

# The CCT Aboriginal Heritage Vision Statement

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*Our vision is that the Tasmanian climbing community celebrates, respects and protects lutruwita's cultural and natural landscape. Climbers will build a positive and respectful relationship with pakana palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal people). This relationship will be based on mutual respect, understanding and a shared commitment to ongoing learning. Our actions as climbers will be contributing to reconciliation.*

## **Background**

The Climbers Club of Tasmania (CCT), Tasmania's peak representative body for climbing, *acknowledges the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the original owners and continuing custodians of lutruwita (Tasmania)*. We recognise the ongoing effects of invasion and colonialism on lutruwita's Aboriginal community and we respect the deep and enduring connections of pakana palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal people).

We believe climbing is more than just a physical pursuit – it is a way of life that fosters community, belonging, joy and a deep appreciation for the natural landscapes in which we immerse ourselves. We recognise that these natural landscapes are also cultural landscapes, and that climbing has an impact on their natural and cultural values.

We seek to develop a mutually respectful dialogue between climbers, Traditional Owners and land managers to minimise climbing's impact on the cultural and natural values of climbing areas. We believe dialogue and time together on country will reveal we share goals for the future of high places around lutruwita.

We recognise the challenges in creating mutually acceptable compromise. We aspire to foster a positive and active climbing community that is curious, engaged and that celebrates Aboriginal culture. We will seek opportunities to deepen our community's cultural awareness and connection with country.

We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of pakana palawa and commit to building a brighter future together. We see climbing as one way of enriching our understanding and connection to country.

## **CCT Acknowledgement**

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