

Thrutch

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About the Sydney Rockclimbing Club Inc.

The SRC is a meeting point for climbers and to this end organises outdoor climbing trips, regular gym climbing nights and social meetings as well as holding a monthly meeting.

The SRC is not, however, a commercial organisation and does NOT provide instructional courses.

SRC MEETINGS

Meetings of the SRC are held at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of every month (except January) at Wests Ashfield Leagues Club, 115 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Membership (\$30) is valid for one year from July; discounted membership (\$20) is available for new members from January to June.

Membership gets you:

- Subscription to Thrutch (11 issues)
- Accident Insurance on organised club trips
- Discounted guide books and climbing gym entry
- Socialising and entertainment
- Talks/slideshows by occasional guest presenters
- Access to the SRC library

Download Membership forms from:
www.sydneyrockies.org.au

Send membership subscriptions, accompanied by the signed waiver/membership form, to:

The Membership Secretary,
Sydney Rockclimbing Club,
PO Box A592, Sydney South, NSW 1235

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Single - \$30.00 (for new members)
Single - \$20.00 (for renewals before 1st of July)
Hard copy of Thrutch - additional \$10.00

THRUTCH

Thrutch is the Newsletter of the SRC. Contributions - on disk or via email - are always welcome, photos especially so. Send Thrutch Contributions to:
Thrutch Editor, Sydney
Rockclimbing Club Inc. PO Box A592, Sydney South, NSW, 1235
Or
Email: thrutch@sydneyrockies.org.au

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membership@sydneyrockies.org.au

Note: If you use a limited space free email account address (such as Yahoo or Hotmail), you need to keep at least 1MB space available in your account at all times or your electronic copy of Thrutch may not reach you.

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NEW ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

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Cover: Roger Austin, despite jetlag, walks up Backtrack, a grade 20 route at Thompson's Point, Nowra, Australia.

Pic by Rod Smith

WARNING! Rock climbing is dangerous. You could be injured or killed if you attempt any of the activities described. There is NO substitute for experience.



Paul's blue heaven

CLIMBING sun-drenched granite on the roof of Australia seems a long way off at this mid-winter point of the year.

But in just a few months' time – when we're all scratching our heads about where 2009 went – there'll be climbing to be had in the Snowy Mountains over the Australia Day 2010 long weekend.

Our resident ski-bum turned lodge co-manager, Paul Turner, has cooked up an amazing deal that could have you climbing stunning trad routes at Blue Lake over the January 26 long weekend.

PAUL TURNER writes: It's ideal for families as well as climbers, with plenty of things for the other half and kids to do, like walking, cycling, downhill MTB, horse riding, Schnapps tasting, swimming, fishing, sailing, etc. etc.

The rest of the plan is that we will cater for everyone, so you don't have to worry about bringing boxes of food down and slaving over a hot stove.

FOOD: Find your own en-route Friday night on the way down, early buffet breakfast with hot brekkie options, packed lunch, three-course evening meal (restaurant style) Saturday, Sunday and Monday and a hearty breakfast Tuesday morning before you go.

The catering will not be an option as we will need the numbers to make it viable and we will look after vegos and the like.

People will have the option to leave on Monday or Tuesday. Please note that this year Australia Day falls on a Tuesday meaning that Monday, January 25 is a normal working day. Why not take leave?

The lodge has 12 ensuite rooms each with a double/queen bed and either a single or double bunk so we can do singles, couples and families. This also means numbers are variable but a minimum will be required.

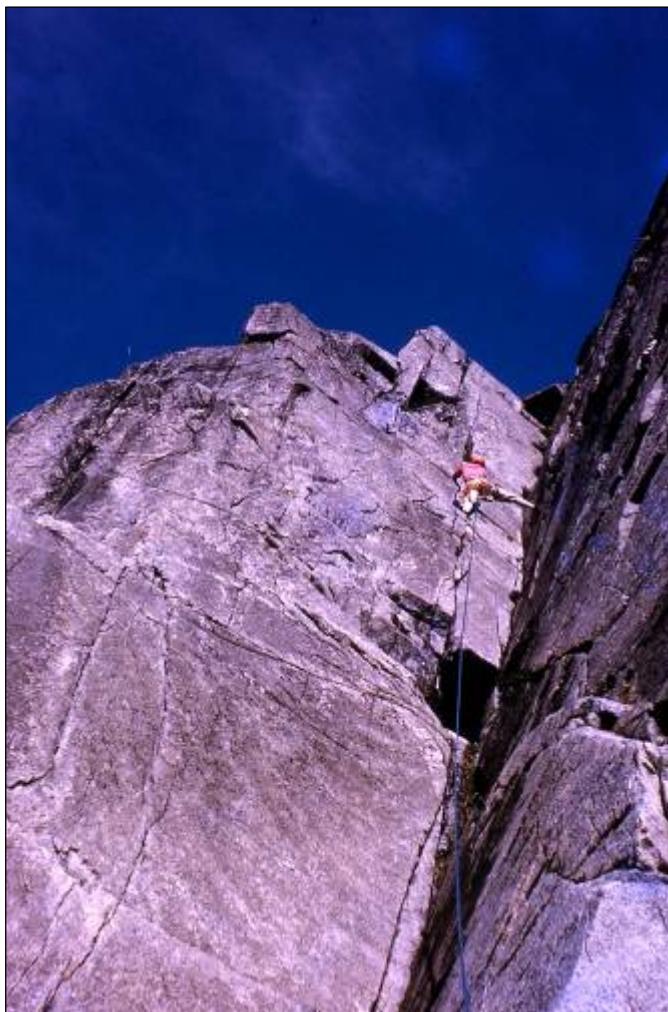
Check the climbing with the following links:

PICTURES:

- ❖ <http://www.canberraclimbing.org.au/news/new-blue-lake-guide-in-the-making.aspx>
- ❖ <http://www.canberraclimbing.org.au/news/blue-lake-discovery-weekend.aspx>

CLIMBING GUIDE:

- ❖ [http://www.canberraclimbing.org.au/media/5183/blue_lake_guide\[1\].pdf](http://www.canberraclimbing.org.au/media/5183/blue_lake_guide[1].pdf)



CORNERED: John Croker (Easter 1974) leads Dihedral Corner, Blue Lake, Snowy Mountains.

Pic by Jan Aalders

PRICES: Friday night B&B - \$49 (\$35 for 12-17 yo)
Saturday night Dinner, bed and breakfast - \$99 (\$80 for 12-17 yo)
Sunday Night Dinner, bed and breakfast - \$99 (\$80 for 12-17 yo)
Monday Night Dinner, bed and breakfast - \$99 (\$80 for 12-17 yo)
Daily packed lunch available at \$15 per person, pre ordered at time of booking.

FREE: Kids aged from 2-11 will stay and eat for FREE!

Under 2s will need to be catered for by their parents.

INTERESTED: If you're interested please register that interest with Paul via email to: fartypaulproductions@yahoo.com.au

GUIDE BOOKS

| Title | RRP* | SRC |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------|
| Upper Blue Mtns | \$35 | \$15 |
| Wolgan | \$35 | \$22 |
| Lindfield | \$10 | \$6 |
| Blue Mtns (2007 edition) | \$55 | \$42 |
| Point Perpendicular | \$35 | \$20 |
| Rockclimbing in the Hunter Valley | \$35 | \$25 |
| Arapiles Selected Climbs (Shepherd) | \$35 | \$25 |
| Arapiles Select (Mentz/Tempest) | \$60 | \$48 |
| Grampians Selected Climbs | \$40 | \$32 |
| Mt Buffalo | \$60 | \$42 |
| Climb Northern Tasmania | \$35 | \$25 |
| Climb Tasmania | \$44.95 | \$29 |
| World Climbing | \$50 | \$35 |
| Arapiles: A Million Mountains | \$50 | \$35 |

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Dear Rockies,

As of June 30 all 2008-2009 Sydney Rockclimbing Club memberships technically lapse.

With the introduction of a new colour-coded and watermarked membership card for the 2009-2010 financial year this will mean that the old brown card will not be acceptable at gyms, outdoors stores and the like.

So if you want to remain financial and have access to all those discounts you've grown to love (such as the cheap guidebooks listed above) you will need to follow the instructions below and renew via email/direct deposit/mail and/or a combo of these things.

Please read these instructions because they are important.

BOTH the *cash* and a *newly signed waiver/membership form* are required to renew.

One is not enough.

Cards will be mailed to home addresses so please ensure that these are accurate.

Please notify us by email when you are making a direct deposit and ensure that you record your name in the reference field when you make the deposit.

Regards,

Rod Smith
SRC Membership Secretary

MEMBERSHIP FORM REQUIRED

All renewing members are still required to submit a membership/waiver form. Download a form here: http://www.sydneyrockies.org.au/pdfs/membership_app.pdf

Can't make the next meeting? Here are your options for renewing outside of the meeting.

DIRECT DEBIT

Then why not use the direct debit facility via internet banking.

The club's banking details are as follows.

Bank: Westpac

Account Name: Sydney Rockclimbing Club

BSB Number: 732 000

Account Number: 072673

VERY IMPORTANT: If transferring money via the internet, put your name in the comments/reference field so that we know who it is from.

It would also help greatly to receive a courtesy email stating that you've made the deposit.

EMAIL LODGEMENT OF FORMS

You can also EMAIL your completed signed form to: membership@sydneyrockies.org.au

SNAIL MAIL

If paying in person at the bank, enclose the bank deposit receipt and membership form.

These can be posted to:

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Australia.

PARTING SHOT



NEXT GENERATION: Toby Smith, 2, son of the Thrutch editor, tries on daddy's smelly climbing helmet for size.

Pic by Rod Smith