



WHAT ARE OUR FACILITIES?

In addition to our events, our property is used by other ministries from small groups of 12 to large events. The Convention's main property has many buildings which enable groups of varying sizes up to 1640 to meet together and have flexible programs with breakout spaces. Accommodation on the property can accommodate groups from 12 to over 100 with options to increase this with 150 camp sites. In addition, the Convention Lodge, located only about 250 metres away, can accommodate more than 50 people.



ACCOMMODATION

Convention Lodge (pictured left) – is located at 23 Lockwood Road, just a short stroll from the Convention Grounds. Fully-furnished to sleep 56 people in shared rooms, 3 rooms have ensuite facilities, a separate unit with ensuite and kitchenette sleeps another 4 people. Each bed is provided with linen, towel and an electric blanket. There is a large dining room and commercial kitchen along with a lounge room to relax or hold your meetings in, and a small meeting room.

Budget Accommodation (pictured right) – Our onsite accommodation has various facilities that can be combined to cater for groups from 12 to just over 100, more with the use of the camping options. It's a great location for a group retreat or to organise outdoor activities in our spacious grounds. You will be provided with a kitchen and dining/meeting room near to the accommodation. You will need to provide your own bed linen and towel. Bathroom facilities are located nearby.

Book these facilities for your church retreat or conference



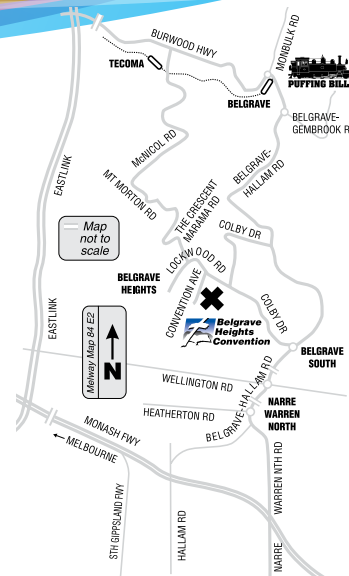
The **Auditorium** (main picture left panel) – can seat up to 1,640 people and holds a large foyer. We can provide sound and lighting equipment. There is a café with two coffee machines, a parents' baby room and a toddler room.

The **Recreation Hall** (pictured above left) – is a large building with a concrete floor and can be utilised for many things. It can be used for stalls, sports or as a large dining room.

The **Small Hall** (pictured above right) – can seat up to 250 people theatre style on a slope, it has a PA system and AV projector. The room can be utilised in many ways from seminars to church services and music performances. Four 50-person meeting rooms add to the flexibility of this Hall or each can be used separately.

WHERE ARE WE?

The Convention property is located at Belgrave Heights only 45 kilometres east of Melbourne in a setting of native and exotic trees. It is easily accessible as shown on this map.



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Belgrave Heights Convention

The Whole of Life for Christ

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WELCOME TO 2018 at the Belgrave Heights

Convention. After marking our **100th Summer Convention** from 28 December 2017 to 1 January 2018 we will celebrate our 100th year throughout 2018. Our history goes back to 1918 at Upwey, then from 1950 at Belgrave Heights after which the Convention increased from one event each year to the Conventions that you see in this brochure.

You may know us well, or this may be your first introduction. Whichever it is we trust that this 2018 brochure will inform you about our Convention events and our property. As the year progresses detailed information about our events will be shown on our website www.bhc.org.au

We look forward to welcoming you to one or more of our events in 2018.

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WHO ARE WE?

The **Belgrave Heights Convention** exists to teach from the Bible to impact the life of Christians. We are an interdenominational organisation with a long history now approaching one hundred years (see our website for the history). The first annual Summer Convention was held at Upwey in 1918 and the Convention moved to Belgrave Heights in 1950. The Easter Convention commenced in 1952. In the last 20 years the current Youth, Men's, Women's and Songs of Praise programs have commenced. We also offer a Monday to Friday program for Senior's. In 2017 we launched our first Senior's Convention and in 2018 our first Young Adults Convention will be held.

Our mission statement is:

"Teaching God's Word to develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ."

Our vision is:

"To see spiritually mature Christians, whose faith and practice is anchored in the Bible, serving as Spirit filled, pure and powerful witnesses for Christ in family, church, community and the world."

We fulfil our mission and vision by holding several Convention events each year at which we gather under the motto

"All one in Christ Jesus"

...for the teaching of the Bible, including a focus on mission.

Those attending either stay onsite, in the area or visit for the day.



YOUNG ADULTS CONVENTION

21-23 SEPTEMBER

New event for 18 plus

You are at the time of life when really important decisions are made and the Bible is the real guide book. How does that work in a world that wants to challenge your belief? Learn what God is like, grapple with the issues, do it with friends (bring them or make new ones). Great speakers, workshop leaders and worship. Come however you are – leave with hope.

Watch the website for updates.



WOMEN'S CONVENTION

20 OCTOBER

Join hundreds of Women from many churches to learn from the main session speakers and elective speakers on Saturday. This event is a great time for fellowship and sharing.

Watch our website for details of speakers and elective sessions. Theme: **Women of Influence.**

An optional Friday night package includes an extra elective option with Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

Enquire at the office if you wish to stay on Saturday night ready for **Songs of Praise.**



SONGS OF PRAISE

21 OCTOBER

Each year on a Sunday afternoon hundreds of people all around Melbourne gather together for an afternoon of music and fellowship.

Join us as we sing many of the well-loved hymns enjoyed by Christians old and young.

Artists for 2018 will be shown on our website and in the combined **Women's & Songs of Praise** brochure when finalised.



SENIORS CONVENTION

16-18 NOVEMBER

What a great and challenging time it is to be a senior. How do we age gracefully (not grumpily) and serve God with the experiences that life has given.

Let's get together and explore the opportunities with **David Cook** leading us and in lots of relevant seminars.

Accommodated, caravan and day visitor options available.



SUMMER CONVENTION

28 DECEMBER – 1 JANUARY 2019

Join us for a relaxing time of learning and fellowship for all ages. Each day includes main sessions, seminars, programs for children, youth and young adults. You can stay on site in catered accommodation, or camp/caravan, or visit each day. Caravan/camping sites are free if this is your first time camping at Convention. Services available include cafe, kiosk and bookshop. Our speakers for 2018/19 are **John Rlsbridger** and **David Cook.**

This is a no registration fee event funded by offerings.



EASTER CONVENTION

30 MARCH – 2 APRIL

Join us at our largest event for a time of learning and fellowship for all ages. Each day includes main sessions, seminars, programs for children, youth and young adults. You can stay on site in catered accommodation, or camp/caravan, or visit each day. Book early to ensure a place. Services are cafe, kiosk and bookshop.

Our speakers for 2018 are **Steve Brady** from the UK, **Jamie Hudson Taylor IV** and **Peter Adam.**

This is a no registration fee event funded by offerings.



VCYC (VICTORIAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONVENTION)

One Night Events:

Term One and Term Four

Youth Leader Training Day:

16 MAY

Weekend Convention:

18-20 MAY **Ed Surrey** is speaking on the theme *King of Kings.*

VCYC aims to show young people how to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit and grounded in the scriptures. Enjoy some fellowship with your local church youth and youth from other churches.



SENIORS' RETREAT

7-11 MAY

You are invited to join this event for seniors held at the **Convention Lodge.**

The program includes a daily Bible study presented by our guest speaker, **Steve Messer**, varied activities, good food and plenty of opportunities to make new friends.

Come with your friends for a relaxing time away.



MEN'S CONVENTION

25-26 MAY

The Men's Convention is a great time for men to meet and be challenged from the Bible to live out faith as men. The program includes a Friday night session with main sessions and seminar options on Saturday.

There is a Bed and Breakfast option for Friday night.

The 2018 theme is *Give me Strength* and the great Men's speakers are: **John Anderson** (ex Deputy PM), **Carl Beech** (UK) and **Murray Capill.**