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FLINDERS SLABS

* **Mirror of Stone Direct Finish** 18m? 22

Instead of heading off left after second bolt (as per the guide) to join 'Spontaneous Combustion', continue straight up on good edges to a high bolt near the water groove then onto chains. It doesn't change the grade, probably about gr. 16, but its a more direct finish, straight up to chains, and may add a star. Feels similar to 'Tewkesbury'. Al Robertson 25/7/04

Royalty Wall Area

Barely Legal 7m 23

About 100m along the Great Circle Drive directly opposite gate in fence. Left trending diagonal crack line 10 m from the road uphill on right. May have been done before very obvious line. Contention about length FRA 14/05/05 R. Lodge G.Watts

CRESSY GULLY ROAD

The Fairground a.k.a. The Lodge

Three new routes on large block with horizontal crack at 3/4 height. DBB

Torn Tips 24 12m

On north side of block 2FH and cam. Start on right side of bolt up traverse left level with bolt then up onto small slab to break (cam) then over large flake to FH then up. Hopefully you won't find out the basis of the name. FA Richard Lodge Sep 2003

Numb Tips 21 14m

Around arete right of Torn Tips 3FH. Straight up slab passing small rooflet on the way which can be avoided. FA Richard lodge Sep 2003

Get off that arete you piker 21 14m

3m right of Numb Tips 1FH follow faint seam up to bolt and stance on arete. Then diagonally right to break(cam) over small rooflet to stance on large flake up. FA Richard Lodge

P.S The AKA name was not my idea i swear.

Hopkins River Cave

Neil Monteith reports: On the weekend I followed up a rumour in the new VCC South East Vic guide about a bolted limestone cave in Warrnambool. After some minor searching i located it. It is a small, scrappy 'sea cliff' well actually a river cliff on the western side of the Hopkins river about 500m upstream from the Hopkins Bridge. You can scramble down into it from the park which is located above it - all up a 2 minute walk from the car. The cave is about 7-8m high - and is very featured limestone with pockets, tufas and edges. The rock quality is fairly rubbish in general though - soft and dirty. I spotted three semi bolted routes in the fading sunlight and some evidence of chalk. The routes were very steep - the first moves were across a 1.5m cieling then finished up an overhung wall. The climbs i saw would be grade 20-25ish i would guess. Some harder routes could be done i guess with a bit of cleaning. The bolts were quite rusty expansions with stainless hangers. I couldn't see any lower off anchors although the routes did finish out of sight in grass. The ground underneath the climbs was sand - which may actually get water in high tide! All up this is a very small area which might amuse climbers for a few hours at max - the rock and moves would be unique and the river location is really nice at sunset.