

AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

7th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE - GRAHAM'S CASTLE, GOOLWA, S.A. December 1968

FINAL NOTICE & TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

John Dunkley

Thanks for your interest in the Conference. This notice acknowledges receipt of your deposit of \$ 20 : —, and advises you that we have reserved accomodation for you. Could you now send the remaining \$ — : — to confirm and complete the arrangements. Conference food always tastes much better when you are out of debt.

Attached is a map which will show you how to find your own way to Graham's Castle. If you require transport from Adelaide to Goolwa and have not already arranged this, drop us a line with details of arrival and we'll try to look after you. If you are lost in Adelaide, ring 95-3658 (Peter Hawkes) or 23-2424 (Dial-a-Prayer).

Most things are provided at the Castle, but you are expected to provide your own sheets and pillowcase or equivalent. Towels and soap are useful too if you like that sort of thing. There is a good beach nearby (over 100 miles long) so bathers are recommended.

If your relatives and/or creditors wish to contact you in an emergency (y-no correcting fluid) the number is GOOLWA 162 and postal address is just —e/—Graham's Castle, Goolwa, S.A.

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The Castle opens its doors to receive inmates on the afternoon of Thursday 26th Dec. An evening meal will be available for those letting us know well in advance that they require it. If anyone is capable of focussing a few films will be screened that evening.

The Conference will be officially opened at 9.00 A.M. on Fri. 27th by the South Australian Minister of Lands, Mr. David Brookman, and the morning and early afternoon sessions will be devoted to various current aspects of conservation: "Conservation and S.A." - Grant Gartrell; "Conservation Problems, Texas Caves" - Henry Shannon and Robert Gowen; "The Case for Cölong" - Greg. Middleton.

On the Friday night, an illustrated talk on the Star Mountains Expedition by Mike Shepherd, and more films as called for.

Saturday and Sunday mornings will be devoted to Committee meetings; and Friday late afternoon and Monday morning to Executive meetings. Papers on Saturday afternoon include: "Drought and Murray Cave, Cooleman Plain, N.S.W." - Joe Jennings et al, presented by Ian Nankivell; "Possible Methods of Cave Detection" - Michael Webb; "Meteorological Conditions in Wyanbene Cave, N.S.W." - Ian Wood; and last but not-least: "The Macroflash Mark I" - Ted Anderson. - "J.P.Fitzpatrick-Hamilton-Smith in South-East Asia" - from Elery H-S is the entertainment for Saturday evening, again washed down with films. On Sunday afternoon "The Role of the Amateur in Speleological Science" is presented by Roly Webb. "Caving for Scouts" is presented by Dean daCosta, and to wrap things up on a nice note, John Dunkley will tell us how to keep each other out of caves in "The Physical Protection of Caves". Chairmen will be appointed to keep each session under control, and in contentious subjects particularly, there will be an opportunity for members of the audience to express views, ask questions, etc. - so come prepared.

On the Sunday night you are all expected to wear real shoos and comb your hair for the Cavemen's Dinner, so be prepared for this event, too. Hmmm. Say no more.

Breakfast will be held at 7.00 a.m. each day. Lunch at 12.30 p.m., and dinner at 6.00 p.m. Rosters will be arranged for bods to act as table waiters. Morning and afternoon tea and suppermaking facilities are provided, but we again will roster people to attend to the washing-up in this case. The last meal provided is lunch on Monday 30th.

Kangaroo Islanders will be spending the evening in a Scout hall at 15 Queen Street, Alberton, before making an early departure on the good ship Troubridge the following morning.

Nullarborers will be organised by Peter Hawkes, and some may also find the Scout hall roof keeps the rain off. Depends.

South-easters have two hosts for the occasion. Athol Jackson will be at Naracoorte to point you in the right directions in the early stages of the program, and then it is recommended that Mount Gambier be seen from underneath under the direction of Fred Aslin. Don't ask Fred if he has any caves to survey - you might be there forever.

This space is reserved for any special details regarding your papers and/or trip arrangements:

Of course we're desperate.
Thanks.. As usual I'm it.
 e still, John (You should be honoured) I am.
 g you to chair the Friday or Saturday Afternoon session

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Monday 30th is a public holiday in S.A. so those buying food for trips are advised to do so as much as possible in advance. Shops will be open throughout the South-east and Adelaide on the Tuesday. Large quantities of supplies can be obtained in Port Augusta (for Nullarborers) and in Kingscote (for K.I.ers) although not at the cheapest cut-throat supermarket prices. Fresh meat will be available 2-3 times per week on K.I. and other supplies can be got from most places with an hour or two's driving. Cars for the Nullarbor and for K.I. trips at this stage have no more than three people per car, and water containers, preferably in excess of ten gallons per car (or 5 gallons per head) should be brought. Generally, those who were kind enough to offer ladders should bring this, (and specialised digging gear for K.I.) as it may come in handy. Survey gear is also useful. Tilley lighting for camps, and gas or similar stoves to avoid fire-lighting are almost necessities, in case fire-bans are declared. Two pairs of overalls are recommended for K.I. and long sleeved clothes, good boots etc. for hiking through Acacia armata (Bugger-bush) make all the difference. Flippers, fishing lines, etc. all good. Don't forget your cameras, and don't forget yourselves. See you.