

History Timeline

- 2019** Finished upgrade of new camp sites in the Southern area
- 2019** Refurbished Pines Amenities Block - now known as Northern Amenities Block (NAB)
- 2018** Re-vegetation of the site with over 2000 plants
- 2018** Re-positioned and refurbished 2 A-Frames into rooms for 4 people each.
- 2018** Commenced first BHC Young Adults Convention - Make Disciples
- 2017** Joined Melbourne Water Stream Frontage program
- 2017** Commenced the first Seniors Convention
- 2015** Rec Hall - Lining of walls for sound efficiency
- 2015** Partnered with Remain for their first Young Adults Convention 18+
- 2015** New Chairman: Richard Coombs
- 2015** New building at Diamond Valley Camp, replacing the Kitchen and Dining Room
- 2014/15** The Convention Lodge bathrooms were upgraded
- 2014** The kitchen in Master's Manor was redeveloped and upgraded
- 2013/14** The Small Hall was refurbished and upgraded
- 2010/12** Recreation Hall constructed
- 2011/12** Meeting Rooms added
- 2007/8** Connection to sewer
- 2006/7** Auditorium foyer built
- 2005/6** New Camp Kitchens
- 2005/6** Construction of Convention Avenue
- 2003** Auditorium was upgraded and extended
- 2000/2** Master plan developed
- 2000** En-Suite rooms added to Convention Lodge
- 2003** Property redevelopment begins resulting in concrete floor replacing long-remembered tan bark in auditorium and foyer added with new facilities.
- 2000** The Lodge was upgraded.
- 1999** First VCYC (Victorian Christian Youth Convention).
- 1998** First Melbourne Men's Convention.
- 1997** New Chairman: David Price

- 1993** Peter and Margaret Rowse began hosting the popular Festival Week at The Lodge for over 50's.
- 1991** New Chairman: Robert Freeman
- 1987** New Chairman: John Williams
- 1987** First lady appointed to Convention Council, Mrs June Pearce (later missionary in Tanzania).
- 1983** Ash Wednesday fires destroyed the Campaigners for Christ and CMS campsites.
- 1980** Over 3000 attended Easter Convention to hear Helen Roseveare.
- 1977** New Chairman: Ridley Kitchen
- 1976** Dr J Edwin Orr's invitation concluding the Easter Sunday night evangelistic meeting drew such a large crowd the Small Hall was opened to accommodate all who responded for counselling.
- 1972** Miss Heather Muffett begins her 21 years of service running the convention crèche.
- 1968** New Chairman: Leonard Buck.
- 1961** Over 3000 attended at Easter to hear Gladys Aylward.
- 1957** The Auditorium was enlarged to seat 2000. Corrie ten Boom addressed a crowd of over 3000 at Easter Convention.
- 1955** New Chairman: A.E. Coombe.
- 1954** The "Small Hall" was built for children's meetings, run by CSSM.
- 1952** First Easter Convention.
- 1950** First Belgrave Heights Convention.
- 1950** The Auditorium at Upwey was dismantled and enlarged and re-erected at Belgrave Heights.
- 1947** The old order changed. New Chairman J. Oswald Sanders replaces Dr J.J. Kitchen and new Secretary Arthur Pocklington replaced H.P. Smith.
- 1946** The 30 acre site was purchased at Belgrave Heights.
- 1940** It was decided that the missionary fund will be distributed to a broad range of Missionary Societies, rather than support individual Convention Missionaries.
- 1930** The Convention moved to its new 5 acre property in Upwey (now the site of Upwey High School).
- 1928** The Convention sent missionary Jessie Taffs to Egypt.
- 1927** Howard Kitchen, the first missionary fully supported by the Convention, went to China.
- 1926** New Chairman: J.J. Kitchen

- 1922** The Upwey Convention Council was formed with J.M. Griffiths as Chairman. The first land was acquired at Upwey.
- 1918** The first Convention was held in Upwey (in the Upwey Union Church, later in a marquee behind the church).