



Minutes from General Meeting 21th November 2017

7.13 pm Meeting Open

Present: David Reeve, Ruth Reeve, Neil Jenman, David O'Sullivan, Mark Gamble, Adam Kerz, Damien Rua

Apologies: Adon Taylor, Daniel Peatey, Adrian Woodcraft, Chris Williams

Motion: to accept previous meetings minutes

Proposed: David O'Sullivan

Seconded: Ruth Reeve

Carried

Motion: to accept amendment to 2016/2017 accounts:

Chris was unable to locate a mistake in the accounts in time for the AGM. It resulted in a misbalance of approximately \$83. This is now fixed, and the final accounts for 2016/17 are hereby presented to the meeting for approval.

Proposed: David O'Sullivan

Seconded: Neil Jenman

Carried

Correspondence:

18thSep17: email exchange with Greg Toman of QFES re drilling of holes for rescue anchor points on Tibro

22ndSep17: request from Suellen Layt of Dept of Education and Training re review of CARA for climbing and abseiling

13thOct17: notification of intention to hang banner at KP.

14thNov17: letter to mayor at TCC re Kissing Point development

20thNov17: response from Bruce Cheeseman to enquiry re suspect bollard at KP

21stNov17: response from Mayor TCC re Kissing Point

KP Bad Bolt Notifications:

Number Notified for Quarter: 0

Trail Care - Damien Rua:

14thOct17: 10 to 15 people from UQMC helped QPWS with stabilising the Upper Slider platform

President's Report – Dave Reeve:

KP: *I'll touch on a few points not covered by Adam in his report*

Bolt Register:

- *The bolt register now stands at 287 bolts audited and placed on the register.*
- *This includes the vast majority of popular climbs, but it is our intention to continue to the very last bolt, no matter how unused.*
- *We intend to increase the extents of reporting to the public interface when time permits.*
- *The public interface of the register is important as it demonstrates the commitment of the climbing community to manage bolted infrastructure in a professional way.*

Development & Retrobolting:

- *The need to increase the usable real estate at KP is ever urgent, but development can run only as fast as consensus for retro-bolting can be achieved.*
- *There is a sizeable KP Management Group these days and it has proved valuable in thrashing out the pro and cons as to how we go about further development, especially if it is to involve retro-bolting.*
- *Hopefully we will be trialling a system for seeking public consensus re a development proposal. I think that, if we can get this right, and if we can provide leadership where it is lacking, we should be able to open up some high quality climbs to a larger user-base while celebrating the bold KP tradition.*
- *The demand for beginner level climbs is considerable, and we need to balance the provision of climbs of a serious nature, with consumer-friendly stuff, by opening up the blocky territory to the right of the stairs.*

New Gear Locker:

- *The UQMC exec have demonstrated extreme skills in bureaucratic hoop jumping, to acquire a gear locker for use by the club. It is pretty much identical to the CliffHanger locker and will sit on the slab next to it.*
- *The grant for the locker is in, the permission to site it is in. I don't think there are any more hoops to jump. The Uni clubs are a terrifically significant conduit for newbies into the climbing world, and having this infrastructure in place at KP is a big win for the overall climbing community.*

Keperra Quarry:

- *Those that participated in our campaign will have heard back from Council last week.*
- *I'll recap on what this is about -*
 - *Brookfield Residential Properties (BRP) own and operate a granite quarry at Keppera.*
 - *BRP wish to cease quarrying and change the use of the land from quarrying to residential.*
 - *They wish to subdivide the land into residential blocks, setting aside a significant proportion for public recreation including rock climbing.*

- *During initial consultations Council indicated it would oppose the transfer to the public estate, and that such lands would need to be tenured by some sort of community titles scheme.*
- *BRP submitted a preliminary planning application in three parts, one of which was the proposed subdivision. ACAQ, via its members, submitted over 60 properly-made submissions via the public process. In these submissions we highlighted the public value of the recreational resource, and the fact that to ignore it would run counter to the Brisbane City Plan.*
- *Council have accepted the preliminary development plan for subdivision.*
 - *This is a great first step for us.*
 - *As the process moves onto more detailed development applications, the question of the tenure of the sections to be transferred to the public domain will arise.*
 - *ACAQ are very opposed to local government holding land in fee simple because the lack of a legislative framework to describe how it should be managed.*
 - *ACAQ believe the only sound mechanism is for the State to acquire it, then dedicate it as a reserve for purposes of recreation, with BCC appointed trustee.*
- *This is going to be a slow process, but well worth the effort, because of the precedent we can set. If successful this project will give rise to the first, custom-built, outdoor climbing crag.*

Townsville:

- *Some background since a lot of people will be unfamiliar with what's there -*
 - *Mt Stuart on the western extent of the City offers substantial granite climbing*
 - *Castle Hill within the City has granite walls of up to 100m, and we Brisbanites think KP is good?*
 - *Kissing Point on the eastern extent of the City offers a number of lowish sea-cliffs.*
 - *Fredericks Pk on the northern extent of the City has spectacular steep volcanic mish-mash set in thick jungle.*
 - *Set in bushland some 30km to the west are the huge granite boulder fields of Harvey's Marbles.*
- *TCC has long insisted on climbers having a 'licence' to climb at Mt Stuart and Castle Hill, the key component of which is insurance to cover TCC's corporate arse in case of an accident.*
- *RANQ provide such insurance for its members. It's a major component of the membership cost.*
- *ACAQ argue that TCC is acting ultra vires to erect such an economic barrier to 'free and fair' access of land tenured as State Reserve.*
- *ACAQ have initiated a conversation with TCC narrowly focussed on climbing access to the Kissing Point Reserve where climbing is currently not allowed.*
- *You can view the letter here <http://www.qldclimb.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/TCC-registration-of-interest-Kissing-Point.pdf>*

Crag Rep. Reports:

KP: Adam Kerz

Brief update on older issues as I never sent a report for the July meeting.

The sprinkler system was broken at the top which was seeping through the wall for quite a few days around SRO (May 22nd or so). Seems to be resolved now.

Stainless steel threaded rods have appeared at the top just North of the rotunda (1 July). No further action has been taken so far, largely because they are unlikely to be used by climbers given their location and the fact that they are just threaded rod.

Justin Wallis and several others had organised a bolting day in early July, but ended up inspecting bolts because several hammer drills they were going to borrow fell through.

August to November

After a passionate discussion on bolting Gynaecology/Postmodernist Blues a more general retro-bolting discussion occurred with some ideas coming out re: consultation

Considerable bolt checking/photographing occurred by several volunteers

Mid October saw the Wallabies Jersey banner put up in the wrong place, covering from Hanger Wall Arete to Anonymous, and included them drilling two removable bolt holes. Dave contacted the working at heights company and BCC to get further information and remind them of their previous agreement to place the banner in a less popular area of the cliffs and to not add new bolts. Soon after the banner was taken down Leo Stan filled the removable bolt holes.

Council geo-techs performed load testing on the bollards at the top in mid November and discovered two that failed, which were tagged and scheduled for replacement. Alex Mougénot discovered a third bollard (#32 above Exhilarant) that moves back and forth, so he taped a sign onto it warning against using it. Council intend to replace it too.

Townsville: Gary Abraham

Mt Stuart- The fence installed by Dept. Defence is all but removed along the top of the cliff area known as "The Playground" The fence had been damaged by vandals breaking off the pickets and chucking them and the wire over the cliff, other pickets had been bent over and wire cut and left in the grass. I asked Ken Armitage from TCC Parks and Gardens for permission to cut the stubs from broken pickets, remove the bent ones and the wire to make safe. He gave approval and job is done. Only a few strainer posts with backstays remain in situ.

The TCC has done some work along the road verge where you park which is good, they also installed a new sign (I got a photo but can't upload it on this computer working at Cairns harbour this week).

"Mt Stuart Scenic Reserve

This area is managed as a natural area. It contains exposed cliffs and natural features.

Goes on with some other stuff...

Permit Required For

*Abseiling, rock climbing activities
Prohibited
Accessing surrounding Defence Land
Penalties Apply"*

There was an accident a few months ago at Mt Stuart where a climber was air lifted out from defence land after a fall. Had a few cracked ribs but was ok, there was no repercussion's from Defence or council.

Other than that, no change at Fredrick Peak, Harvey's Marbles, Castle Hill.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Williams in absentia:

Details are available on request, but in summary –

Income for Qtr: \$3,1210

Expenditure for Qtr: \$274

Closing Balance: \$27,180

Submitted Agenda Items:

None tabled

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 .*

Next Meeting

To be announced

No further business.

9.17 pm Meeting closed