

**Chillagoe Caving Club
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2018**



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The Chillagoe Caving Club was formed in Chillagoe at an inaugural meeting on 23rd April, 1973 with 16 persons present. The intention of forming the Club was to bring together the active cavers already in the area to enable them to share their knowledge, expertise and equipment, and to foster caving as a sport and a science, particularly in the Chillagoe area.

The Club became an Associate of the Australian Speleological Federation not long after the Club was formed, and voted to become a Corporate Member at the Annual Meeting in 1995. The Club was incorporated under the Queensland Associations Incorporation Act of 1981.

Full Membership of the Club stands at 43 with an additional 52 Novice 'Introductory' Members as at the end of March, 2018. The Club has become well recognized by Australian and overseas cavers and scientists as an invaluable contact in relation to Chillagoe and the surrounding areas.

The Club has an established Clubhouse in Chillagoe for the accommodation of members caving in the area.

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MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13th May 2017.

1. OPENING

The meeting was opened at 19:20hrs. by President, Paul Osborne

2. PRESENT

Winfried Weiss, David Cummins, Bruce Dane, Paul Osborne, Peter Bannink, Sue Jenkins and Max Emeny, Deanne Vale, Tegan Whitehead, Van Christensen, Jeff Cotter, Lars Nauheimer, Joy Burton (13 Members)

The President announced that a Quorum was present at the meeting. Thirteen financial members and life members were required to make the meeting duly constitutional.

3. APOLOGIES

Catherine Beattie, Mark Beattie, Alan Cummins, Phil Harrison, Jason Brown, Axel Buthman, Grant, Peter English, Jonathan and Rob Ham, Steve Morgan, Bones and Elwing Mitchell, Les and Beth Pearson, Alan Pryke, Mike Tarburton.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting held on the 30th of April 2016 were read by Paul Osborne and Peter Bannink. Joy Burton moved to accept 2016 minutes, seconded by Deanne Vale, all in favour.

5. Business arising from the MINUTES

- None

6. ANNUAL REPORTS

Additions to the President's Report

- UIS update – itinerary has been circulated and trip leaders meeting is tomorrow morning;
- A fair amount of work required, ASF requirements a little bit onerous, organisation of trips is well in hand.
- Members are welcome to come out and socialise but there will be no adds-ons to the trips. Members would have to do their own trips.
- A rescue exercise planned for the weekend after first UIS field trip.
- Mowing – Paul busted his mower several weeks ago mowing, but has now found a local group to do the mowing. Hopefully via MRC this should be done next year.
- New roof – quote has been obtained by a builder, ballpark figure will be around \$50,000. Infrastructure grants are available from Sport and Rec in mid June and hopefully we can apply and get this happening.
- 5 year plan – Paul has spoken to members about this, 5 years ago this was drafted. A lot of the jobs have been done internally – a lot by the management committee, but we need other members to step up to do the jobs.
- We need to consider succession planning in the next 12 months, so that the Club continues in good hands. Paul will be stepping down next year, he is happy to be Vice President, but we need to seriously look at this.
- Trip leader discussion in relation to revalidation. A majority of trip leaders were not in favour but a lot of thought was put into the responses. This was taken into account by the Management Committee. Ultimately few people wanted to see changes to the Horizontal Trip leader currency requirements. However the currency requirements for SRT trip leaders are going to be changed, and this was communicated in December to SRT leaders with no

response. The required documents will be put on the website, along with an SRT guide, and both will be accepted as Club Policy.

Additions to the Treasurer's Report:

- The MSC is waiving our water use fee. This is the same for all Clubs in the Mareeba Shire, and MSC do monitor and let us know if there are any issues.
- Discussion in relation to EFT payments and that these days this may be easier for everyone. This may also help the Caretaker with her duties.
- Noted that novice membership form does not have Club Bank account name on it – to be checked.
- People have raised the issue that the membership fee structure is not clear, and that this needs to be looked at. This is a difficult issue as the ASF has its own requirements and we have to work in with that to some extent.
- Discussion in relation to insurance and the ins and outs, and that the limits of the insurance should be made clear to all members. This might include posting it on the website.
- Peter has the Treasury documents on file any anyone is welcome to request copies.

Additions to other reports

- No additions

Max moves that additions to reports be accepted, Van seconds, all in favour;

7. MOTION

Motion: That the actions of Management Committee during 2016 be ratified

- David Cummins moves that all MC actions be ratified, Bruce Dane seconds, All in favour, nil against.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Preamble

Three special resolutions were put forward to the membership from the executive, to amend the clubs constitution at this year's AGM. The issues relating to these changes are outlined below and are dealt with sequentially as Special Resolutions.

Issue 1

For the past few years the payment of the (6 month) novice membership fee's have been doubled to an annual fee as administration of these payment proved difficult and cumbersome for the six month periods. The ASF have now also moved to an annual Introductory Caver fee of 12 months (it used to be 3 months). To avoid confusion and avoid future changes, a minor constitutional change set out in **Special Resolution 1**, will ensure that membership fee's can be set by the Management Committee without conflicting with the Constitution.

Issue 2 & 3

The constitution currently includes the membership category of GUEST. Unfortunately this contravenes the insurance requirements set out by the ASF, where all cavers in a club trip must be current members of the club and have paid their ASF caving fee's. The deletion of this category outlined in **Special Resolution 2 & 3** will ensure that only club members are eligible to cave with the club.

Peter Bannink (CCC Treasurer)

Special Resolution 1: To amend the following Clauses of the constitution, in relation to changing the requirements for NOVICE membership payments.

Current Version (2015)

4. MEMBERSHIP

- E. Novices.** Novices shall be persons accepted by a majority of the Management Committee on probation for membership of the Club. They shall pay a fee of half of the Annual Subscription with their application. This in acceptance entitles them to take part in caving trips with Members and to use Club equipment under supervision of a Member without payment of tackle fees. Novices must seek full membership within six months.

Proposed Version (2017)

4. MEMBERSHIP

- E. Novices.** Novices shall be persons accepted by a majority of the Management Committee on probation for membership of the Club. They shall pay a fee as set by the Management Committee from time to time with their application. This in acceptance entitles them to take part in caving trips with Members and to use Club equipment under supervision of a Member. Novices must seek full membership within six months.

Special Resolution 1a – change to Novice Membership description as detailed in attached document. Paul spoke to why and how this has come about.

Paul moved the motion, Bruce seconded it, 13 members in favour, nil against (present), six proxies against, six proxies for, Motion is carried 19 -6.

Special Resolution 2: To amend the following Clause of the constitution, in relation to deleting the GUEST class of membership

Current Version (2015)

5. GUESTS.

These shall be persons who are introduced to Club activities by Members. When caving, guests shall be specifically supervised by their trip leader.

Proposed Version (2017)

Deleted

Special Resolution 2

Paul moves motion, Sue seconded motion, all in favour, nil proxies against.

Special Resolution 3: To amend the following Clause of the constitution, in relation to deleting the number of class of membership from five to four.

Current Version (2015)

1. MEMBERSHIP.

- (i) There shall be five classes of membership in the Club:

Proposed Version (2017)

1. MEMBERSHIP.

- (i) There shall be four classes of membership in the Club:

Special Resolution 3 – Amend the definition of membership from 5 to 4 classes.

Paul moved the motion, Deanne seconds, all in favour.

- Nil further changes to the Constitution
- Winfried pointed out that GUEST is not a class of membership so there was no need to make the change in the class of memberships in Resolution 3 of the constitution.

9. EINSTEIN AWARD

Max Emeny – Leaving the headlights on while caving/returning to flat battery. Nominated by Sue

Sue and Mike Tarburton – for walking past the headlights that were on – and not doing anything about it. Nominated by Max

Peter Bannink – for leaving his caving pack at the Clubhouse, then returning and going back, and then forgetting his helmet at the car after walking to the cave entrance!

Paul and/or Winfried – for excessive night time caving, and then going caving again early the next morning.

Peter wins the EINSTEIN AWARD for his double forget, for 2017.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Bruce Dane chaired the meeting and all positions were declared vacant.

President: **Max Emeny** has nominated **Paul Osborne**, **Van Christianson** has seconded, **Paul** has accepted the nomination. **Paul** elected as President.

Vice President: **Tegan Whitehead** nominated **Winfried Weiss**, **Joy Burton** seconded, **Winfried** accepts if necessary. **Winfried** elected as **Vice President**.

Secretary: **Winfried Weiss** nominated **Tegan** to be Secretary, **Tegan** may be leaving but does accept, **Deanne Vale** seconds, **Tegan** accepted the nomination and is elected Secretary..

Treasurer: **Deanne** nominates **Joy Burton**, seconded **Lars**, all in favour. **Joy** is elected Treasurer.

Vice Treasurer: **Van Christenson** nominates **Peter Bannink**, seconded **Sue**, **Peter** accepts, all in favour. **Peter** is elected Vice Treasurer.

Paul Osborne resumed the chair of the meeting for election of other office bearers and the meeting continued.

Other Office Bearers:

Paul Osborne mentioned a review of the office bearers roles as technological changes have made some positions almost redundant and there are a range of new administrative jobs which are currently carried by the executive officers but are best supported by another dedicated office bearer.

Tackle Keeper - Paul nominates Max, seconded Winfried, all in favour.

Safety Co-ordinator - Paul nominates Max, seconded by Peter, all in favour.

Training Co-ordinator - Paul will do this. All in favour.

Building & Maintenance Co-ordinator - Alan Cummins was not present but agreed to continue in the role. All in favour, (Position carried over).

Survey & Records Keeper - Peter Bannink is happy to continue this role, as he currently holds all the records. Membership is happy with this. Max will do tagging reports. Peter will conduct a survey training exercise. (Position carried over)

Tagging Officer - this position has been transferred to Survey & Records Keeper, all in favour.

Social media and Activity Co-ordinator - Paul nominated Lars Neihaumer, seconded Jeff Cotter, all in favour

WH&S compliance officer: Jeff Cotter has volunteered to do this job, all in favour of him taking this on.

Membership Co-ordinator (encompassing ASF/ACKMA co-ordinator) - Paul Osbourne mentioned that the job requirements really fit into the Secretary and Treasurer's roles. The role will be split appropriately.

Webmaster - Paul Osbourne offered to take on this role as he is coordinating the construction of the new web page with the provider, The meeting agreed to accept his offer.

ASF Representative - Meeting will allow the management committee to appoint someone as and when necessary. All in favour.

Records and Archival : Peter Bannink offered to fulfil this position as he is storing old club records in a safe location at the government offices in Mareeba. All in favour.

Photo Librarian - position rolled into **Records and Archival**

Librarian - position rolled into **Records and Archival**

Environmental Conservation Officer - Paul nominated Peter, seconded Winfried, all in favour.

It was decided that a job specification document would be created in order to outline specific duties for all Club positions. This will be added to the minutes.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Future Directions

- Hire of gear to outside parties – Paul has raised the question of whether gear should be hired out to outsiders, issues of maintenance and replacement. No ropes and SRT gear will be hired as a matter of course, ladders as well, but what about helmets?
- General discussion in relation to this matter, Winfried suggested that this is a management committee decision. Paul stated that at the very least we need to be indemnified, and that gear needs to come back in good order etc. Meeting agreed that the MC should develop a policy document covering hire of equipment to outside parties. Possibly a hire agreement?
- All in favor of this.

11.2 Hosting International Cavers – UIS

- See previous discussion on this (additions to President's report).

11.3 Clubhouse Maintenance Goals

- See previous, primarily the roof and the mowing

11.4 Future Caving Expeditions

- Winfried has indicated he will plan a trip for 2019, raising it for people who might be interested. This could either be to Mulu, PNG or New Zealand.

11.5 Vinal available for the club

- Bruce raised the fact that there is still some vinyl available for club use if required.

11.6 Clubhouse Concerns

- Bruce flagged an altercation with the caretaker that occurred with him and his family during an unannounced visit to the Clubhouse. Paul agreed to follow this up and flagged that we need to discuss this with Claire and communicate to her the issues that we are having. The meeting agreed that this should be left to the Management Committee.

NOTE – Paul followed up this issue and discovered that Claire was taken unawares and according to her the main altercation was between Misty and Bruce's dogs which exacerbated the situation. Claire did not initially know that Bruce and family were Club members. Guidance has been given in relation to this sort of situation.

- It was noted that the Club has a 'Clubhouse Protocol document' which is available on the website for reference.
- Deanne also raised an issue in relation to TAS teachers being rude to other cavers. Paul indicated that this is our issue, as groups are here by formal arrangement. These arrangements need to be very clear and outline what they are getting and what they cannot have.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

The past year has been a very busy and rewarding one for the Club and me personally. The IUS field trips had to be the highlight of the year and for those lucky enough to be able to participate, it was a very rewarding experience in organisation, teamwork and networking. There were about twenty international visitors on each trip, managed by a team of seven Trip Leaders and two Logistics Managers. Assistance from several Chillagoe accommodation houses, Mick Cockburn and Lana Little from National Parks was a huge help. John Nethery should also be acknowledged for his excellent presentation on the geology of the area. The Club has made some lasting friendships and been the recipient of many thankyou letters, emails, cards and certificates of appreciation.

The past year has seen a major influx of new members. There has also been an increase in the facility use by groups. The SRT equipment has inspired new enthusiasm particularly among the newer members. Trip Leaders continue to be in short supply and I have no immediate answer to this. It has been commented on that rather than as in the past where members were mostly self-taught, there is a greater reliance on an expectation that the clubs trip leaders will provide all the training necessary to attain further experience. Without significant effort made by all members to increase their skill levels at home and not rely solely on training by existing trip leaders, I have difficulty in seeing how the club can sustain the influx of new members that we have seen over the past two years. The skills required are listed in documentation available from our website and these skills can be practiced in the home environment.

Keeping the Club in the black financially and maintaining the property and insurances has always been a struggle. It was a huge disappointment to see the insurance on the buildings increase 100% this year and thereby eat up all the funds we'd worked so hard for in the past year. With that in mind, the MC decided not to go ahead with the insurance other than the public liability insurance. The Clubs buildings and contents are now uninsured. This should be put on the AGM agenda for discussion as it is a major decision to go uninsured and one that should be agreed by the larger membership.

The roofing project unfortunately didn't raise sufficient funds for me to go ahead with the grant application. Time was also against us for the particular grant which we only marginally qualified for. The more appropriate grant would be the Gambling Community Benefit Fund but that would only do one building at a time and we would still need to raise about 15K of our own. I thank all those people who pledged generous donations to the project. This could still be on the cards for the future. I have asked several people for alternative quotes to the one we have but have not received any quotes to date. Too hard basket I assume. In the light of the insurance problem, it is questionable whether it is feasible to go ahead with re-roofing either building. Another AGM agenda item.

Mareeba Shire has generously offered to mow the back paddock for us in the future but on a downside they have closed the dump at Almaden and Chillagoe to replace them with a transfer station open only at inconvenient times for the disposal of weekend rubbish. Composting is available in the back yard and all burnable items can be put in the incinerator but all other rubbish will have to be taken home in future unless we can find an alternative. The clubhouse can no longer be a place where all old furniture comes to die. Anyone wishing to donate an item of use to the club should probably consult the MC prior to bringing it out.

I know we are still recovering from the huge organisational workload of the IUS field trips but Mick Cockburn from National Parks has said that the ACKMA National Conference is likely to be held in Chillagoe in 2019 and has invited club participation.

I have given notice that I wish to take a lesser role in the clubs management in the future and will not be standing for president again. It is an appropriate time for a new President to take over and steer the club into the future. The club is in a good financial position, it has a strong membership base, excellent equipment, wish list almost completed and the property is maintained in as good a condition as is reasonably practical.

I have to say I have enjoyed the challenges and the tremendous support of the members during my time as president. In a way it's sad to give that up but it is time to move on to other aspects of my life and

caving and leave the position at a time when I can look back on it as a time I really enjoyed and while I still have some active years left.

Thank you one and all for your magnificent efforts in making our club such a pleasure to belong and your fantastic support over the years of my presidency.

Paul Osborne (President) (March 2018)

TREASURERS REPORT 2017

The club ends the financial year with a very healthy bank balance! This was partially due to the excellent level of attendance to caving events by club members and quite a large number of introductory members joining up for monthly caving activities. A huge bonus were the 40 or so cavers who joined the Pre and Post conference weekends. Camping revenue has increased substantially, while expenditure on repairs and new club equipment were reduced.

A major expense (the clubhouse property insurance) was recently dropped because the insurers increased the premium by another \$2500. This was deemed too expensive for the club to sustain and would see all the clubs savings efforts evaporate. This issue will be discussed further at the AGM.

Joy Burton (Treasurer) & P. Bannink (Vice Treasurer) (March 2018)

CAMPING FEES 2018/2019

Full Members	\$ 6.00 per person per night
Novice/ Introductory Members	\$ 8.00 per person per night
Member Students (under18 school age)	\$ 3.00 per person per night
Other ASF Member Clubs or Group Bookings:	\$ 8.00 per person per night
Non Members	\$ 12.00 per person per night
Non Member Students (under18 school age)	\$ 5.00 per person per night

Membership Fees for 2018/2019

15th March 2018 on

Our Constitution indicates that fees become due on 1st May each year and must be paid by June 30th of that year to ensure that insurance cover available through the ASF Insurance Policy continues after June 31st of that year. To enable the Club to function, early payment of fees is necessary and the Management Committee would appreciate your prompt payment.

Fee Structure is as follows:

• Single Members (including full year ASF Fee)	\$98.00
• Family (including full year ASF Fees of \$119)	\$180.00
• Family – Single Parent (including full year ASF Fees of \$85)	\$130.00
• Student Members (membership - including full year ASF Fee of \$45)	\$75.00*
• Introductory Weekend Caver (novice membership - including 1 year ASF Fee)	\$55.00^
• Introductory Weekend Caver (student novice membership - including 1 year ASF Fees)	\$50.00^
• Inactive Life Members (ASF Fees only)	\$20.00
• Active Life Members (ASF Fees only)	\$68.00
• Single Club Members (without ASF Fees)	\$30.00

* - Students including those attending Primary or Secondary Schools who cannot be included in a family membership.

- ^ - As of January 2015 the ASF introduced a 12 month introductory ASF fee of \$20 , Cavers who continue membership of the ASF after this time pay the annual fee of \$43 for Students or \$68 for adults as per their fee schedule.
- # - While it is intended that all active members join ASF some existing members, who are no longer active cavers, are continuing as Club Members only.

Please note: a major component of the ASF fees is insurance which needs to be paid by all active members of the club, especially those intending to cave in National Park area's and Reserves.

Membership Fees can be paid either by cash or cheque to the Treasurer, or direct to the Club's bank account. If paying by Internet Banking or by direct deposit please email the details to the Treasurer, Joy Burton, preferably by e-mail: info@chillagoecavingclub.org.au . You must advise the Treasurer, the date of the deposit, the amount deposited, and it's purpose. It is possible for this information to be made available by your bank, please request that the detail of payee and purpose of payment be included for listing on the Club's account statement .For direct banking please deposit funds into the Club's Commonwealth Bank account at any local branch.

Commonwealth Bank - Account number : BSB 064804 A/C 00912281.

TAGGING OFFICER'S REPORT

I received no reports of Tagging for 2017/18. Sue has also made up a folder that contains the tagging book and other info, it is in the Tackle room. I have attached a copy of a PDF document Sue has created containing all the Data from the Tagging Book that is located at the Clubhouse. If anyone can clarify any data please send it to me I will update it.

I am happy to continue to act as a Tagging officer with two conditions!

- I need to have made available to me copies of all previous "Tagging Reports".
- I know there are errors I can correct but I need all the initial data submitted on the Cave to ensure I don't make it worse rather than better.

I am happy to continue as tagging officer for the next term.

Max Emeny

TACKLE KEEPER'S REPORT

I have carried out stock take and gear inspections at various times during the past 12 months. We are missing one red helmet. A new 50 meter rope was damaged in a rockfall. It has now become a 25 meter rope. One caving ladder and trace were deemed unsafe and discarded. It was very Rusty. One cave ladder trace had wire strands broken, it was discarded and was replaced with a new trace. (Donated by Sue and Max)

The cave ladder that has been used as permanent rigging in 'Rescue Cave Through Trip' is suffering corrosion. I have treated the corrosion and this ladder needs to be evaluated for further use. It is a wet area where the ladder is used. I suggest we look at using SRT only at this pitch to prevent further damage to the ladder.

Ideally the SRT kits could be fitting with a permanent lanyard from the D to the ascension. At the moment one of the Cowstails is used when ascending. This is a system used by experience cavers but is less than ideal for less experienced cavers. An option for this is an Aspiring brand Cowstail. See website <https://aspiringsafety.com.au/product/single-cowstails/> .

SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

There were no Official Safety issues reported to me in for 2017/18. I did observe some less than ideal actions at times, some by myself! I encourage everyone to ask questions at any time, it helps to ensure we all continue to learn and stay safe.

The age of sharing pictures on social media also means we have people from all over the world looking at how we do things. As an example: A photo taken by an American caver, of a Swiss Caver on a handline in Blue Sky through trip was posted on Face Book. It was then pointed out by another Swiss Caver that the rigging of the handline was incorrect. Please ensure that when on club trips we ensure we adhere to best practice with regards to safety.

My task to create or upgrade an Emergency Response Plan was more involve than I first thought. It is not really an ERP rather when to declare we have an Emergency. Basically the crux of the issue is when to call the Police. There have been two very different options submitted. I have attached those options. I would suggest that members consider these options (Not now, it is a general business issue not an AGM issue) to ensure that what ever option becomes our procedure it will be used when needed. Other tasks to go with the ERP are

1. Creating a map with cave tower roads, turn offs, car parks etc to ensure Emergency services will be able to get to the correct location quickly.
2. Updating a contact list of cavers in case of an underground rescue. (Note: If the Police are called they will then be in charge of the operation. CCC members will be under instruction from the Police who will indicate if we are to be used in the rescue)

I will not be acting as safety office for this term however I am happy to continue with this project or it can be taken over by someone else.

Max Emeny

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Thanks have to be given to Max, Paul, Sue, Deanne and Grant in March 2017 for horrible task of preparing the grounds for club activities. Paul broke his mower zipping around the camping grounds while Sue, Deanne and Grant planted several trees donated by Bones, Max just about melted in the sun whipper snipping the fence line. It is fantastic to see members 'just getting on with any job they find that needs doing. In a new development, Paul has been able to organise the local council mower team to take care of the camping grounds. In addition the clubhouse kitchen area was cleaned by Sue and Deanne, with several new members, while the top of the old school got a make over in preparation for the ICUS conference.

This year the gas heating system for the amenities block broke down and required a total replacement but otherwise I am not aware of any other major issues. There are still lots of minor maintenance and repair jobs around the old clubhouse building. Claire lives with several roof leaks and dodgy wall gaps, in addition to the rusty roofing iron. It would be good to take stock of all the issues and then plan a working half day one weekend to get them fixed. A refit of the kit room (to hold all the new gear) may be a minor project which could be done. Many of the major issues of the past (overflowing sewerage, leaking water pipes) have been fixed!

P. Bannink

ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION REPORT

The club wrote a letter supporting the listing of the Cliefden Caves Area to the Sate Heritage Register in NSW, as requested by the ASF. The club were advised in October that the Heritage listing has been accepted and the listing will hopefully protect the karst catchment from the proposed new dam in the Area. Additionally the club responded to an assessment of 'Quinkan Country' for National Heritage Listing. The area encompasses a vast sandstone region near Laura which is famous for its indigenous art sites. The proposal excludes the Wallace Creek karst area which included caves with indigenous art (of Quinkan style) and extensive evidence of habitation. Nothing has been heard from the Department of Environment and Energy since.

More recently I was informed that the Proposed Mining Lease covering the eastern section of the Wallace Creek karst area has been withdrawn. The area will now be protected from further mining applications by the fact that so many 'Near Threatened' bat species utilise the caves in the area.

A recent public notice called for a response to the groundwater impacts of a new mine King VoL being developed by Auctus Resources Pty Ltd 24 km north of Mungana. Although the area does have minor karst, the pediment the club did not respond as the area is well within Rookwood station and of no interest to club members or our activities.

P. Bannink

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 2018

2017		2018	2018	2018	
		<i>Membership</i>	<i>Buildings</i>		<i>Sales</i>
<u>Receipts</u>					
8,148.00	Membership Fees	5,983.50			
355.00	Tackle Hire	185.00			
1,183.75	Mem. Gear Refund	0.00			
<u>Bank Interest</u>					
1.66	Commonwealth	0.00			
0.18	Bendigo Bank	0.00			
<u>Chillagoe Property</u>					
3,000.00	Rent Received		3,000.00		
4,266.00	All Camping Fees		5,813.41		
0.00	Donations Building Fund		0.00		
142.00	Donations - Other		433.20		
0.00	Solar Power Credit		0.00		
<u>Fund Raising</u>					
0.00	Grant		0.00		
<u>Trading</u>					
25.00	Publications		80.00		
0.00	Postage			0.00	
0.00	Ex - Conference Sales			0.00	
17,121.59		6,168.50	9,246.61	80.00	\$ 15,495.11
<u>\$17,121.59 Total Receipts</u>					<u>\$ 15,495.11</u>
2017		2018	2018	2018	
		<i>Membership</i>	<i>Buildings</i>		<i>Sales</i>
<u>Less Expenses</u>					
4,523.00	ASF Fees	2,925.00			
49.95	Incorporation Fees	71.20			
19.90	Stationery & Postages	0.00			
121.00	PO Box Rental	129.00			
360.00	Website Expenses	390.00			
21.23	Bank Fee	0.00			

2017		2018	2018	2018
		<i>Membership</i>	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Sales</i>
	<u>Less Expenses (cont)</u>			
8,715.47	Caving Gear	174.00		
1,183.75	Members Gear	0.00		
0.00	Activity Permit	31.95		
0.00	Attend ASF Meeting	439.43		
0.00	Membership Refund	55.00		
	<u>Chillagoe Property</u>			
	Council Rates			
1,410.30	& Water Charges		415.40	
3,707.64	Property Insurance		1,920.00	
0.00	Electricity	65.53		
200.00	Workcover	200.00		
583.00	New Graywater Pump		0.00	
74.50	Amenities Block (Mirrors)		0.00	
1,920.00	Caretaker's Costs		1,920.00	
966.00	Maintenance		1,449.70	
0.00	Gas System Refit		2,099.94	
	<u>Trading</u>			
0.00	Purchase Book Resale			0.00
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<u>Sub Totals</u>		4215.58	7,427.67	0.00
	<u>Receipts less Expenses</u>	1,952.92	1,818.94	80.00
<u>\$23,872.74</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>			<u>\$11,643.25</u>
<u>(\$6,751.15)</u>	<u>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURE</u>			<u>\$ 3,851.86</u>

CHILLAGOE CAVING CLUB INC.
(ABN 52 614 187 726)

CASH BOOK BALANCE

11,601.65	Opening Balance as at 1 st March 2017	4,850.50
(6,751.15)	Less: Excess of Receipts over Expenditure	3,851.86
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<u>\$4,850.50</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS – 28TH FEBRUARY, 2018</u>	<u>\$8,702.36</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION

5,307.67	28 th February, 2018 Commonwealth Bank Balance	8,706.58
0.00	Add: Outstanding Deposits	8.00
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5,307.67		8,714.58
1,009.01	Less: Outstanding Cheques	564.06
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4,298.66		8,150.52
551.84	Add: Bendigo Bank Account	551.84
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<u>\$4,850.50</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS AS ABOVE</u>	<u>\$ 8,702.36</u>

MEMBERSHIP LIST 2017/2018

Executive

Region Year joined

Paul Osborne (President)	El Arish	1979	Winfried Weiss (Vice President)	Tolga	1993
Tegan Whitehead (Secretary)	Townsville	1993			
Joy Burton (Treasurer)	Mareeba	2015	Peter Bannink (Vice Treasurer)	Mareeba	2000

Club Members (non caving)

Les Pearson (Life M.)	Brinsmead	1973	Beth Pearson	Brinsmead	1973
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Club Members (caving)

Berrend Akkerman	Kuranda	2010	Jonathan Ham	Bayview	2011
Belinda Bannink & family	Mareeba	2011	Robert Ham	Bayview	1988
Mark Beattie	Atherton	2014	Phil Harrison	Cairns	2007
Catherine Beattie	Atherton	1995	Sue Jenkins	Silkwood	1992
Kimberlee Bernays	Kairi	2011	Barry Lacey	Balangowan	2015
Jason Brown	Townsville	2016	Lars Nauheimer	Kameranga	2016
Joy Burton	Mareeba	2015	Daniel Mitchell & family	Mareeba	2000
Axel Buthmann	Kuranda	2004	Steven Morgan family	Mackay	2007
Van Christensen	Dimbulah	2003	Paco Murray	Pearth (WA)	2003
Jeff Cotter	Kawarra	2014	Barry Neale	Herberton	1994
Alan Cummins (Life M.)	Gordonvale	1973	Keith Offer	Mutchilba	1975
Chrissie Cummins	Gordonvale	2014	Grant Polomka	Tully	2001
Peter Cummins	Atherton	1983	Alan Pryke (SUSS)	Yowie Bay (NSW)	2013
David Cummins	Doomadgee	1983	Mike Tarburton	Blackburn South (Vic)	2011
Bruce Dane & family	Tolga	2001	Deanne Vale	Tully	2001
Max Emeny	Silkwood	2002	Melody Weiss & Family	Tolga	2012
Greg Gurnier & family	Gordonvale	1997	Barry Wright	Bayview Heights	1975
Peter English	Redlynch	2014	Robert Zmeskal & family	Manunda	2013

Introductoy Members (caving)

Sherry Alford	Home Hill	2017	David Koochew	Belgian Gardens	2017
Holly Alford	Home Hill	2017	Lola Kuenkel	Kuranda	2016
Athena Andreosso	Yorkeys Knob	2016	Lana Little	Chillagoe	2017
Melissa Antonel	Bayview Heights	2017	Ellen Liddle	(Y)	
Marc Baker	Tanzania	2016	Lifag Lin	Cairns	2016
Clare Baker	Tanzania	2016	Rob Levy	Annondale	2016
Oscar Baker	Tanzania	2016	Natuna Mackay	Mareeba	2017
Niamh Baker	Tanzania	2016	Peter McAulay	Tolga	2016
John Baker	Mt Sheradon	2016	Joshua McAulay	Tolga	2016
Neil Bates	Brinsmead	2017	Chancey McDonald	Unknown	2017
Kelsea Biggs	Clifton Beach	2016	Frances McElligott	Atherton	2016
Malcolm Brown	Atherton	2016	Max Hieshfeld	Unknown	2017
Lav Bodnaruk	Sunny Bank	2016	Phil Maynard	Cremorne (NSW)	2017
Emma Carson	Brinsmead	2017	Coral Morgan	Mackey	2017
Matthew Carson	Brinsmead	2017	Simon Murphey	Wolli Creek (NSW)	2017
Shirley Casper	Malanda	2016	Sam Noonan	Railway Estate	2015
Ryan Casper	Malanda	2016	Paul Oliver	Kuranda	2016
David Clarke	Manoora	2017	Tanner Packal	Cairns	2016
Rafael Cooper	Manoora	2016	Antony Peter	Barron	2017
Hans Dirks	Currajong	2016	Wuttipong Pramaree	Manunda	2015
Maxwell Drayton	Kuranda	2016	Blake Ramsey	Unknown	2017
Bettina Fielder	Kuranda	2016	Keith Sanders	Bayview Heights	2017
Avalon Gardner	Whiterock	2017	Justin Savory	Douglas	2017
Danielle Gervias	Unknown	2017	Joy Smith		
Jothi Gopal	Triunity Beach	2017	Sally Speare	Freshwater	2017
Mathilde Gordon	Stratford	2016	Yhin Han Tan	Freshwater	2017
Bay,ee Griffin	Aitkenvale	2017	Eli Taylor	Machens Beach	2017
Kathy Hamilton	Carrimbin	2017	Stephanie Todd	North Cairns	2016
Miranda Hamilton	Machens Beach	2017	Jarad Tyerman	Kamerunga	2016
Jamie Hutchinson	CHILLAGOE	2017	Mark Watson	Warriewood (NSW)	2017
Amber Hill	Trinity Park	2016	Garth Wild	Caravonica	2017
Peter Illig	Trinity Park	2017	Kelsey Webber	Aitkenvale	2017
Alison Irvin	Victoria	2016	Joelle Yolanda	Mareeba	2017

Laura Johnson Manunda 2015
Michael Johnston family Kuranda 2016

Natasha
Kolfen

Unknown 2017
Unknown 2017

Clubhouse Protocol

1. Members have access to the Club area on the ground floor of Clubhouse building. The upstairs back residence, together with the garage and laundry area on the town side of the Club area and the adjacent yard area, are for the private use of the Caretaker.
2. The Caretaker has a lease on her part of the property and the Club has only the limited access allowed under the Residential Tenancies Act. Therefore, Members should contact the Caretaker upon arrival and before departure, but otherwise, enter the private area only on the invitation of the Caretaker.
3. Members, when intending to stay at the Clubhouse, should have the courtesy to telephone or e-mail the Caretaker to advise her in advance. If the Caretaker is absent, an email message can be sent to the current e-mail address [cavingclubcarol@gmail.com].
4. Members, when in Chillagoe, may use the Clubhouse facilities, even if not staying at the Clubhouse. However, it is courtesy to tell the Caretaker before using the facilities.
- 5. Mutual courtesy between Members (and their guests) and the Caretaker is to be expected at all times.**

6. Responsibilities of Caretaker are to:

- (a) Maintain grounds in tidy and safe condition and do any minor maintenance to buildings etc.
- (b) Keep Clubhouse clean when not in use by Members
- (c) Maintain supply of toilet paper, cleaning supplies and cleaning equipment for use by Members
- (d) Keep refrigerator and freezer ready for use by Members
- (e) Ensure security is maintained for lights, tackle and other Club property
- (f) Ensure trip book is accessible and, as much as practical, monitor trip book, particularly for the safe return of caving parties.
- (g) Collect Camping and Tackle fees on behalf of Treasurer
- (h) Report to Club Executive any problems he encounters with Clubhouse, Members or guests

7. Responsibilities of Members are to:

- (a) Keep Clubhouse and the outdoor toilet and shower block clean and tidy, while in residence. Cleanliness should be checked to be satisfactory before leaving.
- (b) Avoid use of the toilet and shower inside the Clubhouse as we have soakage pit problems which show up after there is much use of these
- (c) Park cars in an orderly fashion at the allocated parking area and keep vehicle speed down to walking pace to minimize hazard and dust.
- (d) Report to Caretaker any deficiencies in cleaning supplies, equipment etc.
- (e) Use trip book if caving
- (f) Dispose of food scraps and rubbish at the Chillagoe tip on a regular basis and when leaving
- (g) Camping inside the Clubhouse should be avoided except in emergencies (i.e. if drenched in heavy storm)
- (h) If using Clubhouse at night, keep noise down, particularly after 10pm.**
- (i) Behave in the town and at the Clubhouse in such a way that the Club's reputation is enhanced and not diminished.
- (j) Report to Executive any problems encountered in using the Clubhouse and make suggestions where improvements are needed.

Authorized by Committee of Management 27th April 2013.



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Queenslander Tower
Chillagoe**

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