

CCT Circulars Reference

List and index of the CCT circulars

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Contents typically include

- Topic of editorial
- Trip reports and notable first ascents (with bias to those not covered elsewhere, or ones that interested me, eg. Frenchmans)
- Summary of other articles (where applicable)

Note: the appendix of these circulars typically includes new route descriptions done since the last issue, frequently of new routes of the Organ Pipes. These description are largely superseded by new guides. Boringly obsolete information like constitutional changes, insignificant trip reports (judgement call by me) and what colour underpants were worn on such-and-and-such day are not included.

The purpose of this list is to summarise when certain ('significant') trips to certain lumps of rock around the state occurred. This may be useful if you are interested in reading about some out of the way place, eg. Cape Pillar, Guardians, Walls of Jerusalem and want to go there.

Some of these newsletters contain some pretty inspiring stuff... early trips to Cape Raoul, Cathedral Rock, attempts at the Chasm at Cape Pillar in 1971...



Just do a text search for whatever topic interests your, e.g. "Walls of J" or "Blade Ridge"
Or those that wrote articles for some issues could search for their name to try and find them.

Eventually someone will scan them all in, but not me in the middle of Tassie summer.

Note that this is still a work in progress!
Tony has also done some work since this as well.

Attachments

These scans have been done:

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>  Larks Edge Scans.pdf Scans of Peter Jackson topos for Larks Edge	Dec 17, 2008 by Jon Nermut
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>  The Candlestick Saga.pdf Detailed account by Mendelt Tillema of the first ascent from sea-level of The Candlestick at Cape Hauy, F	Dec 18, 2008 by dean rollins
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PRE

August 1965

Invitation to the first meeting of the CCT.

#1

MISSING

Was supposedly included with #25 but i don't think it is in Library

#2

MISSING

#3 Apr 66

Cape Raoul: trip to the nose of the Cape

Nicholls Needle

FA of S Face by Douglas, Keller and Terry. Easter 8-11.4.66

W Gendarme climbed also:

they found a cairn at the top bearing names of John Elliot & Barry Higgins (VDAC possibly?)

ABC Filming on Organ Pipes

CCT has a boat for Lake St Clair trips... the Good Ship Venus

Lanterns Traverse trip planned

#4 May 66

New grading system proposed (not Ewbank's system); number like system instead adjectival "HVDiff" system

#5 Jun-Jul 66

Lanterns Traverse trip report

PHOTO TAKEN

#6 Aug 66

Has one really faded page (i think it is from #6)

It could be scanned and recovered quite easily i think. Has some info on a Geryon FA that is probably covered in current guide.

#7 Sep 66

Trip Reports:

The Du Canes in Winter

The Grand Couloir on Cradle Mountain, Christie and Lawson

Guardian - Mt Gould traverse

PHOTO'D

#8 Oct 66

The Faulted Gully on the Rodway [? - Cradle?]

More Du Canes stuff

Many trips planned

(Photo taken - i can't remember why...)

#9 Nov 66

Easy Mt Amos stuff, they were just playing around
PHOTO'D

#10 Dec 66

Sentinels activity by Allan Keller and Karen Hall

Albert's Tomb "FA" jump by Reg Williams

Tim Walkden-Brown climbed Precipitous Bluff in a weekend

CCT members walk to end of Cape Pillar and see gully and causeway to base of Cathedral Rock

Teaching beginners advice

#11

MISSING

#12 Mar 67

VCC Visit; trip to Mt Geryon with the CCT and VCC

FA of Cathedral Rock -- 25th & 26th Feb 1967

Christie, Cross, Hinchey, Mansfield, Stranger (VCC), Terry, Walkden-Brown, and Williams

"Attempt was timed to be in phase with an exceptional low spring tide, allowing wetness free access to the base of the Rock"

A well planned trip resulted in all members of the party (including 2 left behind as a shore party) ascending the Rock.

Route of "hard V. diff" standard on good rock was found near the SE corner

No hairy V.S. pitches on rotten rock, no allnight vigil on the Pillar waiting for the tide to drop

No moonlight dash across the causeway through wave-flung spray, even the ascent from the sea back onto the cape was relatively easy.

Satisfying finale to many months work.

"Everything had worked out so well, it could have been an anti climax had the event not been so satisfying in itself."

Note on gradings systems

[Interesting read and early take on grading]

"...The basic function of a grading system is to enable a climber to gain an immediate indication as to which routes are beyond his capabilities, which routes are well within his capabilities, and which routes are around the limits of his capabilities..." + more

#13 Apr 67

Ed:

Mountain Rescue - A Moral Issue?

Trip Report: Cape Raoul, an attempt on one of the pillars

#14 May 67

The Candlestick Saga

(PHOTOS TAKEN)

Mention of a trip to Sandbanks Tier, Central Plateau

'pleasant, not too bad climbing close to the Terry lakeland residence.'

Rocky Tom addendum sheet with climbs and grades (at the time)

#15 Jun 67

Kempton Quoin first visited

another 'Rocky Tom' found at Yarrington near Colebrook, barely 100yards from the road

Igneous sea cliff at Clifton discovered.

[the dolerite ones i presume]

#16 Jul 67

Ed:

On meetings, boringness, purpose and development of cliques.

#17 Jul 67 (again)

Kempton stuff

#18 Aug 67

Monkey's Bum first activity, plus more crags in area

Some thoughts on rope usage, by Reg Williams

Letter to ed:

Climbing in Tasmania during the early 60's (Van Dieman Alpine Club stuff)

PHOTOED

VERY GOOD!

VERY INTERESTING!

Kempton routes, with descriptions

#19 Sept 67

Frenchmans Cap Trip Report

"the Loddens would almost have been navigable in a canoe"

Cape Raoul

2nd pillar of Hercules climbed

The Dome...? a dolerite cliffs, mentioned not described.

The Nut a 10ft sea stack at Cynthia Bay.

#20 Oct 67

Rescue exercise at Kempton

Equipment for snow and Ice Climbing, by Mike Douglas

#21 Nov 67

Eldon Bluff trip

PHOTO'D

#22 Dec 67

Coles Bay Reccy

* East Face of Mt Mason

* Little Baldy E face: 1000ft high slab, best viewed from the eastern seaward slabs just below the summit of Mason

Approach to base would be via scrubby seaward valley between Mason and Little Baldy (or with a boat)

#23 Jan 68

Ed:

Training Recruits, advice and suggestions.

#24 Feb 68

Ed: Mt Wellington (4 pages)

History, politics, development.

Rescue stretcher has arrived (lots of text about acquiring one in previous circulars)

Geryon trip (VCC, MUMC and CCT)

Vic freed a line that Tas put up; replacing a peg with a bolt (a letter from Chris Baxter in next issue mentions that the peg broke, rendering the placement unusable)

Frenchmans Trip Report

a lot got done.

#25 Mar 68

Ed:

BOLTS

[interesting early take on bolts!]

First ascent of The Totem Pole -- 4th and 5th March 1968

Ewbank freed the summit block

They bivvied on top ledge - and it rained!

Full route description - says where he used pins/hooks/rurps.

[photo'd]

FA of Titan at Mount Geryon; route description is much more detailed than current one.
by Roland Pauligk (invented RPs) and Rob Taylor (Ross's dad).

Accident on Pipes (Phil Stranger)

Letter to ed:

from Chris Baxter (VCC)

re: factual errors and omissions in previous circulars

includes a response from Editor

[i love reading this stuff, hehehe]

1st anniversary circular

Aug 66

Aug 65 -- Aug 66

lots of History stuff from very start of CCT

some highlights

#26 Apr 68

Ed:

1) Burning in the South West (fires)

2) Bastards in the Bush

[notes that the track from Pine Valley to Geryon rockslide was cut by the CCT in 1966

Cape Raoul:

they did not climb the 1st pillar because it would be necessary to insert 3 or 4 bolts.

interesting in lieu of earlier editorial

"the seals on the shelf below this pillar add to the atmosphere in more ways than one"

[brilliant quote!]

Walls of Jerusalem: some climbs done on the West Wall and also 2 new routes on E Wall (by a TUMC and CCT team)

Third ascent of Cathedral Rock by Mike Douglas, Bob Lawson, and John Whelan. April 20, 21 1968.

Phil Stranger fall/accident information

#27 May 68

Some poems

Some small-time (from today's perspective) recent news

#28 Jul 68

Phil Stranger news:

broken arm now out of plaster

has graduated to a wheelchair

Mt Rufus and Barn Bluff trip report

Letter to ed:

from Chris Baxter

information on ascent of Blade Ridge

#29 Sep 68

Du Cane winter trip, by Jack O'Halloran

#30

MISSING

#31 Nov 68

Ed:

Tas climbing has been in the doldrums for a while
the CCT needs new blood, young blood.

#32 Jan 69

Nothing much

#33 Feb 69

Ed: rescue readiness ('are you ready?')

Precipitous Bluff climbed via West Face by a party including Brian Proudlock and Geoff Sims.

Tyndal Range [sic]:

Bob Lawson, Mike Hinchey, Geoff Bonnitcha
retreat from Lake Rolleston in heavy rain.

#34 Mar 69

Ed:

preserving our image

Poatina Buttresses and Walls of Jerusalem activity

Precipitous Bluff:

Reg Williams and a Melbourne companion climbed Precipitous Bluff, "V.c." [???], and Mt Bisdee

#35 Apr 69

Ed:

Note about "Hazardous areas" threat -- National Parks and Conservation Bill (1968)

if an accident occurs somewhere (eg. Geryon) and the government/parks board decide that it is a 'hazardous area' then people can be fined for going there...?

#36 May 69

Ed:

into the "Coliseum"

re: poor taste of cameras/media coverage of rescues.

Old climbing footwear

#37 Jun 69

Ski-touring gear

#38 Jul 69

Mt Rufus stff

Trident stuff

both were PHOTO'D

#39 Aug 69

Salvage party recovered climbing gear left near Trident (Williams, Douglas, Tillema)

Rescue stuff

#40 Sep 69

Dinosaur Spur (photo'd)

Equipment notes; use of 'harnesses'

#41 Oct 69

Ed:
Boosting the Ranks.
new/young members/blood to the club

#42 Nov 69

Ed: AIMS

Report on the search for John Boyle near Mt Anne (5 pages)
CCT members assisted in search

Note on grading system used recently
uses roman numerals to help differentiate it from one 'currently used on the mainland' (the Ewbank system?)
Comparison given from this 'roman' system to the adjectival system.

#42 extra

Sketch to get to Richmond cliffs

#43 Dec 69

Geryond Rescue exercise
[epic!]

Lion Rock ascended, near Cockle Creek.
sounds like pure mank. [photo'd]

#44 Jan 70

Nothing notable

#45 Feb 70

Nothing notable

#46 Mar 70

Cape Pillar, Cathedral Rock
Eldon Bluff
[both photo'd]

#47 May 70

Gunners 'Coin' route

A route done 1 mile uphill of Monkey's Bum at a cliff called Monkey's Nogan

Walls of Jerusalem
Magdalena' Crack (M.Sev)

#48 Jun 70

Ed: trip planning/running stuff

#49 Jul 70

Ed: how safe are you?

Walker Buttress 1969; from Argus June 1970, by Michael Stone

#50 Aug 70

Nothing Much.
Something about health/conditions at high altitude.

#51 Sep 70

Stuff about the FA of the Monument off Cape Hauy
[photo'd]

Stuff about pitons

#52 Oct 70

"Harry's Notes"
first occurrence. (a shit-talking article with sometimes some funny stuff)

Big issue, but not much 'big' news

#53 Nov-Dec 70

Ed: Up! The CCT
'go out and do stuff'

Longley and Chauncey Vale, found to be not so good.

#54 Jan-Feb 71

Big issue!

Cool cover photo of Federation Peak!

Ed: The Times They Are A Changin'
lots of activity lately, biggest issue yet (all local content), people out doing stuff

* account of Original Geryon Traverse (1960, by Pat Conaghan with Ron Cox)

** food dump, bivvy in south notch of Foresigh-S Peak, bivvy on Southern Spur

* First 'double traverse' of Geryon

* **The Candlestick Saga chapter II, by M. Tillema (First Ascent from sea level) [photo'd]**

Col's Cryptic Climbing Crossword

Federation Peak trip report, by Reg Williams
lots done

A Look at Stacks Bluff, by Mike Douglas

#55 Mar-Apr 71

Report of the first CCT visit to Stacks' Bluff (6 and 7 March)
by Reg Williams
big team, lots of pages, good reading

The Federation Blues, poem by Helen Wessing

Sagas of St Clair, tales and news about the Good Ship Venus

The Hazards at Sea Level
really good account of the first sea-level traverse by Lyle Closs, Col Hocking, Tom Terry, and ? (article author). Perhaps Reg Williams?

The True Account of the First Attempt on the F.A. Face of Llaragud (about that), by Lyle Closs (poem)

Lots of equipment notes

NZ trip report; John Whelan, Geoff Holloway, Tim Walkden-Brown

My First Climb (Needle Ridge), by Gerrard McKenna

#56 Jun-Jul 71

2nd ascent of the 'Monolith' [now called the Monument] near Cape Hauy
Geoff Batten, Bill Kinear, Peter (Pedro) McHugh
(story about them hitching a ride out and back!)

Letter to ed: from Peter Jackson
climbs done by active non-CCT members, eg. Michael McHugh and Robert McMahon, and Peter Jackson. CCT <==> others climbers in state relationship

"Aim: to find and climb a cliff" a story involving Lyle Closs and others

Sunshine Possibilities routes (in guide)

Stacks Bluff routes (in guide)

Kempton Route: "Nitty Gritty" gr 14

#57 Sep 71

Acropolis-Geryon South Spur in Winter

by Chris Rathbone, Geoff Holloway [i presume 'Basil Rathbone', as Ditto came along later?]

Lots of Coles Bay new routes, incl. "Insipience" (gets rave reviews from Jackson)

next issue will introduce a new system for recording new climbs.

next box

#58 Oct 71

Ed: Discussion of trip planning no longer being that far in advance (as it used to be in the past). The club may seem as very 'cliquey' by outsiders, and it probably is - but hopefully within the club it is seen as one big clique.

Discussion/complaint about customs tax on imported climbing gear + sales tax afterward

"The North Face of the Dru" by Chris Baxter (from Argus, Aug 71)

trip to ???(Alps?) with Keith Bell, John Fantini and Howard Bevan.

Introduced a more organised approach to recording and distributing new routes.

(a format for new route submissions, this works well as the new route entries in subsequent years are nice and tidy).

Harry's Notes (some random waffle shit dribbling - features in many newsletters from here)

#59 Nov 71

Ed: Change over to Ewbank grading system as a result of decision made at Nov meeting

Old/new grade comparison given of routes popular at the time. Some discrepancies to present day - as to be expected (mostly everything is undergraded)

Planned trip to "the Triton" [sic] unclimbed rock off the coast of Cape Pillar (Leader- M. Tillema) [this is referred to in future as the Trident]

Old test of Clog Prussikers (ascenders?) - probably pretty obsolete now.

Attempt at the Chasm at Cape Pillar by Lyle Closs and Ian Lewis

>> 100ft of total artificial climbing in 7 hours, LC took 40ft fall when a tied off knifeblade came out. [no major injury?]. They retreated [where did they start? up the middle or RH side presumably?]


Ayer's Rock normal route, route description from ACT guide

Trip Report: Cape Raoul (13-14 Nov)

Col Hocking, Dave Drake, Bob Lawson, Alan Cross, Tom Terry

Went to Wedding Cake and 'generally look around on the Western side'

#60 Dec 71

Account of a trip to Federation 

Routes: NE corner, MUMC Route ?, Golden Diedre, Carlyle Route, Nibilicus, SW Corner, Climbing Gully, West Wall (new route)

Frenchmans trip:

R. McMahon, M. McHugh, and Burt Visser **attempted E face of the Cap**. Hauling 50lbs of gear up about 150ft. the weather started to crap in and the attempt was abandoned.

[no further info given]

[Open?] Letter from Ed Leeper, re: permanent rescue team to be 'kept' in Yosemite National Park. If climbers know that daddy Parks Service will save them, there is no risk etc. Pretty interesting.

New routes:

Longley Edge

routes by P. Jackson, R. McMahon.

Mongoose 100ft 17

Ratsack 110ft 16

Clifton Routes, Finn 'MacCool', Kempton routes.

#61 Mar 72

Ed: comment on FA of Conquistador (E face of Frenchmans) by interstate party. Discussion about interstate climbers coming to Tas and climbing major features.

Frenchman's report: FA of Conquistador

The Trident Report:

"Two peaks of the elusive Trident (three-pronged crag seen from the route to Cape Pillar were climbed on weekend of 26th/2nd [?] Feb 1972. The chunderous pile of rock which guards the approach again proved to be an obstacle to be reckoned with. Victory was achieved at the cost of a brand new kernmantle rope chopped in two by a runaway lump of dolerite."

More write up in next issue

Federation Peak Report:

- big fall on NW face by Karl Prinz, with Mendelt Tillema. Abseil retreat travelling the 'classical way'. Kinda of epic rescue/return to home, as ankle very swollen.

#62 Apr 72

Tricks of the Trident

(M. Tillema, Mick Flint, Graham Boddy (NZ), Ian Lewis)

Climbed the 1st and 2nd prongs of the Trident at Cape Pillar [assumed to be 2 closet to land]

2nd prong is actually a collection of 4 pillars (each of which were summited via a variety of techniques.

They bivvied at the col between the 1st and 2nd prongs! [or maybe before the 1st one]

Guardians Report (cover illustration by PJ of the cliff)

Visible from Lake St Clair; Bob Lawson + many more

Several climbs put up, incl. 2 quality routes of over 700ft

Route descriptions at end of issue.

#63 May 72

Ed: Safety advice

TR:

- Karl Prinz, Carolyn Knights, and Reg Williams climbed Cathedral Rock on weekend of 15th and 16th April

- more Guardians route descriptions

#64 Jun 72

Cape Rauol (Queen's Birthday)

Carolyn Knights and Reg Williams put up a new route on NW side of Wedding Cake, reaching the top via a transverse [sic] left near the seaward end.

[They went out to end of the Cape?]

On return home, the party detoured to Flat Rock, and interesting wave cut platform some short distance west of the point where the route to the Cape first reaches the cliff tops.

"Welcome to Marcell [sic] Gerard Jackson and Bruce Christopher Terry, both born May 1972"

Du Canes Trip Notes, by Robert McMahon.

#65 Jul 72

Trip to Nichols Needle

- repeats of Western Gendarme and Original route

- attempt via Western Col not successful

- repeat of South Face routes (previously unrepeatd, FA: 1966, Tom Terry, Mike Douglas, Alan Kellar)

One Day, by Lyle Closs

(account of a trip to Federations?)

Equipment for ski-touring by Lock Wilson

quite long article.

#66 Aug 72

Beche de Mer

varied angle snow climb on LH side of Rodway Face, Weindorfer's Tower, Cradle Mountain

First climbed (presumably), Michael McHugh, Robert McMahon, July 8th 72.

#67 Sept 72

Stretcher lowering practise was held on Northern Buttress (a successful day)

"Fern", new route at Sunshine Possibilities one pitch of 180ft grade 18
(route desc in a later issue)

Moonlight Mountaineering, by Chris Rathbone
trip to Mt Anne in winter, to the summit.

#68 Oct 72

FA of Orange Blossom Batchelor at Mt Amos, just R of Auntie K, route is 300ft grade 10
P. Jackson, Jeff Burgess, I. Lewis

Lowdina new routes

The Snow See All, by Lyle Closs

#69 Nov 72

List of routes and grades on the Organ Pipes

Sunshine Possibilities new route: Differential

Kelly's Step in salamanca:
Salamance Place Direct Finish 20ft 15, Ian Lewis solo

Organ Pipes: Tweedledum, Tweedledee

#71a

"we missed no 70"

Something about legal expenses for Precipitous Bluff case?

#71 Jan 73

Lyle Closs, Brian Kennedy and Jeff Burgess attempted pinnacle ridge of Mt Oakleigh over Xmas/NY break; but were forced to retreat in bad weather.

Sunshine Possibilities: route descriptions for Fern, Vandal

Kempton route

Cataract Gorge: Launceston, report by Robert McMahon
early climbs incl. Casino Quarry, Offal, Seif, Pubic Flash.

Duck Reach: buttress with Bruvvers/Vamp et al is referred to as "Easter Island Buttress"

#72 Mar/Apr 73

Ed: Try to 'revive the spark for the fire' in lieu of lack of activity in recent times, compared to the past

New routes at stacks: Tommy (LC, IL), Druid (IL, LC)

Duck Reach:

To the Crux and Beyond (IL, LC), mentions rests on two bongs on first pitch.

Ben Lomond:

Routes desc. for Krokodile and Alligator (not very good ones though - they dont describe the start!)

#73 May/June 73

High Tor - Molesworth (source Bob Bull)

outcrops on the N facing end of Big Rocky, they can be seen on the L of the road when going along the bridle road from Molesworth to Glenlusk.
Dolerite, 45' - 75'

Sorell Creek. half mile upstream from crags at High Tor
'potential for harder climbs'. (routes: 12-17, and 65'-90')

Longley Edge: Osiba
Sunshine Possibilities: Faggot, Vandal

#74 Jul 73

Kempton and Gunners new routes
Organ Pipes: Third Bird was originally called 'The Thunderbird' (IL & LC)
"in true NSW fashion, pegs were unnecessary"
[DR: i remember there being a peg at top of first pitch for belay, must have been added later on]

Rocky Cape routes

Club Trip Report:
Mt Field West (7 July 73)
top roped a 'perpendicular wall of verglas' loose rocks in gully.

#75 Sep 73

More attempts to get more people climbing on club trips
Trip planned to Cape Raoul as a result.

#76 Oct 73

Cape Raoul trip:
first time the went to end via the seal colony routes ('brings pegs for your nose')
did not make it sound very epic

Gunners route

Ben Lomond dolerite, by Robert McMahon
short comparison of different dolerite types, plus some routes on Heathcliff and Pavillion, mentions the Flutes.

#77 Nov/Dec 73

- Notice about ABC interested in filming an ascent of the Candlestick (in colour!)
- Trip planned to do the Lantern's Traverse
- Letter to editor about decline in members (suggestion to abolish meetings and so on [but keep newsletter definitely])
- TRs: routes done on Mt Barrow & some pinnacles at Devil's Gullet
- Broadmarsh a crag on E bank of river running through village (Route desc. 20' to 45' -- short!)
- Gunners routes.
- Rocky Cape stuff (obsolete now)

#78 Feb/Mar 74

Letter to ed
re: "the time has come to rejuvenate the CCT", by Mike Douglas
interesting read.

"Climbers are usually individualistic types and alike to do private trips. Well and good. But the club also needs to run plenty of interesting 'official' trips and training climbs. Even the occasional BBQ...

Travels in New Zealand, by Mike Douglas
Trip spending 1 month in S Alps around Homer hut near Milford Sound.
Long Trip Report

Club trip planned to Mt Geryon

#79 Mar 74

Cape Pillar psyche/hype up (trip planned)
Comments: Cathedral Route been climbed (but only via 1 route), Trident only had one [incomplete???] ascent, Chasm Wall is still virgin.

Gunners Route

2nd ascent of Totem Pole in 3 days, by Kim Carrigan and Ian Lewis.
abseiling off each day to sleep at campsite.

#80 May 74

Many new routes, including Japhlion! (... note: route name pronounced "Jaffle Iron" ...)

#81 Jun 74

Ed: note about gonola ropeway proposal across the Organ Pipes

Flinders Island - Climbers Paradise, by Mendelt Tillema
no climbing done

Frenchmans

2 new non-routes (ie. retreated) by Baxter and Neve
both wet/loose/no-line/etc.

#82 Jul 74

More on Organ Pipes ropeway proposal
(one proposed route is to go over the Amphitheatre area, another goes over the broken rock to the N of Johnstone's Knob)

A short tour of
TASMANIA: THE ROCK CLIMBERS NEGLECTED PARADISE
by Peter Treby and Terry Brooks

account of 2 mainlanders climbing trip in Tas, doing many things.

Includes information on the Guardians:

- [we walked] towards Lake Marion below the Guardians
- Lake Marion is too far away to give quick access to climbing
- [however, a] beautiful campsite by a small lake set in the alpine meadows on the top of the cliffs
- best descent gullies were marked with cairns
- an abseil bolt was placed to simplify descent down one.
- all major lines ascended one after another

incl. The Dragon, grade 20 by Roland Pauligk and Reg Williams

Orion FFA by Peter Treby and Terry Brooks

Fury 18+M one aid "one piece of aid was necessary and i'll doff my cap to he that can remove it."

#83 Aug 74

Note about overseas contingent in Europe
[perhaps go back and give a list of the names, and that's it.]

Another trip planned to the guardians

#84 Sep 74

More about overseas contingent in Europe

Humorous anecdote:

Don't Worry

When climbing, one of two things can happen.
Either you get into trouble or you wont.
If you don't, then there is no need to worry.

When you get into trouble, one of two things can happen.
Either you fall or you wont.
If you don't fall, then there is no need to worry.

When you fall, one of two things can happen.
Your runners will hold or they wont.
If they hold, then there is no need to worry.

If your runners pop, one of two things can happen.
Either your belayer will catch you, or they wont.
If they catch you, then there is no need to worry.

If your belayer does not catch you, one of two things can happen.
You will either get hurt, or you wont.
If you don't get hurt, then there is no need to worry.

If you get hurt, then one of two things can happen.
You will either die, or you will survive.
If you die, then you CAN'T WORRY!

#85 Oct 74

Trip planned to Devils Gullet (5 pinnacles were climbed last time - the biggest was approximately 65 metres)

More overseas contingent news.

Gunners Routes

#86 Nov 74

Mountaineering and Rockclimbing Instructors Qualifying Examination
[kinda funny]

Ed: can our 'sport' be examined?

Gunners activity and routes

Cape Hauy:

Phil Robinson & Stefan Karpiniec climbed a new route on a sea cliff close to where the track comes to a depression. [Details in next circular].

#87 Dec 74

Lots of trips planned: Federation Peak, Flinders Island, Cape Raoul, Candlestick

Gnome Menace Hits the Organ Pipes
[ie. gnomes around the place incl on Albert's Tomb]

Thanks from a QLD climber for hospitality, etc.

Plus comments upon "comparing the grades of routes with ones on the mainland" (Tasmanian routes are in general undergraded.)

Perhaps the first documentation/acknowledgement that Tassie is a big sandbag?

Mount Barrow

Mike Douglas, Chris Viney, and ?? have been active in area. More news later

Cape Hauy

Elementary Penguin 13 115'

On cliffs opposite obvious doline [the gulch] descend gully on seaward side to platform at base of cliffs. Climb begins above a loose detached block on platform.

1) 75'. Up chimney for 20' to twin cracks. Down through the overhanging LH crack, then traverse to RH one when feasible. Continue to top of this and belay.

2) 40' Move L and climb obvious corner

FA: Stefan Karpiniec, Phil Robinson, Oct 74.

#88 Jan/Feb 75

Trip planned to Stepped Hills near "Lake Gordod" [do they mean Lake Gordon?]

Apparently no prior activity.

Gunners routes

Winter Traverse of Cradle Mountain,
Phil Robinson and Kevin Kiernan, Sat 28 Sep 74

Lassies Wall writeup!

#89 Mar 75

NZ trip report

Phil Robinson and Fergy Fitzgerald

SW Cape trip report (Dec 74)

Phil Robinson, Rona Gardiner, Ann Wessing, Chris Whitfield

2 days walk from Melaluca, Port Davey.

Beyond the high point (240m) a sharp granite [really?] ridge extends SW into the sea for ~ 1km. A 32m abseil leads out to an entertaining climb/scramble over several pinnacles to the tip. The granite [?] cliffs/slabs drop steeply away on either side to the waves 100m below. At several points the base could easily be reached, though one suspects remoteness will keep these cliffs unclimbed for some considerable time. -- P.R.

Western Arthurs

Procyon Peak & "Piglet" climbed by PR and Glen Kowalik (in current guide)

Mount Ida SE Ridge

This 160m line is the RH (as viewed from Lake St Clair) skyline of the SE rock of Mt Ida. It leads directly to the summit. The LH boundary of the

face is a more broken ridge with a prominent pillar on it.

A large step forms the base of the ridge. A protruding thumb of rock about three-quarters of the way up the ridge is a feature prominently visible from the Lake.

Start: at the foot of the step. Cairned.

1) 35m 13. Straight up obvious line (i.e. cracks and grooves) to broad ledge with old dead tree [might may or may not still be there!]. Strenuous mantleshelf after start of this pitch.

2) 35m 3. Over short wall behind ledge and scramble up easy line to foot of good rock.

3) 35m 7. Keep L of good rock to gain broad platform beneath protruding rock thumb (PRT).

4) 40m 12. Up the exit crack/chimney which is gained by a short traverse R from base of PRT.

5) 20m 12. Complete exit chimney and emerge on summit of Mt Ida.

FA: Philip Blake, Mike Douglas, Chris Viney; 21 Jan 1975.

Gunners route

#90 Apr 75

Hot Henry Barber is in town!!! (no real news though, from memory it was covered in argus/thrutch issue at the time)

thrutch issue 66:

[link: <http://neilshaulbag.smugmug.com/gallery/439695_DLDmY> or go here: <<http://neilshaulbag.smugmug.com>> and search for historical documents].

Ed: thoughts on locating, sketching and marking routes at the cliff for route description/guides.

Stacks: Hagen Ridge

WWW

Imagine 60m 12

Start: 10m R of Lace Thunder at a small corner (first corner R of the big chimney)

1) 45m. Up the corner, then the wall to the leftwards slanting crack. Follow this crack up to ledge (same ledge as for Apline).

2) 15m. Scramble up chimney gully on R to top.

FA: Ian Lewis, Kim Carrigan, 18 Jan 1975.

Apline: alt leads, 26 Jan 1975

#91 May 75

One page. Nothing relevant to today.

#92 Jan 75

Ed: maybe we should stick to climbing?

Discussion of SW National park boundaries. Parks with Frenchmans, Federation, Arthurs; should be included with a sufficient buffer so as to ensure 'their remoteness is retained'.

Cape Raoul: a third route to the pile of seal dung was made (not not realised to the end)

#1 originally over Wedding Cake and weaving past pillars/pinnacles;

#2 the shore platform on the W side

#3 E side: LOW swell, LOW tide, would require dash across kep, etc. [this was actually done later by others]

Mention of the Climbers Union of Northern Tasmania (C.U.N.T.).

Gunners Route and note.

#93 Jul 75

Mt Barrow routes desc.

Suncrest (gr. straight forwards). Skyline traverse between NW and NE faces of the Fortress 2-2-75. Mark Chin, Mike Douglas

Sunattack. Rib just L of Suncrest. Mike Douglas, 9-2-75

Climbing at Mt Barrow, by Mike Douglas (2 pages)

"not as good as the Organ Pipes" but the nearest worthwhile climbing to Scottsdale.

#94 Aug 75

Cradle trip
C. Rathbone, G. Kowalik, Rick Rolls, Geoff Holloway
Climbed from Kitchen Hut to Cradle Ridge.

#95 Nov 75

Ed: are climbers conservationists?
(to get involved with conservation issues or not? re: quarrying at Freycinet)

Chocks: Are they reliable?
reprinted from SUMMIT / Apr 72

SW Committee stuff

CCT Freycinet Submission re: commercial quarrying in National Park (being 'incompatible')

Letter from Aboriginal sites recording programme, none in Tas yet.

For a while Fiddlesticks was called "Bert's Recompense (grade 12)"

#96 Jan 76

It seems the Candlestick film was made? [the club got money from it]

#97 Feb 76

Nothing relevant to today.

#98 Mar 76

Ed: **Wilderness** (Interesting read)

"when we develop the desire to go to wilderness, we paradoxically start reducing the fullness of the experience by reading and acquiring as much information as possible about the area before venturing there"
-> should a cliff be developed somewhere with no guide book?

Correspondence: Thruth is, apparently, out of business.

"The need for a national magazine must now be reassessed"

Western Arthurs routes/activity (this has gone into current guide already i think)

Mt Barrow: Pusimus Sitio, 1976

WWW

Skyline 9

A fine direct line easier than it looks.

Start: 10' R of Lace Thunder

1) 140' Straight up face to large ledge, following obvious weakness.

2) 30' Continue over broken boulders to top.

Glen Kowalik, Phil Robinson, Basil Rathbone

Collinsvale - High Tension Crag notes?

#99 Apr 76

Walls of Jerusalem (March long w/e)

West Wall:

Phil Robinson and Dave Drake did a 4 pitch climb on the buttress to the R of large gully.

(Grade 13, 100m)

Mark Chin and Basil Rathbone did a nose climb 100-200m R of the previous route, just R of a huge corner. (grade 12, 135m)

Bruny Island Fluted Cape routes (in current guide)

Gunners route

#100 Jun 76

Club made \$700 "Candlestick Income" from the film

/TO COPY/

Guardians Report by Roland Pauligk

from March 76 Argus

new routes done

more from Chris Baxter from Summit Jugs, Feb 76
/TO COPY/

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Derbyshire Rocks, between Boyer and NN on E side of river

Ben Lomond route, grade 8

WWW

Cloudless 11

Start: 5m from RH end of wall. A short (7m) corner peters out onto the face.

1) 35m Up the corner then straight up the middle of the face. Traverse L to belay in crack.

2) 12m Trav back onto face. Up thin holds to ledge. Over bulges to top. Another great route. Good atmosphere.

Glen Kowalik, Phil Robinson

TO celebrate 100 issues of the circular, a publication containing the best articles, highlights etc. from past issues is to be produced.

[Was this ever done?]

#101 Jul 76

C.U.N.T. is very active in N of state
Cradle, Rocky Cape, Barrow, + more

Gunners Route, Fireball 100ft 16

#102 Aug 76

New low-level route to the end of Cape Raoul, with the mad dash
(same one Roger put in craglets update)

#103 Oct 76

Report from C.U.N.T.

Climbs at Mt Roland, Mt Barrow, **Gog Range** (they talk about L and R fork of the the Trident?), Cradle and Rocky Cape.

Gunners routes

Port Arthur area

Point Puer Cliffs do not appear to have much to offer (short, loose etc.)

Brown Mountain (the big sandstone one between Remarkable Caves and Cape Raoul?)

"one route was done, which we do not recommend..."

Ribbon Groove 250'

Search & Rescue information supplement

#104 Nov 76

Tas Himalayan Expedition notice (to be in 1977)
plans and info, etc.

Leo's Retreat, new new above Horizontal Chimney on Hazards Main Wall grade 15/16

'Past a falcon's nest'

so maybe it should be forgotten about?

#105

DATE

Dec 76 i guess

Federation Peak in winter, from UNSWBC journal, 16 Aug 76

A Wet Dream

rainy climbing day on the pipes, , by Phil Robinson.

#106 Jan 77

Notice about Karl Prinz's death, car accident.

Dry's Bluff: high on NE end of Great Western Tiers, it towers above Liffey

900ft = 275m (10 pitches, grade 16)

/TO PHOTOCOPY/

Trip to "The Spires" - no climb too wet... but...

"impressive walls... 500' (150m) The Flame, 700' (210m) White Pyramid.

steep blank looking walls

more info is supplied, incl. some vague directions.

[DR: do a google search, and there are photos from a bushwalking trip...]

#107 Mar 77

Bare Rock:

Basil and PR climbed 500ft grade 14 on RH side

Walls of Jerusalem:

attempt at 600' face L of main ascent gully (height reached = 150')

Mt Anne

SE ridge (~1000ft = 300m)

climbed by Phil Robinson and Basil Rathbone

an ascent of **Mt Oakleigh Pinnacle Ridge** (M. Douglas and C. Viney, Feb 77)

the first full traverse???

noted that: Reg Williams and John Moore has ascended part of the ridge several years ago, but may have traversed off somewhere after an unplanned bivouac.

Coles bay new route

Ethnic City Wall

before horizontal chimney

Ben Lomond 4 new routes (no desc. though)

#108 May 77

Ascent of W Face of Mt. Pillinger, by Mike Douglas

~ 200m Chris Viney, Mike Douglas, March 7 1977

#109 Jul 77

Tasmanian Himalayan Expedition 1977, by Phil Robinson

with many others

7 pages long

#110 Sep 77

Nothing relevant to today.

Mt Amos repeats repeats by Parsons: Dogstyle, Black Tomato (both graded 18 at the time).

#111 Oct 77

Nothing relevant to today.

Basil and Ditto climb the Candlestick over 3 days using a variety of tactics.

#112 Dec 77

Letter to ed: "not in favour of attracting beginners to climbing.

interestin read.

As thin as a lark's skull FA.

(forgot to write down original FA, Parsons and co came along and freed it later).

#113 Apr 78

Ed: no secretary, no meetings, no circulars for last 3 months

climbers do their own thing, understandable.

still, the club serves some purpose (as a 'voice' etc.), it is in our interest to support it.

Frenchmans TR: a fair bit got done.

Sandstone edge in waterworks reserve ('close to GPO') TR only

directions and route description provided.
grade 11 to 17, about 15m?
other quarry in same area too.

Savage journey repeated by Child, Carrigan, and Parsons

Western arthurs routes (in current guide)

#114A May 78

Stacks routes
Teeny boppers..., Thackeray (in current guide)

**Updated route descriptions given for the "3 most popular Frenchams routes"
(Sydney, Chimes, Tierry - still the 3 most popular today by far!)**

#114B Oct 78

Report on Frenchman's Search and Rescue
2 walkers were trapped in Lake Tahune by a very heavy snowfall.

#115 Dec 78

New committee will 'instill some life' in the club.
Many thought the club had "snuffed it".

Mt Roland TR
FA of overhanging like a bastion

#116 Jan/Feb 79

Mt Roland talk-up

Sentinel Range

Moonlight Buttress FA info:
Basil Rathbone and Glen Kowalik had climbed to below the final headwall then traversed R into descent gully a couple of years earlier.
FA: PR and Jenny Wills-Johnson, 27 Nov 1978 -- to the top

[DR: i think A. Kellar climbed here ages and ages ago?]

#117 March 79

Nothing...

#118 Apr 79

Frenchmans Cap TR
Teetering Tower Ridge

#119 May 79

Basil and Ditto made a good attempt on the 1000' Chasm at Cape Pillar
Landed by boat near Cathedral Rock
Height of 400' was attained (16M1) before loose rock and scrub forced a retreat.

They then climbed Cathedral Rock then walked out to Fortescue Bay road.
The original aim was to take a rubber dingy to the base of the Chasm itself and climb the most likely line, but due to swell etc they had to settle for one they could get to.

Persons and Bigg attempt the Totem Pole
Rotten old bolts were 'unusable', only a short distance was gained.

#120 Jun 79

Account of April attempt on Totem Pole by Bigg and Parsons
Phil Bigg fell 20' on pitch 1 when a tiny ledge [edge?] flaked off while making a skyhook move. The fall broke an old rusting bolt. It was replaced with a stainless-steel one.

#120 duplicate

#121 Jul 79

Fingal guide by Simon Parsons (with Bob McMahon? - now obsolete)

Reprint of Totem Pole FA route description... they bivvied on the ledge near top... and it rained!!

#121 duplicate

#122 Aug 79

Organ Pipes guide in the works

Phil Bigg and Simon Parson finally climbed the Totem Pole "M6"

Required visits on 3 separate winter weekends, but total climbing time is estimated at only 15 hours

Old bolts were replaced by stainless-steel ones.

Phil took a fall on P1 as described in #120

Simon took a fall on P2, 15' fall above a hanging belay [do they mean P3? or did they set up a hanging belay at the roof, - like Al and Garn did?]

#123 Sep 79

Parsons and Bigg start climbing at the Ben.

3rd ascent of Ramadan, 2nd ascent of Riguadon (by SP and Joe Friend)

WWW

route: Half and Half 17

near lassies wall

Scramble down Cape Tourville side

crack? not in current guide... possibly "new routed over"

#124 Oct 79

Australian Climbers Union

notice by Joe Friend,, wants to start something up

Coles Bay routes

Clit and Bloody Tourists, not much info (same or less as in craglets atm)

#125 Nov 79

Thrutch starting up again

Notice: Rob McMahon as local thrutch editor

Grant Dixon and Kim Bischoff in August climbed N Ridge of Weindorfer's Tower

traversed Cradle Mountain

stopped by a genuine ice filled offwidth

attempted sharpened ridge past Smithies Pea reaching towards WT, but ran out of time

Coles Bay

New start to Leo's Retreat 15

Bruny Island Fluted Cape

Vanity

More text from Joe Friend about ACU

Fingal guide amendments

#126 Dec 79

Ed: CCT does minimum amount to advertise or encourage climbing. Simple reason: we like the quiet of the cliffs, not babysitting, etc.)

Interesting read

Bruny

As thin as a lark's skull

orig by Closs. Bowman, Wood

Austrian Alpine Club - UK Branch

The Winter of Our Discontent, by Mike Townend

#127 Feb 80

Obituary:

Mick Steane and Rob Peachey
avalanche on Rob Rog in NZ

Cape Pillar:

an attempt on the Chasm was curtailed by bad weather during walk in.
Robert McMahon, Ben Maddison, John Smart, Ditto Rathbone.

NZ news;

Pine Valley Report:

S-N traverse, possible new route on W Face of S Peak (no desc.) -- prob in current guide.

#128 Mar 80

Obituary:

Les Linsell
killed when rafting down Franklin River

Tea Leaves and Henna Cliff at Clifton
located at sea level
2 pages of info and desc. + topos

#129 Apr/May 80

Ascent of the Chasm

Chasm Wall, Cape Pillar 1000' grade 18
route desc. + more
NEED TO PHOTOCOPY

Letter about A Common Thirst at Geryon, + route description. By Kieran Loughran

Ben Lomond New routes, (no descriptions though). incl. at **Africa**.

Summary given on Coles Bay -- Hazards bushfires.

#130 Jun/Jul 80

Organ Pipes guide

work has started once again

Nichols Needle:

PR & Basil, climbed via E side (poorly protected, vegetated)
saw old rusty pegs and old slings
N face is a steep clean wall, as yet unclimbed...

Ben Lomond

Stickland's Ladder 65m grade 10 near Jacob's Ladder
route desc provided.

Historic Richmond, by Peter Jackson

Spice Cliffs, small local crag. with PJ topo

#131 Aug/Sep 80

Organ Pipes nearly done

send out list of climbs and grades as a survey to help get consensus

Winter cliff rescue exercise on Organ Pipes

CCT submission on the future development of the Wellington Range

Re: kiosks, shelter, cable car, activities, restaurants, etc.

#132 Oct 80

Organ Pipes

Broken Buttress notes by PR (so probably assimilated into 1981 guide)

Kempton: mentions a Ewbank route? 100ft offwidth (16), L of Jack Flash

Monkey's Bum
The Snatch led,
Poha FA at 19 or 20

#133 Nov 80

Accident at Organ Pipes - ground level scrambling, loose block, broken legs. Ambulance and news coverage

Sentinels TR: incomplete ascent of Moonlight Buttress?

#134 Jan 81

New Routes over summer...

Ben Lomond, (not really any good descriptions)

Defender of the Faith (originally 23, few months later suggested 22)

Terrorful: "a sustained hand crack corner system; 17, 20, 14; 100m"

Dangerman

Rajah Eliminate, led by Rob Stas-ski

Quietly Unimpressed: "ascends the El Crap Tower area, with Rigor and Climbers Variant.

Climbers Variant 24 100m

1) 20 A Classic pitch (PB)

2) 24 Short crux corner (SP)

3) 21 Technical fingerlock crack (RS)

4) 15

No mention of where any of these routes start.

#135 Feb 81

Sisters Beach guide (now obsolete)

#136

Totem Pole

4th Ascent: Rob Staszewki and Ross Mansfield

5th Ascent: Tony Dignan and Kim Bischoff

Organ Pipes

Adrian Herington seconded Gerry on the route at Gorbie's Corner

Termination 40ft 18

Climbing Wall at EMC. 1 whole page.

Federation Peak trip report.

Mac the finger was originally 24! Parsons and Moorhead downgraded to 23. (Now it's 22!)

Parsons, Tony Dignan and Phil Bigg repeat Savage Journey and Play Dirty

Organ Pipes Guide funds raised.

#137 Apr 81

Beast on the Amphitheatre was originally called "Pig Fucker!" by a more youthful Simon Parsons.

Mt Roland guide stuff (obsolete now)

Many Pipes new routes

#138 May 81

"How do members feel about some pages of advertising in the new Pipes guide?"

#139 Aug 81

New climbing wall at Rosny College, inside gym.

#130 Sep 81

Fundraising required for new Pipes guide

Geryon TR
attempt N-S traverse in winter
they got some bits done, but not all of it
Tom Williams (NSW), Kim Bischoff, Chris Tanner, Grant Dixon.

Doug Fife's ticklist from a trip to Yosemite.

First development of Fruehauf! (Apparently Robert McMahon did some climbing there back in the dark ages, but not on this part of the cliff.)

Routes are Neika/ Fern Tree (recently rediscovered)

#141 Oct 81

Cover photo and text of Gerry on Bondage & Discipline

#142 Nov 81

Ed: Access to cliffs on private land, plea to contact farmer first before climbing.
includes a Richmond phone number... 622117

Comment about rock-rolling / trundling

Mention about an access key to Adamsfield?? [why did they go down there?]

Coningham development

Phil Steane and Chris Hall repeat aid route on Albert's Tomb.

"The Ballad of Idwal Slabs", by "Showell Styles"
a long song kinda funny.

#143 Dec 81

Many repeats on Pipes... one about Johnstone's knob mentions they did "the more interesting route on the NE side).

#144 Feb 82

Kim Carrigan and Louise Shepard are in town (goal is to climb Conquistador)

Mention of "new set of cliffs at Dolomieu Pt" at Fortescue Bay

Fantini did a new route at Kempton (19-20)

New Routes:

stuff on Flinders by mix of Bischoff, Dison, Ried, Bruce, Batten
route names (descriptions provided): Ziggy, Grantoid Dichotomy, Times Three (x3), Asylum slab, Impulsion, Befriended, Crackling Crystals.

Advertisement about Rock Climbers Meet at Frog '82 (Easter weekend)

#145 Mar 82

Ed: Realisation that the CCT has a constitution and maybe it needs attention/re-vamping/oobeying

News: Kim Carrigan does The Great Flake at Frenchmans (with Evelyn Lees - she not mentioned by name)

There was a new routes done at Freuhaf called "Dynamic Dildo, 21" -- probably changed name now.

Dolomieu Pt, Fortescue Bay. Access info and route descriptions

PHOTOCOPY

New Zealand (Jan 1982) trip report
Phil Robinson and Grant Dixon.

"The Climber's Clementine", a song by the prolific "Showell Styles"

#146 Apr 82

Pipes Guide Released

some extracts from the New Wellington Range Management plan

Kim Carrigan soloed Icarus?

Simon Parsons soloed Lost Wanderer Direct?

Organ Pipes route: Protein Pill "can be fun... is very contrived"

Ben Lomond Frews Flutes

Apparently Warsaw '81 is a brilliant route (2nd ascent by Parsons/Carrigan)

FA: Maddison/Lees.

Carrigan and Shepard repeat Master Blaster

Kim Carrigan couldnt do the boulder problem start of Anaphalaxsys

Kim Carrigan with Evelyn Lees and Louise Shepard didnt repeat Conquistador due to rain.

Route at Fern Tree

#147 May 82

Freycinet activity. Big weekend trip with lots done.

Chris Tanner and Crazy Jim did the 80ft block jump (and then climbed Harlequin)

"Naughty Bits" a route near Japhlion done (later discovered as a variant of Griffon)

from Mike Douglas:

"Chris Viney and I traversed most of the Blade Ridge (Cape Pillar) last summer, hope to return to complete the final part soon. Excellent rock, and surprisingly good climbing.

"52 climbs in the Rocky Cape area" guide released.

Some people dont think that Atlantis at Lost World is worth 3 stars...!

#148 Jul 82

Noel Ward and Peter Jackson developing a cliff up N of Bothwell somewhere.

Flinders Island

summary of a trip by Chris (Basil??) Rathbone and Phil Robinson

Gasher at Monkey's Bum

allegedly the first lead was done naked, except for harness and EBs.

Ben Lomond News (list of lot of routes done and grades), no descriptions though.

Many Pipes new routes and desc.

#149 Aug 82

No News.

Mentions about Chris Tanner as a member of the "Uni Rockers"?

[organisation between timelines of Tas Uni Mountaineering club and Tas Uni Climbing Club]

#150 Sep 82

Excerpt from Argus article:

Comment about 'new routes' and some people dont record them for a number of reasons.

Geryon in semi-winter; and Mt Ida

A Clifton Sunday, by Doug Bruce

#151 Oct 82

Ken McConnell:

Mt Anne - climbed a serious 400m gully/rock route in poor conditions over 2 days plus other stuff

Awakening Walls, near Bothwell mentioned

Mt Anne:

Phil Robinson and Basil Rathbone climbed S side of the peak. Had to use their crampons etc.

#152 Nov 82

Peter Jackson has made a pocket guide to Apsley Edge (not included though)

Note about Peter Steane lead fall accident at Lowdina.

High Tension Crag (Molesworth), and Fool's Paradise (Broadmarsh).
Repeats, but no access info/desc. yet

Old Beech Crag

"The Cliff high up in the Valley on Mt Direction opposite Cadbury's Point.
Route descriptions. Kinda small

Coles Bay - Easter '82

Some new routes on Light Fingered Maddison buttress, at RH end of yellow striped rock. Some Rap in ones.

Fool's Paradise and High Tension crag route descriptions

AA Waste of Time"

aid route of a roof at (or nearby) Bellerive Bluff. plus some others.

Barren Rock, about a mile past Bagdad.

Directions given. An old route by Lewis/Closs (15M2) done free at 17 by Phil Steane, plus one more route.

Some weird stuff at Mt Field. one route done in winter conditions at grade 1...

Route done on cliffs below Prosser Dam near orford.

#NONE (number is omitted) Feb 83

Coles Bay - Flowstone routes (already in guide)

"A Day Trip to Cathedral Rock"

funny story - no climbing (except Garn climbing a tree and a pylon...)

#153 Dec 82

Gunners routes and topo

#153 (again...) Mar 83

Test World climbs (actually different to current guide, from memory... but who cares!)

Fern Tree upper cliffs

#154 Apr 83

Dave Drake climbed the original Route of the E face of the Foresight in the 60's

Ben Lomond: Poetic License route desc. (in current guide)

De Gaulls Nose route desc.... but no comments or news. [They must have been in shock].

Cape Pillar:

Chris Viney and Mike Douglas completed the traverse of Blade Ridge during January long weekend.

Route description and comments provided.

Full traverse of the COckscomb Ridge

Mt. La Perous, Southern Ranges

1-3 Jan 83, Glen Kowalik, Basil Rathbone, Phil Robinson.

#158 [attempt to fix numbering...] May 83

New Zealand The Hard Way, by Noel Ward

Sorell Creek Crag:

Sorell Creek, High Tor, High Tension; directions and topos by P. A. Steane

2nd ascent of SE Ridge of Mt Ida (2 pages)

R. DeCesare, P. Jackson, N. Ward, Phile Steane. May 83

also and "Epic on the Eiger" ascent of Mt Byron. [?]

High Tor Routes

Sunshine Possibilities: Ward and Steane freed Differential at 17.

#159 Jun 83

John Burgess and Mike Douglas did W Gendarme of Nichols Needle.

John Burgess, Chris Viney, and Mike Douglas did a climb on the W Buttress of Turrana Bluff, which lies about 6km N of Mt. Jerusalem... "looks enticing when viewed from a distance, but actuality was disappointing"

Some C.U.N.T.s had a similar experience on Mt Ragoona.

#160 Jul 83

Coles Bay Flowstone topo (hard to read. probably superseded now.)

Circular Article, from Gerry Nackowicz

list of climbs recently done in N; incl. map of North Esk area.

#161 Aug 83

Ed: origin of words such as 'bulbous' and 'waddy'.

#162 Sep 83

Attempt at "1st winter traverse" f Geryon aborted, due to a number of reasons including weather.

AH, GC, NW, EP.

Acropolis routes (in current guide)

Kempton Route

Circular Article by Gerry

did one route at "Red Rock" near Royal Gorge.

"a 150' high pile of shit only 1 decent route.

more northern routes

went to climb another nearby cliff, but denied by farmer.

#163 Oct 83

Appeal against boulder trundling (again), by Peter Jackson.

Sketch of Bob McMahon on Pelvic Thrust by PJ.

#164 Nov 83 (presumably) -- MISSING

#165 Dec 83

Routes up north at N Esk, S Esk and Ben Lomond.

No descriptions for Ben routes, well not ones that would help anyone locate the routes.

#165 (again) [should be #166] Jan 84

Lots of crack routes at some crag... 400ft high!

But i think it's a fake (a piss-take of all the recent Ben Lomond routes with descriptions, but no info on how to get there, or where to start, hehehe.)

#166

MISSING

#167

MISSING

#168 Mar 84

Pete Steane top roped his "death-bed" route.

#169 Jun 84

Gunners routes

Flinders (in guide now)

Frenchmans (in guide now)

Ragged Jack (some kind of photo topo too)

A short course in Rope Physics, by Dennis Turville (magazine article)

Stud City FFA info.

Some guys cleaned it, then some other guys came and 'stole' it early the next morning!
actual FFA by: Bryan Kennedy, Adrian Herington, Noel Ward.

Fingal routes near Bare Rock.

#170 Jul 84

Duffian Theorem:

where a cliff is composed of manky rock, there must be some good stuff on it somewhere.

One who follows this belief:

A Duffer

Rookeries route

Fantasia

account of a trip to Walls of Jerusalem and FA of a route on the E Wall
incl. route description "Ogwyn" 14 550'

New Routes:

Lots of northern stuff: Ragged Jack, Flutes, Devils Gullet, N Esk, S Esk, South Sister.
[DR: assumed that Bob and Gerry have handled all this in their guides]

Kempton Route route desc, FA details for 'EmancipateYFMS'.

Cape Tourville, Coastal Cliffs [all in guide now i think?]

Chalk: A Re-Appraisal, by Lyle Closs

"Preface" something about why we go mountaineering,; excerpt of unknown origin.

#171

MISSING

Possibly has something 'slandorous' from Gerry? Mentioned in the next issue...?

#172 Sept-Oct 84

"A Notice of Retraction" re: the above.

maybe about Gerry's mentioning about the FA/FFA of some route already being done...?
includes: "...Gerry admits to having done [resting on gear] on many of his first ascents..."

Letter from Chris Maddock in Rockhampton

20 routes in a day at Rocky Tom, by Nat Duhig & Peter Jackson

Lots more N stuff from Gerry.

[incl a few route desc. again, assumed already in northern guides]

Lowdina guide (complete at the time)

#173 Mar 85

Tassie Boys do Ozy Direct

Simon Parsons, Adrian Herington, Bryan Kennedy, Noel Ward.

Garn Cooper did a route on quartzite cliff above the dam at Lake Mackintosh, Tulla. He has not produced a route description so far. [DR: i havent come across one in any future issues]

Jim Duff & Chris Bonnington are rumoured to have done a route on Cape Raoul.

#174 Apr/May 85

"Maddy" (Chris Maddock?) took a big fall off Plastic Erection.

Coningham stuff.

#175 Jun 85

Garn soloed Lost Wanderer Direct at Lost World

Northern Lights, by Bozo the Clown

On rock climbing in the Cataract Gorge, a few pages long.

The Gate of Horn, reprinted from Mountain #77, a few pages long.

Can Climbing be a God?

by Gerry Narkowicz

"Before i became a Christian 4 months ago my life revolved around climbing..."

"If you think you get a buzz from climbing, its not half the buzz you'll get out of Jesus"

[a very good read, he explains the events leading to his, being "Born Again" as he says]

Northern routes

(Fruit of the Spirit had a piton on the top half on FA?)

Gunners route

Waster's Easter, a trip to Coles Bay

climbing (many), block jump (Garn), swim to rescue Garn (H)

[funny read]

#176 Jul/Aug/Sep 85

Gunners routes

Route description for Top Roped routes under the block at Coles Bay

An Afternoon in Hardware St, by Allan Adams

Buying a power drill with Glenn Tempest???

The Final Game, by Glen Randall

from Mountain 80, 1981

Soloing the Naked Edge in Colarado's Eldorado Canyon.

Doug Scott (yes, THE Doug Scott) slideshow in Tassie at the end of October.

#177 Sep-Oct 85

Organ Pipes:

Big Rock is gone (Punk belay ledge)

First mention of rap anchors on Step Tier

('have been there a few months' so they probably went in quietly)

Article on belay techniques (Munter, Sticht plate, etc.)

Finger Crack technique, by Mark Wilford.

from Fall 1984, Latok Mountain Gear Catalogue

#178 '#1 1986'

Lowdina Update,

article by "Nalla Smanda"

#179 Apr 86

One pager. Little bits of news. (nothing major relevant to today)

#180 May/Jun 86

FA of The Ninth of January at Frenchmans

#181 Apr-May-Jun 86

Bob Sellers and Dave Humpheries did a route at Goat's Bluff, gr 19

[more info in next issue]

#182 Jul 86

Two new routes at Derbyshire Rocks, New Norfolk

Climbing Filth
account of Goat's Bluff route, incl. description

North of the Border, by Richard Marshall
climbing trip to QLD, Kangaroo Point

Bolts, Clipping & Placing, by Peter Stane
discussion on safety (not ethics) regarding bolts plates/wires, in lieu of near mishap at Dec Crag Arapiles by author

#183 Aug-Sep-Oct-Nov 86

Peg issues at Proctors (peg came on on Justin Kennedy during a fall?)

#184 Dec 86

Nothing

#185 Jan 87

Geoff Weigand in town
Routes done: General Benefit, Anaphalaxis, Suck Ethics, Natural High, Overdose, Vanity, Phoenix.

#186 Feb 87

Waterworks Development

Frenchmans Trip Report by Nathan Duhig and Craig Peacock

Coles Bay Mt Amos Routes
Boltzmann's Constant 17, Babi Yar 18
[ARE THESE IN CURRENT GUIDE?]

Info on kevlar accesory cord from Chounaird Eqpmt.

#187 Feb 87

Justin Kennedy jumped off Natural High while soloing and got injured... "extensive damage to his body" (not more info)

Roadside Rock near Melton Mobray
mudstone, choss-stone
[cant remember if any routes done]

#187

Coles Bay Guide attached
(Mostly Hazards Stuff)

source for a couple more route descriptions:
missing routes at far R of Light Fingered Maddison, name and desc. for "Pete and Gerry's route"?)

#188 Apr 87

Nothing

#189 May 87

Mention of "tas Uni Rockclimbers Club" are 'looking for bolt kits and sprouting stories about a secret 2 pitch good quality sandstone cliff in Southern Tas.'

Little bit of local news.

Louise Shepherd and Chris Peisker are in town to walk in the SW, Lou is training for Himalayas, only rock climbing done was at Freuhauf.

NEXT SET OF CIRCULARS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND BUT NOT READ/INDEXED
THERE ARE A FEW MISSING AROUND HERE I THINK

Random stuff i've written down from a trip to library before i started indexing stuff...

#224

Topo of Schinus molle

#235 1994

Notes about Rap Station at Ben Lomond
How it went in, who was there etc.

#237 Apr 94

Cover photo of Totem Pole FA
[DR: i hadnt seen this one before]

Lots on Kempton

More detailed route description for Hammerhead at Monkey's Bum.

#238 May 94

Shag Bay

#244

2nd ascent of SE ridge of My Ida; March 83
Rob DeCesare, Peter Jackson, Noel Ward, Phil Steane

#245

cool drawing of dauntless point (top down)

#247 Feb 95

Garry's routes at Mt Anne

#?? May 97

Includes a letter to Foxy from Gerry, re: Launceston guide in Craglets
And a reply to Gerry from Roger

#250

Underworld
Accidental Tourist = Via Magna; FA was by Dave Jones but Fisher says pity they didnt start from the ground. [???

Waters of Oblivion
- no bolt at the start due to a dead battery for drill.
[DR: i still don't think this is fixed]

#252

Bolting survey! [results included in a later issue]

#253

First Launch description (it was truncated in craglets book and web version - as was another route at Parrot Shelf)
Thin Face moves tot he horizontal at 2.5m/ Continue up shallow corner to large ledge with rap station.
ENTERED.

#256 Nov 95

Pillar at Kempton Quoin

Sling tests

#259 July 96

Arocknophobia:
Climb does not start at sea level. If approached by below an easy access pitch is required to get to the start of the climb.

The start is found by following the major arc to its left (lowest) point/side
The steep rock also starts here. >>> High Anxiety starts near R side of arete <<<

#251 Jun 95

Nuggets guide

[DR: there is also some info on Nuggets in some old TUCC newsletters by Mikey Tomas. I scanned these in in 2007. They probably were assimilated into his guide now online, as is info in this circular.]

#285 Oct 92

Map of Gracelands, Speaker Box, etc.