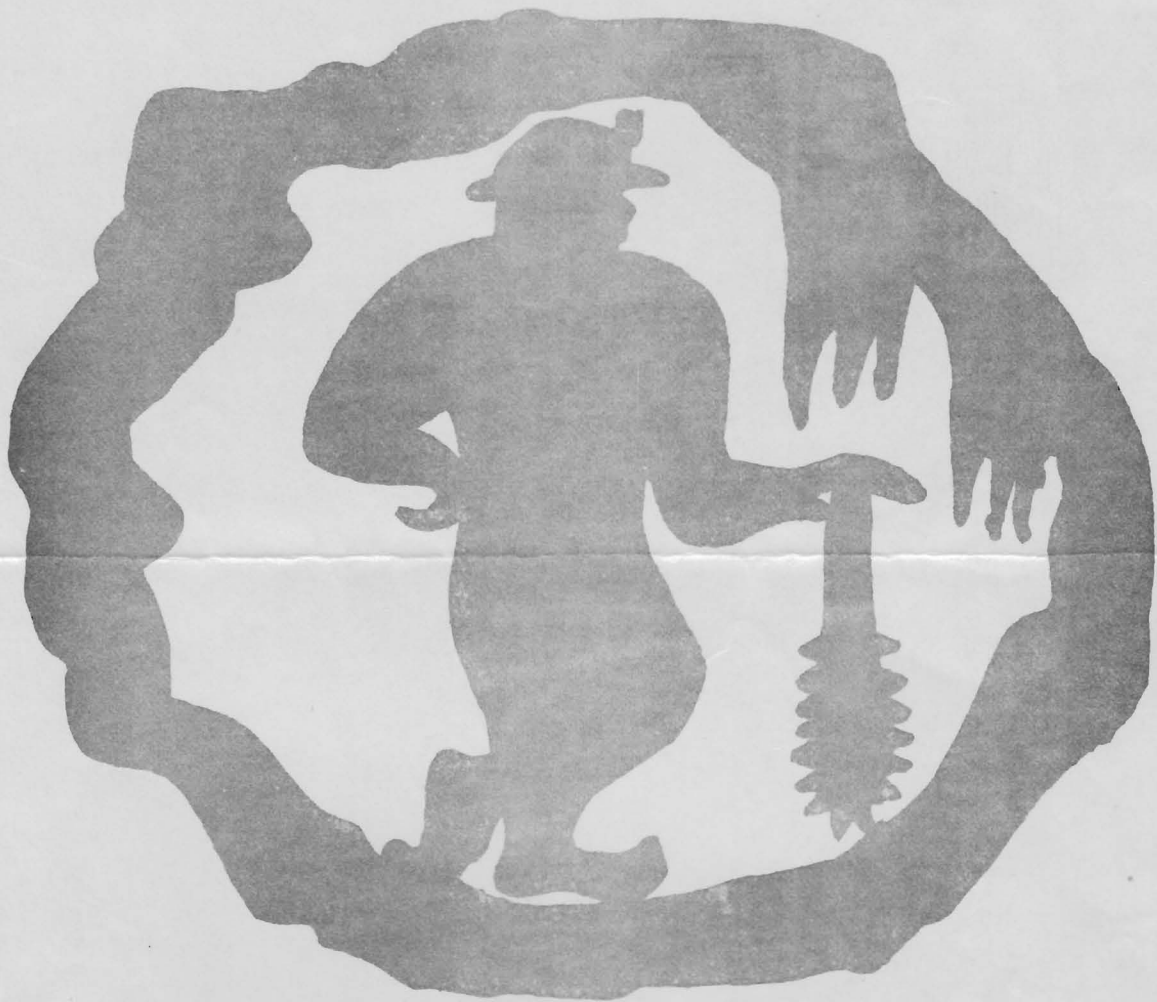


CAVE CONVICT

1980



REGISTRATION
DETAILS

The 13th. biennial
conference of



Box.5425 CC,
GPO Melbourne
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the Australian Speleological Federation

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S)

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ADDRESS

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PHONE NO.

POST CODE

WILL YOU BE PRESENTING A PAPER? TITLE

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	Cost per person	No of bookings
<u>*REGISTRATION FEE</u>	\$20.00
<u>PROCEEDINGS</u>	\$10.00
<u>CAVEMANS DINNER</u> Tues Dec 30th	\$13.00
<u>ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS</u>		
Fri Dec 26th	\$15.00
Sat Dec 27th		
Sun Dec 28th	\$80.00
Mon Dec 29th		
Tues Dec 30th		
Wed Dec 30th	\$15.00

Meals included in the above tariffs are for those living in International House. OCCASIONAL MEALS for lunch and dinner will be available at \$3.00 per meal only if booked one day in advance.

*Registration should be accompanied with a minimum payment of \$20.00 per person payable to CAVE CONVICT 1980 and be received not later than Mon 1st Dec. Late registrations will incur a late fee of \$5.00. Accommodation for late registrants cannot be guaranteed.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Dates: Sat. Dec 27th to Wed Dec 31st 1980

Venue: Pharmacy College,
381 Royal Pde, Parkville, 3052.

Accommodation: International House,
241 Royal Pde, Parkville, 3052

Costs: (a) Accommodation \$80.00 4 nights (27-30)
Opt: (Accommodation \$15.00 each night for 26th, 31st)
(b) Conference Dinner \$13.00 per head B.Y.O.
(c) Proceedings \$10.00
(d) Registration fee \$20.00 + late fee if applicable.

Registration: If you wish to attend Cave Convict, please return the registration form with a minimum deposit of \$20 to Convict Committee, Cave Convict, P.O. Box 5425 CC, G.P.O. Melbourne, 3001. On arrival, participants must check in at the registration desk which will be open Saturday morning and afternoon (Dec 27th).

Travel: T.A.A. has been appointed official carrier for Cave Convict. In the interest of all visitors, we strongly recommend you contact your local T.A.A. travel consultant as listed below, who is the only person able to offer group travel discounts where applicable.

Should you book by other means, it will not be possible to keep accurate record of numbers for the purpose of granting your group travel concessions.

Sydney	Margaret Jervis	238 0266
Canberra	Di Mosley	48 8433
Brisbane	Cliff Green	33 2011
Adelaide	David Neale	216 1911
Perth	Verleen Antunovich	233 0331
Hobart	Pat Dermoudy	34 4411
Launceston	Pamela Barker	31 6644
Newcastle	Bernie Lorck	26 1544
Townsville	Bill Pellow	81 6280
Darwin	Gail Forgan	80 1211

Accommodation: Resident participants will be accommodated at International House. The costs are \$20 per night for Sat 27th to Tues 30th which includes a fully serviced room and three meals a day. Rooms are available on Fri 26th and Wed 31st for \$15 per night. All rooms are singles except for five tutor's flats which will be reserved for families. The absolute deadline set by International House for booking a room is Dec 12th, so let the committee know your intentions by Dec 1st when registrations are due. EXCESS ROOMS WILL NOT BE BOOKED: NO BOOKING - NO ROOM! We will hold a room for you if you phone any of the contacts listed at the end of this newsletter by Dec 1st.

Living-in means that you can relax during the conference without having to worry about the hassles of driving after a convivial gathering with fellow cavers at the end of a day, and will save dollars in petrol costs.

Alternative accommodation is scarce in Melbourne at the time of the conference, unless you are staying with friends. There are no camping/caravan parks within a reasonable distance, motels are expensive, and YHA will be full. It may be possible to arrange parking of a few caravans to ease the costs for families. Phone or write if you are in this position. People wanting child minding need to let us know by Dec 1st so we can organise this. We need to know numbers and ages of children plus approximate times. Costs are approximately \$1.50 per hour per child minder but this can be shared between up to 5 people. Evening child care for evening functions can also be arranged.

Evening Social Events:

- (a) Saturday: There will be a barbecue on Saturday night designed to allow you to meet other cavers attending the conference in an informal atmosphere. This is free for residents, and casual tickets will be available for non-residents. The occasion is B.Y.O.
- (b) Sunday: The slides entered in the photographic contest will be shown, along with several caving films. Judging of the humorous category of slides will take place.
- (c) Monday: Currently listed as informal; either sessions or entertainment will be scheduled. This will depend on the number of papers presented.
- (d) Tuesday: CAVEMAN'S DINNER. This social event of the year will be held at International House. A smorgasboard/buffet meal will be provided with full seating for eating comfortably. The cost is \$13 per head excluding drinks. Prizes for the photographic competitions and speleosports will be presented. The after dinner speaker will be Andy Spate, well known in caving circles and chairman of cavconact conference in 1976. Liquor is B.Y.O., soft drinks will be provided.

SESSIONS

- (a) ASF Committee. The first part of the meeting will be held on Saturday morning, and the second part will be held on Wednesday morning.
- (b) Seminar Topics. Six conference sessions are programmed between Saturday and Tuesday. The timetable for these is printed at the back of this newsletter. Sessions will generally be held at Pharmacy College main lecture theatre with the exception of a few specialist workshops. If the number of papers is greater than expected another session will be programmed on Monday night. Parallel sessions will be avoided. The seminar topics presented will include conservation, management, biology, geology, geomorphology, hydrology, anthropology, archaeology, palaeontology, photographic techniques, surveying and mapping, expedition reports,

caving techniques, and any other cave related subject.

These will be grouped together as much as possible into related topics and presented under the direction of selected session chairmen. Two themes already planned are the "Victorian Karst Seminar" on Sunday morning, and the examination of changing caving trends and ethics on Monday morning.

As well as the formal seminars, there will be several specialist workshop sessions which will cover various practical aspects of speleology in a less formally structured presentation.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION is the important requirement for these sessions and the onus is on YOU - the conference participant. The structure will be fairly open and the workshops offered will depend on the enthusiasm indicated at the conference. Some symposia have been tentatively programmed and suggested ideas for these are given below.

Symposium/workshop topics

Cave documentation in the computer age.

The 80's represents a new technological era, and the cheap production of micro-processors opens many avenues for the use of programming to assist both documentation of caves but also to assist in the preparation of maps and the correcting of surveys. Combined with this, the age old problems of standardization of mapping symbols and improvement to surveying techniques always merits constructive discussion with the aim of upgrading. Bring along your ideas for programs, the latest maps or RDF equipment.

S. & R. & Safety.

Equipment has undergone steady development lately as typified by CMI ascenders. Many new designs of rescue stretchers have emerged recently, and unfortunately they will be used in action. The effectiveness of a cave rescue depends primarily on the quick removal of a victim to the surface with the minimum aggravation to his injuries. This requires a well co-ordinated rescue attempt manual by competent cavers in liaison with emergency services and police in each state. These avenues of communication differ between states, and much can be learned by comparisons of each operating system with possible recommendations emerging to improve these.

S. & R. is required less if cavers are more safety conscious and this comes (in part) by an evaluation of case histories and analysis of how to avoid trouble. Practice of techniques can assist in avoiding trouble, and techniques of rescue and self rescue should be demonstrated in this workshop. Bring your ideas, and equipment to demonstrate these to this workshop and any tales and reports of "near misses" or "not misses" for discussion. Club safety officers should lead the way here : be prepared!

Equipment.

This workshop will provide opportunities for both the "trade" and the amateur designer or modifier of existing equipment to display their wares. ANY form of equipment is required. This includes SRT, S & R, Safety, surveying and communication, equipment of every type.

Cave Photography.

Life for a cave photographer can be unbearable. He crawls hundreds of metres through tight squeezes, low flatteners and bottomless pitches with a very delicate instrument that doesn't agree with humid or muddy conditions and then has to compose an award winning photograph. This is usually achieved by standing on his head or jammed in a chimney and making an "educated guess" regarding the correct aperture required. There must be an easier way! Come along to this workshop and share your ideas with other cave photographers. Bring along any photographs that illustrate aspects of your work, and any modified equipment you have.

Conservation Hotspots and Strategies.

Limestone is valuable raw material for many industries and many caving areas are under the threat of quarrying. There are also areas that have other problems such as flooding in Tasmania or aerodromes at Bat Ridges. It is important that all speleologists be acquainted with the problems and that a unified action plan be adopted. This workshop is VITAL for all those that have a serious interest in preserving caves for both scientific and sporting reasons.

Speleosports.

Speleosports are programmed for Monday afternoon and will be held in the park opposite Pharmacy College.

PAPERS

Length of presentation will be variable, but 40 minute monologues will not be allowed. An advisable maximum is 30 mins overall (including question time). A well prepared 10 minute paper will be more appreciated than a tediously long paper.

If you have never presented a paper to a large audience - dont be put off. The audience consists of cavers - people who are prepared to listen and are interested mainly in the content. The session chairman will help you in any way he/she can, and the convict committee will offer any support to you that is possible. There will be very few professional lecturers giving papers.

If you know something that you feel should be shared with the others at the conference, let the organising committee know. It is possible to have papers presented on your behalf by a committee member if you are unable to attend or if your nervousness is insurmountable. Tell the committee thus at the time of sending in the abstracts.

Do not underestimate the importance of your ideas. Local common knowledge may be highly entertaining to other cavers.

In order to finalise the programme, the convict committee needs to have abstracts and titles very soon. The deadline for these (for pre-conference publication) has been extended to Dec 1st (previously advertised as Nov 14th). The abstracts should be up to 300 words long and an estimate of the length of the final paper should be sent at the same time. The final papers should be submitted by Dec 31st for inclusion in the proceedings.

The committee has prepared a guideline for authors of papers to standardize a few matters. This is very similar to the standards issued by WACCON so that there is continuity between conferences. Copies have been sent to past contributors at conferences and further copies are available from the committee at the address and phone numbers shown at the end of this newsletter.

Photographic Competition

Details have been published in the insert to ASF Newsletter No 37 and are reprinted below for convenience.

It has been decided not to limit entries only to those photographs and slides taken since WACCON, but rather to set the condition that entries must not have been exhibited in any previous ASF competition.

The competition has been divided into the following categories:

(A) Monochrome prints

Minimum size is 25.4 cm x 20.3 cm (8 in x 10 in)

A-1 Scenic: Surface karst, cave passages and chambers etc.

A-2 Scientific: Biological, Geological etc.

A-3 Speleothems and other pretties.

A-4 Action and techniques (underground).

(B) Colour Prints

Minimum size is 17.8 cm x 12.7 cm (5 in x 7 in).

B-1 to B-4 are as for monochrome prints.

(C) Colour slides

C-1 to C-4 as above

C-5 Story series: A series of two to ten slides showing a sequence of events and accompanied by explanatory notes. Each series counts as one entry only.

C-6 Humourous

Place your entry in the category that you feel is most appropriate.

GENERAL RULES

- *No more than 5 entries per person per category will be accepted.
- *Photographs must have been taken by the entrant.
- *A declaration must be signed regarding previous exhibition in ASF comps.
- *All prints must be mounted.
- *All entries must be labelled with the owner's name and the category in which it is entered.
- *Slides must be spotted on the upper right hand corner when held in the normal viewing position.
- *Slides should be preferably (but not essentially) glass mounted.
- *Deadline for entries is 5.00 p.m., Sat 27th.
- *All entries will be returned at the end of the conference.
- *A photo may be entered in only one category.
- *Prints will be on display during the conference.
- *Slides will be shown on Sunday night.
- *Prizewinners will be announced at the conference dinner.
- *The judges reserve the right not to award a prize in any category if insufficient entries are received and/or those received do not reach an acceptable standard.
- *Humourous slides will be voted on at the showing to decide the winner.
- *Other categories will be judged by a professional photographer who is experienced in caving.

Australasian Cavelife Photographic Competition

Details have been published in ASF Newsletter No 88 and are reprinted below for convenience.

This is a biennial photographic competition to encourage an interest in biospeleology and an awareness of cave ecology. A cash prize of A\$1000 will be awarded to a photograph (laboratory shots will not be allowed) of any form of cave flora or fauna of Australia, Papua New Guinea or New Zealand, which is adjudged to be of outstanding biospeleological interest and photographic excellence.

Conditions of entry

1. The entries must have been taken since the end of the previous conference of the Australian Speleological Federation.
2. No more than two entries may be entered by one person.
3. Entries must be in 35 mm slide form.
4. The following details to be supplied with each entry:
 - (a) Identification of depicted specimen(s) if possible.
 - (b) Date of collection/photographing.
 - (c) Name and location of cave.
 - (d) Collection/photographing point in cave.
 - (e) Name and address of collector/photographer.
 - (f) Exposure details and other pertinent technical details.
 - (g) Other features of interest.
5. The definition of the word "cave" will be at the discretion of the ASF Committee.
6. If none of the submitted entries are, in the opinion of the judge, to be of a satisfactory standard, a winner will not be chosen and the prize money will be accumulated until the next competition.
7. The decision of the judge will be final.

The judge is to be appointed by the conference organising committee, to be of an impartial nature, and preferably a professional photographer with some knowledge of cave and/or biological photography.

Noel Plumley, who has initiated this competition, is an English caver who spent time in Western Australia. One copy of the winning slide will be sent to Noel (now in England) and another copy to the WASG slide collection, the costs of this borne by Noel.

Send your entries, clearly marked Australasian Cavelife Photographic Competition, to the Cave Convict committee at the address shown previously.

Caving Equipment Awards

At the thirteenth biennial conference of the Australian Speleological Federation, Caving Equipment, as a "carrot for the donkey" (no literalism intended), propose to give two \$50 open orders with Caving Equipment for the funniest (or most humorous) article/cartoon and the "best" map published in the Australian Speleological literature.

Caving Equipment wishes to improve the interest and standards of club/society newsletter/journals. They feel that by offering these awards, they will be doing something positive to encourage more interesting articles and improve surveying and mapping standards.

The funniest article/cartoon is pretty straightforward. Some suggestions for criteria of "best" map are survey grade (higher the better), closure accuracy, completeness (plan, long section and cross sections), adherence to ASF survey standards, presentation, drafting and quality of printing. Low grade sketches printed on a blotchy stencil are not going to win! Some consideration will be given for the longer and deeper the cave. This is to encourage people to do the longer and harder caves.

Field Trips

The main caving areas in Victoria were published in A.S.F. Newsletter 87: (Summer 1980).

Two types of trips are being considered.

- (1) Short trips which may be held during the conference or immediately afterwards. These include:
(i) Parwan Cave: a fairly typical lava cave near Bacchus Marsh, west of Melbourne;
(ii) Labertouche Cave: an interesting granite boulder cave of uncertain origin.

- (2) Longer trips: These will commence after the conference.

(i) Western District - Lava and limestone. This will be an excursion. A group will gradually move across the Western District, visiting such places as: Mt. Hamilton, Skipton, Mt. Eccles, Byaduk, Tower Hill (volcanic karst), the Warrnambool coast, Loch Ard Gorge (Tertiary limestone) and Bats Ridge (Pleistocene limestone). The group will camp at various places in the fortnight after the conference. People can join or leave when they wish, providing they let the leaders know during the conference. General camping equipment and a water container is needed as well as caving equipment. A detailed itinerary will be available at the conference. Numbers limited to about 20. Leaders are Nicholas and Sue White, Elery Hamilton-Smith.

(ii) Limestone Creek - Silurian limestone. This is a drop-in area where area co-ordinators will be based near the Main Bluff for two weeks following the conference. This is an area of discrete outcrops containing caves, and is an area for those who like caving in a bush setting. The area is about 3 hours drive from Buchan and is worth a visit, before or after you visit Buchan. There is a possibility of an extra visit to Indi (N.S.W.). Camping gear essential. The Area Co-ordinators are Bruce Brenton (first week) and Bruce Leslie (second week).

(iii) New Guinea Ridge - Devonian limestone. This will be a walk-in area. Co-ordinators will be camped after the conference. The area has a number of very good caves and much potential for more. It is additionally highly scenic, being at the end of the Tulloch Ard Gorge. If you are thinking of visiting the area for more than a day, bring all your lightweight camping and walking gear. The Area Co-ordinators are Brian Franz and Rudi Frank.

(iv) Jacksons Crossing - This is the southern end of the New Guinea limestone and is another area which will require people to walk in and camp. V.S.A. have done very little in this area, so there could be discoveries to be made. It is only available for one week (first) and the Area Co-ordinator is Bruce Leslie.

(v) Buchan - this includes Murrindal, East Buchan and The Basin. All of these areas will be a drop-in basis for the most of January. The main centre of operations will be at Homeleigh and all cavers wishing to visit areas around Buchan (including Jacksons Crossing and New Guinea Ridge) will need to report to Homeleigh first. Accommodation is available at the Top Hut, Homeleigh and various bush campsites. Availability will depend on numbers so bring your camping gear to be safe. Area Co-ordinators will be Lloyd Mill, Tom Whitehouse and Dave Smith (The Basin area).

Caving restrictions and access

Many caves are on private land and land owner's permission is of course needed for caving in all caves. There are some restricted areas and these apply to VSA members as well.

- (i) The Caves Reserve - this is a Government managed tourist area and although the Officer-in-Charge is very co-operative there is no caving in this area during the tourist season. If you wish to see the tourist caves, see the Area Co-ordinator - otherwise - no caving in this area.
- (ii) Scrubby Creek Cave - all trips are to be led by a special VSA Leader when available, who is in sole charge. A wet suit is recommended. Anyone wishing to go on a trip must satisfy the leader that they are experienced enough to handle a sump (low air space). This is for safety, as we have had a few near drownings.
- (iii) Exponential Pot (M125) - there is limited access to this locked cave for conservation reasons. Trips will run to this cave but they will probably be limited and details will be available at the conference.
- (iv) Western District - some areas in Western Victoria need delicate negotiations with land owners and these are being negotiated where possible.

Details of field trips will be available in a Guidebook and announced at the conference. Those people who wish to book places on the Western District excursion may do so with their registration. This will be limited to about 20 people.

Bookshop

A bookshop will be on site at International House that will cater for clubs and retailers. If you (or your club) have books for sale please advise the committee. As well as books, Norm Poulter's Speleo-prints will be available for inspection and sale.

Stickers

Cave convict stickers are available from many ASF clubs represented at the last ASF committee meeting or can be obtained directly from Cave Convict (address above) at a cost of \$1.20 including postage. The remaining stock will be on sale at the conference bookshop.

T-Shirts

T-shirts in a variety of colours and sizes will be available at the conference for \$5.00. They may be ordered in advance by sending the size, colour and number required to the committee. Please note that there will not be too many printed initially, and sales will be on a first-come, first-serve basis (unless previously ordered). However orders for a second print run shortly after the conference will be taken if stocks are depleted.

Grog

For the benefit of interstate visitors, Victoria has "Victorian" laws on alcohol which severely limits the sale of grog. NO BAR can/will operate at the conference.

The area around Parkville is fairly well serviced with a variety of hotels and refrigeration facilities are available at International House. The dinner is B.Y.O. which has the advantage that non-drinkers are not subsidizing drinkers, and there is an unlimited choice of drinks (the ones you bring). International House does not mind drink on the premises as long as this is not abused. Souvenir bottles of port will be available (a good brand) at very reasonable cost.

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