

Taste the fresh alpine air

Buffalo Motel and Country Retreat is perfectly placed to enjoy the splendours of the High Country.

When you think of the wide open spaces that Victoria has to offer, there is one region which stands tall above the others. The High Country region in the north-east of the State has all the factors for a perfect country getaway. Firstly, there are the miles and miles of national parks, the crisp clean air, country hospitality and don't forget the numerous outdoor activities, such as skiing, fishing, bushwalking and golf.

One place in the heart of the region, which has recently undergone a complete renovation and is well worth the three-hour drive from Melbourne, is *Buffalo Motel and Country Retreat*.

This place is amazing, as it offers guests the comfort of relaxed hospitality and modern facilities at an affordable price. Bus groups staying at the motel will be treated to delicious meals cooked by Master Chef, Ben Bonwick of King River Cafe Oxley.

On four acres, the 3½ star retreat offers Art Deco accommodation with modern comforts, each tastefully reappointed room has a traditional country feel with splashes of mahogany, large windows and a feeling of seclusion due to the spacious surrounds. The motel is set right alongside the soothing Ovens River with panoramic views of Mount Buffalo.

The retreat been given a new lease on life, thanks to Irene Wong and her family, who have restored the motel back to its original glory, but added a touch of warmth and modern luxury. Sam Miranda Winery describes the new establishment like this. "It's like standing in a movie set with stone clad buildings and the Ovens River flowing at the foot of the extensive gardens. Inside, the contemporary rooms are fitted with new bathrooms, fine linen and air conditioning."

Literally across the road is the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, a famous year round walking and cycling track which links Wangaratta to Bright via Porepunkah, Myrtleford and Beechworth.





Springtime grounds of the motel



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Owner, Irene Wong has recently branched into the wedding market, with many couples booking the retreat for receptions so guest can enjoy a weekend away in a beautiful country setting. The retreat is also ideally suited for small to medium sized conference bookings of up to 40 participants, particularly those with emphasis on outdoor team activities in the Alpine region.

So whether it's a family retreat, wedding, celebration, conference or that long earned weekend away - Buffalo Motel and Country Retreat will satisfy all, leaving you yearning to return to your alpine hideaway.



- AT A GLANCE -

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Getting there from Melbourne: Take the Hume Highway towards Wodonga. 28 kms past Myrtleford, just before the township of Porepunkah, you will reach the Buffalo Motel and Country Retreat.

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