

# Australian Climbing Association Vic (Inc)

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**Parks Victoria Round Table Four**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

## ACAV Aims and Objectives - at this meeting and ongoing:

ACAV seeks to engage with Parks Victoria over the development of a **Voluntary Stewardship Program** for recreational rock climbing in alliance with the Victorian Climbing Club, Cliffcare and other climbing groups.

- 25 volunteer stewards associated with specific cliffs, reporting quarterly
- Recognition and implementation of the Victorian Climbing Management Guidelines
- Ongoing development of climbing-focused Risk Assessment Surveys to ISO 31000
- Voluntary closures to be developed: cultural, environmental, seasonal, rotating
- Development of a safety bolt register
- Track works and mitigation works – teams of volunteers available

## What is the ACAV?

A rock climbing advocacy group for Victoria comprising 1660 paid members; also receiving generous donations from climbing businesses throughout the climbing community, within Australia and overseas.

An Association incorporated under Consumer Affairs Victoria law for the express purpose of furthering the promotion of respectful rock climbing across the state.

## The Recreational Rock Climbing Community

There are approximately 5,000 people in Victoria identifying as rock climbers with many more interstate and overseas. There are hundreds of households in the Grampians/Arapiles region that would identify as 'climbers'. The community includes professional people across all walks of life.

Respect for cultural heritage and the environment runs deep in this community.

These individuals are involved **entirely outside the commercial rock climbing environment.**

## Update on Recent ACAV Activity

Internal difficulties

Legal research

Media exposure

Political lobbying

Further Development of the Victorian Climbing Management Guidelines (Recreational Climbing)

Liaison with the Victorian Climbing Club and other interested parties

Fund raising