



## **Minutes from General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

### **7.05 pm Meeting Open**

**Present:** David Reeve, Ruth Reeve, Chris Williams, Daniel Peatey, Steffen Bollmann, Damien Rua, Ron Farmer, Darryn Wong, Leo Stanislas, Matt Pelekanos, Neil Jenman, Gabrielle Boisseau, Ned Jackson, Gerard Cosh

**Live Internet Feed:** *This was the first meeting where we have used a live feed to Facebook. The level of engagement was a surprise with as many as 40 people logging on and comment on proceeding.*

**Apologies:** Adam Kerz, Adon Taylor

**Motion:** to accept previous meetings minutes

**Proposed:** Leo Stanislas

**Seconded:** Daniel Peatey

Carried

### **Correspondence:**

**5Mar18:** Letter from Kieth Murray, President, Cambanoora Gorge Management Group Inc. re climbing development within the gorge

### **KP Bad Bolt Notifications:**

**Number Notified for Quarter:** 2

**Trail Care:** Damien Rua:

*Nothing to report*

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

**KP:**

1. Steady activity increasing the depth of the audit with 297 bolts, and 33 anchors entered into the system. No items are flagged at high priority, two anchors and one bolt are flagged at medium priority, while 5 anchors and 13 bolts are low priority.
2. A debate over whether or not an extra bolt should be added to Insomnia sparked the largest FB debate to date with engagement levels running over several thousand for the couple of weeks for which it ran. This debate was timely in that it set the stage for a consultative process we are currently rolling out; one that attempts to make best use of the limited real estate we have available to us at

**Townsville:**

*Although we have had normal formal response from Council re our offer of help with the development of Kissing Point, our NQ crag rep., Gary Abraham, and Dom Courtney from QORF met with Council officers on site at Kissing Point, and a constructive conversation was had. We are optimistic this will form the basis of further collaboration.*

**Glasshouse:**

*The possibility of rebolting Mossie Wall at Beerwah to give more newbie real estate, has been on our radar for some years. Andromeda is often oversubscribed, and the need to take some of the pressure off it is growing. By serendipitous chance a skilled bolting crew more or less assembled itself, we got permission from QPWS, the hardware was available and the job was done across a few weekends. There are now just three routes left to go.*

**Cambanoora Gorge:**

*We had an invite from the Cambanoora Gorge Management Group Inc. to visit the gorge with respect to climbing development. This is the gorge that used to be known as Condamine Gorge. Generations of climbers have gazed at it wistfully over the years, but it has remain sequestered in private ownership. The CGMG represent most of the private land owners and recognize that the long term sustainability of gorge is best served by active management and attracting user groups with a strong stewardship ethic.*

**Crag Rep. Reports:**

**KP:** Adam Kerz

*In early March, council descaled some rock/mud above Manacubus and added drainage above.*

*Some achors have been replaced with rings and chains (Playschool, Punks) and old holes grouted up. Frontier Psychiatrist mallion were upgraded to new stainless steel ones.*

*The bottom bolt on Dysentery was reported as moving. It was assessed and deemed OK, but, given the popularity of the climb, should be on the list of anchors to be replaced anyway.*

*The three loose bollards as a result of council load testing have not yet been replaced. The ACAQ sign on the one that the council contractors didn't detect was replaced as it was quite sun damaged.*

*Some of the route markings at the top have been painted over, just beside where the council descaling occurred, possibly by the council contractors.*

*A bolting war broke out which began a still ongoing process of listing potential climbs for retro-bolting and the reasons for that.*

**North Qld:** Gary Abraham

*Not a lot of climbing for a couple of months due to finally getting a decent wet season up here but with fine and cooler weather there is a lot more activity.*

### **Mt. Stuart**

*Track work has progressed on the Western end of the "Playground" and is about 80% done. The access was getting very washed out and was a real scramble. We got the worst areas fixed up prior to the rain and it has held up well. Climbers using the track have praised the work but not offered help! The work has been done by the few "friends of Mt Stuart". Will send a few photos when finished.*

*There has been an increase of locals and non-local climbers using the crag which is good to see.*

### **Fredrick Peak**

*The crag is still getting a lot of development for sport climbing.*

*It was inaccessible after we had 1m of rain in a week, but climbers attempted driving in as soon as the sun came out which has resulted in damage to the road (getting out of bogs and through washouts) so the track is a bit more of a challenge now.*

*Expecting a lot more visitors in the winter months including local bushwalkers who are also keen on the location.*

### **Kissing Point**

*Have been updated by Townsville City Council, they have been working on the rock climbing proposal but a decision is not expected for about another month.*

### **Hervey's Marbles**

*The start of the track in has been fenced with barbed wire and sheets of iron, this is to stop motorbikes not climbers. Just need to scramble up the bank down the road a bit, or get over the fence. Looks great up there now after the rain and hopefully gets some attention from visiting climbers this winter keen on some top class bouldering!*

### **Redcliffs: Phil Box**

*Redneck seems to have settled down of late. Since the climbing gym in Toowoomba has burnt down quite a few more locals are basing themselves at Redcliffs as their home crag. I gained permission from Neil to upgrade Love Fighting Mood to a fully sport route and it also now has a sport anchor back from the edge on top of the huge stable boulder at the top of this route. I also put in another sport route on the top rope boulder. I also put in a sport route in the Orange Overhang area straight up the aerate in the gnarly section of rock. It's called Falcor after the flying dog in Never Ending Story movie. Cos there's a dog's face in sandstone sculpted by the wind and erosion near the very top of the route. Can now belay off two rings up the top of this route too. All info updated in The Crag as well. I ran a basic fundamentals and cliff safety and self rescue course last weekend at Murphys Creek Escape on the abseiling tower/platform and then on the Sunday at Redcliffs. It was a big hit for the ten or so participants and the Unimog ride into the walk up from the creek was also a huge hit. This sort of training can only benefit the wider climbing community as the knowledge filters out from the participants. Nat Parks reported to Pete at Murphys Creek Escape camping ground that the lease is just about up in Alice Creek so access to top of cliffs may well be restored soon. Alice Creek is the next valley to the east of where Redcliffs lies. There are cliffs in there as well that could well host climbing.*

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

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

*Income for Qtr: \$1,032*

*Expenditure for Qtr: \$68*

*Closing Balance: \$29,925*

### **Submitted Agenda Items:**

*None tabled*

### **General Business**

***Back Creek Gorge Access Issues:** (raised by Chris Hall via FB feed) The current access issues affecting various sections of back Creek were discussed. DR commented that whilst ACAQ has the expertise to help out, it would mean expending time and funds on an issue that was only partly relevant to the climbing community. However, if there is to be a transfer of land from ADF freehold to the public estate, the precedent set could be useful to the climbing community in areas like Mt Stuart.*

***Keperra Quarry Update:** (raised via FB feed) Currently the Brookfield Residential Properties DA is under challenge from Bunnings who are building a store at the base of the development. This challenge will be making its way through the courts for at least the next 18months, so there is nothing to do there for some time to come.*

***Caves Route Deterioration:** (raised by Leo Stanislas) It was generally agreed that there the level of traffic on caves Route on Tibro is causing problems at a couple of points. The majority of this traffic comes from visitors other than climbers. The time is approaching where climbers will need to be proactive in maintaining some of the areas, particularly with respect to the damage being sustained by the old steel woods.*

**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.*

**9:02 pm Meeting closed**