



**YHA Bushwalking Victoria
Jonas Lee Memorial Award
Citation 2019
David Sale**

The Jonas Lea Memorial Award is in memory of Jonas Lea, YHA Bushwalking Victoria Club leader and walker who passed away in 2018. He lead his first walk with us in Winter 2015. He was always willing to help, and often offered to fill missing gaps in the walk program. He was always trying to improve on his skills, participating on Leader Training Days and navigation training events. Many of you will have enjoyed chatting with him and appreciated his passion for bushwalking, even when not well.

Jonas' family wanted to recognise the importance of the Club and bushwalking to Jonas. His mum, Judy, said 'the Bushwalking club gave him a new lease of life and he loved the times he spent with you all.' They have generously provided a Paddy Palin gift voucher for the person making the most significant contribution to the Club and who best represents the values of the Club.

The Club very much appreciated Jonas' contributions and sincerely thank his family for creating the award. Thank you also to those members who took the time to make nominations for the award, all were worthy recipients.

The Club is very pleased to announce the 2019 recipient of the Jonas Lea award is **David Sale**.

David has been leading walks for YHA Bushwalking for around 10 years or so, including many accommodated trips, base camps and day walks. He's been a very popular leader and his weekend and extended trips are always booked out well in advance. He also provides constructive feedback to the Committee regarding managing bookings and approving accommodated trips.

Recent walks lead include 2 accommodated trips (Mt Buller in December 2018 & Wilson's Promontory in June 2019), 1 base camp (to Mt Buffalo in March 2019) and 2 Sunday day walks in early 2019. He puts in a lot of time and effort to plan and organise his trips. For the June weekend at Wilson's Promontory last year, when the Tidal River accommodation was booked out very quickly, he went out of his way to arrange additional accommodation in Yanakie for another 6 walkers.

He has a polite and friendly manner towards walkers on his trips and he always tries to make new walkers feel welcome. He handles problems calmly including relocating snoring walkers, driving out of his way to look after one of his walkers who had major car issues with 2 flat tyres, and arranging for alternative transport for a walker with a back problem.

On behalf of Jonas' family and the Club, Congratulations David, on a very well deserved acknowledgement of your invaluable contributions to the Club over more than 10 years.