



## VISION

To be the pre-eminent legal representative body for climbing access in Victoria with a Climbing Access Fund to be used for matters that affect rights to access climbing sites in Victoria.

## MISSION

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To inform and educate climbers regarding access issues

To accumulate monies obtained from membership fees, donations and other sources into a trust fund, (The Climbing Access Fund), to be used for matters that affect rights to access climbing sites in Victoria

To share assets and resources with bodies that have similar purposes to the Association and which are not carried out for the profit or gain of its members

To ensure that the legislation, regulations, policy documents and other instruments which affect climbing are lawful and appropriate and are being correctly interpreted and applied by land managers and governments at all levels.

To work with land managers and governments at all levels to promote and support climbing and to help develop climbing related policy, regulations and other instruments.

To work with climbers, climbing entities and other related industry bodies to form and maintain a strong climbing community and to support the transition into climbing for climbers.

To ensure the full recreational value of public land is recognised and utilised, such public land being managed under the Parks Victoria Act 2018 (Vic), the National Parks Act 1975 (Vic), the Conservation, Forest and Lands Act 1987 (Vic), the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 (Vic), the Land Act 1975 (Vic), the Forests Act 1958 (Vic), the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), the Traditional Owners Settlement Act 2010 (Vic), and new or any other relevant Act and/or subordinate legislation and/or statutory instruments

To work with Traditional Owners to understand, and communicate an understanding of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage to climbers, and to ensure that the requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic) are being correctly interpreted and applied by land managers.

## STRATEGIES

To encourage rapid growth of membership of the ACAV via media, marketing and education campaigns on access issues

Develop a Communications Plan to existing members to inform them of any updates and progress made with regards to access issues

Grow ACAV membership numbers via media, marketing and education campaigns

Continually communicate with other representative clubs and affiliations that have a stakeholder interest in access issues

Ascertain the climbing status of all Victorian climbing crags and create a Climbing Access Status Register to capture the land manager(s) and climbing status (including private land holdings).

Ensure the review of the Grampians Management Plan is in accordance with ACAV Purposes

Identify entities and other related industry bodies with contact points to discuss any issues relating to access

Develop a working knowledge of legislative framework and policy framework of land managers

Identify Traditional Owners of Victorian climbing locations and start a dialogue with them to develop trust and mutual respect

To ensure the ACAV are present at key meetings and have membership on key stakeholder groups and encourage key influencers to align themselves with the purpose of ACAV

Develop a Marketing Plan to non-members to inform and educate climbers in the wider community on anything relating to access issues

Develop Corporate and Clubs Sponsorship Programs to generate further income and publicity

Encourage the formation of State and Territory ACA Incorporated entities with the ultimate goal of forming a national ACA body

Ascertain any documents that contain information regarding any existing climbing bans or that may have an impact on future access

Encourage landholders to allow access to climbing locations in Victoria

Develop climbing access 'best practice' regarding the management of climbing areas based on international models and seek to change legislation to ensure best practices are captured

Work within current legislative constraints to protect and secure access to climbing locations

Develop an understanding of Traditional Owners connection with and interests in lands that contain climbing locations.

To gain major sponsors and supporting partners to promote the purpose of ACAV

Generate and circulate any materials relating to access issues to the wider climbing community and endorse any educational materials produced by any affiliates relating to access

Develop a Fundraising Plan to acquire major donors and solicit further donations through fundraising campaigns and events

Research and develop Legal Options Paper as to the legality of any climbing bans in Victoria

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To engage and consult with and to respect the wishes of Traditional Owners

Affiliate and partner with other entities and related bodies and provide information and develop education campaigns to support existing climbers and new climbers

Maintain a watching brief of all changes to the legislative framework and policy that may affect access to climbing and ensure early engagement of key stakeholders

Meet with Traditional Owners and ascertain concerns regarding the impact of climbing and identify individual sights with specific cultural heritage sensitivities

Maintain a high profile on climbing access issues through media and ACAV successes

Identify and prioritise use of funds for greatest effect to achieve ACAV Purpose

To lobby for legislative change to embed climbing as a legitimate use of public land

Align conservation objectives with climbing access by identifying conservation issues that relate to climbing

Take legal action to ensure land managers are correctly interpreting and applying legislation in relation to climbing access

Attend key meetings with Tradition Owners where recreational activities on public land may be an issue

Assess current legislative framework and build a reference library/document register

Develop protocols for fixed protection and seek changes to legislative instruments to allow climbers to install fixed protection where required by investigating international models with a view to develop an Australian model in consultation with other relevant stakeholders

Encourage Traditional Owners to advocate in advisory groups for climbing access

Maintain a watching brief on changes in any legislative framework that may have an impact on climbing access

In consultation with Tradition Owners, ensure land managers are correctly interpreting and applying legislation in relation to the interests of Traditional Owners and take legal action if they are not

As part of a communications plan, communicate that climbers wish to respect the cultural heritage and environmental values of Traditional Owners