

What men are saying about men's rites of passage

"Thank you for caring enough to be part of such a life-changing experience. I have come away – not battered or bruised or exhausted, but truly settled in my whole being – physically, emotionally and within my heart."

"Thank you sincerely for the work you are doing with men. As I participated I felt connected and enlivened by my connection to like brothers – brothers in the truest sense of the word. I discovered things in my self and my life that I have been missing or perhaps just misplaced! The settling into silence was a blessing for myself and my overworked mind. I loved it."

"It was so simple and yet so profound. I was pushed beyond my level of comfort in many ways and yet the sense of how it was all 'so right' brought me through. I found brothers I never had or felt I deserved and re-embraced my own life I nearly gave up on earlier this year. Last week at Somerset – I began to trust others again. Thank you for caring for me and guiding me to take this step."



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date: 23 - 27 August

venue: Camp Somerset, Stanley Pocket Rd via Esk Queensland.

cost: \$650, which includes accomodation, meals, materials and transport from Brisbane CBD.



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no sign will be given except the sign of jonah

luke 11:29



reclaiming the spiritual initiation of men through experiential journeying into the true self, creating a tradition for future generations.



What is the men's rites of passage?

MROP is a five-day/four night deeply prayerful and soulful experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through simple and moving rituals and teaching. Each day includes group prayer, major teachings on central masculine spirituality themes, quiet time for reflection and sharing in the context of a home group'. In the words of the program's founder – Fr Richard Rohr: "Men are asked to come with a willingness to participate from beginning to end and not as an observer. All participants begin at point zero with no agendas to live up to or down to. All that is required is for a man to come with a "beginner's mind' and the readiness of a young novice seeking wisdom. Ultimately, initiation, like life itself, is not a spectator sport."

MROP is

- A personal discovery about masculine spirituality and 'the Holy Mystery'.
- A time to savour the healing and awesome power of nature.
- A process to address issues of loss, grief and relationships with father, other men and others.
- An opportunity to examine life's priorities and ask courageous questions about your 'next step'.
- An invitation to listen to the 'quiet voice of God'.
- A chance to return to life with a renewed commitment to your gifts.

MROP is not

- Traditional lecture-based retreat.
- An informational workshop about men's spirituality.
- A sensitivity training or deprivation experience.
- A threatening process that requires participants to engage in anything strange or unsafe.
- A test of physical stamina



steps to take

Step one - Pray and Prepare

The MROP is not just another event to attend, nor is it something to "fix" some condition in your life. It is a decision that should come out of prayer; you should know in your "gut" that God is inviting you into it. You might also talk to others who have gone through the MROP. If you don't know someone, email admin@mtmaustralia.org.au or call the office and we can connect you with someone in your area.

Step two - Get an Application

So, you feel ready? Applications are available from MTM Taringa or online at www.mtmaustralia.org.au or by phoning MTM (07) 38768710

Step three - Mail Application and Deposit

With your completed application, mail it and a \$100 deposit to the address on your application. If accepted, the deposit becomes non-refundable and is applicable to the final payment. If not accepted, your deposit will be refunded.

Step four - Wait and Pray

You will be notified that your application has been received and then re-notified if you have been accepted, not accepted, or placed on a waiting list. If accepted, a full confirmation packet will be sent to you with payment and event instructions.

