

NEWSLETTER

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Search and Rescue.

Two Australian societies have active search and rescue squads organized and in training. The leaders of these groups would be pleased to hear from other similar organizations and to exchange information with these.

Sydney Speleological Society - Ron Anderson, 1 Bay Parade,
Malabar, N.S.W.

Cave Exploration Group (S.A.) - Noel Hollet, 33 Milner Street,
Prospect, S.A.

Histoplasmosis.

Ron Anderson, 1 Bay Parade, Malabar, N.S.W., is anxious to collect data on recorded cases of histoplasmosis resulting from cave entry. Australian speleologists are particularly asked to watch for occurrences of this - a respiratory illness, resulting from being in caves where spores of certain fungi have developed and are inhaled along with cave dust. Any possible case of this occurring up to a fortnight after visiting a cave should be referred to a competent medical authority for diagnosis. Any medical record of such infection among guano miners would also be of great interest.

Survey instruments and techniques.

R.T. Sexton, 45 Tusmore Avenue, Leabrook, S.A., is president of the Cave Exploration Group (S.A.) and is concerned with designing a suitable instrument for accurate cave survey. Also interested in general survey techniques.

Isopods.

Several Australian societies have collected numbers of isopods of different species from caves and would like to hear from a specialist working in this group who would be able to deal with this material.

Glow-worms.

Dr. Aola M. Richards, Dept. Scientific and Industrial Research, Plant Diseases Division, Private Bag, Auckland, N.Z., is interested in these. Note also change of address since issue of first newsletter.