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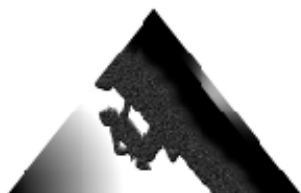
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The Climbers Association of Western Australia was formed in 1968 and Incorporated in August 1979. CAWA's purpose is to promote and develop climbing, especially in WA, and to promote and protect the interests of climbers in WA.

The management of CAWA is conducted by a committee. Any matters which should be brought to the attention of the committee should be addressed to the CAWA secretary.

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Message from your CAWA Committee...



Some simulations feel just like the real thing...

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CAWA CALENDAR

August

- 1 August **Gym Crash**
The Hangout, 6:00pm
- 11 August **Climbing Comp 2 - Clifest**
Rockface, 8:00am
- 15 August **Committee Meeting**
Submissions welcome
- 31 August -
2 September **Trip - Eaglestone Rock**
Trip Coordinator - Tony Brebner

September

- 6 September **Gym Crash**
Joondalup Climbing Centre,
6:00pm
- 19 September **Committee Meeting**
Submissions welcome
- 29 September -
1 October **Trip - Mt Frankland**
Trip Coordinator - TBA

October

- 4 October **Gym Crash**
City Summit, 6:00pm
- 13 October - TBA **Social Event- Wine Night**
TBA, 7:00pm
- 18 October **Committee Meeting**
Submissions welcome
- 27 October - TBA **Rescue Practice**
Hangout, 6:30pm - TBA

November

- 6 November - TBA **Gym Crash**
The Rockface, 6:00pm
- 14 November **Committee Meeting**
Submissions welcome
- 16 - 18 November **Trip - Wilyabrup**
Trip Coordinator - Tony Brebner

EDITORS'S CORNER

The year has started to get very busy! Ally went on holiday, the Climbing Comps got underway, the booking system for Mountain and Statham's Quarry was changed, there's been dinners and social events to go to and now the Western Climber is late! Well, I hope you've been looking forward to another great issue, as much as I have been looking forward to having it done! After this, hopefully I'll get a little more time to climb...

Speaking of climbing, I have seen quite a few people out and about lately at the quarries, I hope you've all been having fun! If you have been out and about, seen something you like or don't like, found something you'd like to share, please let us know about it! The Western Climber is *your* magazine, so feel free to use it! Please write in, send us photos, quotes, stories, controversies and achievements. We'd love to hear about it. Just as Adam Harrison wrote about his ascent of Kachoong in the latest ROCK, we'd like to hear about your great achievements.

We'll see you out there!

Kate Swain and Allison Low, Editors - *Western Climber*



NOTICES

Weekend Climbing

CAWA are looking for trip co-ordinators for weekend climbs around Perth. Please e-mail CAWA if you are willing to participate as a trip co-ordinator and encourage others to head outdoors. Come on! Step up!

Email Updates

CAWA predominantly uses e-mail to communicate with its members. To receive the regular e-mail notices, please provide an e-mail address with your membership. If you are not receiving any notices, please contact us to check whether your e-mail is recorded correctly. If you do not have access to e-mail, please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements.

CAWA will endeavour to keep to the planned dates stated in the calendar above. CAWA members should check the CAWA website for the most up-to-date calendar; as dates may have changed since time of printing this news.

CAWA Calendar of Events on the Web
<http://www.climberswa.asn.au/events>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to the highly anticipated **Western Climber**, Issue 010. This Issue features a "motley crew" of the "usual suspects" lined up in the following pages to give you a bit of a laugh and bio of your CAWA Committee Members for 2012. As usual the **hit team** of WC Editors, Kate and Ally have delivered on another bumper edition with heaps of stories and interesting info from local and overseas climbing pursuits.



Of course the big story for this issue has been the CAWA 2012 Sport Climbing Competition. It's been quite a ride and I'm still saddle-sore!!! Conceived late last year, the Competition Committee was formed and got into action in April. For a group with no prior experience in delivering a climbing competition, it was a scary ride. Check out the Competition on Page 12 and our list of amazing sponsors.

For the two heats, **Bruno and his team at Rockface** "saddled-up" with us and provided a great venue and amazing support. Thanks guys. Our thanks also go to **David Brereton of Rockface** who mentored our path into climbing competition organisation and our Climbing Committee — Anthony Brandis, Mark Kleinman, Trevor Peter and Brenton Forrest, who invested many hours in getting the Competition organised.

I know you are all looking for some progress report at City Summit, and for those of you who have been up there recently you will agree it's going to be a cool venue. Both City Summit and CAWA have agreed to postpone the City Summit heats until the venue is up and running. City Summit will still hold the CAWA Open Night when they are ready and we look forward to giving their new routes a good workout. Stay tuned.

The Eaglestone Rock trip is coming up next and hopefully summer here in WA will start pushing through. We have 20 people registered so far—so come along, meet others and have a great time camping out under the stars!

Logan and Owen are still peak-bagging across the world, Europe's climbing summer is under attack from Kate, Neil, Brian, Remi, Delphine, Gesa, Ross and Peter and many of our friends have taken advantage of the northern hemisphere's summer to have a holiday.



Kate and George have been quietly working with the DEC and authorities to come up with a solution for everybody in respect of access for climbers to specific areas. Thanks for your efforts, we appreciate the hard work and outcomes achieved.

Some more to crow about :

- CAWA membership is hitting new heights and we will have a feature on membership stats in the next WC.
- **We are considering a CAWA trip to Thailand in March 2013. It will no doubt be very popular and numbers will be limited. Stay tuned for upcoming details.**
- Great news, we understand that Gus, Kylie's & Mike's 12-month old son is almost ready for a top-rope !!! Kylie has been limbering up at the Bunbury Youth Club climbing wall and has stated she is almost..... Ready to return again :)

We are encouraged and inspired by the exploits, efforts, endurance and skills of all climbers. As our membership numbers continue to grow, our association with one another becomes more rich, and our enjoyment of the sport continues to flourish.

CAWA is in a fortunate place.

Let's commit to sharing our abilities and experience with others. There are many new, young or travelling climbers who come to CAWA for guidance and direction. I believe our culture is one of sharing and helping. I am continuously encouraged and enriched by the opportunity I have as a member of CAWA to guide, shape and help out where I can.

**Until next time... Climb Safe....
Tony Brebner, CAWA President**



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Tony Brebner - CAWA President

When Tony was 16, he started to spend a lot of his free time outdoors. This consisted of hiking in the spectacular Cederberg and Drakensberg mountain ranges and in the bush of South Africa.

He went to school in Cape Town, and used to join up with the University of Cape Town (UCT) sports club to run up Table Mountain before breakfast. Lions Head, the iconic peak overlooking Cape Town Bay, also provided access to

soloing and accelerated sports events which Tony also participated in. When he moved to Australia he continued his passion for the outdoors, with activities reduced briefly for the 10 years following the birth of his son. This periodically curtailed some of his pursuits, but

he did manage to take up competitive sail racing in that time, which turned out to be exhilarating but expensive.

Once his son was old enough to use matches, they both joined the Scouts and Tony went on to become a Senior Scout Leader. This saw Tony heading out on many camps in WA with his son.

Most recently he took up climbing, and has been doing it adamantly for 4 years now. He recalls that he was "roped into going" to the Rockface to "try it out only once" and took to top-roping immediately... BUT he was NEVER going to lead! Needless to say, three months later he did his first lead climb indoors and got his lead pass, again swearing that he would NEVER climb outdoors, as it was "far too dangerous and scary". Sure enough, within six more months he was lead climbing low grade sports routes at the Quarries.

He recalls one of his first forays out to Churchman's Brook, some three years ago, he and his climbing partner were

approached at the base of the crag by an "older" man carrying a very heavy pack. The gentleman told them that he thought he should be climbing somewhere else on that day as his wife was not here already... Tony kindly offered this person to join in with them as there was no-one else there that day. The gentleman did let slip that he had been around the area for some 30 years, but Tony's inexperience with the history of the area left him bemused... until he watch the man climb! It looked like he could have

climbed most routes in his sleep, blind-folded and with one arm tied behind his back!

While Tony and his partner regained some of their composure, the gentleman's wife arrived and chided him for not remembering he was suppose to climb at Wungong Valley

slab that day. To which the man quickly packed up his gear and, with his wife, headed back up the track to the carpark. On his way out Tony asked him what his name was, he said it was Robert MacArthur, but just call me 'Mac.'. (Editor's note: Mac found Churchman's Brook in 1976, and subsequently did many of the first ascents there. See the Oldies Night article on pg 26 for more info.)

Tony has been with CAWA for three years, the last two have been on the Committee as President. He admits that this has been quite an eye opener, but that he's really enjoying it. He sees that the success of CAWA and the effective workings of the Association is due to the members and the selfless support they provide. CAWA's history has been forged through trail-breaking climbers who have had a grand vision, with the endurance to push it through. That legacy is passed on to the incumbent Committee along with all the responsibility that goes with it. "It's an honour to further that vision and support CAWA for the future and future generations of climbers in WA."



CAWA COMMITTEE 2012



Kate Swain - CAVA Vice President, Western Climber Editor

Kate has been climbing for almost 14 years. She's been all around the world climbing, and can usually be found talking and animating climbing stories and information to anyone that will listen. Now she does this in electronic fashion by spamming CAVA members with the Western Climber, along with Alison Low, and tries to avoid putting pictures of herself on the front cover. This year, she is also the Vice President of the Climbers Association, and has been getting involved with land access issues at Willyabrup, Lucky Bay and Mountain and Statham's Quarries, as well as organising social events such as the Oldies Night and the CAVA Dinner. She's beginning to realise how much time it all takes, and how great it is to be working with such a proactive Committee to get it all done.

Kylie West - CAVA Membership

Kylie entered the world of climbing when her boyfriend at the time bought her a harness and a pair of climbing shoes at the Natimuk gear shop because he needed a belayer. Twelve years later the boyfriend is history (thankfully) but the passion for climbing has remained. A new harness has also since been purchased. While she isn't likely to make the cover of Rock & Ice any time soon, Kylie continued to explore different climbing venues whenever possible, until recently when she found herself up the duff. With the new baby in tow, Kylie processes your CAVA membership applications from her home in Harvey and, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary, maintains her delusion that a baby will have no impact whatsoever on her ability to go climbing whenever and wherever she wants.

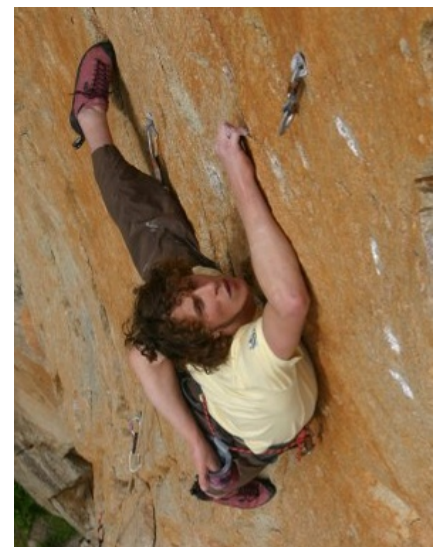


Mark Kleinman - CAVA Secretary

Mark has been climbing for long enough to know when he shouldn't be. Most of his climbing has been in Perth, with a few trips to Willys and Eaglestone Rock thrown in. He is still to explore to greater WA areas. He normally avoids committees like the plague but was roped in by Tony Brebner to support the Climbers Association as the Secretary. His other hobbies include photography and going on holidays with his wife. He hates bureaucracy but recognises that society has lots of it, encompassing everything we do including climbing. For climbing in Western Australia to survive and grow he recognises that people will have to get their hands dirty himself included. This is why he has volunteered to be a part of the Committee. His view is "If you enjoy climbing then committing a few hours of your time each month to meet to discuss issues and think of ways to grow our sport, it is not too much of a commitment." Mark's long term ambition is to climb some big walls in North America before he gets too smart and know that he shouldn't.

George Firth - Access and Development Officer

George started climbing in Tasmania back in 1997, 14yrs later he finds he has climbed in many amazing location throughout Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, France, Italy and Spain. He has worked as an Outdoor Educator, Guide and now is employed as a Rope Access Technician. He started the Safer Cliffs WA rebolting initiative back in 2004 while living in Margaret River, which involved the rebolting routes at Wallcliffe, Bobs Hollow, Willyabrup, Mountain and Stathams Quarry, Tod-jay, Churchmans Brook. He is currently Access and Development Officer for CAVA, taking up the mantle again, after holding the position back in 04/05. He is really passionate about the challenges faced by CAVA in the management of both existing crags and new climbing areas, while also maintaining a good relationship with land managers. His hobbies have always been climbing, mountain biking and putting up the odd new route, but since taking a pen pushers position in management and the birth of his daughter, his time on the rock has become more limited of late.



CAWA COMMITTEE 2012



Anthony Brandis - CAWA Climbing Competitions

Anthony started rock climbing through local community activities, and it has hooked ever since. At the age of 19, he had grand aspirations to start his own climbing business, and took off into Tourism to get some qualifications. Several years later he landed in Events Management, but the persistent drive with rock-climbing remained.

Anthony has been, and always will be, an outdoor adventure climber - for him climbing is about the travel and experience of going climbing in remote or interesting places. This year he has come on board the CAWA Committee as Events Officer to organise the 2012 Climbing Competitions, to create a forum for all climbers to enter the competitive arena and in the future move into some of the larger competition formats.

Brenton Forrest - CAWA Gym Crash Coordinator

Brenton is the current gym crash coordinator who some of you may already recognise. He has been a general CAWA committee member since 2011, getting involved with many CAWA activities such as organising the great food for the Christmas BBQ and boulder at Blackwall Reach last year. Brenton has been climbing for four years, the last two venturing outdoors. He likes to climb in the less frequented locations, and as such, his favourite places to climb are the Lost World, Mt Whaleback and Eaglestone Rock (when he can get there).



Trevor Peter

Been climbing for five years, and his favourite climbing locations are Margalef (Spain) and Bobs Hollow. When not climbing you can find Trevor somewhere in the outdoors doing the other things he likes: hiking, biking or paddling. He dislikes: bad spelling and trashed crags.

Allison Low - Western Climber Editor

Ally was bored living in the chaos of Bangkok, so she decided to try rock climbing in Krabi – and has been hooked ever since!!! She loves constantly learning and enjoys the challenge of learning new techniques all the time. She doesn't aim to climb hard or break any records, but has started learning to film and photograph other climbers – after watching a video on Simon Carter's inspiring work. Volunteers are always welcome to contact her! She's climbed in Thailand, China, Hawaii, Scotland and Australia; and loves alpine climbing. Ally helps get the Western Climber out to you and designs the special CAWA promotional material.



Wally Jones - CAWA Committee Member

You may know Wally from the outrageous lycra pants he's been seen to wear at the Eaglestone Rock and Mt Frankland trip last year. Wally has been climbing at many locations around Australia, and has been instrumental in pulling together the finer details (and some of the prizes) of the CAWA climbing competitions this year. Better known for his bouldering and sports climbing stories, you can occasionally find him with his hands jammed in cracks and stuffing in a cam while trying to knee-bar and not rip his lycra.

Janice Tong - CAWA Trip Coordinator

Janice has been climbing for over 4 years. She enjoys climbing locally and has started on a few regional trips with Willyabrup being a favourite. As she increases her climbing experience, her goal is to climb overseas. Her kids started climbing 18 months ago. It has been easier to know they are on the end of a rope than lost in a national park! She don't climb as often as she'd like due to working FIFO, but she still gets out whenever she can.

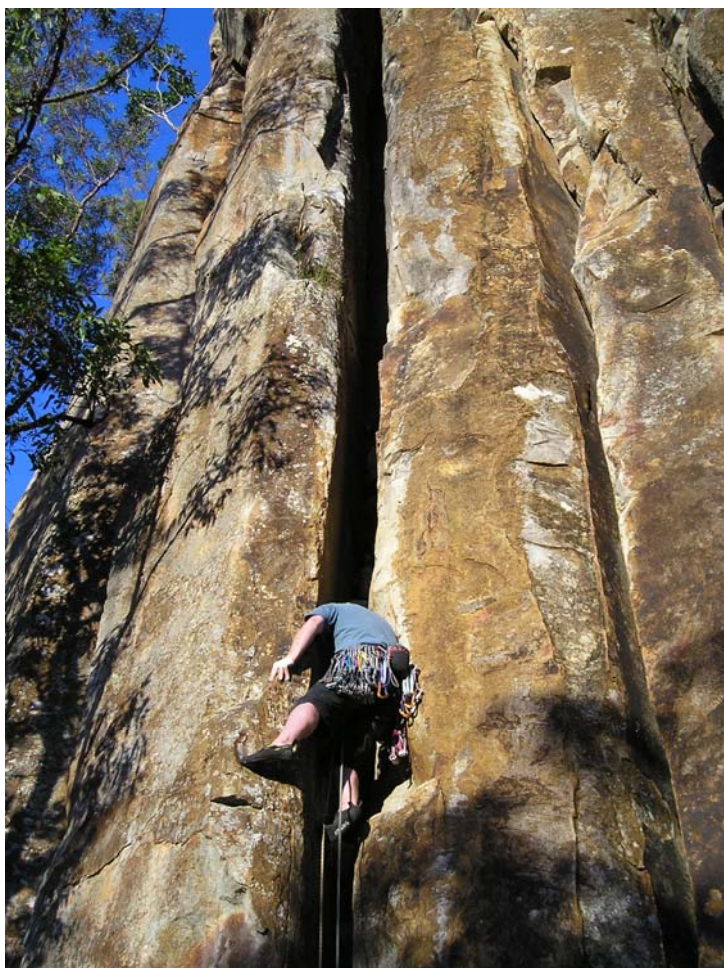


OFF BELAY

News and gossip from the vertical world. Send in some gossip about someone or we'll make something up about you (seriously... we will...).

FRANCOIS JOURJON'S FAREWELL TOUR

After ticking most routes in WA, Francois has decided to head back to France to climb. His 'Farewell Tour' has seen him heading around the rest of Australia, ticking off the Ozzie classics. He was last seen at Frog Buttress, Qld crimping his way up the cracks, telling everyone how the routes weren't quite as good as Powerplay in Mountain Quarry... Farewell Francois, come visit us again some time.



Unknown climber on an offwidth at Frog Buttress, Qld.

TAN TURBO'S CRACK

Brian Tan, WC front cover stuntman has been projecting some more hard cracks, this time closer to home. Check out his inspiring video of Turbo Crack (24) at Llama Rocks on his blog: <http://cliffhangerb.wordpress.com/>

TARNING IT UP

Gorge du Tarn, in southern France is about to get hit with some Perthians. Mid August will see Remi, Delphine, Brain and Gesa heading to the Gorge to test their abilities on the overhanging limestone that is synonymous with French climbing. Good luck guys, I expect an article when you return!!



Gorge du Tarn, southern France.

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CAWA would appreciate being updated on crag access issues, as the committee is unable to cover all the crags in Perth and Western Australia.

Please post any areas of concern to the CAWA forum on the website so that other climbers are aware of any changes to access or climbing conditions in WA.
<http://www.climberswa.asn.au/forum>

You can also e-mail the editor of Western Climber as an alternative to posting on the forum.
editor@climberswa.asn.au

CAWA 2013 SPORT CLIMBING COMPETITION

Anthony Brandis - CAWA Sport Climbing Competition Organiser



Anthony with the Red Bull Crew!

A big **thank you** to all the climbers who participated in the recent CAWA 2012 Sports Climbing Competition heats held at Rockface Climbing Gym.

Rockface continues to support CAWA, and the local climbing community in Perth. They did an excellent job of putting up some very competitive routes at the competition heats. Special thanks go to Alex, Remi, Walley, Gerard, David, Ally (and others who I may have missed), all of who set the routes provided for both, the Pumpfest, and the Clipfest heats. Thanks again to you all.

CAWA would like to acknowledge Bruno Lehembre and David Brereton who contributed to the vast behind-the-scenes organising and allowing us to use the gym facilities. Rockface was a major sponsor to the competition and without them the event just would not have happened.

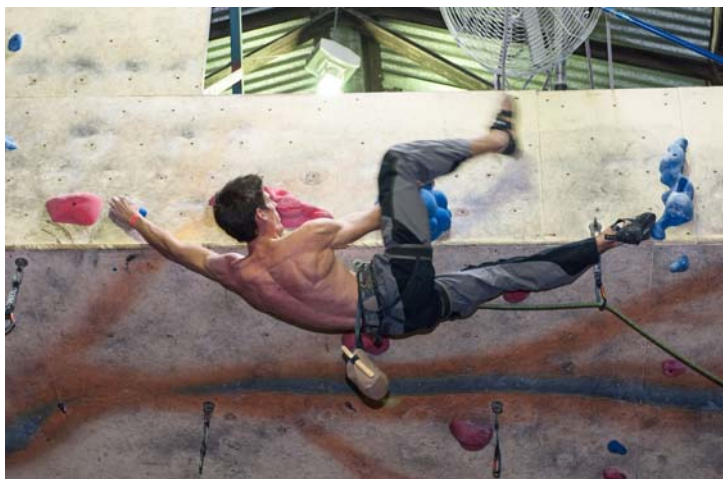
This year's competition a success due to the generous contributions of our sponsors. Our gratitude and acknowledgement go to Climbing Anchors, Adventure Out, Main Peak, Sea-To-Summit, Ferno, Red Bull, XChalk and Simon Carter's Onsite Photography.



For those who missed the CAWA & Facebook posts, final placegetter for each of the heats can be seen here:

THE WINNERS

Pumpfest			Clipfest		
Open A Male	Jarrod May	1st	Open A Male	Jarrod May	1st
	Alan Pryce	2nd		Brian Tan	2nd
	Xavier Brotel	3rd		Xavier Brotel	3rd
Open A Female	Joanne Solomon	1st	Open A Male - 2nd Round	Luke O'Donohoe	1st
	Ally Glaser	2nd		Joeseeph Mioceovich	2nd
	Shevaun Cooley	3rd		Lachlan Gibbons	3rd
Open B Male	Jean-Philippe Dumas	1st	Open B Male	Jean-Philippe Dumas	1st
	Eugene Lee	2nd		Andrew Mortimer	2nd
	Oliver O'Neill	3rd			
Open B Female	Lucy Beale	1st	Open B Female	Innalee Jahn	1st
	Michelle Lee	2nd		Lucy Beale	2nd
	Saskia Hinricks	3rd			
U18 Male	Joseph Mioceovich	1st	U18 Female	Swena Zheng	1st
	Kurt Kilgour	2nd		Hazel Titley	2nd
	Jacob French	3rd			
U18 Female	Swena Zheng	1st	Mas-ters Male	Mark Titley	1st
	Hazel Titley	2nd		Chas Ruffles	2nd
				Sam Brown	3rd
Mas-ters Male	Peter Thomas	1st	Mas-ters Female	Dena Rao	1st
	Ross Weiter	2nd			
	Mark Titley	3rd			



Main highlights from the Pumpfest were the girls in the is funky climbing tights, freezing your butt off first thing in the morning, Ross Weiter tackling every problem he could lay hands on, Joe Mioceovich gunning the boulder problems, the Red Bull girls, Joe breaking holds on the finals problem, and Jarrod May doing a hand-hand-foot match on the nothing hold in the back Open A boulder problem... Ouch! If you want to see it again checkout Alex's comp vid on Vimeo. What a great highlight reel of the day!

Highlights from the Clipfest were the battle between what seemed like all the Open A males which dominated the qualifying climbs, the Red Bull girls, Jarrod May nailing everything he climbed, Anthony calling out the 2nd & 3rd Open A male places back to front and strong performances by a second round of Open A males headed up by Luke O'Donohoe.

The Clipfest event completed on much the same time-frame as the Pumpfest, gave everyone plenty of opportunity to get on all climbs over a three hour period.



The next rounds are coming!

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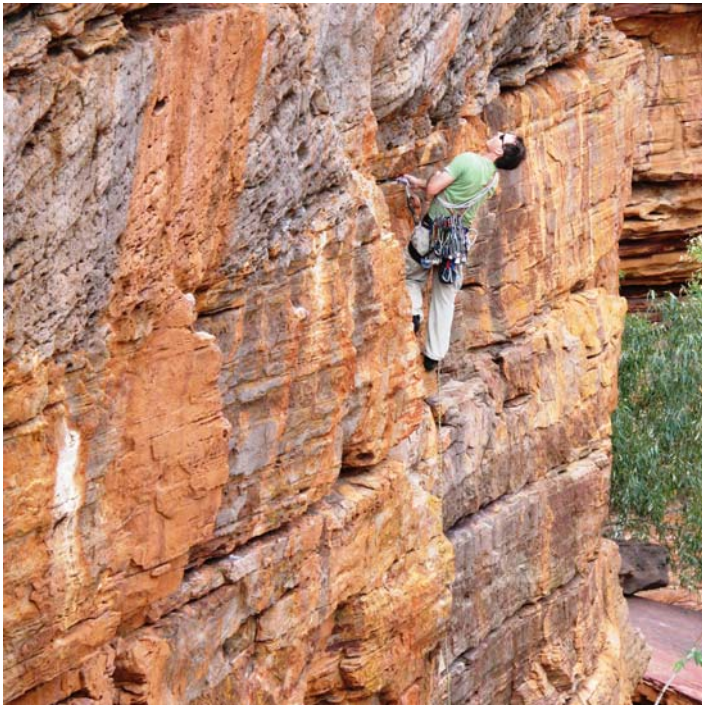
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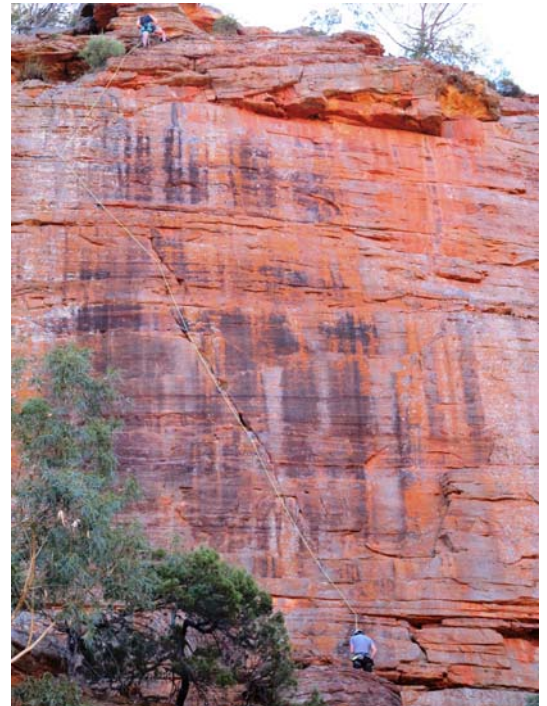
KALBARRI TRIP REPORT

By Janice Tong

The annual CAWA Kalbarri trip was held again this year over the Foundation Day weekend, 2-4 June. The weather was perfect for climbing (unlike last year) and more than a dozen members attended the trip with most staying at the Tudor Holiday Park. The gorge catered for all ages and climbing experiences, and was a beautiful place, even if you weren't climbing much, like me, who managed to take my two kids along. My two rug rats entertained themselves with a variety of activities like stick cricket and fishing whilst I climbed a route along the Tourist Wall on the first day, along with Trent and Shaun, Phillip and Ange. Rebecca, Megan, Joyce and Matt climbed that the Promenade that day, and others made their way down along the Z-Bend on the second day. The last day saw some groups head to Hawks Head before heading home. It was a great trip for those who attended.

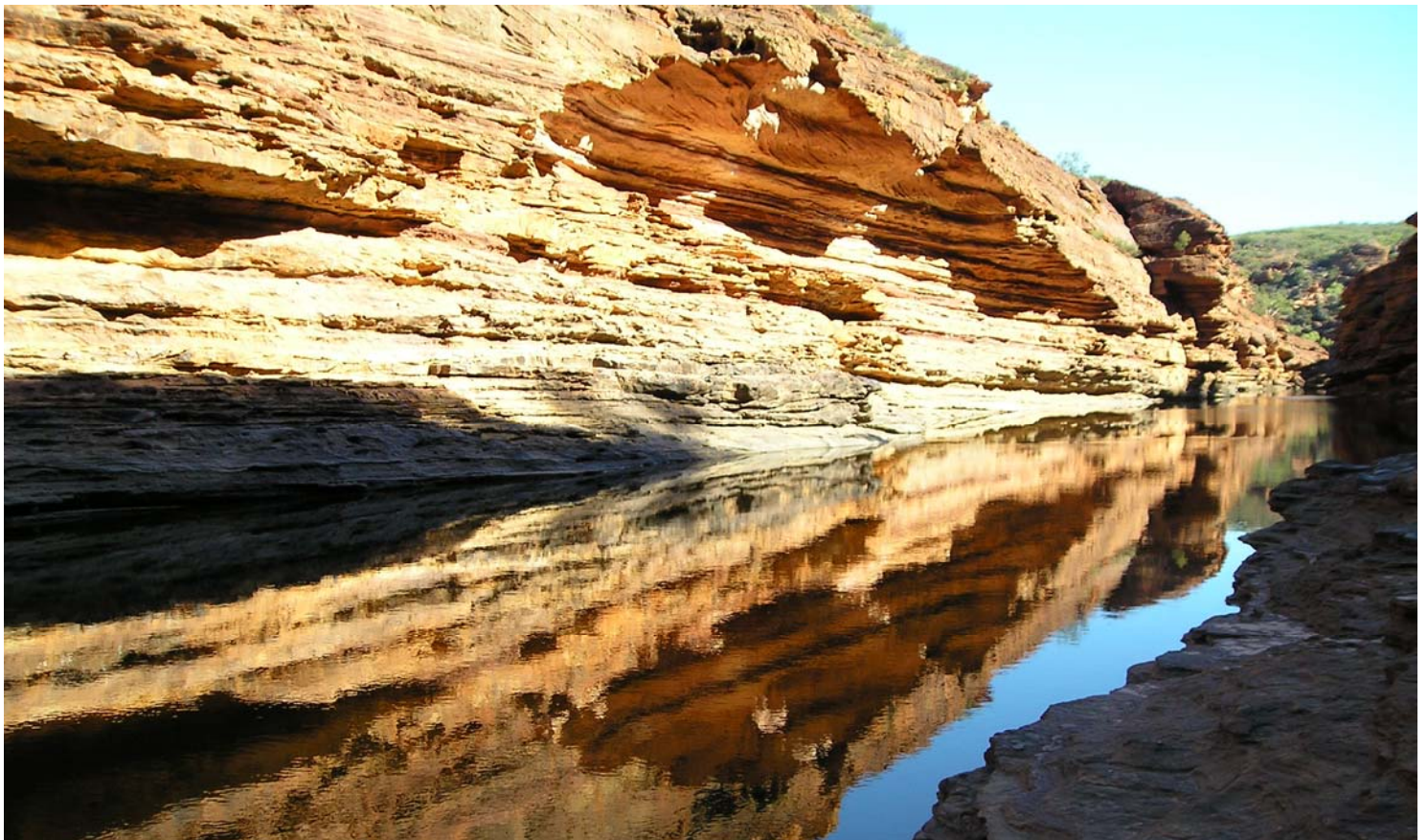


Left: Phil Calais casually leading Wee Trip on the Trad Side (21), Adventure Wall. Photo: Janice Tong.



Right: Trent and Shaun on the classic Keith Goes Blank (15), The Tourist Wall. Photo: Janice Tong.

Bottom: Kalbarri Gorge reflections.



ACCESS

CHANGES TO MOUNTAIN AND STATHAM'S QUARRY BOOKINGS

The Nearer to Nature Perth Hills National Parks Centre (PHNPC), who have been accepting bookings for both Mountain and Statham's Quarries on behalf of the DEC Mundaring Office, will be reducing their opening hours, due to a reduction in funding. The PHNPC opening hours, both on week days and weekends will be adjusted to accommodate booked Nearer to Nature activities, and therefore the opening hours will become variable.

In response, the DEC Perth Hill's District Office has taken over the booking system for the quarries, along with other public and recreational inquiries, which the Hills Centre were previously providing. This means there is a new number for quarry bookings: **9290 6100**.

The DEC Office is open 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday, and the number is directed to the rostered officer on duty on the weekends. The Office is located across the road from the Perth Hills National Park Centre, at 275 Allen Road, Mundaring.

Please note that in September/October the DEC office will open on weekends as well as week days. This is related to

their summer activities, to accommodate the DEC's bush-fire commitments. Therefore all climbers are asked to, whenever possible, make bookings Monday to Friday during summer.

Bookings can also be made via email system during the week. The email address is:

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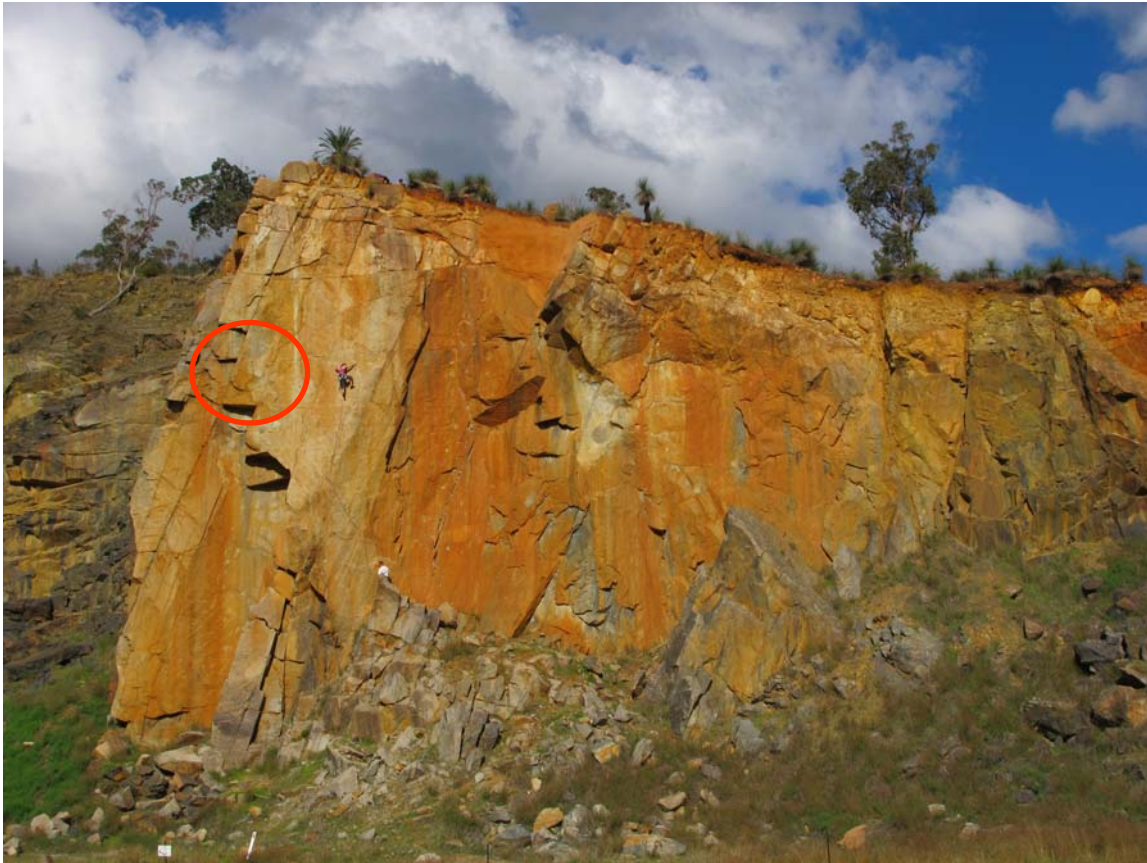
Please note that groups not climbing or abseiling are required to complete a non-commercial recreation event application or film permit prior to making a booking. This includes geological studies, weddings, concerts, educational activities, filming etc.

Please also pass this information on to anyone that you may know may be impacted by the changes. This information is also on the CAWA website, CAWA forum, and there are notices in the climbing gyms.

Please check the CAWA forum for the latest up to date information: www.climberswa.asn.au



ROCK FALL AT MOUNTAIN QUARRY



Sunday 29th July 2012

A block has fallen off the second roof of Skywalker, taking with it one bolt from Death Star (29) which can now be found at the bottom of the cliff (bottom picture).

This occurred some time between Sunday 22nd and Sunday 29th July.

The thin seam adjacent to the second and third bolt of Starwars (24) has also visibly widened.

A block fell from the same location in late 2004 and the face has since been fenced off by DEC, with signs indicating it is unstable.

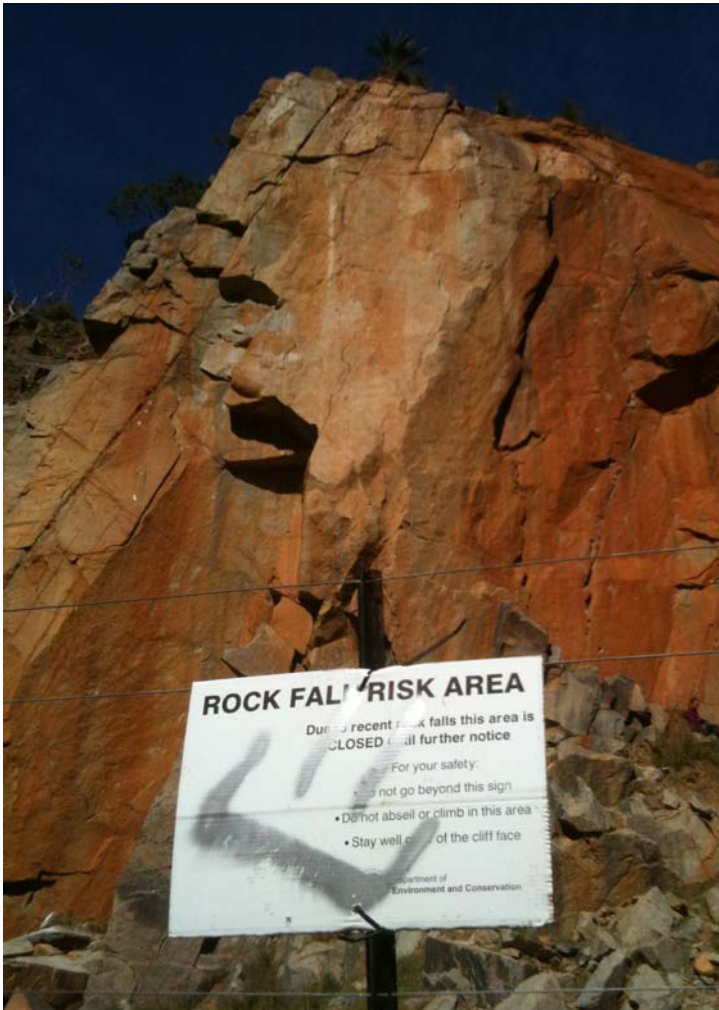
Horizontal cracks as well as vertical ones split this face, and it appears to be only a matter of time before the whole face between Skywalker and Powerplay comes down. Note that this section of cliff is detached from the main face.

Climb on this wall at your own risk, but I think I have climbed these routes for the last time...

But look on the bright side, if it does all come off, we'll get a whole new wall for new routes!



**Top: Skywalker Wall on 15th July 2012. Red circle indicates the location of the block still attached.
Bottom: Skywalker Wall on 29th July 2012. Red circle indicates the fresh rubble from the rock fall.**



***Clockwise from top left: Freshly fallen block from Skywalker, with bolt attached.
Top right: Carnage from the rock fall. Fresh light grey and white rock shows the force of the fall.
Bottom right: Rock fall and climber checking out the damage.
Bottom left: Rock fall Risk sign at the bottom of Skywalker wall.***



***Peter Thomas styling it on the top of Starwars (24) at Mountain Quarry, for perhaps the last time.
Photo: Neil Gledhill***

PATAGONIA 2012

By Logan Barber



Mount Fitzroy, Patagonia. Photo: Logan Barber

On the 1st February 2012 Logan Barber and Owen Davies flew half way round the world to spend 6 weeks climbing in one of the world's most renowned and revered mountaineering destinations: Patagonia. Logan kept a blog of their exploits during the following weeks, and below is an abridged version of those events taken from the blog. For the full set of stories, visit:

www.loganclimbsrocks.blogspot.com.au, or follow the link on the CAWA website under the 'Blog' tab.

Editors Note: Logan has taken the rest of the year off to climb, so keep track of his adventures on his blog. More news to follow in the next WC...

After a ridiculous transit half way around the world Owen and I made it to El Chalten in Argentina. Climbers we met at the airport who were leaving spoke of one of the best seasons in terms of weather for a long time. Apparently we had recently missed an unheard of 6 day weather window. The downside to all this is that there had been too

much melting, which meant large rock falls were common and the bergschrund (aka schrund) at the base of the walls had become so wide it was going to be hard to cross. So it was probably a good thing that the weather had taken a turn for the worse as we arrived, as that meant a good dumping of new snow up high. We needed the time to get ourselves organised anyway.

El Chalten turned out to be a major tourist town, catering to trekkers and climbers and is jam packed with people! So we booked a youth hostel for a few nights, then organised an apartment above a bakery for the remaining 5 weeks, for when we were back from the mountains. The other option was to camp but with 50kg's of gear each we decided the cushy way was the way to go (thanks to Seth and Sea to Summit for helping me out replacing all my old gear!).

The plan was to head up to Paso Superior, the bivvy site most parties start out from when attempting Mt Fitzroy.

This was to allow us to familiarise ourselves with the walk and stash some gear during the bad weather period in preparation for attempting the Franco-Argentine route on Mt Fitzroy.

It turns out that the walk isn't so bad, except for when you have to carry half your body weight in food and gear the whole way! We took about 9.5 hours and ended up at the windy and wet Paso Superior to find a free pre-dug snow cave which was awesome. It was cold and uncomfortable but out of the weather.

The next morning it started out windy with gusts so strong it was hard to stand up outside. We thought we might be stuck for another day up there but the wind dropped off enough for us to retreat. Most of our gear was then up at the pass, except for our glacier travelling gear stashed at the base of the glacier. The weather then turned looked like it was going to be good enough for a crack at Mt Fitzroy, so we had a couple of days rest before heading up again with a bunch of food for a prolonged stay.

With a 4am wake up call and out the door by 5am, we headed back up to Paso Superior for what was predicted to be a two to three day clear weather window. We didn't have to carry much as everything was stashed, and it took less than 8 hours to get to the pass. We were struggling to stay connected to the snow ridge at that point, due to the strength of the wind gusts. After an hour and a bit the winds died down though, signalling the start of a spell of good weather.

Having a fair bit of time left in the day we decided to try and make it to the top of the Brecha, a 300m mixed rock, snow and ice gully approach to the bivvy called the Brecha de los Italianos. This involved another long slog up a glacier then dealing with a tricky schrund before the mixed 300m even begun! We made it to the top just before dark and were exhausted after a day of over 2000m elevation gain.



Top: Poincenot, Fitzroy and Paso Superior from just above Lago de los Tres. The red line is the approach we took. Photo: Logan Barber.

Bottom: Owen on the glacier above Paso Superior on the way to the Brecha de los Italianos. Photo: Logan Barber.



Four in the morning and we were up again to tackle another long mixed pitch leading to a rock and ice covered slope where the La Silla bivvy is located. The La Silla bivvy is a rock big enough for two to sit behind out of the wind. It is also the closest bivvy site to the base of the Franco-Argentine route up Mt Fitzroy. Two Americans that were in front of us the day before had bivvied here and were at the base of the granite wall where the route begins. So we waited...

The first pitch is a 50m finger crack at a grade of 6a+ in the topo, but the word around town was that it was closer to 6c. It didn't matter as it was choked with ice and snow and turned into an aid climbing epic by the Americans in front of us, who took a couple of hours on the pitch. It was easier once they had cleaned it for us but the speed at which we were moving became an issue and

with the pitches above all iced up we decided to bail. The Americans and a team of three Korean ladies (North Face sponsored?) behind us also decided to turn around. The route needs a couple of days of good weather to come into condition and we needed to jump on it first in line so there would be no waiting around.

After bailing, we stumbled back to find that an even better period of weather was approaching. With a better understanding of the approach and conditions than before, we only had one rest day before heading back up. In order to break up the approach and to conserve energy, as well as allow the route a day of good weather before we jump on it, we decided to take our time approaching the climb. We also hoped that we would be fresher when it came to the day we would push for the summit.

We left El Chalten at 10am and had a leisurely stroll to Paso Superior making it in only six and a half hours. We spent the night in our snow cave where our gear was stashed and were moving again before first light across the glacier to the base of the Brecha mixed climbing. We hit a snag here as the approach we had previously completed was impassable due to the bergschrund widening. We ended up descending a bit and walked a few hundred meters around to the left which is known as the French Variation. Here we managed to gain a snow slope and were able to traverse over to our original line. The traverse turned to black ice and felt dodgy. We were relieved once it was over and only a bit of mixed rock and ice led to La Brecha. At this point Owen and I looked at each other and said "Were not doing that again" so we knew that this attempt was it.

From La Brecha we scrambled around to the base of the mixed pitch leading up to La Silla which I led hesitantly due to a quite hard mixed boulder problem it contained. We had arrived at the La Silla bivvy mid afternoon so we dumped our bivvy gear and continued to the base of the wall where the Franco-Argentine route begins. To get to the base of the wall you cross/climb an ice ridge that is like walking on glass. Even with crampons and axe you feel as though you could go sliding away at any instance. At the start we roped up and if someone slipped the other would

jump over the other side. For the last steeper 50m Owen placed a couple of ice screws. The base of the wall is just steep ice connecting with a thin crack containing some fixed rope to clip into. I just hung there and took off crampons and boots careful not to drop either before putting on my rock shoes. Since I had been up the first pitch before it didn't take too long to ascend it. There was less ice

than before but not much less. We fixed our rope at the anchor of pitch one and use our second to get down the ice ridge and back to our bivvy.

3am in the morning and we were psyched! Despite it being ridiculously cold. We had a quick breakfast of snacks and made our way to the base of the route, juggled the first pitch and were at the top of the second before sunrise. I led the first block of seven pitches which involved more aid than climbing. I had my axe out a lot of the time chipping out spots of ice to place gear in. Luckily the ice was aerated and came out easily. At pitch seven we felt as though we were on target. Not moving fast but fast enough to make it. Owen then took over on ever increasing icy ground until pitch ten.

At pitch ten it seemed everything changed. The wind picked up, the temperature dropped and the nature of the ice changed from white and aerated to hard blue ice in all the cracks and a

lot of exposed rock was covered in verglas. Owen gave it a crack but retreated and I was shivering violently at the belay. Our decision it seemed was made. It was frustrating as you could see the top of the cliff band only three pitches above where we were, before the mixed ramp to the summit. An involved descent got us back to La Silla where we decided that rather than spend another cold night out we would push through and continue down to Paso Superior. We navigated the rappels down to the Brecha in the dark and were back in our snow cave by midnight.



Top: Home away from home at La Silla bivvy. Photo: Logan Barber
Bottom: Owen approaching the Franco-Argentine route on Mt Fitzroy with a team of Americans on the first iced up pitch. Photo: Logan Barber



The next day we rested and chatted with other climbers at the pass about their experiences and tried to eat all our food so that we didn't have to carry it down. We planned to have a crack at one of the smaller peaks the next day but when morning came we had slept through our 4am alarm and the mountains were shrouded in clouds anyway. So we packed up everything and started the day long descent with heavy packs to El Chalten.

We only had two and a half weeks left in Patagonia after our second attempt at the *Franco-Argentine*, so the plan was to attempt some of the smaller peaks in the range to try and stand on at least one summit! The weather turned bad again though, so we are not sure when the next opportunity will be. I remember feeling we had been lucky to get the windows we got when I remember the stories about people who have done trips there and not gotten into the mountains for the entire season! While we waited, Owen and I filled our days with recovery and a bit of sport climbing in the valley.

Our next weather window found us doing a route on Guillaumet. Despite not being one of the more difficult peaks to attain in Patagonia, Guillaumet has some quality lines on it. Owen and I climbed *The Brenner Ridge* which consists of easy ridge climbing and a couple of hand cracks in the low sixes (grade 18-21). The rock quality is exceptionally good and the views are amazing. The best part about the route is how fast you can do it from town, which is perfect for a short weather window such as the one we got.

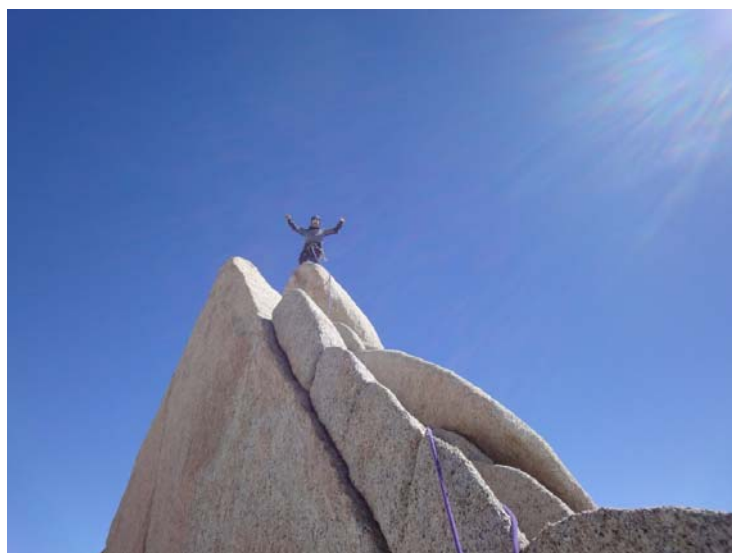
We were lucky enough to snag a ride on our way down, just before dark, back to town. The day ended with us enjoying a massive Argentinean steak and roast potatoes :)

I think I lost a fair bit of psych at around 5 weeks even though we had only done three major outings into the mountains. All I wanted was to go sport climbing and clip bolts with minimal time spent on approaching the cliffs.



Top: Logan on one of icy pitches of the Brenner Ridge, Guillaumet Peak. Photo: Owen Davis.

Bottom: Logan on the summit of the Guillaumet. Photo: Owen Davis



Another weather window approached, however and it would be the last for the trip, so we packed our bags and made plans for one more route. After our great time on Guillaumet we knew we wanted to do something north/northwest facing that would be relatively free of ice. The shortlist of routes for the final foray was the northwest ridge of Mt Fitzroy (*Afanasieff*), the *Kearney-Knight* or *Mate, Porro y Todo los Demas*, both on the Goretta Pillar of Mt Fitzroy. We ended up choosing *Mate, Porro y Todo los Demas* as the approach to the *Kearney-Knight* was up a mixed gully on the east side most likely out of condition and the *Afanasieff* is described as a really long scramble without much real climbing (despite the temptation of being able to summit Mt Fitzroy, which would have been awesome). We had also had really good reviews from a semi-local climber who had done the route previously.

For our last climb, we left El Chalten around 10am starting the same approach as for when we climbed Guillaumet (short taxi ride, 2 hour flat walk then 2 hours straight up a hill to the Piedra Negra bivvy). From Piedra Negra we continued up to a pass (Paso Cuadrado) from where we could drop down to a glacier on the north-west side of the Fitzroy group of peaks. I think my psych was at its lowest point here knowing that once we dropped down to the glacier that would mean I would eventually have to walk back up!). Once down to the glacier we started walking along its edge skirting an ice fall until we could see the steep snow slope that led to an out-

crop of rock/scree which would be our bivvy for the night a few hundred meters below the start of the route. We arrived after dark and exhausted.

The next morning we were up before light again, although this time it was later than usual, around 5:30am, as it was not light till 7am (Autumn has arrived). The few hundred meters to the start of the route seemed to take forever up frozen hard snow, sections of which we had to front point with our aluminium crampons and single ice axe. It was mid morning before we started the actual rock climbing. Owen led the first seven pitches and I juggled with the heavy back pack we had loaded up with all our bivvy gear and food. We had left our boots and ice axes at the base of the rock to reduce weight (We took our approach shoes and climbing shoes on the route). The first seven pitches were up a perfect right facing dihedral. I was happy when I could hand over the back pack to Owen and finally do some climbing! Six pitches later we made it to a good bivvy spot just before dark and settled down melting snow and eating freeze dried meals.

An awesome clear view greeted us the next morning, which was a relief as the evening before had started to get a bit cloudy. By the time it was light enough to see, we had packed up and melted a small amount of water. Seven long pitches and one short one led to the summit of the Goretta Pillar. Owen took the first three and the last short pitch while I took the middle four. From the top of the pillar you could look over and see Mt Fitzroy not too far away. It was an idea that if we had made it to the Goretta Pillar summit with enough

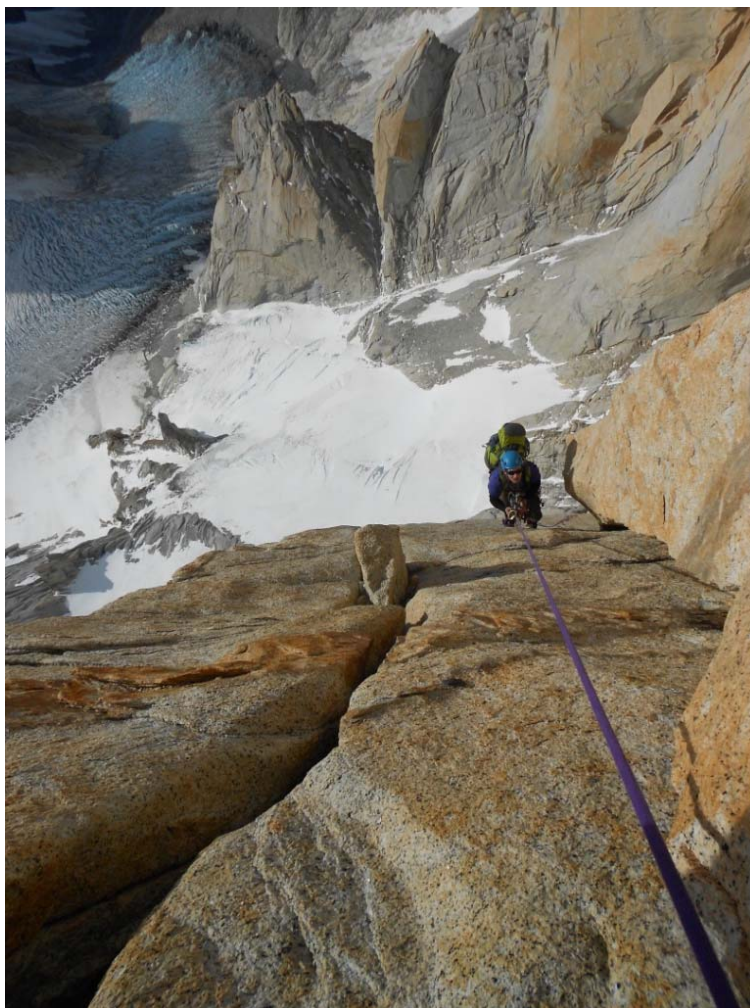
time, and the conditions were good, we would rappel down off the south side of the pillar and climb the four pitches and blocky scramble to the Fitzroy summit. We were surrounded by cloud, tired and had a long way to go

getting down so we bailed on that idea. It took the entire afternoon to rappel down the north side of the pillar and back down to where we had stashed our boots and ice axes. The steep snow slope leading down to the bivvy was a bit softer late in the day compared to when we came up so it was a touch easier, although there was long sections we spent facing the slope down climbing. We arrived back at the first bivvy spot an hour or two after dark.

We slept in the next morning since we would have plenty of time to get back to El Chalten... which means we were up at first light and not before! This day was the exact reverse of the first day on the climb except it was easier because the majority of it was downhill and we knew good food and a real bed awaited. We made it back to town by 5:30pm and stuffed ourselves with huge Argentinean steaks, potatoes, salad, bread and a chocolate brownie with ice cream for dessert.

Mate, Porro y Todo Demas was definitely the best rock route we did during the trip although I am totally over the long approaches to climbs. It seems that for a little bit of climbing in Patagonia you spend way too much time walking up hills, glaciers or steep snow/ice slopes (with a heavy pack!). I

am looking forward to getting to Spain in a week where I can do a five minute walk, tie straight in and start climbing!



Top: Owen jumaring in the afternoon light on Goretta Pillar.
Photo: Logan Barber.

Bottom: Goretta Pillar, approach and route. Photo and graphic edits: Logan Barber.



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No Bouldering competition is complete without cows and cowboys!

By Tracy Wall, Assistant Manager, The Hangout

Last year Gareth and I flew over to Sydney to visit a number of other indoor climbing gyms to do a bit of research and development for our bouldering wall. On our return a number of the walls were re-angled and all of them were re-panelled and painted in cheery orange hues! We also followed suit with Eastern States gyms by installing high quality matting and covering it with a large continuous cover to keep everyone's ankles safe. Having renovated our bouldering area we were itching to run another competition, so The Hangout's 2012 Autumn Boulder Competition was created.

The format of the competition was very similar to the last few in that we ran it over a few months adding 6 new problems each fortnight, and one or more bonus problems on the alternate weeks.

137 official competitors took part, as well as a number of "unofficial competitors" who preferred to keep their scores under their hats. We were once again extremely impressed by the unfaltering commitment of a number of "bouldering addicts" who tenaciously worked move after move, hour after hour, several times a week, every week until they conquered every problem in their grasp. This exceptional hard work and enthusiasm has lost many competitors a little skin on their fingers but has won them incredible increases in strength and skill. We have been so delighted to have had a number of people come up to us to tell us that they were able to complete much harder problems in this competition than in the last.

One new twist to this competition is that we held a tradition style final for the top 3 scoring men and women. There were 3 problems for the men and three problems for the women. Each competitor had 5 minutes to attempt to complete them, and scores were allocated for each hold they reached. These scores were then added to those

earned during the previous months of competition. Our final male victors were Brian Tan in 1st place, Karl Laczko in 2nd place and Marko Vukic in 3rd place. Our female victors were Joanne Solomon in 1st place, Ning Tan in 2nd place and Claire Newbury in 3rd place.

Of course no competition would be complete without a party to watch our finalists battle it out, celebrate, eat lollies and wear funny clothes. It was also a great excuse to set a bouldering problem with a treat filled piñata at the top. We had a fantastic turnout and many boulderers embraced our fancy dress theme. We saw farm animals, superheros and gals from the 80's scaling the walls alongside first time climbers who were mystified as to why Optimus Prime, Superman, a Cow Boy on a horse and a crazy Scottish man in a kilt were taking them through their belaying safety inductions.

Once again all of our boulderers should be commended for the fantastic attitude and generosity that they bring to the competition. We set the problems, but it is our competitors that have made the event such a success. We have seen many friendships born while folk sit on the couches waiting for their skin and muscles to stop hurting enough that they can try a problem again.

The camaraderie and beta that competitors have shared with each other has been pivotal in allowing so many people to make very real improvements in their climbing abilities and technique.

Since the competition we have been adding new features to our bouldering wall and are planning another big competition in a few months time. Details of our upcoming competition will be posted on our website www.thehangout.com.au (and on our facebook page "The Hangout Indoor Rock Climbing Centre"). You can also view the results table from the above competition there.



By jove, it's a Bouldering Cow!

Photo: Tracy Wall



Top: Kryptonite: an electric hold for an electric competition. Photo: courtesy of Distorted Lenns Photography.
Bottom: Victors, from left to right: Brian Tan, Karl Laczko, Marko Vukic, Ning Tan, Clair Newbury and Joanne Soloman. Photo: Courtesy of Distorted Lenns Photography



OLDIES NIGHT AT ROSIE O'GRADY'S, 9TH MAY 2012

For those of you that missed this night, you missed out on a piece of WA climbing history. The inspiration behind this night came from an 18 minute video put together by Dave James and Mac McArthur, two of the first ascentionists, and original members of the Climbers Association of WA members. The video was a re-creation of a slideshow presented at the CAWA Annual Dinner in 1977 of what CAWA members had 'gotten up' in the previous year. Dave had scanned the slides he'd kept from the presentation and made them into a video, with Mac providing the entertaining commentary.

Many of the climbers in the video, and some new comers, are still around, active and climbing today, going by the self-proclaimed name of the 'Oldies'. No doubt you may have come across some of them before, such as the incident described by Tony on pg 8. The 'Oldies' offered to come along and watch the video and then talk about the exciting discoveries of new crags such as Churchman's Brook, the flurry of new routes and first ascents and the history behind the development of climbing in WA shown in the video, as well as climbing in WA in general in the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

You can find the video on Vimeo here: <https://vimeo.com/42401081>

Some of the characters introduced were:

Dave James

Born in 1942, Dave began climbing in 1963 in the UK. He moved to WA in November 1974 coaxed by letters from his Mum about the Stirlings, Porongurups and Wilyabrup from information courtesy of Tony Fowler and Mac McArthur. He has been Committee Member, Safety Officer and Secretary of CAWA, and his first first ascent was 'Harry's Crack' at Wilyabrup with Harry Kershaw (aged 67 at the time) in 1975. Dave compiled and contributed to the book "Climb When Ready", which is a compilation of short stories from the various influential climbers from WA, published in 1996. Copies are still available, and well worth the read, particularly about his story behind the coconut!

Mac McArthur

Born in 1939, Mac began climbing in 1957 in the UK. He moved to WA in 1967, discovered Churchman's Brook 1975 and put up many first ascents at most areas in WA. He still climbs, makes cups of tea for fellow climbers passing by his place in the hills and generously lets them eat his gingernuts!

"Climbing has always been important, it keeps ageing bodies fairly supple, lessens the stress of work, provides a social life and made us lifelong friends."

Mike Adams

Mike moved to WA in 1965 from Kenya. His first first ascent was Grooved Arete on Tool-brunup, Stirling Range in 1965 with Claude

First pitch of Hellfire Gully on Bluff Knoll, on one of the early first ascents. Photos courtesy of Mac McArthur.



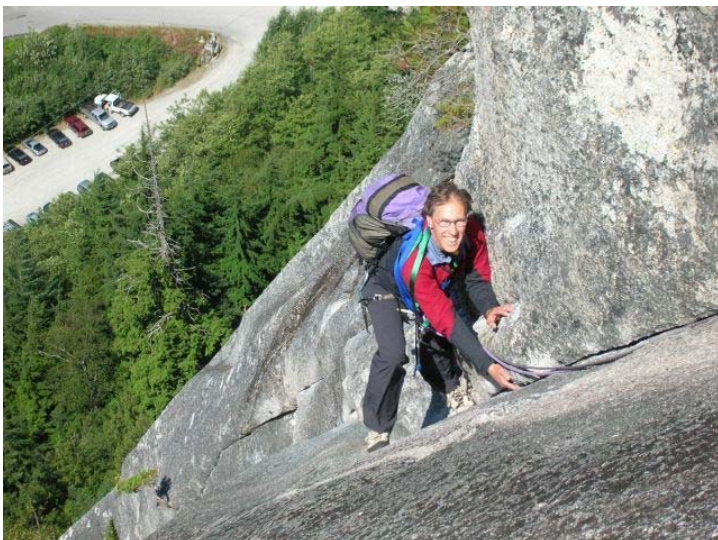


Left to right: Tony Fowler, Chris Swain, Mac McArthur and Tom Marshall on a day out at Churchman's brook, May 2021.

Girardin. He has put up many, many, many routes around WA, including many of the pioneering first ascents such as Hellfire Gully (15) (1969), the first route up Bluff Knoll's main face. He's put up most of the notable first ascents in 70's around WA, and in January 1968 he sent out a letter asking climbers about the formation of a club. Under his direction the Climbers Association of WA (CAWA) was formed and he resided as President for the following 5 years.

Tom Marshall

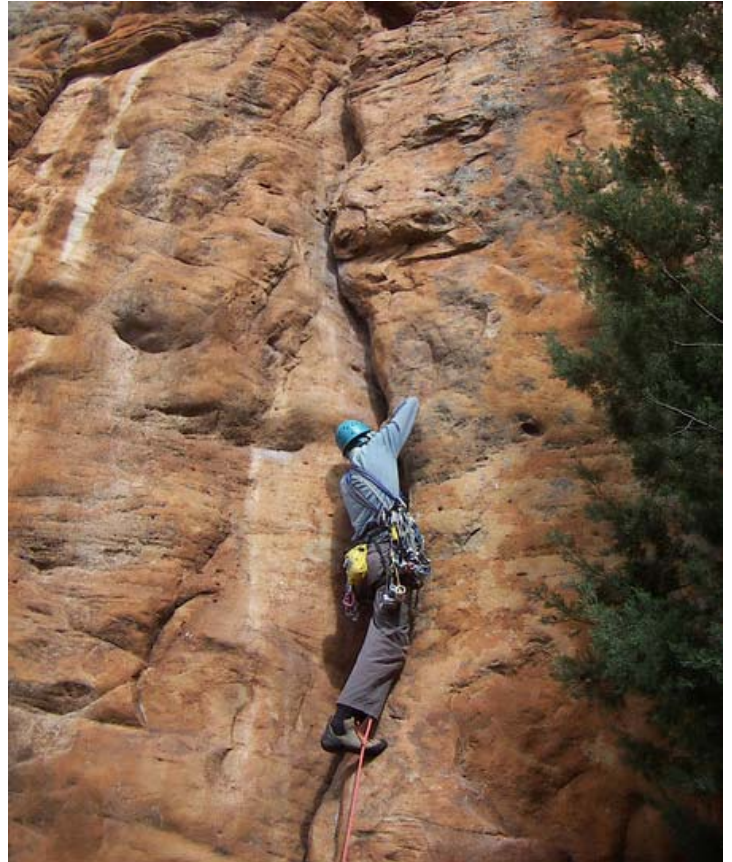
Tom has been climbing long enough to have had two climbing careers: 1964-1976 (mostly UK, Europe and Kenya) and 1998 to present (WA, NZ, then further afield...) His first climb was in the UK in 1964 at age 16, and his first alpine route was Nelion (Mt Kenya) 5188m in 1976. After a break of 22 years, he found CAWA and climbed at Kalbarri in 1998. He met the Oldies in 1999 and has been a CAWA committee member and auditor between 2002-2003. Shortly after the presentation he headed to Scotland to climb the Chioch Nose in Applecross (Scotland) with Tony Flower.



Tom Marshall climbing in Squamish with Mike Smith in 2006.

Chris Swain

Born 1943 in the UK, Chris started climbing in the UK at University in 1964. He move to Australia in 1993. He's climbed in the UK, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Alps and Australia. His first ascents in WA include 'An Oldies Special' (18) at Churchman's Brooke (2005) with Mike Clemson and Mac McArthur, and he's still climbing...



Chris Swain leading Siamese Crack (15) at Arapiles, April 2012.

Sue Swain

Born 1948 in Salt Lake City, Utah Sue started climbing in the Tetons, Wyoming (USA) in about 1968. She completed the first all women's ascent of Mt Kenya in 1980 and married Chris in 1982, giving him some of his first camming devices as a wedding present. Her biggest contribution to WA climbing is holding Chris's rope.



Sue Swain belayed by Mike Clemson, West Cape Howe 2010.

Mike Smith

Mike started climbing in 1968 in the Royal Navy (UK) and emigrated to WA in 1973. His first ascents in WA include: 'The Great Chimney' (17) with Pete Ritson, Pyungoorup 1978; and 'Devil's Nose' (17) with Mac & Dave James, Bluff Knoll 1975. He 'discovered' Peak Charles with Richard Rathbone in 1978, discovered the climbing at Peak Head, Albany with Mad Albert and Michelle Freeman in about 1981, and 'discovered' West Cape Howe with Richard Rathbone 1978, claiming the first ascent of 'The Climb' (18) that year. He now lives in Canada.



Mike Smith and Dave James in the cave on the Third Arrow, Sterling Ranges in 1973. Photo courtesy of Mike Smith.

Gerry McGill

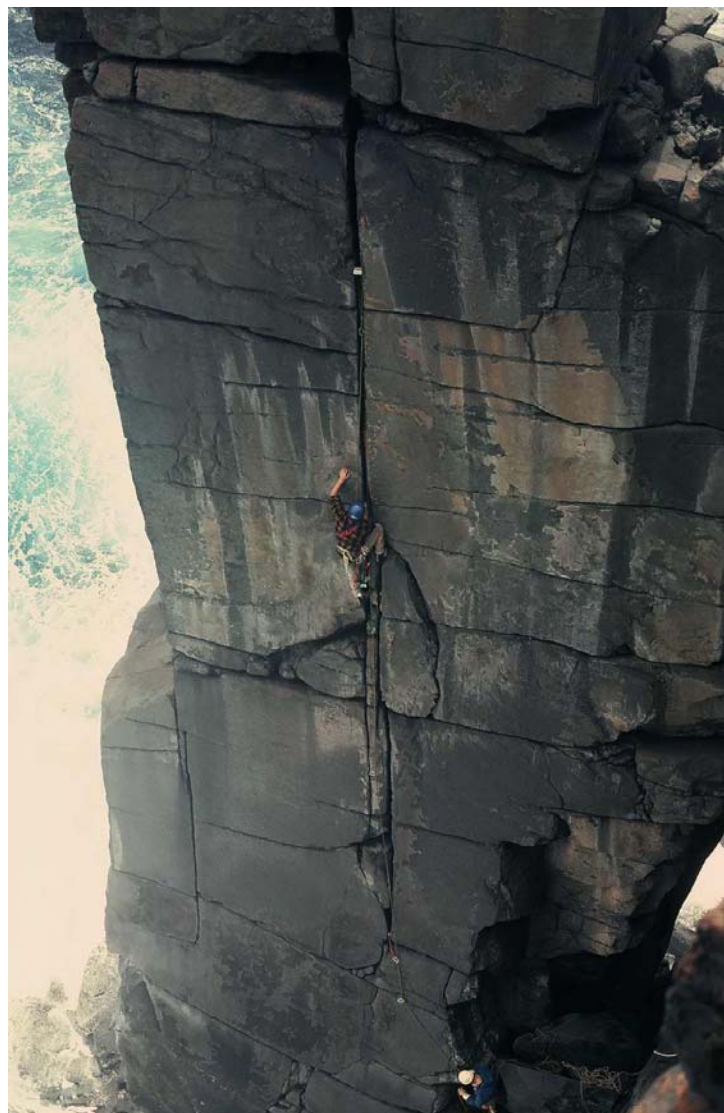
Gerry's climbing highlights include: surviving 'Right Anticlimax' (15) on Bluff Knoll (1971) with B. Clague and later pitches with R. Barnes in 1972; and an early repeat of 'The Teardrop' (13) at Statham's Quarry before the teardrop dropped off. Gerry has had many other first ascents around WA, as well as sharing the companionship of climbing with Mac, Helen (McArthur), Dave James, Tony Fowler, Mike Adams and Richard Rathbone.

Tony Fowler

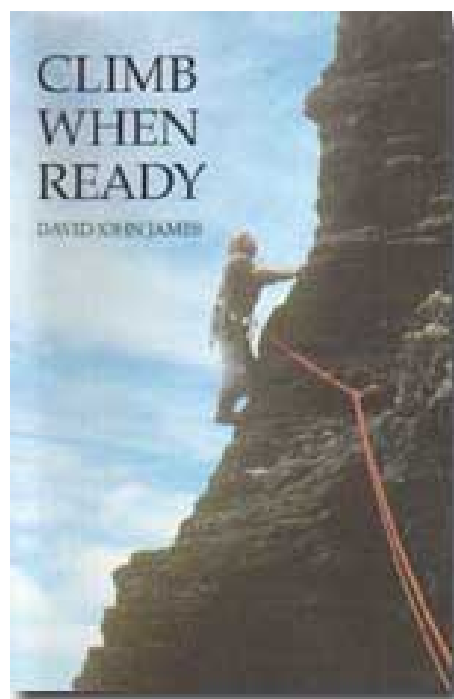
Tony started climbing at an early age in Birmingham, climbing in the UK, including Scotland and Wales before moving to Melbourne where he climbed with Pete Jackson and Bob Bull in 1964 at Hanging Rock, in the Blue Mountains and Arapiles. He also climbed at Warambangles in 1965. Tony moved to Perth 1968-1970 and tangled with Mike Adams and CAWA putting up many new routes and repeating some early first ascents.

Steve Mansfield

Steve started climbing in Brisbane in 1983 after enrolling in a two day climbing course held out Mount Maroon. Alternating between bushwalking and climbing, he did a first ascent at Frog Butress 'Angle Rider' (18) before moving over to WA. He still climbs and trains with the Oldies at the Hangout on Tuesdays, and is still keen for a bushwalk or two when the occasion presents itself.



Mike Smith on the first ascent of The Climb (18) at West Cape Howe with Mac McArthur, Vince Keane and Paul Wopereis, 1978



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LOCAL NEWS

CAWA ANNUAL DINNER, ROSE AND CROWN HOTEL - JULY 2012

The CAWA Annual Dinner this year was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel in Guildford. 18 people turned up for some very tasty fancy pub meals ranging from harissa spiced chicken, to red thai duck curry, to twice cooked pork belly. The atmosphere was cosy, and many a tall tale was shared of climbing epics, upcoming trips, the Christchurch earthquakes, climbing at the quarries and everything in between.

It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up, not in climbing attire, and share a glass or two of WA's finest plonk, while talking about climbing, the food and past trips. Thanks to everyone who attended, it will be in June next year to coincide with the end of the CAWA membership year, and likely be at the same venue.

Classic décor inside the Rose and Crown restaurant. www.rosecrown.com.au



NEXT CAWA TRIP - EAGLESTONE ROCK - 31 AUGUST-2 SEPTEMBER

Eaglestone Rock is located around 4 hours drive east of Perth in the wheatbelt region. There are ~30 established routes, ranging from Grade 10 trad to Grade 30 sports climbs and everything in between. The granite boulders range from 7 to 20 metres in height and offer spectacular scenery as well as great climbing.

This time of year, the days tend to be clear and mid 20's during the day and cold at night.

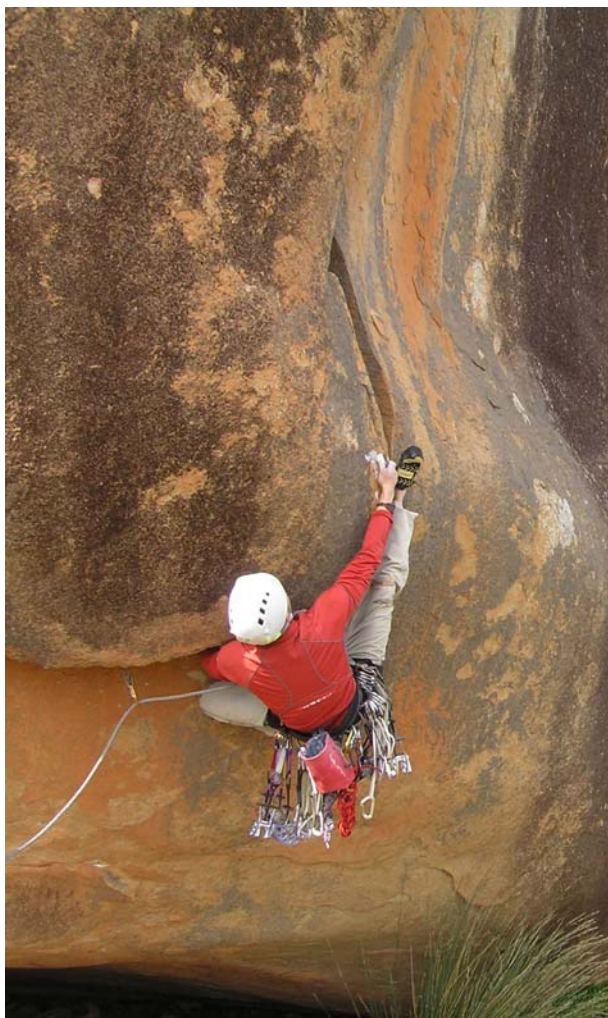
Camping is 100 metres from the rock, adjacent to a salt-water lake, with firepits, and a couple of small country towns with pubs 10 to 20 minutes drive away for those not wanting to cook.

Registration is now open, go to the CAWA website for more information.

www.climberswa.asn.au

Or email Tony Brebner for more details:

cawa@climberswa.asn.au



Left: Brian Tan showing us how the crux is done on 'Fidget Gene' (23). Photo: Peter Thomas.



Top right: Tim Dove showing the delicate and precise moves needed for Wishbone (17). Photo: Peter Thomas.



Bottom right: Sunrise on the surrounding canola fields. Photo: Lloyd

NEW ROUTES

Please send in details of new routes that have been established in Perth and WA climbing area. Photos and topos would be smashing if these are available! New routes can also be submitted to CAWA forum:

www.climberswa.asn.au/forum/first-ascents/

THREEWAYS

Posted by: Ross Weiter

<http://rossclimbing.typepad.com/Threeways%20Climbing%20Mini%20Guide.pdf>

Threeways is a new mixed climbing area less than an hour from Perth, in the direction of York. The rock is granite, with 3 separate boulders, up to 10m high. Currently (Apr 2012) there are 12 completed routes, ranging from 15 – 21, with a further 10 projects already bolted.

The mini-guide is available from Ross's website, follow the link in the CAWA new route forum or the link above.

THE GAP

Posted by: Kym Hartley

ZIG ZAG AREA

Schlapper (12m, 14)

The obvious curving wide crack on the east facing wall about 60m west of Zig Zag wall.

J. Nevin, D. Algie. 2003

The Good, The Bad And The Ugly (10m, 20)

Between "Manna From Heaven" and "Blueberries". Start just right of MFH. Up to the large horizontal break, step right, then up the middle of the face.

A. Roilo. Feb 2005

Cop This (6m, 16)

Starts on the obvious large ledge. Up the wide corner crack through two small overlaps.

K. Hartley, J. Herlihy. Jun 2012

High, Wide And Handsome (10m, 20)

The corner 3m left of "Sonata" then up the offwidth crack with the chockstone at the top.

R. Master. Feb 2005

THE ROOF

Have Two Bananas 8m, 22)

The shallow corner under the middle of the roof 4m left of

"Jungle V.I.P". Up to the left trending roof crack, out 2m around the arête, then up further roof and out on jugs.

A. Roilo. Apr 2006

Jungle V.I.P. (11m, 23)

Between the roof and the corner are 3 crack lines. JVIP is the left hand crack. Up the steep hanging corner, traverse left under the second roof, then straight up (crux) and over the slabby roof.

A. Roilo. Nov 2007

King Of The Swingers (11m, 23)

The crack line between JVIP and the corner. Up crack then escape right to the wide crack/chimney.

A. Roilo. Feb 2005

REST DAY WALL

Summertime (9m, 19)

Route between "Sea Breeze" and "Summer Holiday".

A. Roilo Oct 2010

PINNACLE WALL

Double Trouble (9m 18)

The crack on the south facing wall just left of the detached block.

A. Roilo. Oct 2010

Leap Of Faith (?m, 17)

On the east facing wall in the gully, up from Pinnacle Wall. Step across to the start of the right trending crack/flake line.

R. Master. Jan 2004

ECLIPSE WALL

Simon Hammer Memorial (20m, 17)

Starts at the eastern end of Eclipse Rightside, about 15m or so east of "Wetagain" at the obvious large corner system. Abseil down to the base of the chimney. Climb the thin corner crack on the western side of the chimney until at the chicken head on the arête (about halfway up). Sling this then step out left onto the face and climb the bulging hand crack.

K. Hartley, J. Herlihy, J. Nevin. Jun 2012

PADDY'S WALL (Cave Point Gully)

Waiting for Good-O (10m, 14)

The arete with the narrow wall above, just left of "Chum, Sodomy And The Leash"

J. Nevin, D. Algie 2003

NEW ROUTES

KARIJINI

Posted by: Remi

HANCOCK GORGE

Mille Feuilles (18m, 14)

As you walk down the gorges along the tourist track past a long and narrow pool, you will walk on some polish flat and wide rock, about 20 meters upstream before you turn left on the "spider walk". On the left side of the gorge (looking downstream), a crack line goes straight up, then under a small roof or cave, and out of the cave. Very fragile rock! Walk out requires scrambling on grade 10. Remi Vignals, Kelly Chapman, August 2009

Spiders Up (18m, 18***)

Walk passed the spider walk until you reach an exposed traverse/descent to the bottom of the gorge. About 2-3 m upstream from the start of this steep bolted traverse/descent into the gorge, look up for a slight overhanging wall with reasonably big holds on the right (looking downstream). That's where the spiders go up. Pretend you are one of them with the rope being your web line! Rappel off a tree 10m right of the top of the climb. Keep a bit of energy to pull your rope down as the drag is significant. Remi Vignals, Kelly Chapman, August 2009

KALAMINA GORGE

Spinifex Crack (22m, 17)

Located towards the end of the Kalamina Gorge walk on the left end side after crossing the stream, there is a corner wall that looks somehow more solid than other walls. Climb the face (not the corner) up the thin crack which widens toward the top. Anchor and rappel down using the big gum tree located approx. 15m diagonally up and right from the top out. Yes, you'll have to walk through the Spinifex!!

Remi Vignals, Kelly Chapman, August 2009



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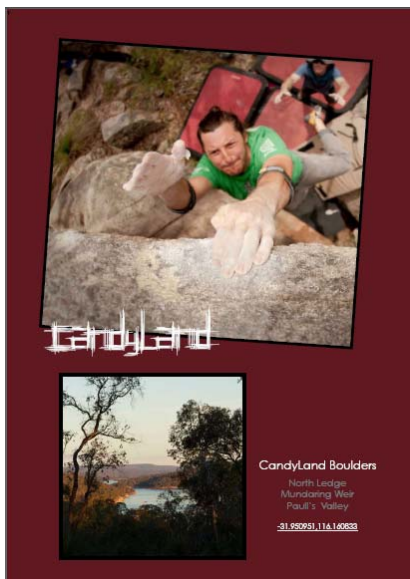
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Alun Ezy on Lualaba 27, Fort Knox, Glenreagh NSW

CANDYLAND

Posted by: Candy Andy

www.climberswa.asn.au/climb/mini-guides/



A new bouldering area with easy access and a range of problems has been opened up near Mundaring Weir. Check out the new mini-guide on the CAWA website to download the topo with loads of pictures and easy to follow descriptions of the problems.

KALBARRI

Posted by: Remi

Don't Go Splat (20m, 20)

Start at ground level about 10m right of route #43 and 20m left of Thru'n The Bison. Follow a series of vertical cracks between ledges. Scramble up the 1m vertical crack, then diagonally right on jugs to a vague crack leading to a large stepped platform. Continue up the wider crack, placing some gear high in it before committing any further (crux). One or two small finger size SLCDs (i.e: BD Camalot C3#0 and C4#0.3) will come handy to protect the top out. Rope drag is manageable. Fragile rock around the top anchor. Might be done in 2 pitches to benefit from a spotter/belayer. Without protection high in the final crack, grade: 20X.

Remi Vignals, Delphine Chabanne, June 2012.

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CAWA is a non-profit association established to support the WA climbing community. Its committee consists of a group of volunteers; which includes publication of this Western Climber magazine.

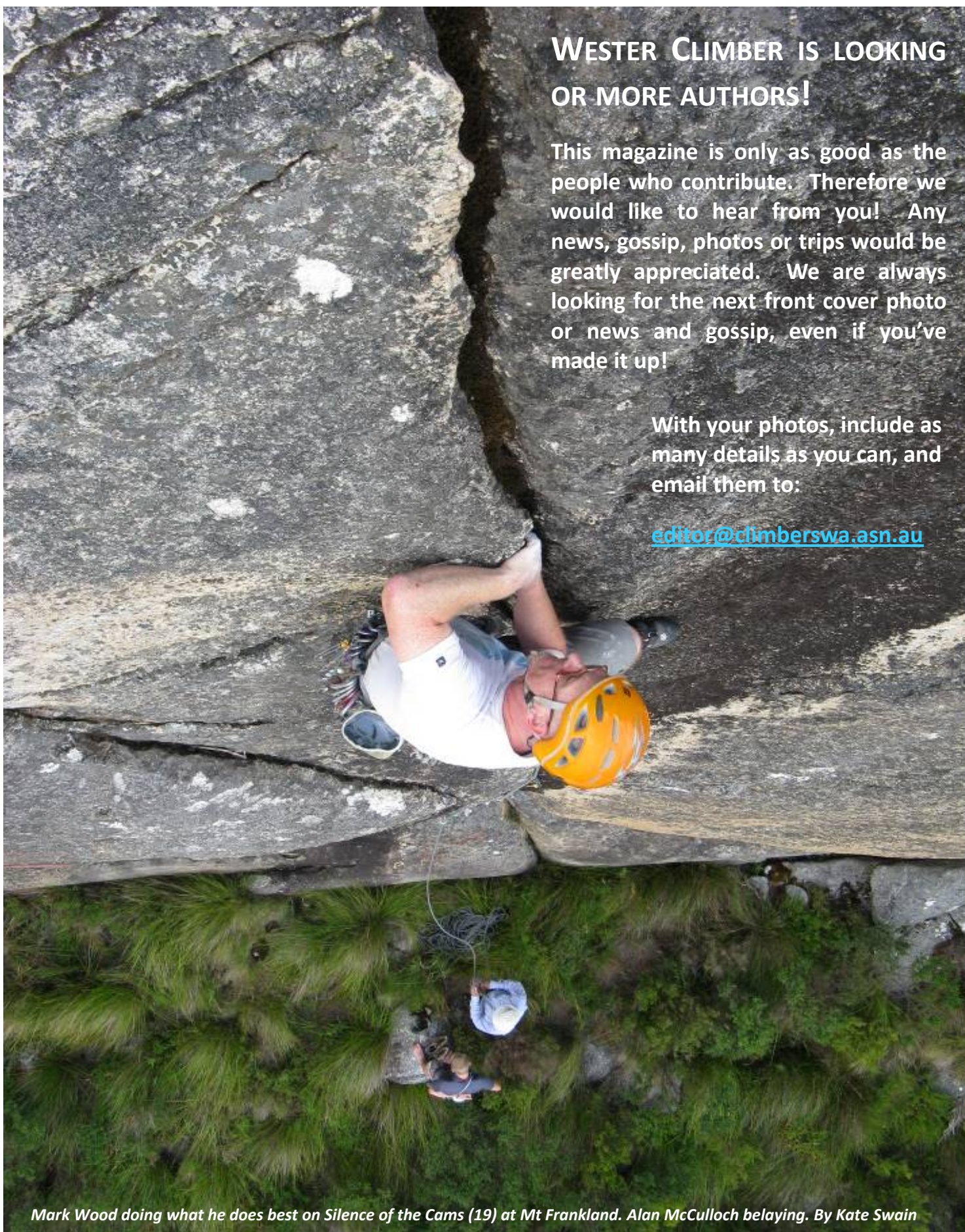
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With your photos, include as many details as you can, and email them to:

editor@climberswa.asn.au



Mark Wood doing what he does best on Silence of the Cams (19) at Mt Frankland. Alan McCulloch belaying. By Kate Swain