilling 4WD tour. Hold on tight and bring the camera.

Package includes:

- Two nights' lodge style accommodation at Ski Lib lodge
- Half day cross-country mountain bike and helmet hire
- 1.5 hour skills development clinic
- Half day High Country 4WD tour including local guide and morning tea or afternoon tea.

FROM \$351 per person

Available from 1 November 2011 to 31 April 2012. Based on minimum of two adults. Subject to availability.

SUMMIT TO SUMMIT WALK

Check out Mt Buller's newest trail. The 26km Summit to Summit walk takes you from Mt Buller to Mt Stirling through the spectacular Alpine National Park. Experienced walkers may conquer the trail in one day. For those that like a leisurely pace bring your camping gear and consider an overnight stay at the Bluff Spur cattleman's hut where you will find pit toilets and tank water. Stay your first and last night at Australia's finest Alpine Hotel, the Mt Buller Chalet Hotel.

Package includes:

- Two nights' hotel style accommodation at the Mt Buller Chalet Hotel
- Full cooked breakfast daily
- Use of hotel facilities including swimming pool, spa, sauna and gym
- Walking trail map and Mt Buller drink bottle

FROM \$215 per person

Available from 1 November 2011 to 31 March 2012. Based on minimum two adults. Subject to availability.

WINERY BY HORSEBACK

Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the 'Man from Snowy River' country, and ride to where the famous downhill scene was filmed. Enjoy a gourmet regional platter and premium cool climate wines at Kinloch Winery.

Package includes:

- Two nights' accommodation at the Mt Buller Chalet Hotel
- Full breakfast daily
- Two-hour Watson's trail ride with gourmet platter and glass of wine

FROM \$315 per person

Available weekends from 1 November 2011 to 31 March 2012.

HIGH COUNTRY WEEKEND EXPLORER - KIDS STAY AND PLAY FREE!

Spend a night on top of the world at Mt Buller and enjoy the starlit skies and clean alpine air. Explore the many walking tracks on offer while combining a scenic chairlift ride through the beautiful Horse Hill Valley. Tennis lovers have access to the highest court in Australia. Plus kids stay and play free!

Package includes:

- One night accommodation at the Mt Buller Chalet Hotel
- Full buffet breakfast
- Guided Summit nature walk (1pm Saturday or 10:30am Sunday)
- Walking trail map
- Horse Hill sightseeing chairlift ticket
- One hour tennis court access with racquets and balls

FROM \$136 per person

Available weekends from 26 December 2011 – 31 January 2012. Based on minimum of two adults Subject to availability. Maximum of two children 14 or under.

ABOM APARTMENTS

Located in the heart of the Mt Buller Village, right on the famous Bourke Street ski run, ABOM offers a range of self-contained apartments, from two to four bedrooms.

Prices start from:

\$380 per night for a two-bedroom apartment, based on a two night minimum.

AESKI LODGE

Perfect for groups, Aeski accommodates 46 people in shared rooms with ensuites. Large kitchen and dining area ideal for self-catering. A spacious lounge room, mezzanine area with pool table and a separate games room. BYO linen. Share bathrooms.

Prices start from:

\$100 per room, based on twin share when open for event weekends. Run of house rate starts from \$975 per night. All rates are based on a two night minimum.

From luxurious alpine retreats to cosy private lodges, Mt Buller has a range of on-mountain accommodation options to suit all styles and budgets. A number of Mt Buller's accommodation operators are open throughout summer, while others open for particular events or upon visitor request. A range of other properties are open for group bookings - phone 1800 BULLER to talk to a reservations consultant.

ON-MOUNTAIN ACCOMMODATION

ALPINE RETREAT

Alpine Retreat offers a range of accommodation options, from two-person hotel rooms through to apartments for up to eight people. Located in the heart of the Mt Buller Village, Alpine Retreat is a great place to stay and play.

Prices start from:

\$90 per room per night including breakfast.

BREATHTAKER ALL SUITE HOTEL

Breathtaker offers deluxe apartment-style suites, from studios through to the four bedroom Grand Suite. All suites have ensuites and fully equipped kitchens. All bedding, linen and towels are supplied.

Prices start from:

\$190 per apartment per night, based on twin share, including continental breakfast. Open from 1 February to 31 May on selected weekends.

BULLER BACKPACKERS

Located next to the Kooroora Hotel in the Village Square, Buller Backpackers offers budget accommodation for those aged 18 years and older. Buller Backpackers offers quad-share bunkrooms with private ensuites. Linen is provided.

Prices start from:

\$45 per person per night.

GLISS SKI CLUB

Comfortable and affordable club lodge style accommodation. The club offers quad share bunkrooms, and can have separate men's and ladies rooms plus the option for twin share exclusive rooms. Well equipped self catering kitchen, pillows and blankets provided, guests are required bring linen. For the mountain biker there is a bike washing area outside, and secure bike storage inside. Easy walking distance to the Village Square. Linen available on request.

Prices from:

\$45 per bed including breakfast.

HOTEL ENZIAN

Located in the heart of the Mt Buller Village, Enzian offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains and valleys and a range of room types from twin rooms to eight person apartments. All rooms have private facilities and feature ensuites, refrigerators, tea and coffee making facilities and televisions.

Prices start from:

\$150 per room per night.

MERRIJIG SKI CLUB

Merrijig boasts magnificent views of the surrounding Victorian Alps, BYO bar, games room with table tennis table, billiard table, open fireplace, laundry facilities, TV room and a quiet room. Perfect for groups, Merrijig can sleep 44 and has excellent self-catering facilities. BYO linen. Share bathrooms.

Prices start from:

\$40 per person per night based on a minimum of 10 people booking into the lodge.

MT BULLER CHALET HOTEL

Regarded as one of Australia's finest alpine hotels, the Chalet has an extensive range of facilities including an indoor heated swimming pool, spa, steam rooms, sauna and fully equipped gym and squash courts. Rooms consist of king sized beds, large bathrooms, tea/coffee making facilities, mini-bar fridges, televisions and in-house movies.

Prices start from:

\$205 per room per night, based on twin share, including full breakfast.

SKILIB ALPINE CLUB

Comfortable and affordable club lodge style accommodation, Ski Lib is very spacious. Rooms sleep 1-5 guests, and doonas and pillows are provided. Guests are required to bring their own linen, pillow slip and towel. Most rooms shared bathrooms and there is a very large communal kitchen, lounge and dining area.

Prices start from:

\$43 per person per night.



Mt Buller is committed to preserving our precious alpine environment and maintaining its beauty for generations to come. We support, promote and engage in resource conservation, renewable energy use, recycling, composting and other forms of waste reduction, native fauna and flora habitat preservation and environmental education. For more information on Mt Buller's environmental strategy, please visit mtbuller.com.au



COMMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT

RESOURCESMART

The Mt Buller and Mt Stirling ARMB continues to be a signatory to ResourceSmart, a government initiative aimed at reducing household and business' impact on the environment. The ARMB has recently developed a ResourceSmart Strategy, which incorporates all the ARMB's strategic environmental documents in one plan and provides a clear direction for the future management of the Resort.

A range of achievements have been made from the plan already, including having the highest recycling rate of all the Victorian Alpine Resorts, conserving biodiversity via the Mountain Pygmy-possum Recovery Plan and implementing the first alpine resort organics management system.

ORGANICS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

During winter 2010, the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling ARMB introduced a trial organics management system as part of the Victorian Government's 'Towards Zero Waste' strategy. Run in conjunction with the Resort's waste contractor, 4Site Australia, the system sees on-mountain operators separating out organic waste (fruit, vegetables and even meat) which is collected and recycled into compost at a facility in Wodonga.

This project has proven to be a huge success, with over 22 tonnes of additional waste taken off the mountain and recycled into compost at a facility on Wodonga to date. The introduction of the organics management system has enabled the ARMB to increase its total recycling rate to 40%, exceeding the target set by the North East Regional Waste Management Plan, which is to recycle 37% of all waste by 2014.

The introduction of the system has not only seen a reduction in waste, but has resulted in an overall improvement in the waste management practices of our on-mountain operators and guests, with higher recycling rates in other areas also being recorded.

ECO-BUY

The Mt Buller and Mt Stirling ARMB was a finalist in the recent 2011 ECO-Buy Awards, held to celebrate the work of organisations committed to increasing their purchase of environmentally preferable products and services. The ARMB achieved impressive green purchasing results for the 2009-10 year, with more than \$448,000 invested in products that reduce environmental impacts instead of less efficient and harmful alternatives - an increase of 24.5% on green product spend than the previous year.

Green purchasing focuses on buying and using recycled, energy efficient, greenhouse gas emissions reducing, water saving and less toxic products. These products not only benefit the environment, they also often save money by reducing energy, fuel and water bills, and reducing transport, repair, disposal and replacement costs.

MOUNTAIN PYGMY-POSSUM RECOVERY PLAN

In 2005, the ARMB created a five-year Recovery Plan for the endangered Mountain Pygmy-possum (*Burramys parvus*), designed to guide the ARMB, its stakeholders and the DSE in ensuring the long-term survival of the species on Mt Buller. A new Plan has recently been implemented for 2011-16, and focuses on on-ground habitat restoration works, implementation of a novel translocation strategy and development of captive bred animals for release back into the wild in conjunction with Healesville Sanctuary and Zoos Victoria.

The ARMB's ongoing proactive management strategies have seen a successful summer monitoring program, most recently seeing approximately 30 new animals recorded, the highest number to date. Other achievements in the past year include evidence of healthy breeding and animal movement between trapping sites, demonstrating improved habitat linkages.



During your visit, you may require equipment hire, lift passes (for scenic rides or downhill mountain biking), accommodation or talent to appear in your stories or articles – so the earlier we know of your intention to visit, the more we are able to assist. Complimentary equipment and activities can be arranged for journalists, photographers and film crews directly responsible for producing the story, images or reports, subject to the discretion of the media team. We regret we are unable to provide complimentary services for family members, friends or associates.

Accommodation

We have a limited number of media beds that can be made available to visiting journalists and photographers during the summer season. As this accommodation can be booked out at peak times, the earlier we know of your intention to visit the easier it is for us to secure a bed.

Please send us copies of your stories and photos. We would appreciate receiving a copy of the published or broadcast stories generated by your visit to Mt Buller. The more resources we have, the better able we are to assist you with your future requests.

MEDIA RESORT VISITS

The Mt Buller media team is here to help with your summer stories. If you would like to visit Mt Buller during the summer season, please contact Gillian Dobson at Resort Management:

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