



**Minutes from General Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

**7.15pm Meeting open**

**Present;** Jonathon Schwartz, Daniel Gordon, Matt Pelekanos, Alexandra(Sasha) Vaynberg, David Reeve, & Chris Williams

**Apologies;** Phil Box, Ian Elliot, Mike Olsen, Adam Kerz, Bill Thomas, Ruth Reeve

**Motion;** to accept previous meetings minutes  
Proposed, Dan Gordon  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Jonathon Schwartz  
Carried

**Correspondence**  
none

**Crag Reports**

**Coolum Cave**

*The Coolum falcons have nested again this year. They are in the cave and the female is easy to see standing on the ledge. No sign of chicks yet but they are shy. By early November they should be out stretching their wings and getting strength to fly. Coolum has seen plenty of activity through the winter months with some overseas climbers and southern visitors escaping the cold. With the warmer weather approaching, Coolum will become a place to climb in the shade and we can expect good numbers most weekends as well as a steady stream through the week.*

*Ian Elliott.*

**Redcliffs, Helidon Hills**

*National Parks have kept the gates closed on all the forestry tracks within the park which makes things difficult for access directly to top of cliff which we once used to enjoy. I can access the base of the cliffs with my Unimog which facilitates large groups but it would be an advantage to access top of cliffs as well.*

*Helidon Police are well and truly on the way to shutting down the local redneck on Paradise Creek Road. All signs declaring private property and the stop sign outside the wrecking yard come living quarters have been confiscated. The large bus has been shifted off the road easement. The individual concerned has been booked a couple of times now and his son has also been booked as part of a police crackdown on his*

*ongoing poor behaviour. Police are mounting a case to have him charged over his aggressive behaviour towards otherwise friendly and law abiding climbers.*

*Have only seen one Peregrine Falcon this year and the mated couple certainly have not bred this year in their usual spot.*

*Murphys Creek Escape have used the cliff several times this year for school camp abseiling, climbing and the highland cliff walk as well as navigation and other outdoor education activities. As strange as it may seem this has actually raised the profile of this cliff within government as it means that a commercial organisation is paying to camp there and use this resource. This helps climbers as it hopefully establishes the bona fides of the recreational activities conducted at this location and of course at Goanna Point.*

*I have submitted my phone number as a contact to the local cops if any local guiding is needed as the resident person who is familiar with the area. I suggest that other crag reps do similar. The local cop was quite aware of me and the activities that I participate in because he did a google search. Interesting eh.*

*Phil Box.*

## **President's Report – Dave Reeve**

*Every quarter seems busier than the last as more and more folks become engaged with access issues. I find I'm constantly jumping from one conversation to another with barely a space to draw breath. However, it's a good problem to have, and with both Howard Smith Wharves and KP North in a 'wait and see' phase, we have been able to divert attention away from advocacy back to what is happening on the ground. The main issues to report are –*

*Flinders –*

*We noted that Jan 2015 version of Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2006 for first time explicitly names Ipswich City Council as the trustee of the Mt Flinders Regional Park. We also noted that the QPWS regulatory sign at the "daylight hole" had been removed and replaced by an ICC informational warning sign. Informal inquiries to ICC showed that they considered the cave open for climbing, but they emphasised that they did not want to see big visitor numbers at this stage.*

*We have been proactive in guiding the climbing community as interest in the Secret Cave inevitably spread by word of mouth. Our primary focus to date has been to*

- a) Move access from the existing northern ridge track to south eastern access via Mt Elliott Rd. This provides good separation of the climbing stakeholders from the day trippers, and most importantly doesn't alter the risk structure of the official summit track by providing an obvious side detour down into steep territory.*
- b) Identify climbing opportunities beyond the steep climbing at the cave. Understanding the potential for lower grade climbs gives us a better idea of how things are likely to develop in the future.*

- c) *Build up a species list for any rare and threatened plants before too much activity takes place. We need to be actively guiding the location of tracks as traffic builds up. We anticipate releasing such R&T Plant notices as we think necessary within the next few months.*

*We believe Flinders is destined to become a major climbing destination, and that the climbing community is well positioned to demonstrate good stewardship and understanding of their obligations under the Nature Conservation Act as this crag is developed.*

*Glasshouse –*

*I am pleased to report that we are finally in a position to start running track-work days under the guidance of QPWS officers. The first of such is scheduled for early next month.*

*Apart from the obvious value of the work that will be done, I see three big advantages flowing from these events. Firstly, it sets a precedent for climbers working with the rangers on something they share as a common interest. Secondly, it raises awareness within the climbing community of the nitty-gritty of park management – in particular of the skill that goes into ‘presenting’ yet ‘preserving’. Thirdly, it serves as a template, and exemplar for other crags.*

### **Treasurer’s Report – Chris Williams**

*Details are available on request, but in summary –*

**Income for Qtr:** \$580.00  
**Expenditure for Qtr:** \$1,711.59  
**Closing Balance:** \$15,657.95

### **General Business**

*none*

**Bolting.** *If you are about to bolt a new route in SEQ, please contact the ACAQ regarding QPWS Operational Policy on bolting. All correspondence should be directed to [Secretary@climb.org.au](mailto:Secretary@climb.org.au) . You should also join Cliff Bolting Qld on Facebook!*

### **Next Meeting**

*3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm.  
Location; Urban Climb,  
2/220 Montague Road, West End  
Qld 4101.*

*No further business.*

**8.30pm Meeting closed**