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\$160k Upgrade to Activity Tower Vertical Challenge Walls First makeover in 23 years.

Collaroy, NSW: The Collaroy Centre have announced a \$160k upgrade to their Activity Tower Vertical Challenge walls. The Vertical Challenge walls offer a

- 10m & 5m high Abseiling walls
- 10m high Rock Climbing wall
- 10m high Vertical Challenge with various suspended elements

The new upgraded walls offer challenges for the individuals and teams looking for more variety and in some areas, more challenge. For the School and Youth Camps who have stayed at the site before this development allows for more of a variable challenge by choice. This means that appropriate challenge levels can be created which are tailored around the age and ability of participants to ensure that required group objectives are met.

"This project has been long overdue. The Tower, which was originally constructed in 1996, hasn't had much change since then apart from general maintenance and repairs. We are very excited to start running groups through our revitalized Abseiling, Rock Climbing & Vertical Challenge Activities" says Robert Lean, Program Manager at The Collaroy Centre

The features are not just about safety but offer many new challenges:

- Plywood Panels have been replaced with Moulded Fibreglass and Fibre-reinforced polymer
 Micro Mesh Grating. This allows for a much more realistic and adhesive surface, as well as
 removing the need to replace rotten plywood panels on a regular basis.
- Two new intro ramps have been fitted to the 10m abseil to allow for an easier inclined start for those who really wish to challenge themselves, but find the 90° lean back too daunting.
- Brand New Vertical Challenge Activity consisting of suspended Logs, Cargo Net, Buoys & Retractable Webbing. This presents an all new challenge to teams of three participants which is different to anything we've ever offered in the past.

The new Vertical Challenge Walls will be unveiled Early September 2019 and available for use for all camps and conferences booked in for programmed camps or programmed activities. For more information on <u>activities offered</u>, or to go on a Virtual Tour, visit https://www.collaroycentre.org.au/virtual-tour/.

About The Collaroy Centre: Owned by The Salvation Army, the site is 10ha of Camp and Conference Facilities available for hire by schools, churches, companies & social/community groups.



Full conference facilities include an Auditorium that seats up to 400 people with a professional lighting gantry and sound system; a tiered Lecture Theatre; various sized Seminar Rooms; a large Conference Room, and large Chapel space.

The site can sleep up to 440, with various sleeping configurations. There are over 25 Adrenalin / Team Building activities including High Ropes, Flying Fox, Abseiling Tower, Rock Climbing Wall, Archery and Giant Swing. Offsite we host surfing, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Kayaking & Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions.

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