

President's Report – 2017

The TCIA began in 1992 through the efforts of Stuart Scott, Janine Hopkins, plus the aid and encouragement of Bruce Morley. Like most organisations it has undergone periods of growth and shrinkage. Today we are in a strong position.

Our membership stands at 93 current and qualified instructors.

Over the last 6 months we have been covering our own insurance. For the first time we are independent and totally responsible for our own survival. In the past we operated through the help and generosity of various outdoor companies who would cover our assessment weekends with workers comp and public liability. In later years, this coverage became more formal as we worked closely with TAFE. I would like to express our thanks to all these organisations and particularly TAFE employees Alex Wilson, Nate Welch and Bruce Morley.

In the last few years we have introduced two new qualification certificates, the ICG and the SPG.

1. Indoor Climbing Guide. Garry Phillips along with Stuart Scott, have done considerable work to create a targeted and relevant certificate for instructing on indoor climbing walls. This is a stand-alone certificate. It is not linked to our core outdoor qualifications, which are sequential, progressing in stages from BAI to MPG. The ICG has proved to be very popular
2. Single Pitch Guide. This certificate fits into the halfway position between TRA and MPG.

This year we have conducted 3 ICG courses resulting in 18 people qualifying.

There have been 4 training and assessment weekends for BAI and TRA. 18 people received training and 12 completed assessment.

TAFE Cert 3 & 4 numbers are low this year. Training has been provided for 6 students with 8 still to do be trained. Assessment will be conducted later in the year.

We have run 3 Climbing Skills courses, with a total of 10 participants.

In closing, I wish to thank all the executive members. Particular thanks to the secretary Stuart Scott for his hard work over the year and to treasurer Richard Youd who has steered us financially through the difficulties of the transition to being a completely independent organisation.

Bill Baxter.