

MBRA Chairmans Report 2025

MBRA Committee representation and activity over the last 12 months can be summarised with the following

ARV-Stakeholder consultation Committee (SCC)

As we are now in our third year of the ARV Governance model both Ric and I , as members of the SCC, have continued to push for transparency and sought to represent the needs of Mt Buller stakeholders.

The intent of initially engaging in the ARV model was to achieve cost reduction by aggregating Governance of all Victorian resorts. The opposite appears to be occurring and the result in May 2025 is that site rent, service charges and resort entry costs all rising greater than CPI. Insurance and elevated land valuations have also complicated the cost of property holdings on Mt Buller.

ARIAG-MBRA continue to have 2 representatives on ARIAG which provide members access to Alpine sector changes. ARIAG continues to be the peak body representing the Victorian Alpine sector with a direct conduit to the Minister.

VSA-MBRA have 2 seats at the VSA with our Secretary , Fiona Ashton ,in the Chair.

NAMA-Ron Edwards currently represents the MBRA on Mt Buller's magnificent Museum, which is going from strength to strength

Emergency Mountain management (EMM)-Ron Edwards has represented the MBRA on this committee

BIA (Buller Interschools Association)

MBRA continue to contribute to these premier snowsports events held year after year, attracting thousands of school children and their families to Mt Buller and providing stakeholders with valuable economic support. We are proud to have supported these events for the last 12 seasons and will continue to do so.

Alpine Lease review-

Currently underway and the MBRA have contributed significantly through the expertise of Bill Hazlett, Searle Batten and Mark Bennetts. There will be a brief update on this review during our 20 May Community Forum. We look forward to the results

Alpine Insurance-

ARIAG have been tasked with exploring options for Alpine stakeholders. To date progress has been slow.

There will be an update at the Community forum from Chris Hollier

Toboggan management-

MBRA hold one seat on this committee which oversees toboggan usage. Currently Toboggan usage on Mt Buller is relegated to 2 areas contracted to BSL and overseen by the Toboggan Committee.

BSMC (marketing)-MBRA have one seat on this important committee and a separate report is on our website from your representative

Village masterplan-MBRA have been involved in this review however ARV have yet to progress further

Mirimbah masterplan-MBRA have also been involved in the review of Mirimbah and it's gateway importance to Mt Buller, however ARV have not proceeded with this.

Ongoing challenges are increased siteholder and accommodation provider costs -

Site rental, Service charges and Fire service levy have increased across the resort.

A service charge review has just been completed and is currently being assessed at resort SCC levels. The challenge going forward is to maintain transparency and ensure that stakeholders rights and opinions are heard.

As previously stated, the purpose of aggregation of Victoria's Alpine resorts was to consolidate and reduce costs, not to increase the costs of Governance.

Water supply, Dam repair and water allocation-

MBRA continue to push for a more appropriate water allocation licence. Currently Mt Buller may pump water from its streams between the months of May to October however this is deemed to be inadequate. Consultants, Streamology, are preparing a report to support a more suitable water allocation model. The 100ml Dam has been repaired following detection of leakage. It is in the process of being refilled before winter arrives.

VRLT and Air B & B tax-

MBRA were involved in successfully lobbying the Victorian Treasurer to exempt Alpine property from the vacant residential land tax (VRLT)

Air B & B tax remains an issue for our accommodation providers and is yet to be clarified.

Finally,

I would like to thank our extraordinary MBRA Committee for their commitment and valuable time.

Your Association has some remarkable talent and we are always looking for Committee members with expertise in operating Alpine property and it's Governance

In closing I would like to thank Binky Kfoury, Ric Leder, Craig Bartle, Fiona Ashton, Andrew Perkins, Tim Drew, Chris Hollier, Chris Schwartz, Ian McCall, Ron Edwards, Al Guss and our consultants Mark Bennetts, Searle Batten and Bill Hazlett and John Aird.

This is my final year in the MBRA Chair as I move onto other ventures.

I'm happy to stay on the MBRA committee and contribute where I can if needed.

Joel Dixon

Chair, MBRA