

Sydney Rockclimbing Club Inc

Application for New Membership or Membership Renewal for the period 1 July to 30 June the following year

Postal Address: PO Box A592, Sydney South, NSW 1235

To apply for membership or renewal:

- You must be 18 years or over.
- Have had some experience in rockclimbing and related outdoor activities. Minimum requirement is having been climbing at an indoor climbing gym where instruction and approval has been given to belay.
- Complete, sign and date this application form.
- If you are a *new* member, *you must attend a club meeting*. Hand the completed and signed form to a committee member at the meeting, tendering the relevant fee in cash, cheque or money order.
- If you are a *renewing* or *previous* member, you can mail the form to the above address; enclose the relevant fee in cheque or money order, or manually/electronically transfer the fee to the club's bank account.



Membership Fees:

- New Members
 - If joining in the months from July to December: \$30 (Expires June 30 the following year)
 - If joining in the months from January to June: \$20 (Expires June 30 the same year)
- Existing Members
 - If paid before 1 July: \$20 (Expires June 30 the following year.)
 - If paid on or after 1 July: as for New Members

If existing members do not submit this form and their renewal fee before 1 July they are no longer financial members. However they may continue to receive Sydney Rockclimbing Club Inc correspondence via post or e-mail for a period of 3 months.

Membership fees include an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Acknowledgement, Waiver and Release

Please read carefully before signing the waiver.

I, the undersigned, apply for membership of Sydney Rockclimbing Club Inc (hereinafter referred to as 'the Club') and confirm:

1. I am 18 years or over and have experience in rockclimbing and related outdoor activities (referred to hereunder as "rockclimbing activities").
2. I understand that the Club encourages the use of safe climbing practices but any rockclimbing activity I undertake with the Club is at my own risk.
3. I understand that the Club and its members will not instruct me in the sport of rockclimbing.
4. I understand that leaders of rockclimbing activities are volunteers.
5. I understand that the Club and its members do not provide equipment for climbing and I will be responsible for providing and maintaining my own equipment.
6. Any advice or recommendation on rockclimbing equipment given to me by the Club and its members is not intended to be taken as any warranty that the equipment is fit for the purpose of rockclimbing or of the performance of the equipment.
7. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to ensure that my equipment is fit for the purpose of rockclimbing.
- 8. I understand that rockclimbing activities are not insured for public liability.**
9. I understand and acknowledge that rockclimbing activities are an intrinsically dangerous activity and involve recreational rockclimbing on outdoor rock cliffs, at times in remote areas which may expose me to risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my property.
- 10. Those risks may include but are not limited to:**

Muscle strains and broken limbs, brain damage, hypothermia, dehydration, sunburn, exposure to heights, exposure to cold and/or bad weather including wind and rain, slippery and/or uneven surfaces, equipment failure, failure to use the equipment correctly, loose rocks, falling rocks/equipment, unstable cliff edges, falling at edges of cliffs or drops, group being delayed and/or disorientated, vehicle traffic, actions of participants and/or spectators and/or members of the public.
11. To minimise these risks I will endeavour to ensure that when I attend trips:
 - (a) I will wear and carry suitable clothing and protective gear.
 - (b) I will ensure I have sufficient competence and experience to participate safely in trips.
 - (c) I do not take any medication that may impair my capabilities.
 - (d) I will advise the leader of any illness/injury which requires medical attention which may affect my ability to participate during the trip.
 - (e) I will carry a First Aid kit on the trips and be proficient in its use.

12. I agree by signing this waiver that I waive any claim for injury or damages arising from rockclimbing or related outdoor activity/ies that I may have against the Club and/or its members and/or other participants in tort or contract.
13. In the event of my death, this waiver will bind my estate.
14. I consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed necessary in any event of injury, accident or illness during Club activities.
15. I agree to abide by the following:
 - (a) Never climb unroped and never move away from a climbing group in order to climb or abseil alone.
 - (b) Do not stand closer than one body length from the edge of the cliff, unless firmly and safely belayed.
 - (c) At the start of each climb, check all climbing equipment for damage. If the equipment appears faulty, seek advice immediately.
 - (d) Once tied into a climbing rope/team, do not untie either the rope or the belay system until it is safe to do so. It is your responsibility to check the adequacy of all ropes, knots and belay systems.
 - (e) Do not dislodge and/or throw objects off any cliff. If a rock is accidentally dislodged, immediately call out loudly 'below' or 'rock'.
 - (f) Never stand under others who are climbing, belaying, or are walking on a ledge above in case rock or other objects are dislodged. Always wear a safety helmet whenever you are near a cliff or climbing.
 - (g) When communicating with others in your climbing team, always speak clearly, concisely and loudly. Use the correct terms and conventions, and use personal names if the area is crowded.
 - (h) When belaying another climber it is imperative that your complete attention be given to the task. Always keep one hand on the safe side of the rope and do not attempt to participate in any other activity.
16. I acknowledge that the Club has warned me of the risks involved in rockclimbing.

I have read and understood the above terms and conditions of my membership of the Club. All references above to the Club shall also extend to any and all members of the Club.

Applicant's signature _____ **Date** _____

- Tick here if we can include your name, telephone number and e-mail address on our list of current members. The list is occasionally distributed to other club members.
- Tick here if we can provide you with an electronic copy of the newsletter, distributed in PDF format and requiring the use of the Adobe Reader to view. The Adobe Reader is free and can be downloaded from Adobe at <http://www.adobe.com>.

Personal Details PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

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| Surname | |
| Given Names | |
| Date of Birth | Gender: Male / Female |
| Phone Home | |
| Mobile / Work | |
| Address Street | |
| Suburb & Postcode | |
| E-mail address | |

Person to Contact in Case of Accident or Illness PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

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| Name | |
| Relationship to you | |
| Phone Home | |
| Mobile / Work | |
| Address Street | |
| Suburb & Postcode | |