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Dear Speleo,

This is the first time I have sat down to write a circular beset by the problem not of conjuring up tit-bits to include, but of determining what to omit; blank spaces in previous circulars have no doubt indicated.

Recent trips

Good work seems to have been done on the Wombeyan trip a few week-ends ago. The ostensible purpose of this trip was to take photographs, but in spite of this or perhaps because of it, an enjoyable time was had by all.

Colo trip

An unofficial picnic trip was held during the long week-end under the auspices of the Hinwood family. Rain pelted down continually I believe (What Fun!) They tell me that there is a special species of mosquito which frequents the Colo River area constituting an occupational hazard for wet weather campers. These monsters have trained themselves to dive into puddles forming on tent flies, puncturing small holes in the material thus allowing the puddles to drain away inside the tent. Therefore, Elizabeth had to sleep with a billy perched on her abdomen all night.

Jenolan trip

The last Jenolan trip ably led by Barbara Dew, was undoubtedly the most successful we have conducted this year. Henry Shannon has given me this short report on a promising discovery. Over to Henry -

" Ian Carpenter's Cave extension.

On the last Jenolan trip S.U.S.S. got through the Ian Carpenter squeeze.

Under the instructions of W.A.P. and with some chipping, Graham Cormack got through and after some more chipping Michael Fearnside was able to follow. Henry Shannon and Hugh Minter also got through. Magnificent chipping by the micro-bods.

From the chamber past the squeeze, two passages, one wet and one dry. lead off. Henry and Hugh explored the dry passage. According to memory, the extension totals about 700 feet including side passages, some containing good formation.

There are two places where there are possibilities for exploration.

1. The wet passage - through lack of time the squeeze blocking it was not attempted.
2. A rockpile in the chamber at the end of the dry passage. "

It was good to bump into some of the Canberra bods at Jenolan; thanks go to these people for the helping hand they extended to a couple of our maidens in distress.

Forthcoming Trips

1. Jenolan For obvious reasons Ian Williams and Henry Shannon will be conducting return trips to this area on the 28th-29th November and on the 12-13th December. It is hoped to run a traverse through the newly opened section.

2. Coolamon Ian Williams will be leading an extended trip to the Coolamon area of which SUSS knows comparatively little, early in the New Year. There is obviously a lot to be done at Coolamon and I think this trip will prove to be a very important one.

Nullarbor

C.E.G.S.A. is organising a Nullarbor Expedition for the period 26th Dec- 16th Jan. SUSS expects to be represented by Jon Hinwood, Marion Carpenter, Adrian Hunt, Mark Foy, Noel Campbell, Jenny Tomlinson, Margaret Innes. Applications have closed, but there's always a chance... if you would like further information please contact Margaret at Elec.Eng. Dept. or myself, at the earliest opportunity.

Barbecue

Instead of the usual Christmas meeting, this year SUSS will be celebrating the Festive Season at a barbecue which is being arranged for DECEMBER 15th. Please note this date. Marion Carpenter has kindly offered to look after the organisation of this function which will be held at her home.

Please turn over

SUSS PRODUCTIONS

The manager of SUSS's profitable wholesale business in 35mm colour slides, reports that in the first three months of business 3,500 slides have been sold, including 2,600 to the Jenolan Caves Kiosk, at a trading profit in excess of £200.

At the present time a set of 12 colour slides taken in the Jenolan Caves is on sale to the public, while further sets of Jenolan and other areas are being prepared. Members of Speleological Societies wishing to purchase slides at Speleologist's discount are advised to contact the manager, Warren Peck, either at the next SUSS General Meeting, or at his registered office, 66 Cliff Road, Epping, N.S.W.

Surveying

Jon Hinwood will soon be publishing a directory of all the surveying equipment available to SUSS members. This will indicate the type, owner, and location of this equipment.

We would appreciate it if persons with equipment which they are willing to lend to SUSS members, could inform Jon to this effect.

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held in the lower Geography Lecture Theatre at 7.30 on Thursday, October 29th.

Till I see you there,

All the best,

Douglas Miles

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Hon. Assistant Sec.

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We wish to apologise for the lateness of issue of this edition, and regret any inconvenience we may have caused.

Staff changes and the occupational hazards which tend to occur at this end of the Academic year have caused the delay.