

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Box 35, The Union,  
University of Sydney.

October, 1958.

Circular.

Dear Speleo,

1. NEXT MEETING.

There will be a General Meeting during December, on a date to be notified in the November circular. This will be chosen so that all exams should be over, yet the greater number of members should still be in Sydney. It has been suggested that this take the form of a pre-Christmas function, after a brief meeting.

2. NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following motion, by Stuart Pawsey and Ian Williams, will be presented at the next General Meeting:

" That the following clause shall be inserted in the Constitution as Clause 6.g.

'No proxy voting shall be allowed at General or Committee Meetings.' "

3. JOURNAL.

The next edition of the S.U.S.S. Journal is almost ready, according to reports from the Editor, Kel Stillman. Copies will be available at the next General Meeting. The following journals have been printed by the Society since its inception:

Vol 1. No 1 . (reprinted 1955) available

Vol 1. No 2 . This journal is at present being reprinted, and will be available again in the near future.

Vol 1. No 3 . Out of print.

Vol 2. No 1 . Out of print.

Vol 2. No 2 . Out of print.

Vol 3. No 1 . Available (a few left)

Vol 3. No 2 . Available

Vol 4. No 1 . Available

Vol 4. No 2 . Available

Copies of these journals are available from the Secretary, on payment of the usual fee, at each General Meeting, or on request.

4. HOBART CONFERENCE of Australian Speleological Federation, CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR.

S.U.S.S. expects to have a strong delegation attending the Hobart Conference, with Adrian Hunt as our delegate/spokesman.

The Tasmanian Caverneering Club are hosts to the conference, and advise that the Site of the conference is the "Werndee" Hostel, in Hobart. The estimated maximum cost is £5 from 26 to 30 December, (full board). Following this will be three field trips, each of one week, to Florentine, Hastings and Mole Creek Caves. In each case the cost will not exceed £5 per week, including transport, but not food on the field trips. Applications close on November 30, and should be forwarded to the Secretary with £5 deposit immediately.

5. NEW BY-LAW.

The following new by-law was passed at the last Committee Meeting.  
(to be inserted on page 7 of Year Book)

D. 6. LIQUOR ON TRIPS.

No liquor shall be consumed on any trip until after the final emergence of the whole party from caves.

6. ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST.

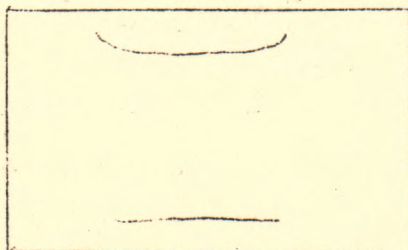
The following details should be added to page 10 of the Year Book.

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F	KENNEDY, Victor	130 Highclere Ave., Punchbowl	UL 1321
F	NEWTON, John	C/o High School, Mudgee	
F	WHITE, Andrew	428 Pennant Hills Rd., Pennant Hills	WJ 1286
	INNES, Margaret		XY 2793

7.

Been watching this space ?

Keep it up.



Please see over.



## 8. TRIP REPORTS.

Wee Jasper General Trip, 19-21 September, led by Warren Peck.

Dip & Punchbowl Caves entered. Full & interesting reports submitted.

Wee Jasper, 4-6 October, led by Alex Jones.

Extensive surface investigation, and some pot-holes entered, after clearing. Plenty of opportunities noticed for future exploration and digging.

Jenolan, 4-6 October, led by Noel Fraser.

Serpentine found blocked at entrance by rock-fall. Extensive digging in Jubilee extension was the main purpose of the trip, and much was accomplished. Ian Williams discovered a small cave high on the slopes above the playing fields by dropping his lamp into it. This was opened after considerable effort and fully 10 ft of formation covered passages explored. During the digging in the Jubilee, a member found an apparently ancient candle. Another member was dissuaded from lighting it just before it was identified as decomposed gelignite.

Jenolan, 25-26 October, led by Alex Jones.

Serpentine cleared of blockage at entrance, and considerable digging in the extension. Hole is not opening but is full of river gravel. River found flowing strongly in lower level of Mammoth. (new gardening glove in squeezeway suggests possibility of mushroom culture) Left branch of Central level entered. Theory put forward that Bow Cave is upper entrance to the extremity of this section. Danger of flash-flooding and suggestion of examination of this section during flood times.

## 9. TRIPS PLANNED.

15 - 16 November. Jenolan. led by Warren Peck.  
further exploration of Central level, Mammoth Cave.

29 - 30 November. Jenolan. led by Ian Williams.  
Underground river exploration.

6 - 7 December. Bungonia. led by Michael Lawrence.  
Foul air tests and exploration.

? December. Jenolan. led by Warren Peck  
long trip to map Central Level, Mammoth.

26 - 30 December Hobart Conference, ASF

All January Trips to Tasmanian Caves with ASF & TCC.

## 10. PERSONAL AND MISSING FRIENDS.

Found in Mammoth Cave (26 October) 1 Watch. Apply Alex Jones.

## 11. SOCIAL COLUMN.

Elery Hamilton-Smith, Secretary of ASF paid another quick weekend visit to the big city, and was able to give us much first-hand knowledge of Federation matters. Doug Seton, who looks after Kelly Hill Caves on Kangaroo Island, and is known to members who visited these caves on the ASF Christmas trip in 1956, passed through Sydney on his way back to the deep south.

Brian O'Brien, past president of SUSS, and one of our honorary life members, who is at present ASF President, is reported in Sydney this week-end.

Congratulations to Cpl Ian Crook at present completing his NS, on winning an Outstanding Junior Leader Medallion (see SMH photo 20 October, 1958)

Welcome home to Alan Crook, last years Secretary, after a stay in Melbourne.

## 12. NSW TOURIST BUREAU LIST.

The list of elite characters permitted to visit caves under the control of the Department of Tourist Activities (and Immigration), is at present being sifted and revised. The list for the ensuing 6 months will appear in the November Circular.

## 13. QUOTE OF THE WEEK.

"Men of Pierre Saint-Martin" by Jacques Attout, page 73 quotes Casteret as saying:

"Records mean very little. We are not here to set up records, but to strengthen our characters, and refine them by making contact with a side of Nature that is little known to us; and develop the spirit of comradeship, and perhaps in time to be of assistance to science and the national economy. Above all, we are here for the joy of exploring a cave with no preconceived object in view."

## 14. Exams

To all those involved in exams at this time of the year, "good luck" from those of us who aren't.

Yours sincerely,

*Noel R Fraser*

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Hon. Secretary.