



**Minutes from General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017**

**7.09pm Meeting Open**

**Present:** David Reeve, Ruth Reeve, Chris Williams, Neil Jenman, Nick Tierney, Daniel Peatey, David O'Sullivan, Shannon Bratton, Chris Hall, James Dobson, Justin Wallis, Leo Stanislas, Matt Pelekanos, Sasha Vaynberg, Scott Braithwaite, Adam Kerz, Mark Gamble, Graham Pilling, Zac Trembath-Pitham,

**Apologies:** Ian Elliott, Hamish McNicol, Josiah Hess, Marisa Stewart, Rob Manthey

**Motion:** to accept previous meetings minutes  
Proposed: Chris Williams  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Neil Jenman  
Carried

**Correspondence:**

**KP Storage Box:** to/from Council with respect to a) tie-down issues and b) renewal of permit

**Draft Qld Protected Area Status:** Invitation to comment from DEHP

**Keperra Quarry Development:** Letter of support for proposed development by Brookfield Residential Properties

**Crag Reports:**

**KP – Adam Kerz**

A flourish of bolting and checking activity has been going on recently. Justin Wallis has documented many bolts and anchors and raised several issues, particularly with some anchors needing improvement. He has also replaced at least a few anchors. Zac Trembath has also been driving the re-bolting of KP North along with Josiah Hess, James Dobson and Alex Mougnot (and possibly others), having re-established at least two climbs, EC and GR.

**Coolum Cave – Ian Elliott**

Summer is here and it has even been hot at the cave on some days though most afternoon sessions have been quite tolerable. Numbers were down over Christmas-New Year because almost everyone had gone to the Blue Mountains but Australia Day weekend saw good numbers of climbers with some serious climbing happening.

*The fires around Mt Coolum have not affected the cave though I haven't been up since the latest on Tuesday last week. The area in front of the cave appears untouched.*

*The fire that burnt most of the mountain spared the area around the cave. All these fires have been deliberately lit, there have been 4 so far, so I would ask anyone climbing at Coolum to look out for any suspicious activity. Police believe the arsonist in mid 20's male and there have been several other fires burning cars and bins, one resulting in the razing of a business near Surfair Hotel opposite the Airport.*

### **Trail Care:**

*No activity*

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

*The bullet points for the ground covered are as follows -*

- ***KP: advances on multiple fronts***
  - *Bolt database audit picked up by Justin Wallis and Vincent Geisler and now pushing ahead.*
    - *Cost USD20 per month but very capable system requiring little maintenance.*
    - *Public facing 'bad bolts' portal shows willingness to shoulder the duty of care*
    - *Internally we can demonstrate control of such stuff as date since last inspection*
  - *UQMC are doing the heavy lifting of chasing up grants to see if we can't get a second storage locker.*
  - *KPN rebolt under way*
    - *Closed some 17 years ago*
    - *6 years in negotiation and non-negotiation*
    - *And Council still likes to pretend climbing doesn't occur at KP*
  - *Major descale and stabilisation of the cliff by Council*
    - *In spite of misgivings, based on the outcome, it is clear the contractors were mindful of the fact it is a climbing cliff.*
      - *No, Council wouldn't talk to us*
      - *But, yes, they did a good job.*
      - *Reducing the loose block count, and stabilising big blocks works for both us and council*
    - *No block came down which contained a bolt... let's keep it that way*
- ***Draft Protected Areas Strategy - don't muddy land tenure -both good and bad to be found here***
  - *Desire to increase size of the protected estate*
  - *Desire not to have to spend budget on it*
  - *Not a new idea and pops up in the political cycle*
  - *Past experience is -*
    - *Danger of being used to preen the ego of political show ponies who have zero actual interest in the park system*
    - *Parks already seriously defunded, and this would make it worse*
  - *Question of where does the land come from*
    - *Already sections of USL that could be used, but won't (eg Minto, Frederick Pk) because they lack show pony appeal*

- *Agreements with private landowners have been tried but are doomed as there is nothing in it for owner*
- *The possibility of amending the NCA to give effect to state control of freehold land without having to pay compensation is to be opposed if for no other reason that it weakens the Nature Conservation Act*
- *Alternative structures for funding protected estate*
  - *This is good*
  - *Land Act, as it stands, is up to the task through State Reserves and DOGIT. The NCA already provides for third parties to act as trustees.*
  - *We could be trustees of Minto, and Frederick Pk if they were gazetted as state reserve for example.*
  - *DOGIT could be applied to just the cliff environs of the Pulpit or Western Wall*
  - *A public charitable corporation could take on board the management of Crookneck, raising funds for its development*
  - *The stumbling block is always public liability, and the State would need to provide this*
- *We will be making a submission*
- ***Keperra Quarry Development***
  - *We have a land tenure issue sitting right here. Apparently it is not possible for Brookfield Residential Properties to gift recreational land to the public. I'd like to test the political and legislative robustness of such a position.*
- ***Passchendaele Bouldering***
  - *People would have seen an abbreviated position statement*
    - *HQ Plantations hold a plantation licence under the Forestry Act*
    - *It is public land and HQP must provide access if there is no danger from operations*
  - *Meeting with HQP at Beeburum before Christmas ran along the lines expected*
    - *They told us what they expected us to do - ie no access without their say so*
    - *We told them what we expected of them as land managers*
    - *We asked for a response on a couple of salient points from their legal counsel, but thus far no reply*
  - *Our current position is that access is open, and if pinged, be polite and bring the matter back to us.*

**Treasurer's Report – Chris Williams:**

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

**Income for Qtr:           \$740.00**  
**Expenditure for Qtr:   \$516.74**  
**Closing Balance:   \$20,263.74**

**Submitted Agenda Items:**

*None tabled*

## **General Business**

### **Keperra Quarry Development:**

*Jaryd Collins, Senior Development Manager with Brookfield Residential Properties, introduced the company's development plan for the Keperra Quarry site. What makes this plan of interest to climbers is that it is proposed to expose hundreds of metres of granite cliff line for recreational climbing.*

*ACAQ provided a letter of support to BRP. It can be seen [here](#)*

*When the application for subdivision reaches the public consultation phase, individuals can help the case by making submissions to Council.*

**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) .*

### **Next Meeting**

*To be announced*

*No further business.*

**8:35pm Meeting closed**