

New Routes - Mount Victoria

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The new routes listed below are those which have been submitted, and which are not in the existing published guidebooks (*Grampians Select*, Mentz & Tempest 1998; *North Grampians*, Andrews 1989?; *North Grampians Update*, Andrews 1993?; *Asses Ears*, Donohue 2000; and are not in the October 2003 online [Grampians PDF guide](#).

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ASSES EARS AREA

Photo: Mike File on "Snow Flurries" (20). Pic by Neil Monteith

THE PIT

A very obscure area! This totally shady chamber is hidden away in a ravine halfway up the standard descent gully. The rock is coarse grained and heavily featured with a similar feel to the Blue Mountains. Ironstone flakes and crystals cover the surface and offer unique climbing holds. Chimney up to the Golden Chamber behind Triptych Pinnacle. Keep climbing up the descent chimney to the first 'room' which is just past the first vertical section. On the left a big chockstone blocks the entrance to The Pit. Scramble either under or around this chockstone (you should be able to see the bolts now) and chimney down past two other chockstones to the base of the routes which are on the right wall. You could also get to the climbs by roped scrambling up the gully just to the left of Steve Monks knifeblade arête route of Cox's Orange.

*** Can't Stop Progress 18m 21**

The prominent slightly overhung arête in an exposed position. Sustained and absorbing climbing with some spaced bolts up high. Six rings and one optional large wire. Lower-off anchors. FFA Neil Monteith, Kent Paterson 27.8.2004

Pinch and a Punch 18m 20

Line up heavily featured wall 2m right of Can't Stop Progress. Climb into the route from the right (trad) and onto the face (RB). Weave up the slightly overhung wall above which gets harder and steeper near the finish. The end moves feature some great pinch ribs and large pockets. Five RB's in all. Lower-off same anchor as CSP. FFA Neil Monteith & Kent Paterson 27.8.2004

Bush Comes to Shove 15m 20 *

A hidden gem on steep pocketed grey rock. Located approx 50m around left of Old Masters on the right wall of a chimney. The climb is hidden from view behind some trees. Scramble up 5m mossy gully to chimney and spot FH¹s on right wall. Reachy moves on tendon and finger friendly rock and some of the biggest bomber jugs lead to the top. Three FH¹s and wires. Double bolt lower-off. FFA Neil Monteith, Kent Paterson and James Pfrunder 21.8.2004

ASSES EARS - Main Face



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** Snow Flurries 64m 20

Steep wall climbing perfection. A harder and more sustained version of La Petit Mort with bolts protecting the crux moves. Pitch 1 33m 16 Starts 8m right of LPM at small tree and first line of weakness leading leftwards. Juggy wall climbing with a mossy start and finish. Three BR¹s and assorted natural gear. Belay on small ledge below headwall with slings around giant chicken heads about 8m left of Die Youngs corner. A 60m rope will only just make it to the ground from the slings if you swing to the right. Pitch 2 31m 20 - The good pitch! Head up and left on jugs for 6m then up balancy wall aiming for BR under small bulge. Over small rooflet (fiddly small cams) and rightwards up wall above past BR and FH to rest under daunting overhang. Swing upwards on amazing pumpy buckets past three FH¹s to trad finish up juggy wall and over finish bulge. DRB rap anchor will JUST reach the belay on a 60m rope. Bring a full sized rack including 12 long quickdraws. FFA Neil Monteith & Kent Paterson 18.7.2004 (pitch 2) 31.7.2004 (pitch 1)

** A Northern Soul 31m 23

The line of most resistance up the main face and a harder second pitch to Snow Flurries. Reachy and atmospheric climbing with great protection. Belay as for 2nd pitch of Snow Flurries. Climb straight up from the belay aiming for the two FH¹s on the blank wall above. Five metres above the second FH step left and join up with Snow Flurries for its final 15m of pumpy conclusion. DRB rap anchor will JUST reach the belay on a 60m rope. Bring a full sized rack including 12 long quickdraws. FFA Kent Paterson & Neil Monteith 18.7.2004

La Petit Mort pitch lengths are in-correct. First pitch would be 40m at longest and the second pitch would also be less than 40m. The main headwall above the half-way ledge is only 35m high. Maybe with rope in the belay you could use up 50m worth of rope if you really tried.

SCHROEDERS CLIFF

Photo: topo of "Ember Attack" by Neil Monteith

* The Ember Attack 40m 22

A long and sustained wall climb on featured grey rock. Climb Battered Flake for 15m to roof. Traverse left for two metres across horizontal then bust through roof (FH) and up sustained and absorbing wall above past a further two FH¹s and plenty of trad gear. Bring a full rack, long slings and several RPs for the opening corner of Battered Flake. Rap 38m off double rings on ledge (requires two ropes). FFA Neil Monteith & Hannah Lockie 21.01.2005

GERANIUM (BRIM) SPRINGS

The new climb, Houdini Semi-direct Finish (6m 17) in the March 2003 issue of Argus was climbed by me (and either Mike Stone or David Shirra) about 15 years ago but not recorded as we regarded it as merely a cop-out from an attempt on the (unclimbed) direct finish. Chris Baxter

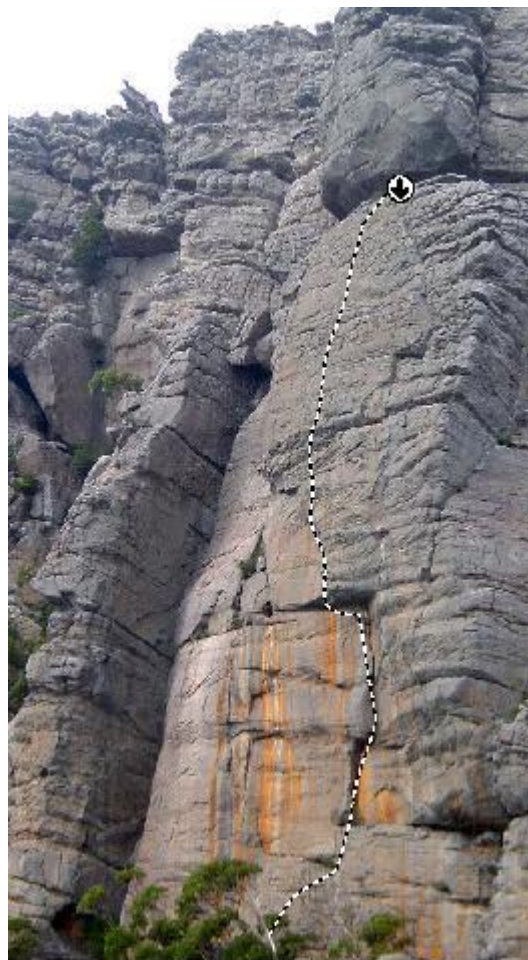
Keith (Nod) Lockwood reports: "The next two climbs are old notes that Norm told Nod to send in to Argus after sorting them out. Seeing as I was not there at the time, and have no idea where they climbed or what they did, I have no intention of sorting them out until we go back there again. Here are Norm's notes. Make of them what you will.

Bluey 50m 22

Great moves on steep rock. Exciting climbing. Start: 3m right of Middle Age Flog. **1.** 30m 22 Up groove line to an attractive orange flake. Reachy move to diagonal and up short, steep crack. Step right off ledge and straight up over left eye on beautiful rock. Up over another bulge to belay on large ledge. **2.** 20m 15 Straight up wall to top. First ascent: Ed Neve, Norm Booth. 29/9/02.

Direct Start (to a climb Norm can't remember the name of), 15m 21

Starts on right wall of gully left of.... (??) Carry rack of small wires and RPs. Pro difficult to place.



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1. 15m Step right off block part way up gully and climb to pocket (#3 Friend). Straight up wall and across right at top on good holds to join (??) First ascent: Ed Neve, Norm Booth. 29/9/02".

CHERUB WALL

Joyous 20m 17

Start at the corner immediately right of desirable crack (marked in paint DC). Up corner for 3 m until it is possible to traverse left onto wall and clip bolt. Straight up past bolt to horizontal, continue past second bolt to roof. There is a third bolt at roof where you step right to finish. Mark Witham, Greg Burke May 2005.

WALLABY ROCKS - MIDDLE CLIFF

This cliff is directly below Wallaby Rocks right hand side. To get to base of cliff follow decent gully down and left wards. You can get to the top by walk straight down hill from Riff-Raff and Fallas

Descriptions are left to right from prominent orange overhanging wall

Orange overhanging wall, potential grade 20+ climbing, if you stand on top of the left cliff and look down and leftwards you can see this orange overhanging wall.

Stink Fist 20mtr 17/18

2m left of wind scooped cave. Up rounded wall to three flaked holds, right and up through cracks at the top. C Abraham, J Mills 30/04/05

Velcro Gloves 20mtr 17/18

Climb out of left side of wind scooped cave. Follow right leading crack and up. C Abraham, J Mills 30/04/05

Arête right of wind scooped cave and ramp above TR R Clarke Easter 2005

Top roped problem 18/19??

At right hand end of overhung wall/ middle of wall Up through overhang and up J Mills C Abraham 31/04/05

Wallaby Jugs 20mtr 10

Start at right end of wall where all the jugs are. Looks dodgy and probably is. Up wall on frail holds to where it steepens and up C Abraham R Clarke Easter 2005

Anal Intrusions 20mtr 7/8

Up juggy gutter 2 right of wallaby jugs J Mills C Abraham 30/04/05

Wallaby's Bum 12mtr 8

10mtr right of Anal Intrusions. Start below right leading diagonal crack. Up short corner crack, gain right leading crack and follow right and up. C Abraham R Clarke Easter 2005

Top roped problem 20/21??

About 15mtr right of Wallaby's Bum just right of slabby wall. Up to right leading flake crack when this finishes step left and up TR J Mills C Abraham 31/04/05

Top roped problem 17/18??

Start of boulder 2mtr right of above climb Steep right of boulder and up thin wall then up wall above

WALLABY ROCKS - LOWER CLIFF

To get to the lower cliff just keep following the decent gully down and tend leftwards

Top Roped problem 20mtr 15

Start at Orange scooped roof. Hard moves through small orange roof/scoop to crack and up poor pro C Abraham R Clarke

Top Roped problem

Fingering the Wallaby 25mtr 14

Boundary start 2mtr left of Hidden Gem. Up curving crack and up. Hard to protect finish C Abraham R Clarke

Hidden Gem 25mtr 13

Start at obvious flake crack. Follow flake crack till it finishes then follow discontinuous cracks to the top C Abraham R Clarke Easter 2005

Shattered 25mtr 15

Start at obvious undercut crack 2mtr right of hidden gem. Up crack till it finishes, through rounded rock (unprotected), to two door nobs. Then up through frail ground Top roped C Abraham R Clarke Easter 2005