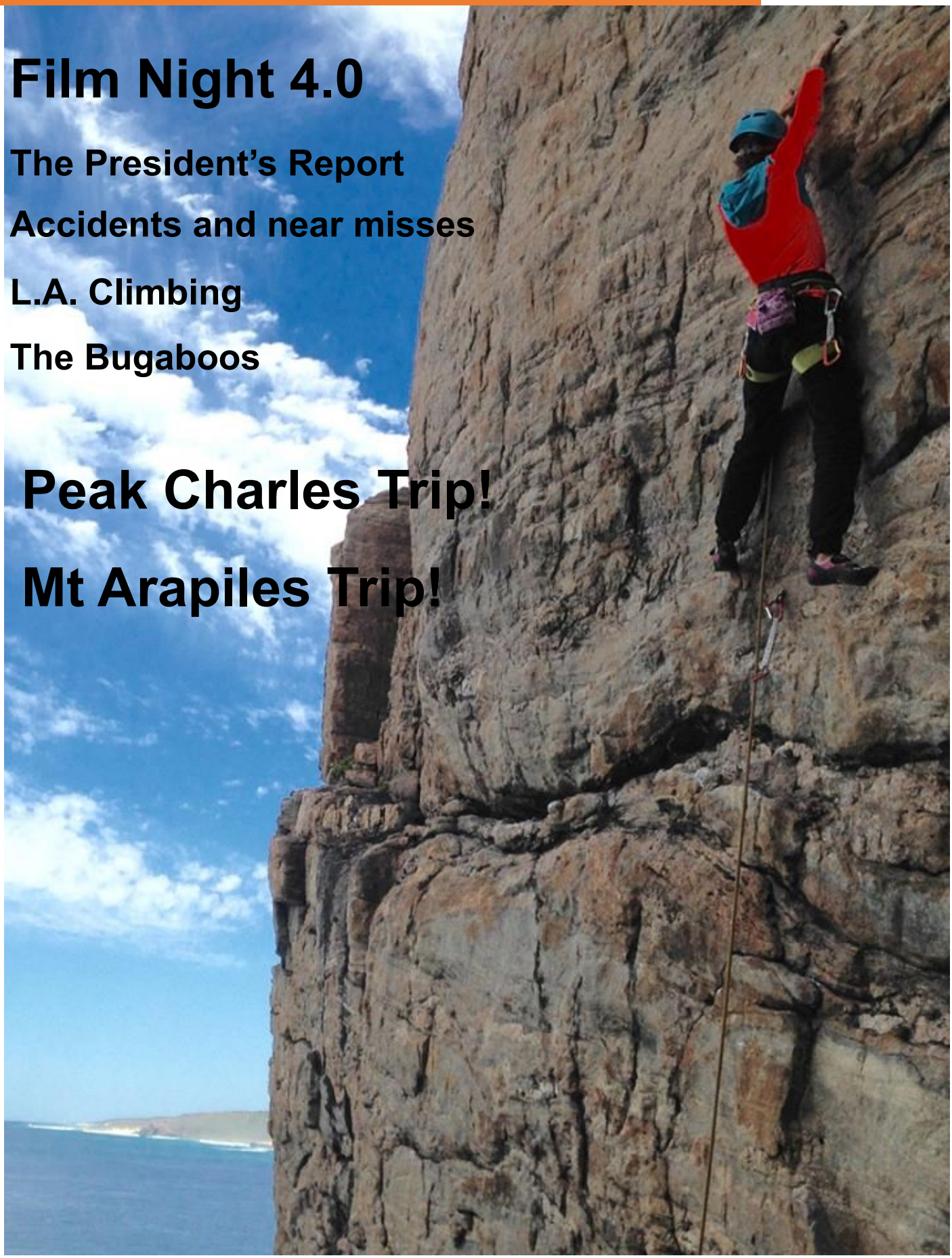
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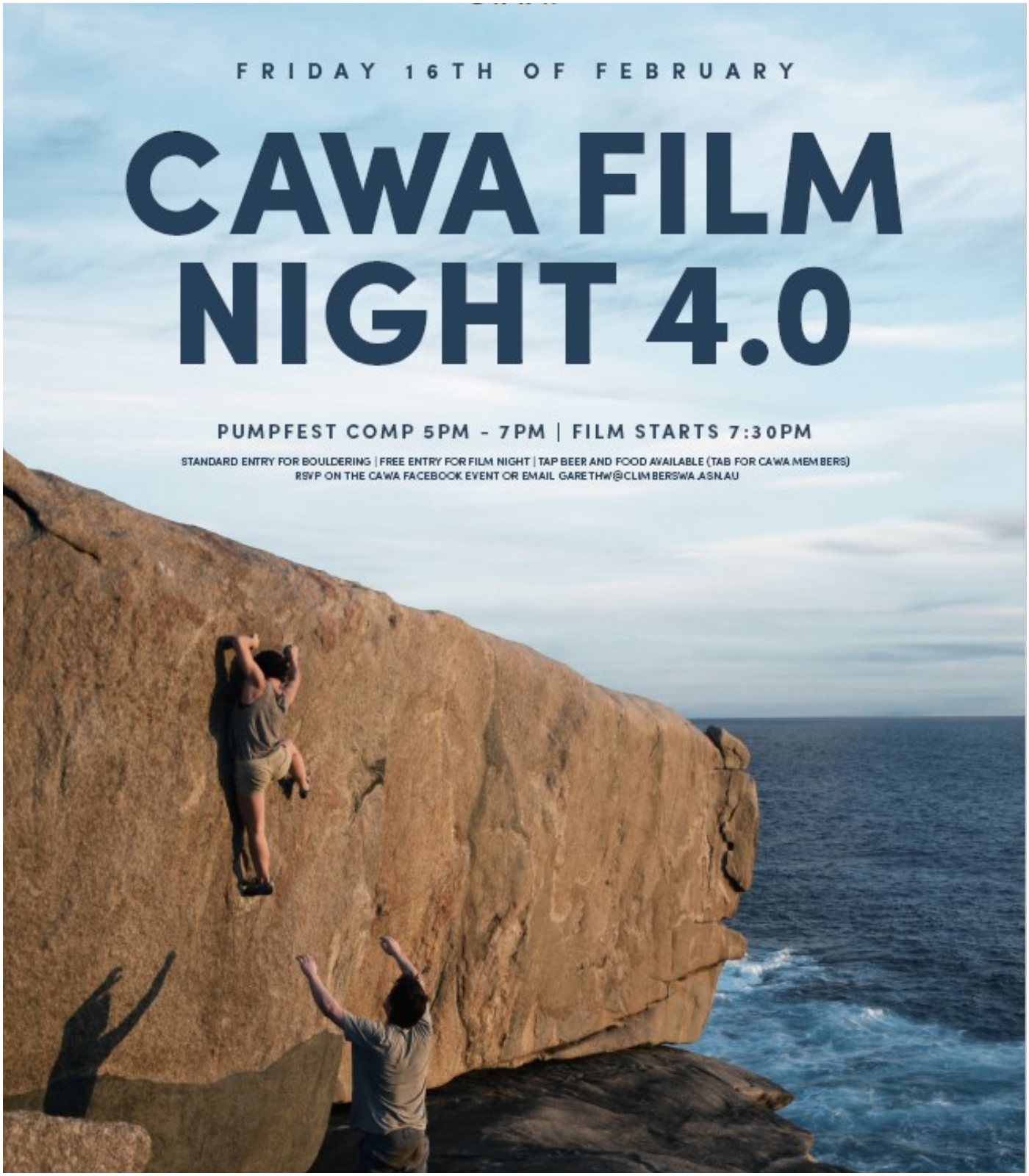
We know you have been chomping at the bit for the next edition. So here it is. Enjoy. Remember we want news and reports from members to include in Western Climber. We know you have been sending, but we haven't heard from you in while. So please remember next time you do, see or hear something interesting (it must be climbing related) let us know.

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CAWA Film Night 4.0, 16th February 2018



PUMPFEST COMP 5PM - 7PM | FILM STARTS 7.30PM

Standard entry for bouldering / **Free** entry for the film night.

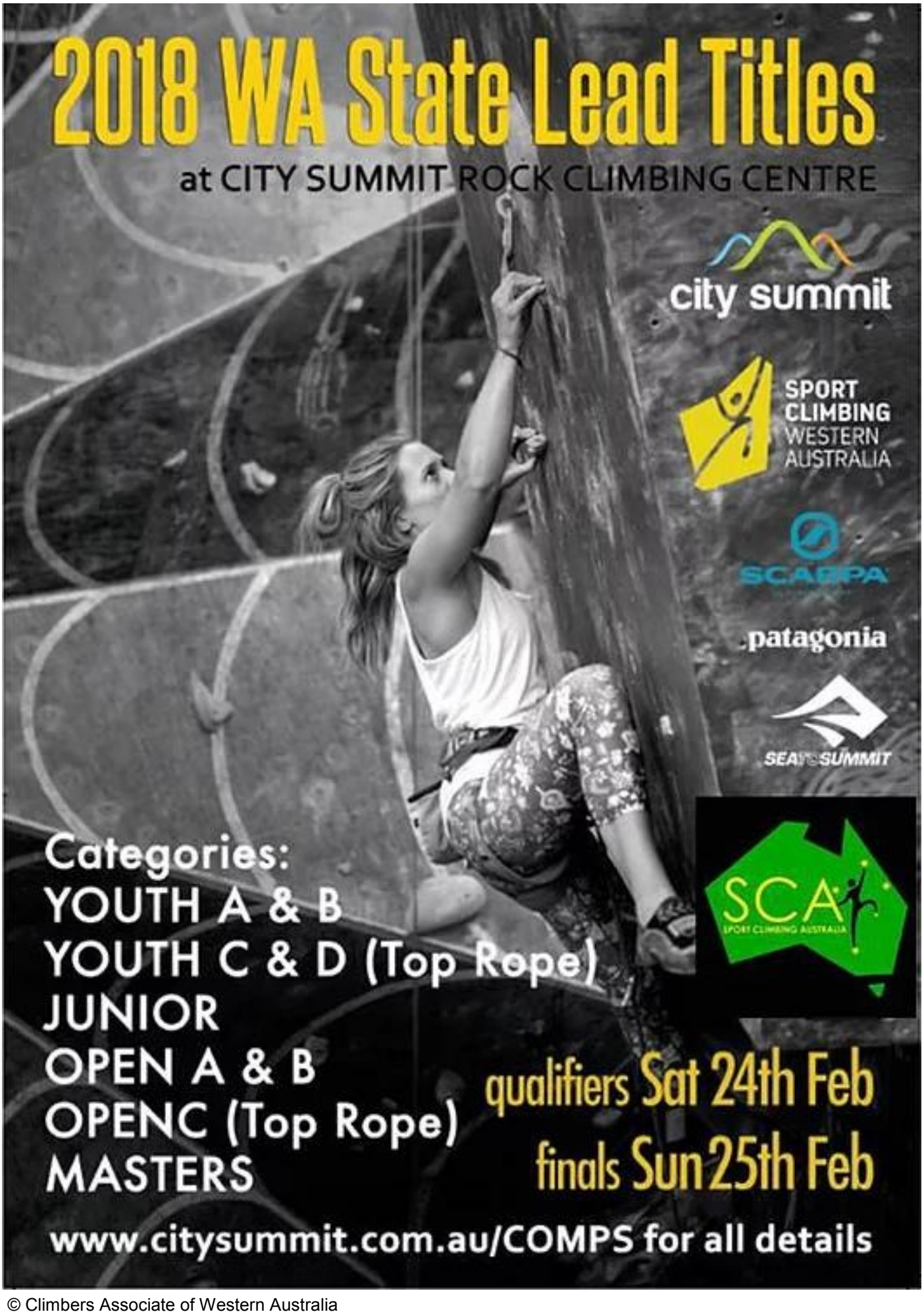
Tap beer and food available / **Free** TAB for CAWA Members

A few movies will be screened including a feature film on crack climbing from Woody (Le President of CAWA) and Will's West Coast Choss. Check out the trailer: https://vimeo.com/250110332

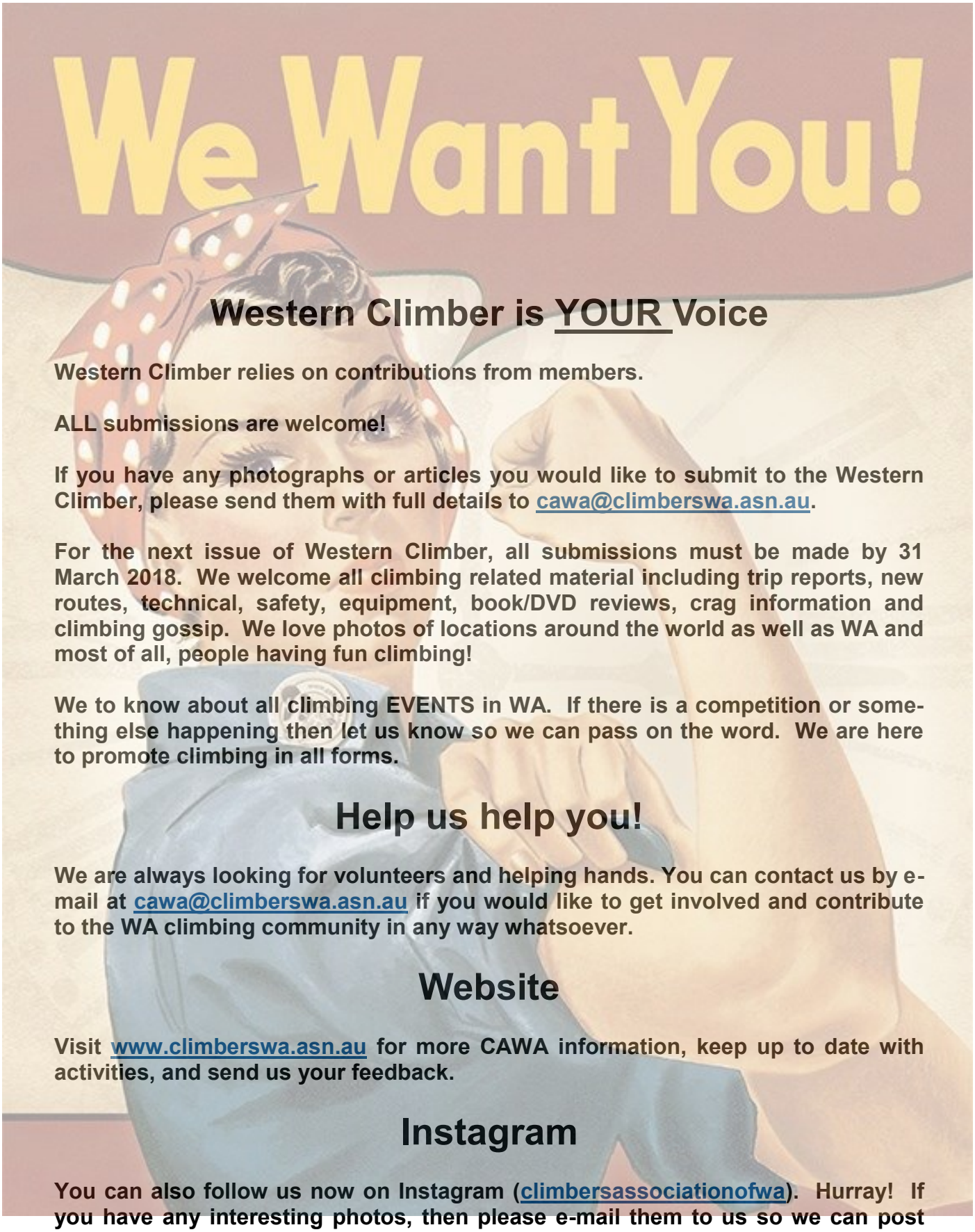
Although this event is hosted by CAWA, everyone is welcome. Bring your friends along and make this a memorable night ;-)

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2018 WA State Lead Climbing Titles



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Western Climber relies on contributions from members.

ALL submissions are welcome!

If you have any photographs or articles you would like to submit to the Western Climber, please send them with full details to cawa@climberswa.asn.au.

For the next issue of Western Climber, all submissions must be made by 31 March 2018. We welcome all climbing related material including trip reports, new routes, technical, safety, equipment, book/DVD reviews, crag information and climbing gossip. We love photos of locations around the world as well as WA and most of all, people having fun climbing!

We to know about all climbing EVENTS in WA. If there is a competition or something else happening then let us know so we can pass on the word. We are here to promote climbing in all forms.

Help us help you!

We are always looking for volunteers and helping hands. You can contact us by e-mail at cawa@climberswa.asn.au if you would like to get involved and contribute to the WA climbing community in any way whatsoever.

Website

Visit www.climberswa.asn.au for more CAWA information, keep up to date with activities, and send us your feedback.

Instagram

You can also follow us now on Instagram (climbersassociationofwa). Hurray! If you have any interesting photos, then please e-mail them to us so we can post them on Instagram.

2018 AGM Photo Comp is On

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The President's Report

Hello CAWA climbers.

It's time for another Western Climber and thus a blog from me The President.

So what has happened since last I wrote words at youse guys.

I may miss some stuff but first off the highlights real is prolly the Wilyabrup trip, featuring ex prez Mark Edele and Run by other ex prez Tony Brebner. Big thanks once again to Tony for running the trip.

We also got together for a Film and Presentation night where we asked the question. Why do we climb? I still don't know but my mind is bigger for the experience.

The Chrissy BBQ at Point Perron was a fantastic arvo and thanks to the weather gods for being kind to us this time round. Big appreciation also goes to Kate and Marlene for organising the day.

The clean-up day out at Stathams was also excellent. Great work everyone involved and well done to Jorge for organising. The ranger came to say g'day and was super pleased with our efforts. So feel good CAWA we are contributing to the greater community. Another clean-up, for Point Perron (Blackwell Reach) is currently being organised, loosely, for the 2nd or 3rd of Feb so keep an eye out for that.

On that note let's get into what we have coming up.

Soon after the afore mentioned clean-up day we have our next Film night and it's a Doozey. Kicking off with a 2 hour social comp (5:30-7:30) the newly opened Portside Boulders will be hosting us this time. After the comp the main event will be the film West Coast Choss put together by Portsides route setter and total crusher Will Atkinson. This epic bouldering pic will feature, among others, Will himself, Alan Price and Andy Lampard. These guys are world class and will be treating us to entertainment far beyond a skinny president flailing on moderates. Said skinny president will also be making a shit film about how climbing cracks is shit.

And there will be tasty beer and food to purchase if you feel like getting a little loose on a Friday night.

On top of this we have trips to Margs, Arapiles, Peak Charles, Mt Randall (bouldering) and Kalbarri to bring us into the end of the financial year.

So there we have it. Fun times ahead, hopefully this f#cking cyclone pisses off so we can all get outdoors and have a blast.

Cheers

Gareth Wood

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Need some climbing inspiration for 2018? The 2018 CAWA calendar is now for sale for $10 each!
Please e-mail: kateb@climberswa.asn.au or any of the current committee for details!

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Peak Charles Trip, 29th March to 2nd April 2018



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Arapiles Trip *by Kym Campbell*

Being a Perth-based climber means you have to be prepared to travel. The quarries are all very well for day-to-day climbing, but if you want something tall, or if you want to climb trad, or if you want some atmosphere, you're going for a drive, usually a long one. Kalbarri, Wilyabrup, Bluff Knoll, West Cape Howe – all of them take some getting to. And once you're used to that idea, sometimes you can commit to travelling a little longer, and maybe staying a few more days, particularly if it's for something special. From the right perspective, you could look at Mt Arapiles as just another Western Australian climbing location (it's not like it's further away than the Kimberley), and for the first week of November, a small group of us did exactly that.

Four of us were first time visitors, one had been once before, but after endless poring over the outstanding guide book, clicking diligently through The Crag, and watching way too many online videos, we all had a good idea what to expect. Fortunately, there's no way to be underwhelmed or disappointed by Arapiles. It's a trad climbing paradise with essentially endless single and multi-pitch routes at all grades, and it seems that at least half of them are the best climb you've ever done. You'll want to know a good bit about trad before you go, but you'll come away knowing so much more. You'll place so much bomber gear that you'll almost want to fall on it.

There are climbs unlike anything you've done before – Lamplighter, I'm looking at you – and there are novelties of the highest quality – The Woody is not to be missed, and the horrifying Mr Chicken is there to stare back at you if you go up either side of the Watchtower. Some of us went through the Squeeze Test while some refused, and everyone was very pleased with their decision. Also, there's Punks In The Gym, that enduring A-list celebrity of a climb that's right there to be gazed on from a respectful distance before you go off cranking hard on a gnarly 11 just down the track. Speaking of which, the grade of a climb, particularly in the range 11 to 15, will not really let you know what you're in for. Every pitch I led was definitely sandbagged, but, curiously, every pitch I followed seemed to be graded about right, so choose carefully where you switch leaders. And oddly, after 7 days of solid climbing there were only 3 routes that all of us had done – Piccolo, Muldoon, and Watchtower Crack. Piccolo you could skip, but probably not the other 2.

Bottom line, everything you've heard about Arapiles is true. It's arguably Western Australia's finest climbing destination.

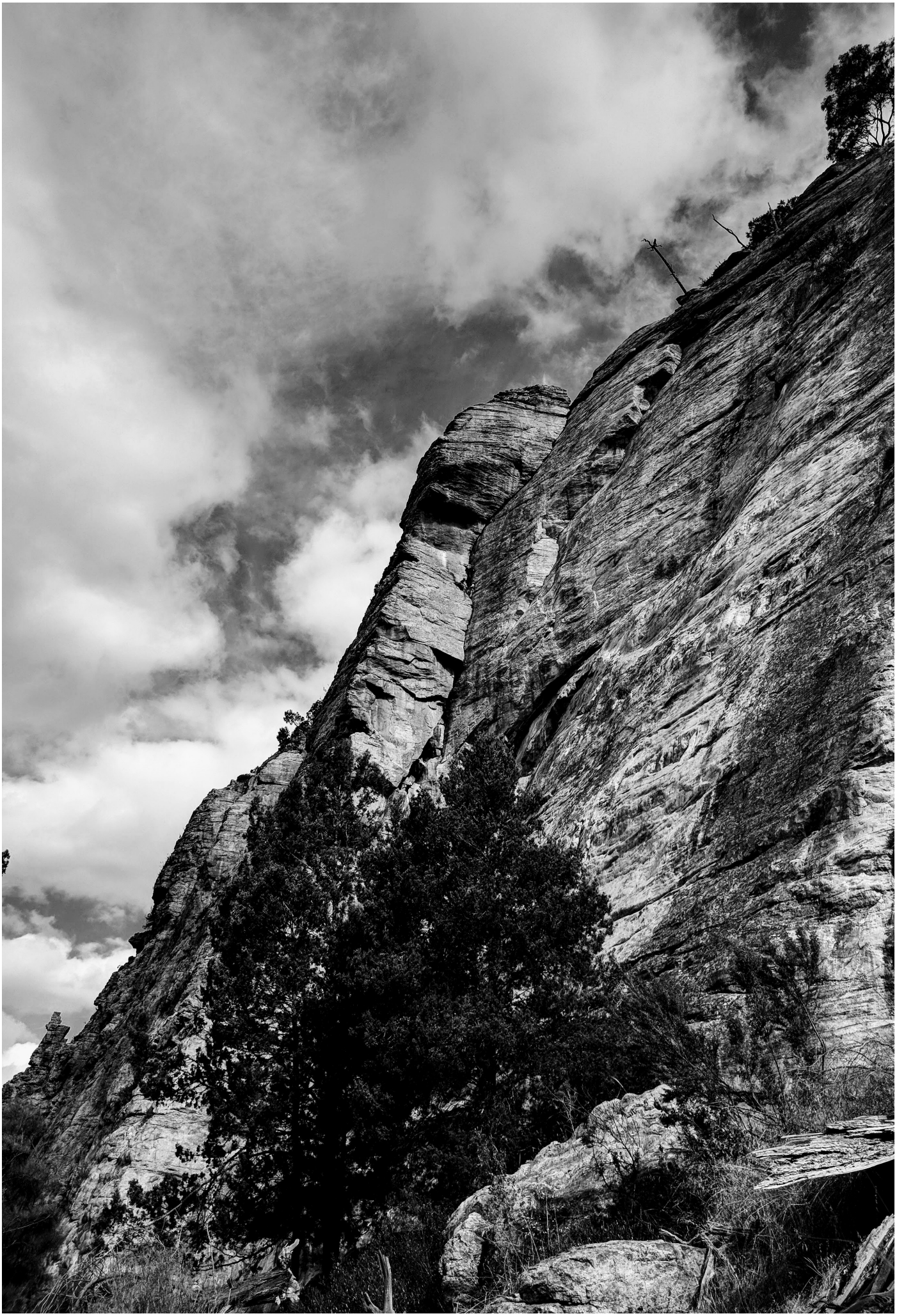
Some lessons learned:

Do – go there, and for as long as you can; climb Tannin; stay somewhere with a shower and a cooktop; take a rest day.

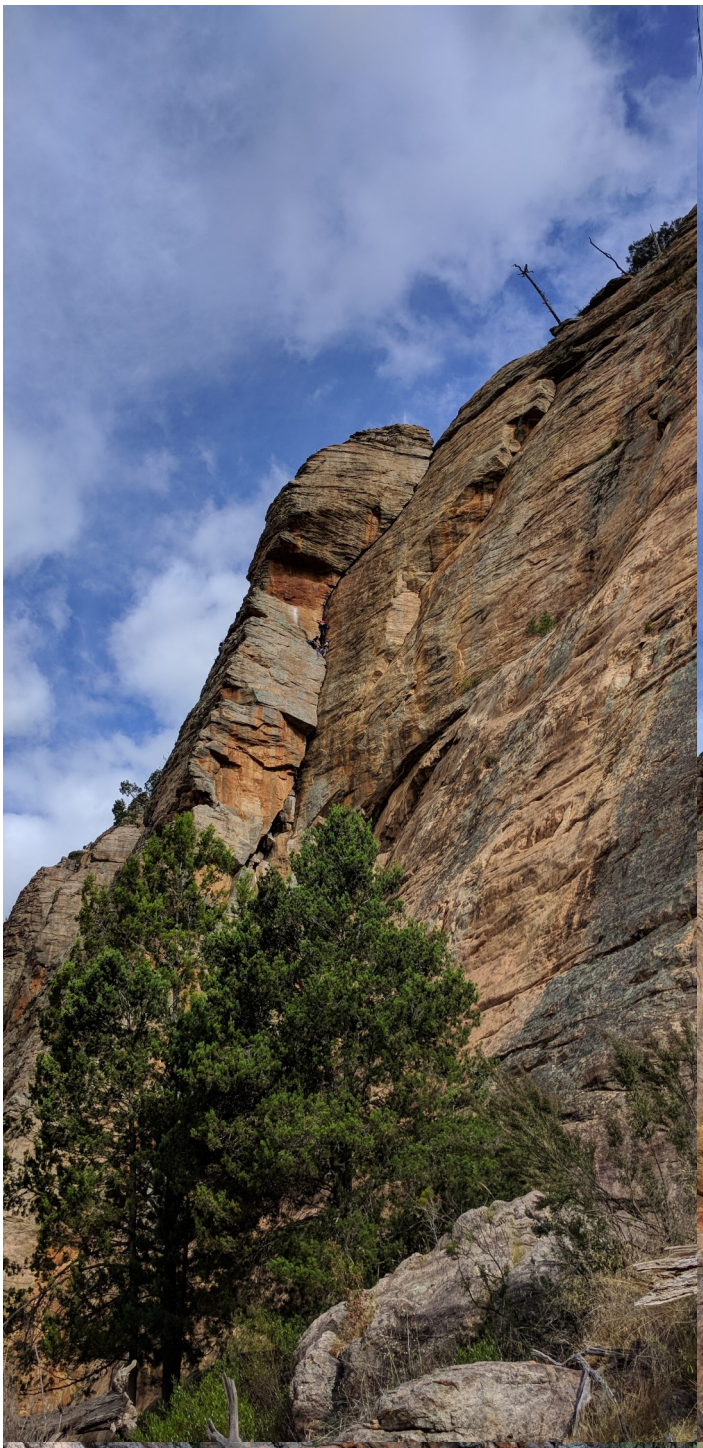
Don't – drop a climbing shoe from the belay, and if you do, don't do it above the first pitch; leave your belay device in the car; allow yourself unrestricted access to red wine at the end of the day.

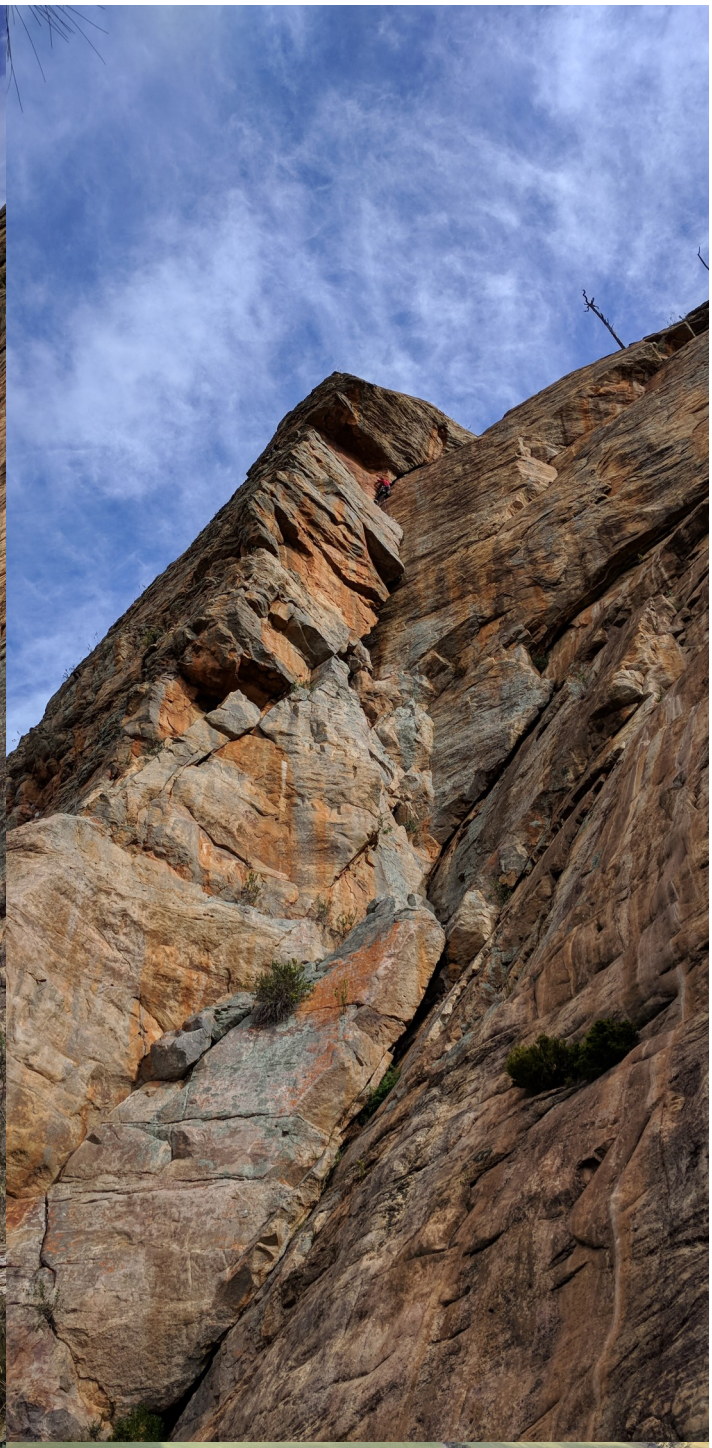


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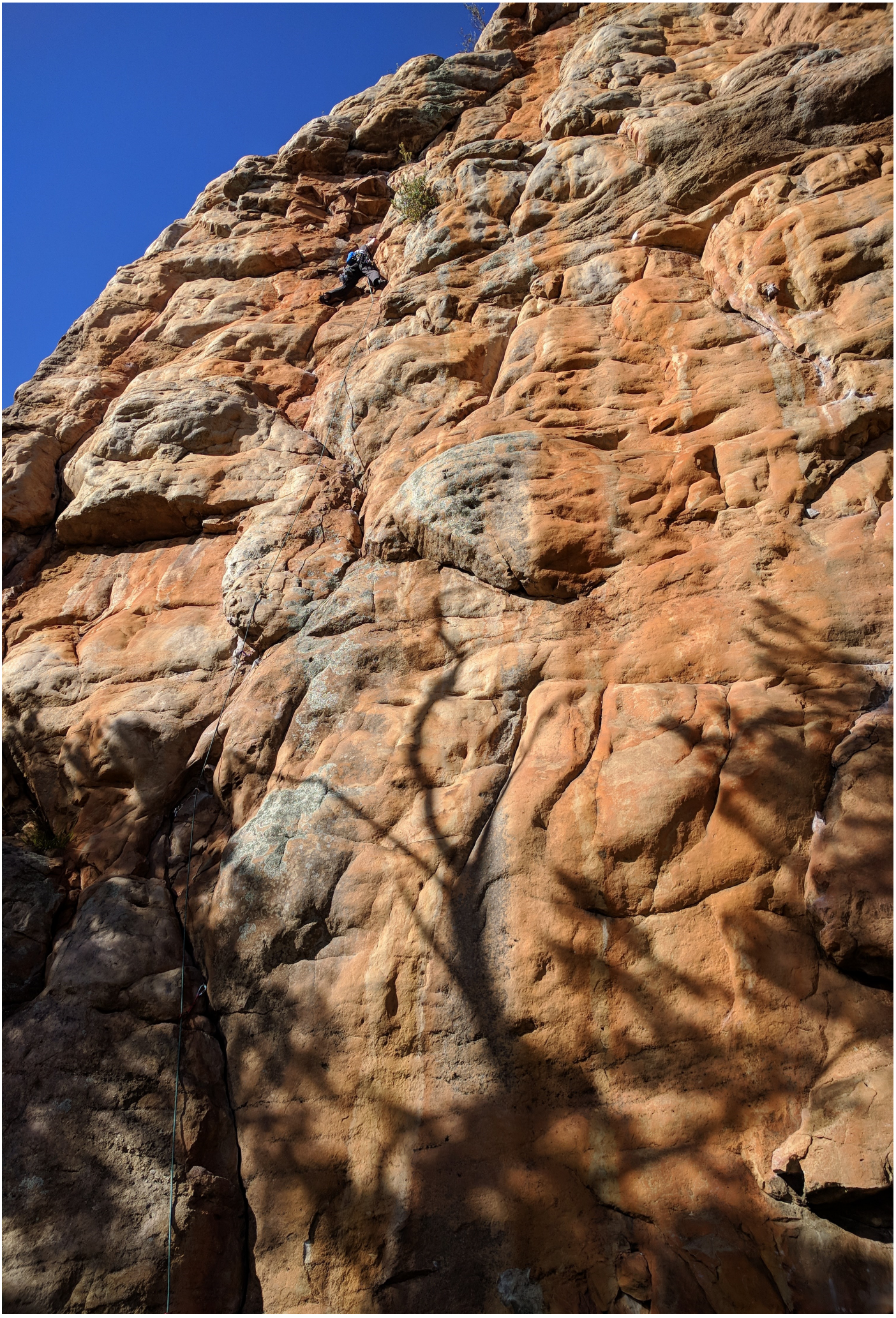








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2018 CAWA Arapiles Trip *by Dirk Klicker*

It's that time of year again. In March there are 2 long weekends, being the Labour Day long weekend and Easter.

CAWA usually holds a trip on both of these long weekends, Mt Frankland on the earlier weekend and Peak Charles on the later weekend.

The Peak Charles trip is still going ahead and the event will be posted shortly. The Mt Frankland trip has in the past few years been a bit hit and miss with the weather because Mt Frankland appears to be a bit of a rain magnet.

Therefore, this year I will be arranging a trip to Arapiles.

Arapiles has been touted as the best climbing cliff in the world. There are a ton of routes. There are 3,018 routes listed on the Crag.

Arapiles is mostly Trad climbing and climbers will need to bring a Trad Rack. CAWA does not provide climbing gear or ropes.

Arapiles is probably not the ideal trip for a complete climbing novice, but there are a range of routes available for all grades and levels.

The trip will commence on Saturday, 3 March 2018 to Saturday, 10 March 2018.

The plan at this stage is for the CAWA team to camp at the Pines camping ground at Arapiles.

There is a small fee payable for camping.

At this stage the plan is to rendezvous in Melbourne on Saturday, 3 March 2018 and travel to Arapiles together.

Alternatively, team members can meet at the Pines during the week.

I am looking at a number of travel options to get from Melbourne to Arapiles, which I shall confirm once I have confirmation as to the rough numbers.

I am hoping that CAWA will be able to make a small contribution on behalf of members towards camping or travelling, but I haven't confirmed if that will be possible. So perhaps assume, for the time being, that this won't happen.

Please note that CAWA trips are a benefit for members. Non-members who are interested in coming with you can join online now (easiest) or prior to the first day of the trip.

All participants need to be 'independent participants'. This means you are responsible for your own safety. Due to legal and liability issues, CAWA does not provide training. If you are an inexperienced climber then have a chat to some of the more experienced people you know and see if they are planning to attend.

Finally, this trip will be **strictly RSVP**. So please e-mail me directly if you are keen and want to register.

As there is quite a bit of planning involved, all RSVPs must be received on or before close of business on **Wednesday, 21 February 2018**. To go ahead with the trip, I am hoping to get a minimum group of about 6 to 8 or so people to go on the trip.

If I do not get the requisite numbers, I may not proceed with the trip. However, I may proceed with the trip if the psych is high.

If the trip does not go ahead because I do not get an interest from members, then I will arrange a trip to Mt Frankland in lieu. For details of the trip to Mt Frankland I refer you to my previous Blog for the trip to Mt Frankland in October 2017.

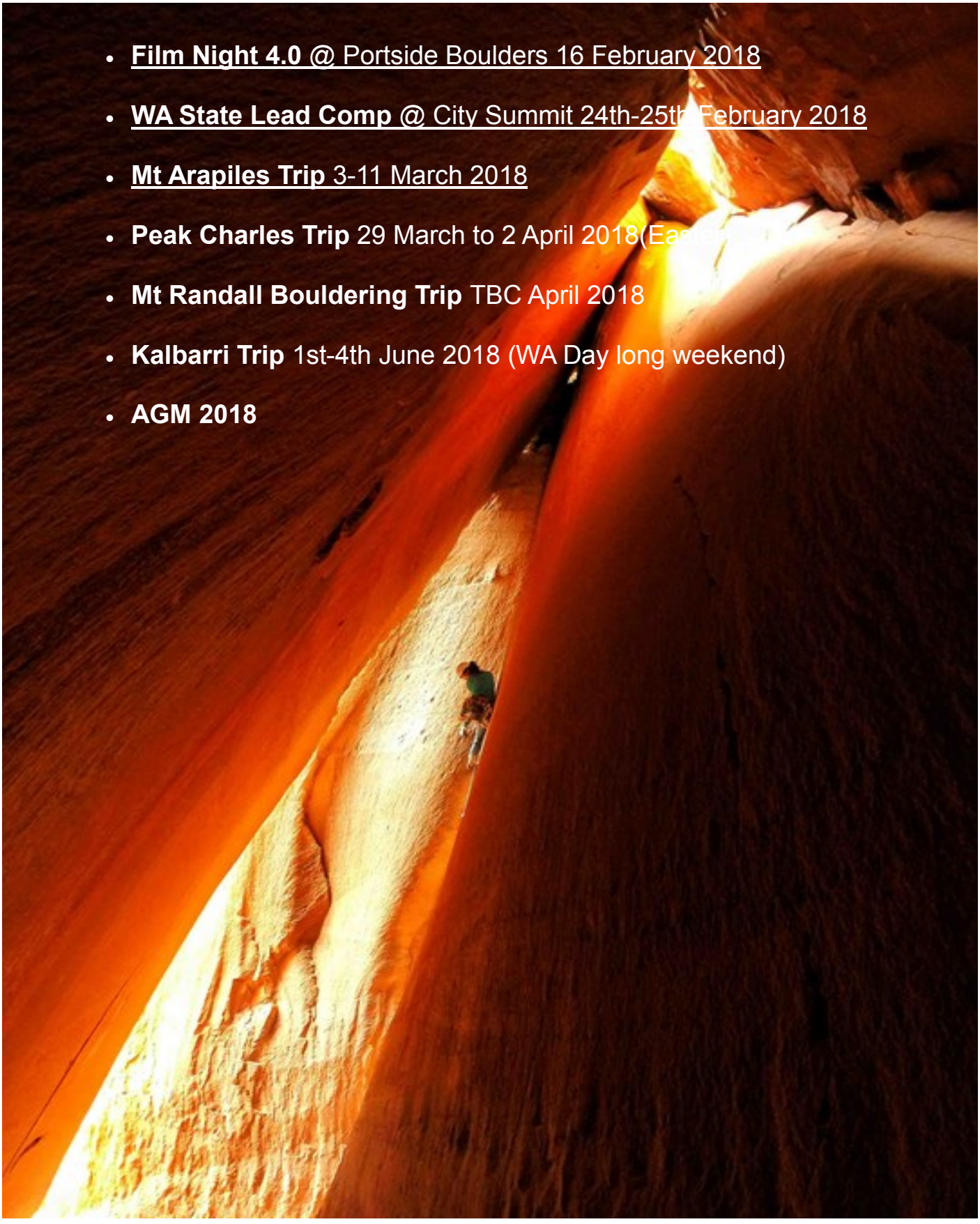
Happy climbing and hopefully see you in Arapiles,

Dirk Klicker
CAWA Vice President
E-MAIL: dirkk@climberswa.asn.au

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2018 Events

Below is a list of the events that are on for 2018 so far. Don't forget to check the events page on the website (at http://www.climberswa.asn.au/events/) from time to time, because it is likely that events will be added during the year.



- **Film Night 4.0 @** Portside Boulders 16 February 2018
- **WA State Lead Comp @** City Summit 24th-25th February 2018
- **Mt Arapiles Trip** 3-11 March 2018
- **Peak Charles Trip** 29 March to 2 April 2018(Eas
- **Mt Randall Bouldering Trip** TBC April 2018
- **Kalbarri Trip** 1st-4th June 2018 (WA Day long weekend)
- **AGM 2018**

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Accidents and near misses *by Dirk Klicker*

This report is a reminder of how a beautiful summer day out rock climbing can turn into a hellish nightmare and that climbing is dangerous and you cannot let your guard down even for a split second.

I was recently climbing at Churchman's Brook. I was standing near the bottom of The Super Slab and watching a couple climbing around Borderline to my right. They were climbing a sport route.

The climber appeared experienced and was making short shrift of the climb. He was moving quickly and skilfully. The belayer from their dialogue appeared to be the less experienced. There was a lot of banter being exchanged between the climber and the belayer.

The climber then climbed over a bulge and went out of sight from the belayer, which I could see from the side profile. Shortly thereafter the belayer took the climber off belay. However, the climber had not finished the climb and was only three quarters of the way up. There he stood without a clue that he was not on belay and blissfully unawares continued to climb on. A fall by the climber at this point would have been completely unchecked and would have had catastrophic consequences. The climber wasn't wearing a helmet, but that would have been the least of his problems.

I advised the belayer to put the climber back on belay. I didn't even use any expletives, although I had almost died from stress myself just from observing this tragedy unfold. This sort of things can happen only to easily. It is a good reminder of the appropriate protocols for communications between the belayer and the climber as follows:

Belayer: On belay!

Climber: Climbing!



Belayer: Climb on!

Climber: Slack! Take! Watch me! Or Falling! F*%$!

Climber: SAFE!!

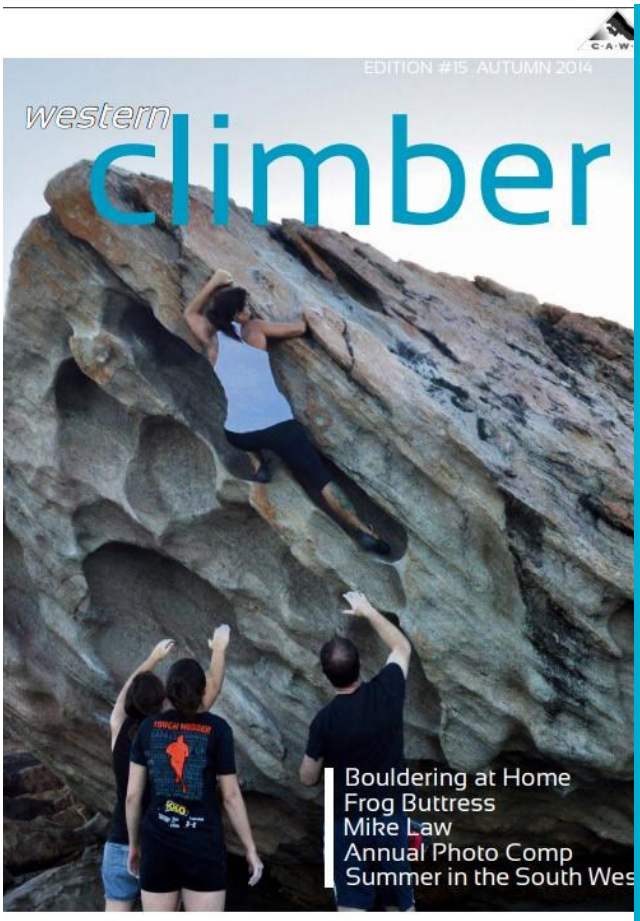
Belayer: OFF Belay!

Everyone should be familiar with the above commands. There are also a couple of other commands such as ROCK and ROPE etc. But they are beyond the scope of this short article. If you are new to climbing make sure you do a proper transition to outdoors course and if you are an old hand don't let a beautiful summers day and pretty scenery distract you from the task at hand.

Safe climbing everyone!

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The Archive - Autumn 2014



NEW ROUTES

Please send in details of new routes that have been established in Perth and WA climbing areas. Photos and topos would be wonderful if these are available! New routes can also be posted on the CAWA forum:

http://climberswa.asn.au/forum/first-ascents/

Ross Weiter has produced a new West Cape Howe mini guide and it can be accessed here:

http://www.climberswa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/West-Cape-Howe-New-Climbs-Jan2014.pdf

It includes new routes put up in December 2013 by Ross and Conrad Slee, including Have a Go (20, 15m); You Better Eat Your Wheaties (21, 18m), Black Widow (19, 20m) all on the Red Back Buttress as well as Gatling (19, 30m) on Claw's Wall at The Throne of the Gods.

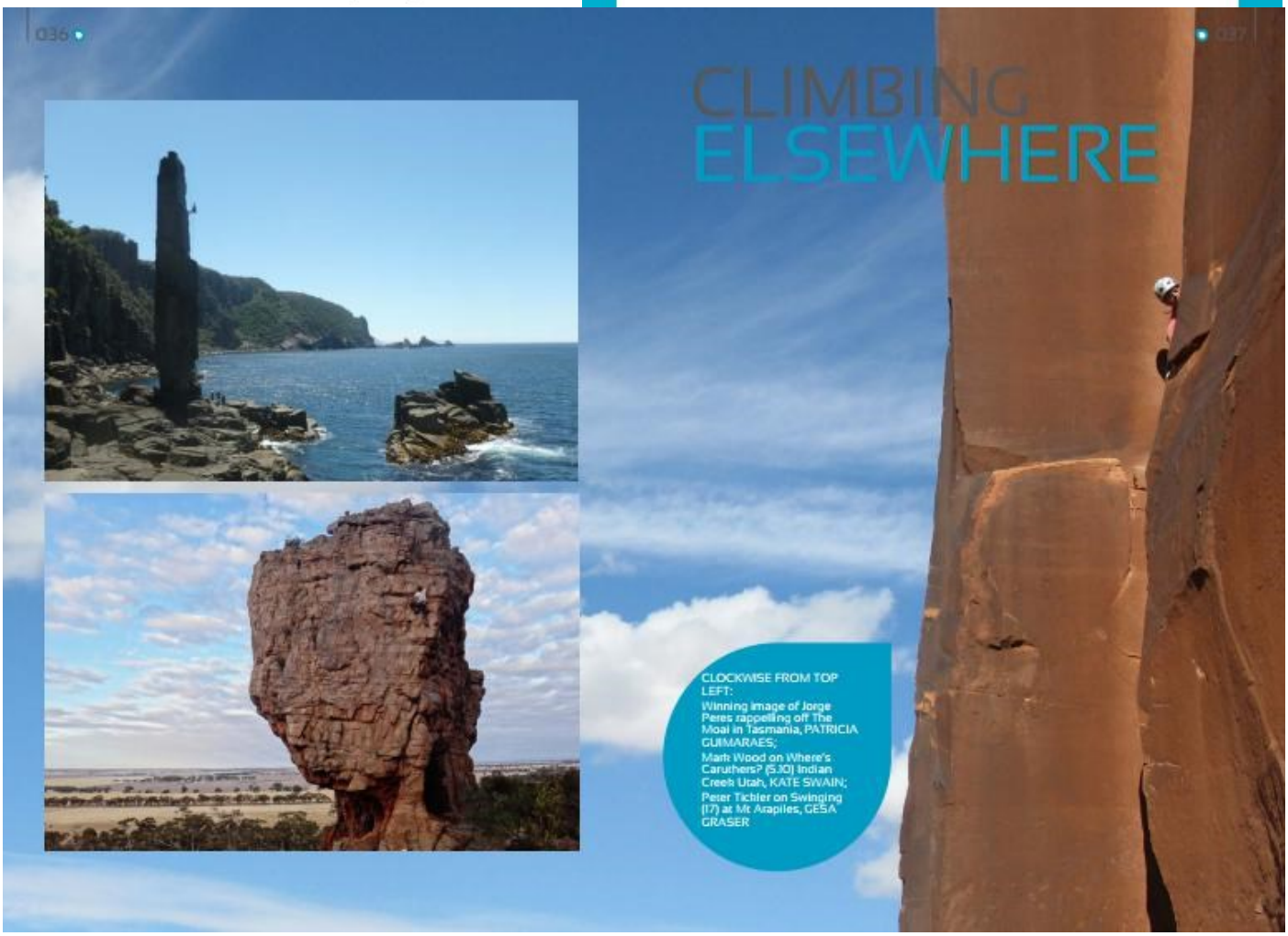
* MT CLARENCE ALBANY - CLARENCE CRACK 10m (20-21) Start in the tight but short chimney until you hit the small roof. Hand stack, fist jam and grunt your way through and over the bulge. Hand jam your way to the top as the crack narrows slightly. Abseil down the other side or down climb the back gully. 2BR on top (need hangers). Medium to large cams. P Maher and D Reed 3.02.2014

*STONY HILL ALBANY: LAST MINUTE 8m (12) Start at the vertical crack on the left hand side of the crag. Jam up to an undercling and then up the right side of the large hanging flake. Well protected. P Maher and M Taylor 5.01.2014

KUMPE CRACK 8m (16) The large off-width/chimney 10m right of LM. Minimal protection. Small nuts and cams behind flakes and horizontal breaks. Climb the LHS face if you feel like cheating. M Taylor and P Maher 5.01.2014

YIELDING TO TEMPTATION 10m (17) The off-width crack/chimney on the right hand side of the slab. Medium to large cams in the back of the crack for pro. M Taylor and P Maher 5.01.14

LOST AND FOUND 10m (17) Start in the corner chimney as for YTT then step left onto the face below the large overhanging flake (crux). Swing out then up the left hand side and follow the flake to the top. Fun moves. P Maher and M Taylor 5.01.14



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CAWA Bolting Fund - Update

The CAWA Bolting Fund was established in 2016, with CAWA making an initial contribution to the Bolting Fund of $2,000.00.

Members have embraced the Bolting Fund, with members joining for the 2017/2018 making significant further donations to the Bolting Fund.

For more details regarding the Bolting Fund visit the website @ http://www.climberswa.asn.au/cawa/bolting-fund/

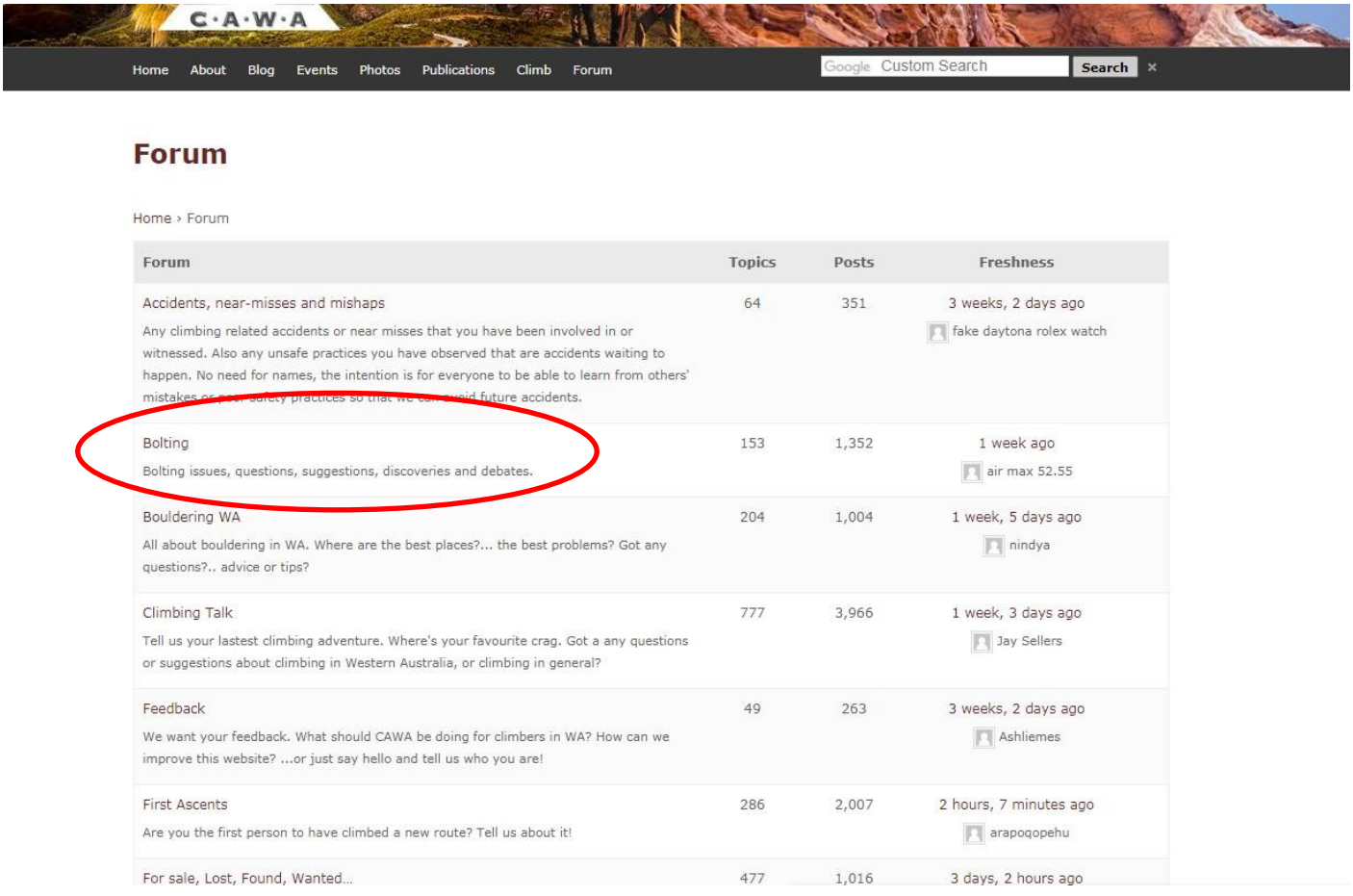
If you know a route that needs re-bolting can leave a comment on the CAWA website in the forum called “Bolting” or e-mail bolting@climberswa.asn.au.

The climbing community can make contributions to the CAWA Bolting Fund as follows:

Bolting Fund
Bankwest
BSB: 306 188
Account No: 0203707

Re-bolters seeking to claim a contribution from the Bolting Fund should complete the application form **Attachment A** and bolting@climberswa.asn.au.

Disclaimers: Climbing is a dangerous activity. Re-bolting does not make climbing a safe activity. CAWA does not engage in re-bolting. CAWA does not vouch the safety of any re-bolted routes. All climbers should know how to assess the safety of bolts. All climbers climb re-bolted routes at their own risk. CAWA does not vouch the safety of any re-bolted routes.



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L.A. Climbing *by Connor Teophil*

As a native of Los Angeles for 22 years and a new resident of Perth for 2 I can confidently say I hate Los Angeles… the city that is. There is something almost surreal about watching a sunset from a hiking trail then looking down to the valley to see that the 101 freeway is blocked in both directions; I said surreal but what I meant is smug.

Roughly South-West of Los Angeles is a state park called Malibu Creek and within in it is my favourite series of crags to date. A short 15-minute approach on easy trails will lead you to a limestone boulder known as *The Planet of the Apes Wall* which provides top roping on steep limestone littered with pockets. Grades vary from 5.9 to 5.13a making it a great place to warm up or a place to push your grade depending on your level.

A 2-minute walk leads to *Stumbling Blocks* which is guarded by a traverse over a small pond, easy enough for most people but hard enough to make you question if you'll be taking a dip. Massive stacks of stone boulders provide interesting sport climbs with varied grades (5.5 to 5.13a). A favourite of mine is *Monkey Mayhem* 5.5 which gives a good a view of the creek and an excellent feeling of exposure from high winds and nesting crows.

Another highlight for me is *X-Files* 5.10c which will give your onsite beta a run for it's money.



Pushing on you'll reach the *Ghetto Wall* area which is home to some of the classic routes of the area: *Ghetto Blaster* 5.13a *Urban Struggle* and *5.12a Johnny Can't Lead* 5.11a.

If you're not a fan of limestone consider hitting

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L.A. Climbing (cont'd)

up *Saddle Peak* for some nice limestone crack climbing, both sport and trad. Not a rope climber? Hit up *Stony Point* for the classic sandstone boulder problems, or just to climb where Robbins and Kramp once climbed. If you're into serious trad multi pitches consider going to *Tahquitz & Suicide Rocks* or if your out for just a day Ojai's *Sespe Gorge* can satisfy your fix.



The weather during the summer is hot and dry in Southern California so consider heading to the Northern crags or walls that are mostly shaded, in the winter the weather is quite mild but most Australians will still complain about the cold so bring a coat. Variety is probably the strong point of L.A. climbing; I recommend having a climb in the morning, go out sight seeing the rest of the day, drop into Hollywood or downtown at night then begin the next day with another climb to rinse away the sleeze of L.A. nightlife.



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The Bugaboos - Top 10 Things to Know *by Marlene Woligroski*

Last July/August I was fortunate to make a trip to the interior of British Colombia, Canada, to climb the towering alpine granite of the Bugaboos. Here are my impressions in case you're thinking of making a trip to the Bugs (which I highly recommend!).

1. It's a long trip in. The trip involves travelling by road into the small towns of BC, a lengthy drive up a rough dirt trail, and a few hours uphill trek to the treeline. Absolutely worth it of course. Allow a day or two from Calgary.

2. Protect your vehicle. You'd hate to come back to chewed wires after leaving your vehicle in the car park for days or weeks at a time. Take advantage of the free sticks and chicken wire provided by the park.

3. It's a climbers mecca. When you see some of the tent establishments in the campgrounds, you'll know that people can be here for months. The climbing season is throughout the northern summer (June to September).

4. Trad, not sport. We wouldn't want to spoil the pristine rock with bolts, would we? Lines tend to follow the fabulous splitter cracks.

5. Choose your accommodation. There are two campgrounds, with the one above the treeline being closer to the climbs and great for alpine starts. The three-storey Conrad Kain Hut, administered by the Alpine Club of Canada, lies between the two campgrounds and offers comfortable bunks.

6. Choose your grade. From airy scambles to extreme challenges, whatever your heart desires. You'll find mega-classics here too.

7. Bring your crampons. You'll need good glacier crossing skills to access most of the climbs. This usually includes some steep snow/ice walking as well.

8. Layer up. This is just common sense, really. The mornings may be very cold before the sun hits you. Carrying one extra layer up the route all day is a small price to pay for not freezing in the dawn.

9. Bring a camera. Not that you wouldn't. But this region, from the flowery meadows to the sweeping vistas, is exceptionally gorgeous.

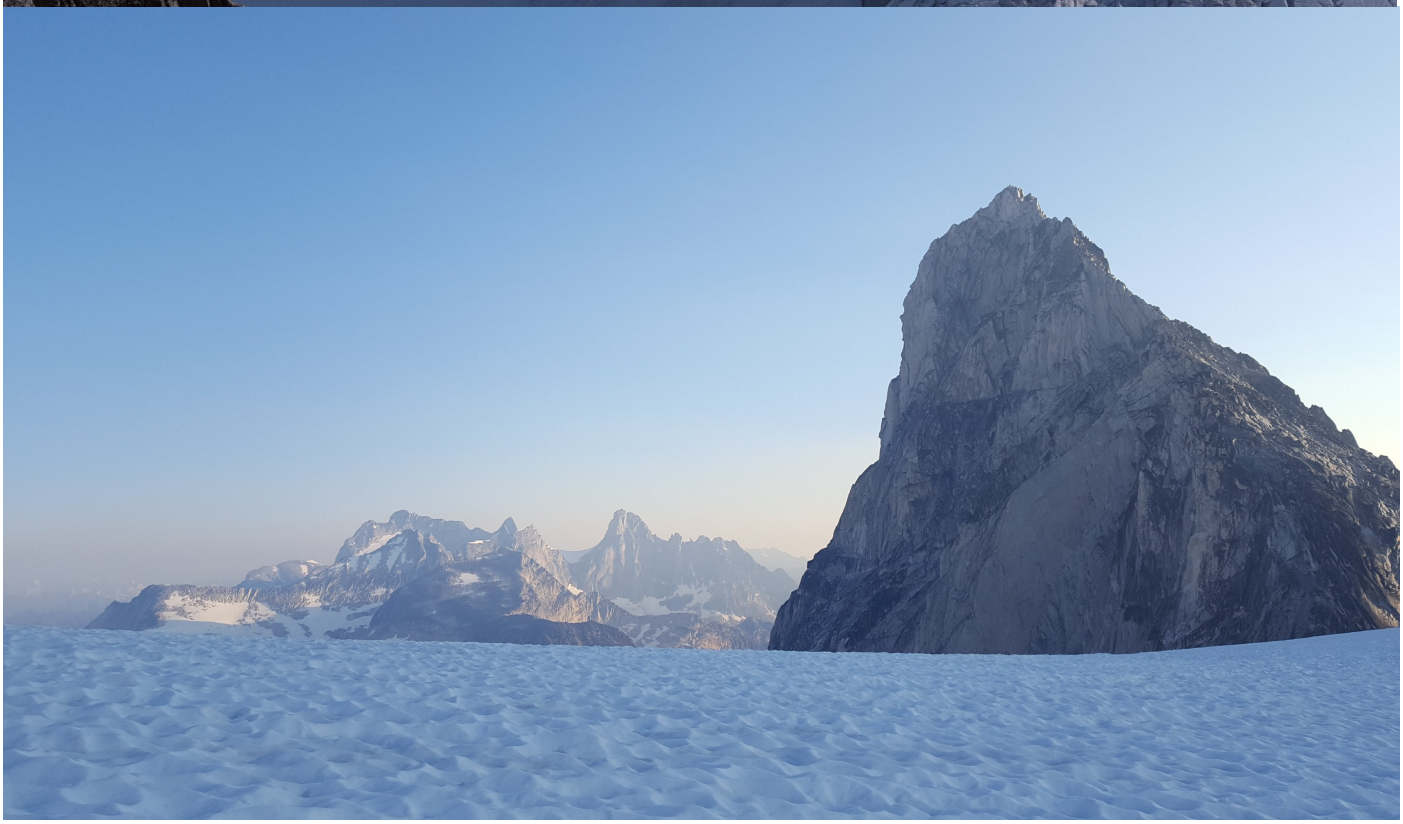
10. Give it time. My group went in for about a week, and we could have easily stayed much longer. T here are no shortage of towers and routes to explore in the Bugaboos. Enough to justify many trips in the future...



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The Bugaboos (cont'd)





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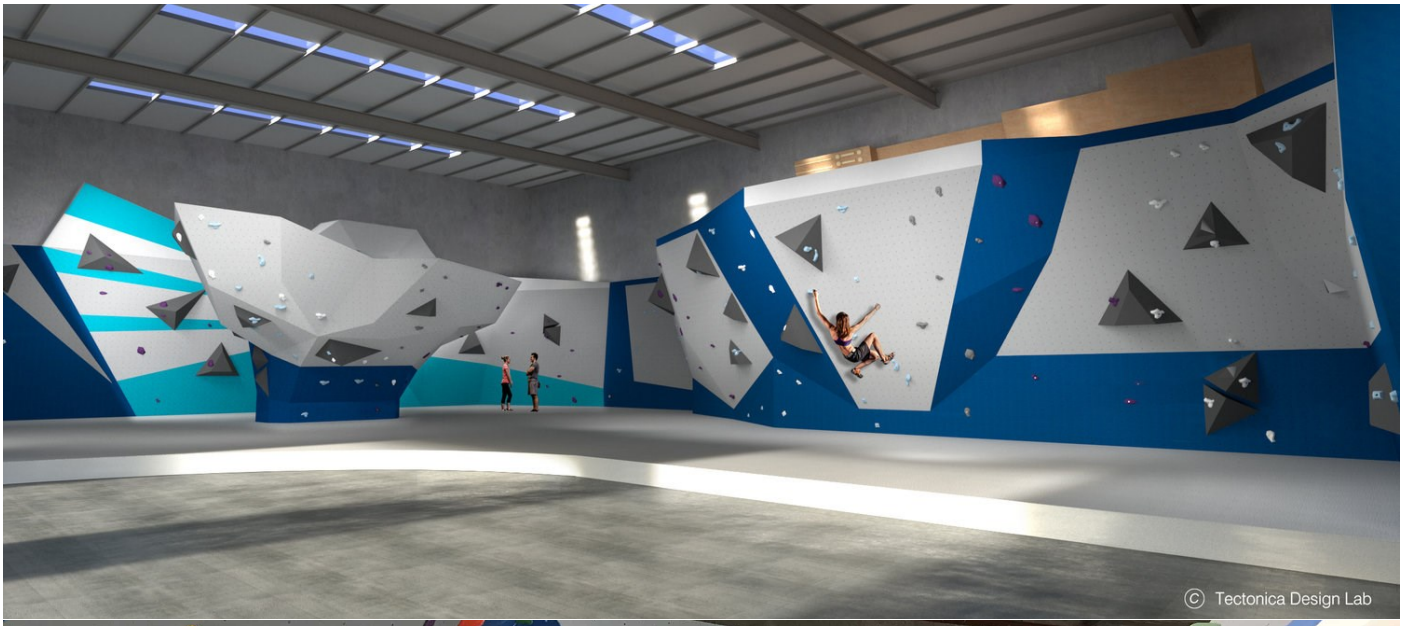
What's up?

Since the last Western Climber a lot has happened in climbing. Here are some brief highlights. You can get more information by c licking on the links.

- **2017 National Boulder Championships - (see results)**
- ***Portside Boulders* opens!**
- **Adrenaline Vault opens!**
- **CAWA is in the process of upgrading the website.**

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Trip Reports and Photos

CAWA Christmas Party *by Dirk Klicker*

The CAWA Christmas Party was held on 10 December 2017 at Point Walter. There were close to 40 RSVPs and there was a good turnout for the day. CAWA put on a serious spread and notwithstanding considerable planning to ensure there was plenty of food everything was consumed in a flash, which goes to prove that climbers really are a hungry bunch and consume quite a bit.







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Wilyabrup Trip *by Dirk Klicker*

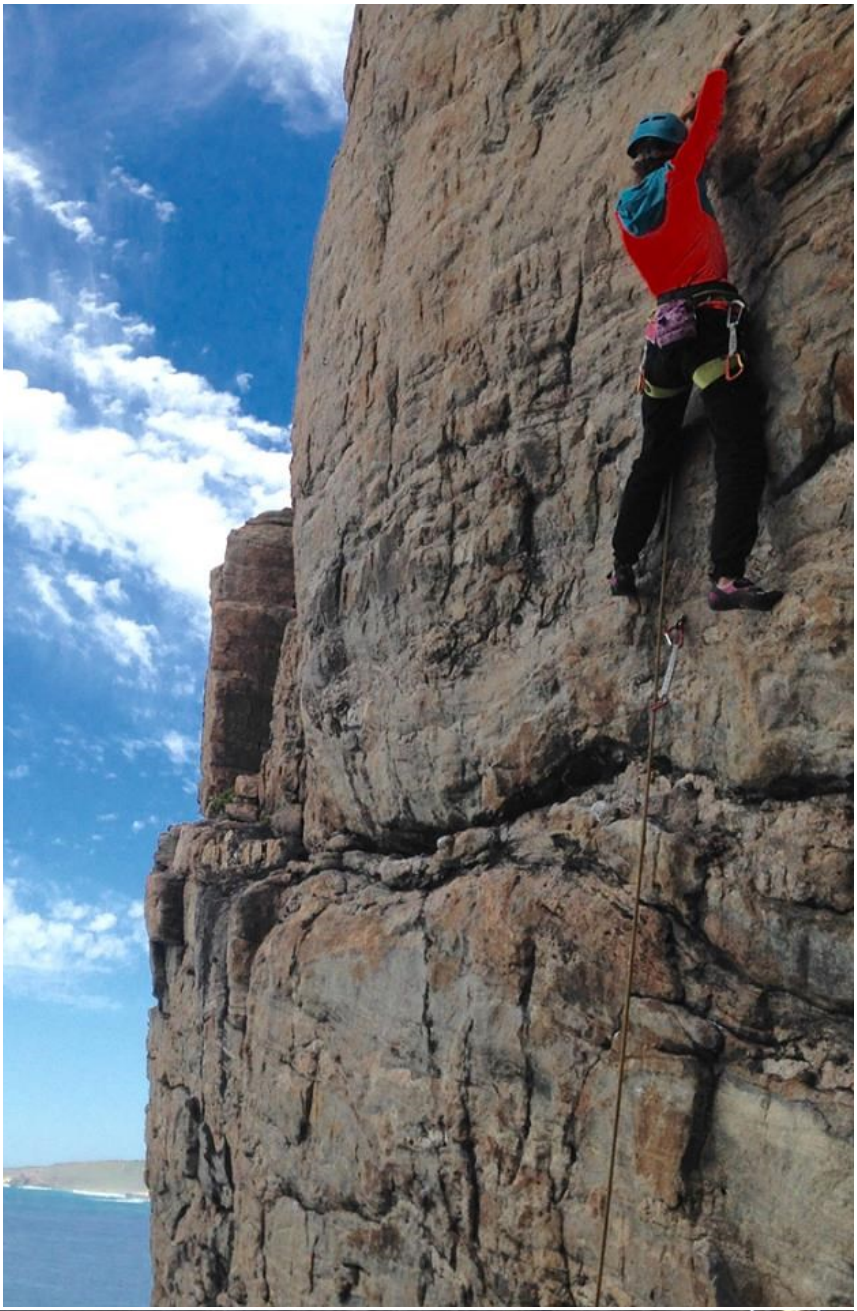
The Wilyabrup Trip was held from 24th to 26th of November 2017.

Former CAWA President, Tony Brebner, volunteered to co-ordinate the trip, which was greatly appreciated by all. Tony did a great job and putting the trip together.

There was a solid turnout. There being even an appearance by former CAWA President Mark Edele. It was very good of CAWA to contribute and defray the camping costs.

The weather was pretty near perfect and there was plenty of climbing had by all.

There was some pretty solid climbing happening by all participants. Of particular note to my mind was the almost effortless cruising of *Heavy Metal* and *Ulster Madness* by Clara and Matias. I had a crack at *Heavy Metal* myself and could not get passed the underling crux move. It is bloody hard to say the least. So my hat goes off to them for that. In summary everyone got some serious climbing in.

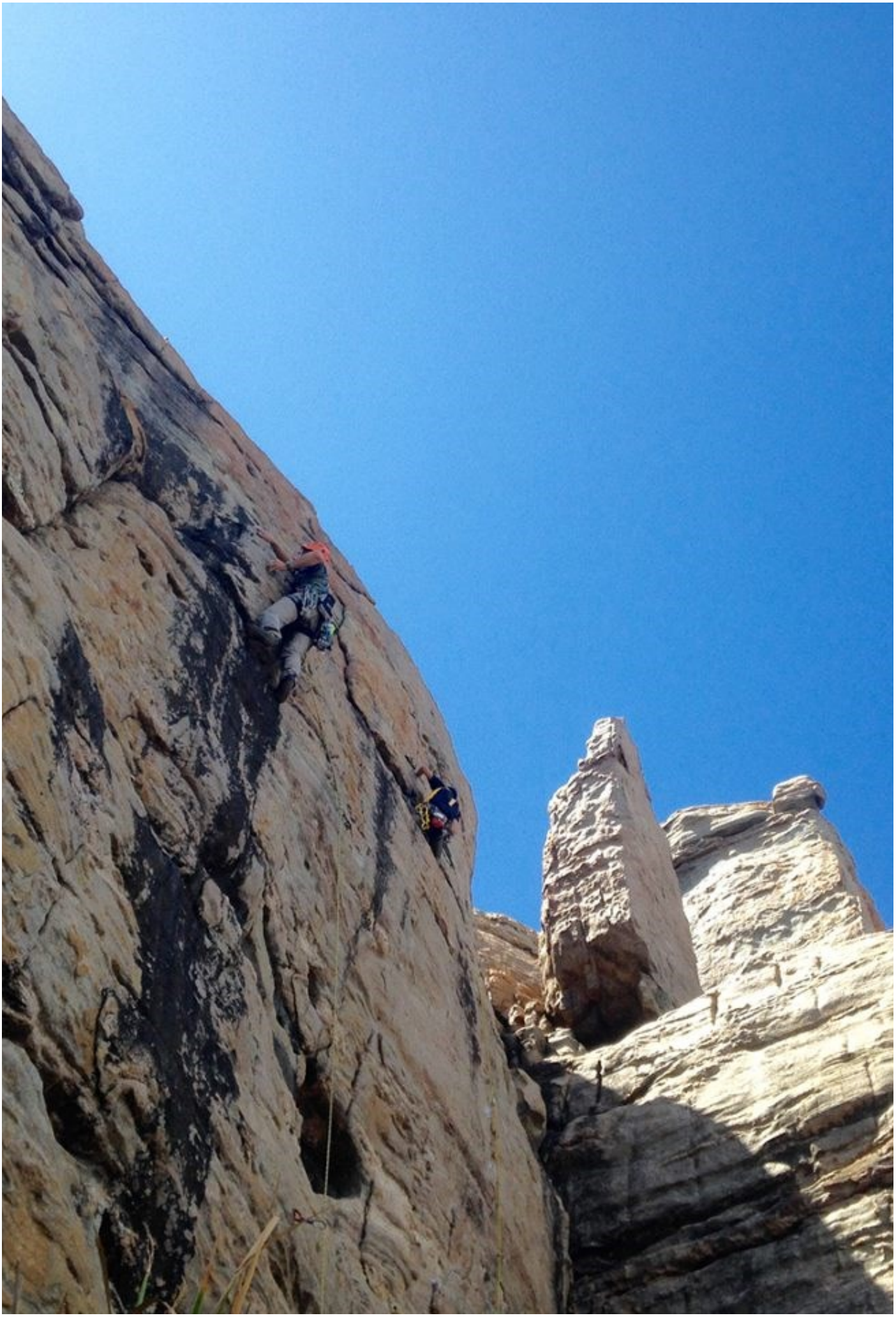




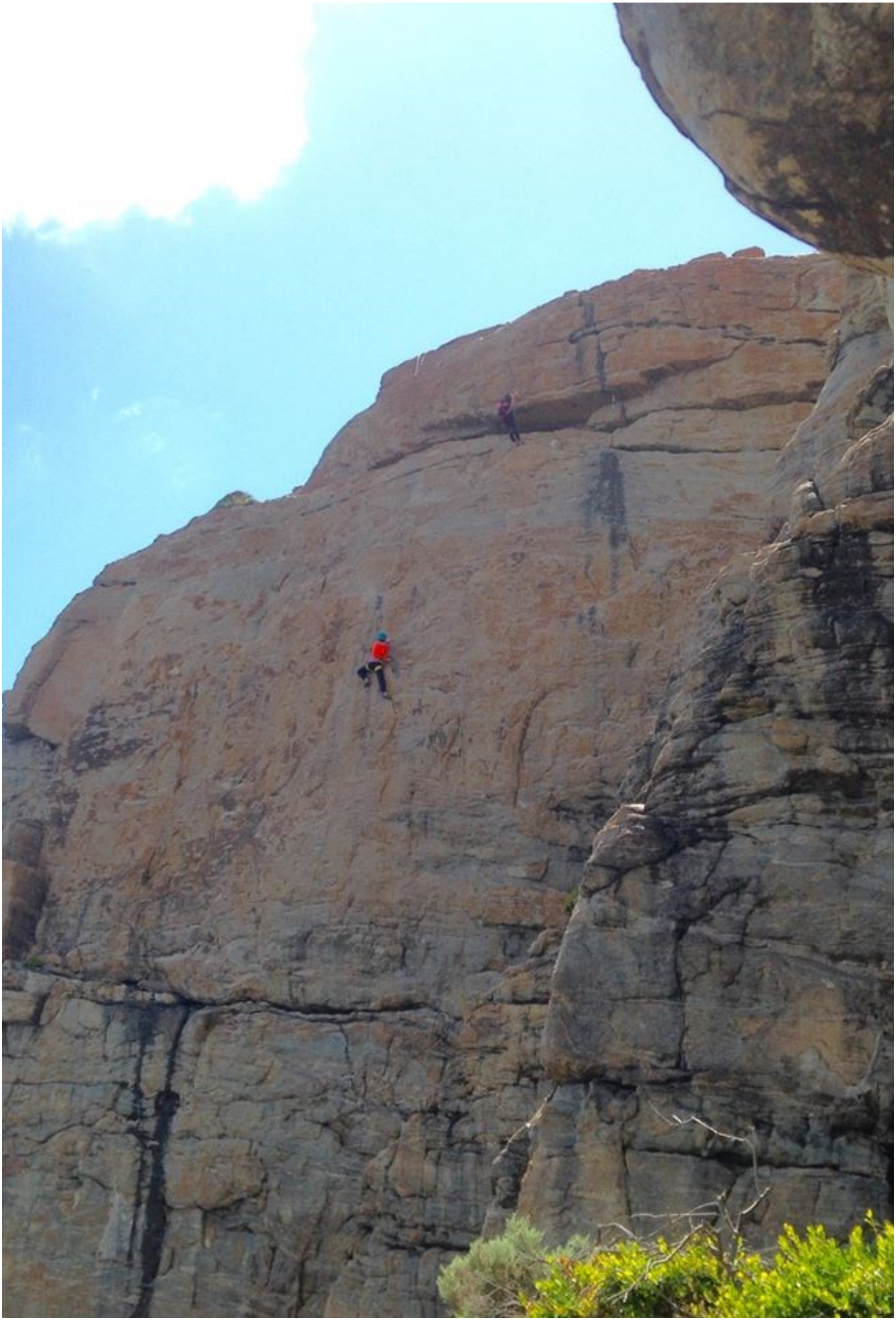
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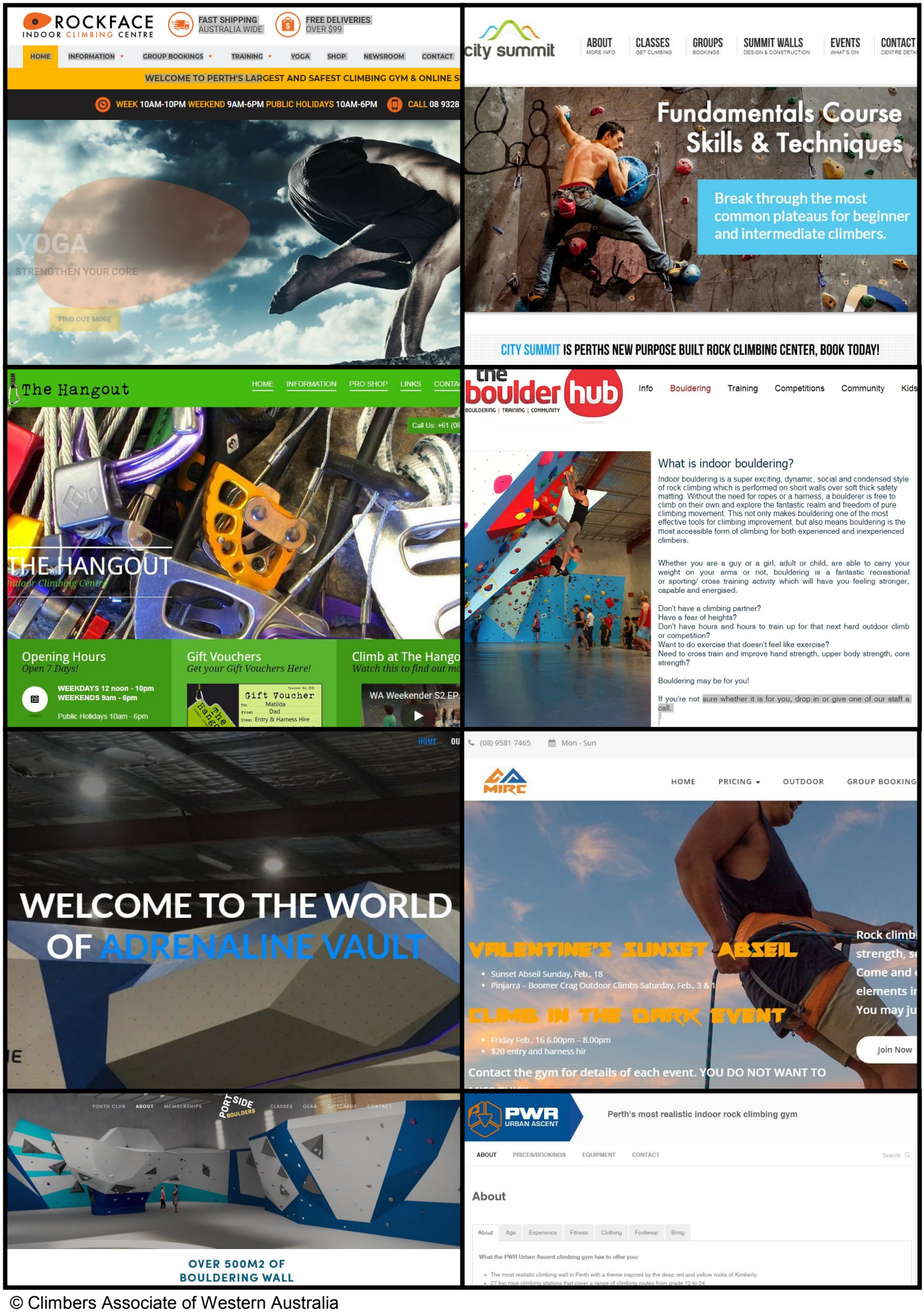


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Attachment A

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CAWA Bolting Fund Application Form

CONTACT NAME	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	

Thank you for offering to re-bolt an area. Your effort and assistance is invaluable to the safe continuation of the sport.

We do not accept applications for the development of new areas, bolting of new routes, or retro-bolting of existing traditionally protected lines. This fund is solely for the purpose of improving the condition of existing fixed gear (bolts and lower-offs) which have suffered from years of neglect and weather.

We cannot guarantee the release of funds to all suitable applicants, but we will try our hardest to spread what resources we have fairly to all areas.

Please fill in the details below:

Please describe the area, crag and lines you intent to re-bolt:
Please describe the current quality of fixed gear at the location:
Please describe the team involved in the work, and their experience in re-bolting sport routes safely:
Please describe how you will ensure minimal environmental impact from your work:

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