

7th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE of the AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION.

WHERE?

At Grahams Castle, Goolwa, South Australia.

Goolwa is approximately 55 miles south of Adelaide, near the mouth of the Murray River. Grahams Castle is situated in a panoramic position within walking distance of a good surfing beach (swims before breakfast?) and just the right distance from everywhere else.

WHEN?

26th to 30th December, 1968.

The doors open on the afternoon of Thursday 26th December. This gives people time to celebrate Christmas at home or on a train, or somewhere, and then arrive after. The evening meal on the 26th is optional, and you are asked to let us know whether or not you require it, on your application form. Otherwise you'll be paying for it whether you have it or not.

Business starts on the Friday morning, and continues through to the Sunday evening. Monday 30th will be devoted to last minute preparations for the trips and generally leaving the place. It is expected that very few people (if any) will remain there for the Monday night.

HOW MUCH?

\$20.00 per head. If you have a family with small children, let us know details well in advance and we'll see what we can do.

This price includes everything, except, of course, post conference trips.

WHAT IS EVERYTHING?

There is a lecture hall seating 120 people and smaller rooms for committee meetings, say. Everything includes all meals, plus morning and afternoon tea. It also includes the Caveman's Dinner, a galah occasion, to be sure. In addition you are provided with a place to sleep and a share in a hot and cold shower.

Accommodation is capacity at 65; 44 in double rooms, with adjoining showers, and 21 in small dormitories. What luxury. It is expected that we will fill the place, so it would be wise to get your application in early if you wish to attend.

WHAT'S ON?

You are. (We hope). This conference is your conference. We would like to hear what is new in speleology in your corner of the world. Perhaps you have developed a good photographic technique, or perhaps you have new ideas for surveying. It is always interesting to hear about new or unusual equipment, and methods of making and testing it. Reports on scientific work carried out in the past or proposals for work which should be carried out in the future are always interesting too. Perhaps you know enough about bones to be able to tell others what they should do or look for if they come across these things in their travels. What aspects of conservation or the lack of it are upsetting you at the moment? There are dozens of possibilities for good talks and discussions, and the place to have them is at the Grahams Castle Conference, so if you can and should present a paper there, please let us know fairly soon. We would like to hear it. Papers should be planned to run for approximately 1 hour or less, thus allowing time for discussion afterwards. Copies of papers to be presented should be lodged with the Conference sub-committee as early as possible, and at least by the closing date for applications, to assist the planning and smooth running of the Conference, and ensure their inclusion in the conference proceedings.

In addition to the speakers there will be films on caving, and an opportunity for photographers to show off their best recent slides.

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Field Trips:

There are field trips being run to 3 main areas at present.

1. Kangaroo Island.
2. The Nullarbor.
3. The South-east.

KANGAROO ISLAND.

This trip follows directly on from the Conference, and runs for a fortnight, the last day being Tuesday 14th January, 1969. Much of the South-western coastal region of Kangaroo Island is pretty well unexplored cave country. There is one Tourist cave in the area, at Kelly Hill. This alone would be enough to occupy a reasonable sized party for a week, and has such fantastic attractions as a hundred foot slippery dip entrance and the Trog's Delight which may only be viewed by small groups from a safe distance with the breath held.

Search for Kll, now lost for some years and the legendary hole that breathes not far from it. Fall down any one of the numerous other holes lurking in the surrounding bush, or visit the Ravine de Cascoars, and see what a large underground fairy penguin colony really smells like. Where does the West Bay Hollow stream go to after it runs through that rockpile? It looks like it passes under those sinks and breathy holes and goes out to sea underwater in the big cliffs. Perhaps you might be the ones to find out.

Would you like to go swimming with seals, or look for precious stones at the legendary Daws Diggings? Have you seen Remarkable Rocks or Admirals Arch? Did you know that Mt. Taylor is hollow? Do you like digging? Last time we broke into the brand new and only partly explored Whinkys Cave. The time before we enlarged a rabbit hole into a respectable cave.

If you want the time of your life, don't miss this trip.

What does it cost? \$35. a head, which covers everything except your own food. This is pretty cheap when you consider what you are getting for your money. Transport is by private cars. If you wish to take your car and don't mind fairly rough roads, which compare favourably with many suburban horror stretches, and can fit up to six people in it without gear, then let us know. Part of that \$35. will go towards reimbursing drivers for petrol costs. Some more of it will go towards the gear carrying supply truck, which we need to carry all our own water, not to mention a refrigerator and a 240 volt A.C. lighting plant, which will help to make the camp a little more comfortable. The major part of the money, however, goes in getting you and your cars over to K.I. and back again, by way of the roll-on roll-off ferry Troubridge, a most pleasant voyage indeed, especially at that time of the year.

It is felt at present that food arrangements are best left to the individuals as a central camp will be established somewhere in the south-west of the Island and small parties will circulate to the various attractions from there, each day (or for two day periods in some cases) and catering for such a wide-spread bunch would be difficult. Suggested menus may be prepared and assistance given in this matter closer to the time. Provisions are available on the Island if necessary.

A block booking has been made for the Troubridge and only a limited number can go, so please get your applications in early for this, too, if you wish to go, accompanied by \$15 deposit or, if you can manage it, paid in full at \$35. Late bookings cannot be accepted for this trip, unfortunately, unless someone has

to pull out at the last minute, since the full money must be paid to the Steamship Co. early in November.

Party Leader: Grant Gartrell.

THE NULLARBOR.

This trip also follows directly on from the Conference, and is planned to return to Adelaide on Saturday 18th Jan. 1969 after approx. 2½ weeks on the Plain. Transport will be in private cars, so please indicate whether you are prepared to take yours, and what room you have for passengers etc., The proposal for a large-scale diving trip to the Nullarbor has been reconsidered for this occasion, and has been temporarily dropped as being unsuitable for a trip of this kind. The main reason for this is that most of the party would be acting as sheeps lugging diving gear around for the elite few who would get all the pleasure of new discoveries which they alone could see and this is not very fair when all must pay the same money to go on the trip. The idea of a diving trip is still a good one and more planning will go towards a trip for just this purpose in the future, but at present there is plenty to do for everyone while maintaining the noses above water.

It is planned to visit the main big caves which are worth seeing again even if you've seen them before and to look at a couple of new features or recently re-discovered features, such as the fabled "Dingo-Donga" and the Madura Pass blowhole. At least five days will be spent at Mullamullang, so that a few more miles can be discovered and an attempt will be made to get into the caves in the cliffs at Wilsons Bluff. All in all it should be an interesting trip for old and new Nullarborophiles alike. It is expected that transport and related costs will be in the vicinity of \$40 a head for this trip.

Party Leader: Peter Hawkes.

THE SOUTH - EAST.

This is a general region with a northern boundary somewhere near the main Adelaide-Melbourne road. Most of the caves occur in the southern portion of this around Naracoorte in certain areas and more generally further south still. New discoveries are common and there are several hundred caves in the region, probably many more if the area over the border in south-western Victoria is included. Years could be spent here without exhausting the possibilities, but no specific plans have been made for the post-conference trip yet. Many may wish to call in for varying numbers of days while returning by car to Melbourne, Sydney, or elsewhere, and it is quite likely that there will be parties centred in Naracoorte or Mt. Gambier or both for anything up to three weeks after the end of the Conference. The South-east is relatively densely settled farmland, with major towns scattered around, and not a wild place like K.I. or the Nullarbor, which makes purchasing of provisions and comforts relatively easy, provided you are financial, but it also has its restrictions in regard to the preservation of goodwill with land-owners. This trip does not need the same planning as the previous two, nor does it require as much finance nor cash in advance, but nebulousity at this stage does not mean that it will not be worth going on. The South-east is still our number one caving area and has a lot of secrets yet.

Party Leader: A.N. Onymous.

Participants in any of these trips will be expected to have full caving gear, bearing in mind that the caves are not generally wet, nor are they cold. Normal camping gear should be brought too and tents are quite a good idea even for that time of the year. Rucksacks would be an advantage on Kangaroo Island and perhaps even in Mullamullang, but are not absolutely necessary.

There are commonly total fire-bans in most areas during the summer months and participants should be prepared for them.

C.E.G.(SA) held the original A.S.F. Conference and now it's C.E.G.(SA)'s turn again. The first one was outstanding and this should be even better. A lot has happened in underground S.A. over the past ten years. Come and see for yourself.

Make sure that you don't miss out. Help us to make our arrangements in plenty of time, and so give you a better conference, by getting your applications in promptly.

Please note that the closing date for applications for the Kangaroo Island trip is Friday 8th November, and that applications received after that date will have to take absolute pot luck.

Closing date for applications to attend the Conference itself is Saturday 14th December, and any applications received after this date will be subject to a late fee payment of \$2.00 in addition to the pot luck.

Please note also that final payments for the Kangaroo Island trip must be in hand by Friday 15th November 1968 only one week after the closing date for applications, so if you pay your deposit early it won't seem so bad.

Final payments for the Conference must be in by the start of it. We would prefer these at least a week before Christmas, however, so that they may be lodged safely in a bank over the Christmas period. If this is not possible please make them in the form of a not-negotiable cheque, preferably not elastic.

Note too, that in certain special circumstances, it may be possible for some people to fly to and/or from Kangaroo Island at times other than those of the sailings. This is uncertain and depends upon the willingness of car-drivers (and their passenger) to interrupt their programmes to detour up to 70 miles each way to take people to and from the air-port. The cost of this would be unchanged from the all-sea cost of \$35., even for a shorter period. We would prefer to avoid this if at all possible.

AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION.

7th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE GRAHAMS CASTLE. GOOLWA. S.A.
26th to 30th December, 1968.

APPLICATION FORM. TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPOSIT
OF \$10.

CLOSING DATE. 14.12.68

CHEQUE PAYABLE TO:

7th BIENNIAL ASF CONFERENCE.

TO: C.E.G.S.A.
C/- S.A. MUSEUM.
NORTH TERRACE,
ADELAIDE. 5000

CONFIDENTIAL.

FULL NAME: Mr. _____
Mrs. _____
Miss. _____ (Surname) (Christian Names)

ADDRESS: _____

State: _____

'PHONE NUMBERS. Home _____ Work _____

GROUP OR SOCIETY: _____

PRESENT AGE: _____ OCCUPATION _____

(If under 21 years)

(or Course if Student)

Give a brief assessment
of your caving experience: _____

I WILL/WILL NOT REQUIRE A MEAL ON THE EVENING OF 26th DECEMBER.

I AM PREPARED TO PRESENT A PAPER.

THE TITLE OF WHICH WILL BE _____

I WISH TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING

POST-CONFERENCE TRIP: _____

(give second choice, if any)

WRITE (NONE) IF UNABLE TO ATTEND ANY.

Can you supply any special gear?
(rubber dinghies, ladders, etc.) _____

Estimated date, time and mode of
arrival in Adelaide. _____

Will you require transport from
Adelaide to Goolwa. _____

Will you need (cheap) Accommodation
in Adelaide before the Conference. _____

Will you require parking for a
vehicle in Adelaide for duration
of Post-Conference Trip. _____

I understand in making this application that participation in the Conference shall
be subject to the following conditions and I undertake to abide by them:2

1. Neither the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia the Australian
Speleological Federation, nor any of their respective members shall be
liable for any loss, injury or death to the person or property of any
participant in the Conference whether caused by negligence or otherwise
occurring during the period of the Conference and no such participant nor his
representative shall attempt to make the Group or any of its members so
liable nor to recover damages or compensation for such loss, injury, or
death.

P.T.O.

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2. Every participant shall abide by such decisions or directives concerning the conduct of the Conference as may be made or given by the Committee of the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia and during the period of the Conference by those of the Conference Chairman or his Deputy duly appointed by the Committee of the Australian Speleological Federation.
3. Refund of any deposit paid by any intending participant in the Conference who notifies his withdrawal from the Conference after the final date for applications shall be at the discretion of the Committee of the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia.

Date _____ Signature of Participant. _____
Signature of Witness. _____

NOTE: This section must be filled in if applicant is under 21 years of age.

I have read the conditions set out above and agree to _____'s participation in the Conference under these conditions.

Signature of Parent _____
or Legal Guardian.

Date _____

Please Note: Should you have any problems or difficulties or other information, space which is not included on the form, please attach note.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
APPLICATION TO ATTEND KANGAROO ISLAND TRIP HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH 7th BIENNIAL
CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION FROM 31.12.68 TO 14.1.69.
APPLICATION FORM.

To: C.E.G.S.A.,
C/- S.A. MUSEUM.
NORTH TERRACE,
ADELAIDE. 5000.

CONFIDENTIAL.

FULL NAME: Mr. _____
Mrs. _____
Miss. _____ (Surname) _____ (Christian Names)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: Home: _____ State: _____
Work: _____

GROUP OR SOCIETY: _____

PRESENT AGE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

(If under 21 years)

(Or Course if Student)

Give a brief assessment
of your caving experience: _____

INTERESTS: _____

(e.g. Paleontology, Survey, Photography, Digger, Tourist etc)

I DO/DO NOT WISH TO TAKE MY CAR.

If you do wish to take your car, please indicate make, model and seating capacity.
We may not be able to use all cars offered.

19 _____ No. of seats _____
(e.g. Trogmobile 86 Station Wagon 124½)
Please reserve me a seat each way on the Troubridge / Please try to make
alternative arrangements to suit my special conditions, which are -:

(If space insufficient, attach note)

Cheque Payable to: CEGSA No. 2. A/c.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED. CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER/CASH for the amount of \$ _____ :
(DEPOSIT \$15 : TOTAL \$35.) being my deposit/full payment for this trip.

If you have members of your family also attending, or close friends please list
them below, and we will endeavour to book your seats and plan car spaces
accordingly. _____

I understand in making this application that participation in the Expedition shall
be subject to the following conditions, and I undertake to abide by them:

1. Neither the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia nor any of its members
shall be liable for loss, injury or death to the person or property of any
participant in the expedition whether caused by negligence or otherwise
occurring during the period of the Expedition and no such participant nor his
representative shall attempt to make the group or any of its members so liable
nor to recover damages or compensation for such loss, injury or death.

P.T.O.

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2. Every Participant shall abide by such decisions or directives concerning the conduct of the Expedition as may be made or given by the Committee of the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia and during the period of the Expedition by those of the Expedition Leader or Leader duly appointed by the Committee.
3. Refund of any deposit paid by any intending participant in the Expedition who notifies his withdrawal from the Expedition after the final date for applications shall be at the discretion of the Committee of the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia.

Date _____ Signature of Participant _____

Signature of Witness _____

I have read the Conditions set out above and agree to _____'s participation in the Expedition under these conditions.
(where participant is under 21 years of age.)

Signature of Parent or
Legal Guardian. _____

Date _____

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS. 8.11.68.

N.B. FINAL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY 15th NOVEMBER. 1968.

THE NULLARBOR TRIP.

This trip follows on from the A.S.F. Conference and is planned to return to Adelaide on Saturday, 18th January, 1969. Approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks on the plain.

We plan to visit some of the big caves again such as Koonalda, Abrakurrie, Weebubbie etc., and then press on for new work and greater discoveries. Some of these are near to the recently re-discovered Dingo - Donga which had a good write up some years ago, Madura Pass Blowhole and other dolines around Madura Area. There will be approximately a week at Mullamullang so a few more miles will probably be discovered. We hope to have use of a Gravity meter in this area in October, so as to help out on the South Side of the doline. An attempt will also be made at Wilson Bluff to reach the entrance of two well known but unvisited sea caves, as well as a good swim on the sandy beach 350 feet below the plain surface. The coast will be visited numerously at different places on the trip.

TRANSPORT.

Due to the cost, it was decided to run a private car trip this time. Any car in reasonable condition can successfully, make a trouble free trip. The road is sure not like it used to be as the bitumen in now racing in from both sides, leaving only a little over 300 miles of dirt or dust left. The pot-holes have become less numerous.

Four wheel drive vehicles are not necessary, but welcomed. There is at present a four wheel drive 30 cwt. ute eagerly awaiting at the starting gate, so if it does decide to rain we will not be held up with surface digging.

FOOD.

As people have different tastes and appetites we decided that everyone should supply their own food. On December 31st. which is a Tuesday, all Adelaide suburban shops will be open for normal trading so if necessary people can top up or stock up for the trip.

Fresh meats can be ordered from Madura in a bulk supply at the Conference. There will be a fifty gallon tank of water which will save every one taking their own.

GEAR.

If you are a digger and you can bring over any gear please state on application form, like-wise for survey etc.

COST.

The approximate cost of transport will be \$40. An agreement will be made between the owners of the vehicles before the final cost is achieved.

C. E. G. S. A.

Application to attend the Nullarbor Trip held in conjunction with the 7th Biennial Conference of the Australian Speleological Federation from 31.12.68 to 18.1.69.

APPLICATION FORM:

TO: C.E.G.S.A.
C/- S.A. MUSEUM
NORTH TERRACE
ADELAIDE. 5000.

FULL NAME. _____
(Surname) (Christian Names)

ADDRESS. _____ State _____

PHONE NUMBERS. Home _____ Work _____

GROUP OR SOCIETY. _____

PRESENT AGE. _____ Occupation. _____
(or Course if Student)

Give brief assessment of
your caving experience.

If have been to Nullarbor before
give which caves visited and approx.
date of trips.

INTERESTS. _____
(eg. Photography, Survey Digger Paleontology, Tourist etc.)

I DO/DO NOT WISH TO TAKE MY CAR.

If you do wish to take your car indicate particulars.

Make _____ Model _____

Type _____ Year _____

No. of seats in all (including driver) _____

Tare Weight _____ Gross Weight _____

Four Wheel Drive _____

State any additional equipment e.g. L.R. fuel tanks, tyres (size) under body guards, differentials. etc.

If you have reserved any seats in your vehicle please state names.

Name.

Address.

Name.

Address.

I understand in making this application that participation in the Exploration shall be subject to the following conditions, and I undertake to abide by them.

1. Neither the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia nor any of its members shall be liable for loss, injury or death to the person or property of any participant in the Expedition whether caused by negligence or otherwise occurring during the period of exploration and no such participant nor his representative shall attempt to make the Group or any of its members so liable nor to recover damages or compensation for such loss, injury or death.
2. Every participant shall abide by such decisions or directives concerning the conduct of the Exploration as may be made or given by the Committee of the Cave Exploration Group of South Australia and during the period of exploration by those of the Exploration Leader or Leader duly appointed by the Committee.

Date _____ Signature of Participant _____
Signature of Witness _____

I have read the Conditions set out above and agree to _____'s participation in the Exploration under these conditions.
(Where participant is under 21 years of age.

Signature of Parent
or Legal Guardian. _____ Date _____

Closing Date 14. 12. 68.