

Box 35,
The Union,

17th March '60

Dear Speleo,

Well, things got off with a bang this term with the first General Meeting last Thursday night. It is to be hoped that caving will be pursued with the same fire and spirit throughout the year.

ORIENTATION WEEK

Immediately prior to the beginning of lectures our principle activity was during Orientation Week. Of the part played by SUSS (and its associates) some of you have heard already but in addition to other events we brought the grand total up to 36 Prospective Members; of whom at least 14 have proved themselves to be keen trogs in the best traditions of SUSS. These newcomers are:

G. Campbell, K.J. Caldwell, Olga and Svetlane Korukina, Tongsook Katerojna, Dallas Assheton-Chin, R.H. Oswald-Sealy, Alan Vote, Graham Light, Bill Gibb, Peter Austin, Barbara Strain, J. Dougall, Tony Gates, Paul Jackson, Neville Michie, Wendy Riley, Graham Jessup, John Hagen, Maureen Dennis, Alex Hromas, Maureen Castles, Brian Hawley, J. Andrews.

RECENT TRIPS

Bungonia Freshers Trip :- The Grill, The Fossil and the Drum Caves were visited, fairly heavy concentrations of foul air being found. A number of holes located on the shoulder of the Drum were investigated.

Jenolan Freshers Trip :- One of the most productive Freshers' trips ever. A party of 6 under Ian Williams visited Central Level of the Mammoth and discovered a new extension past the "siphon" (dry) leading to the 2nd river passage. The extension is estimated at 400 ft in length but has not been fully explored. Good formation, both white and coloured, including excellent dog-tooth spar, is reported.

The Secretary is relieved to report that it is no longer necessary to go out of the Ian Carpenter cave via the squeeze, as the cave connects with the main section of the Rho Hole. A party under the leadership of Adrian Hunt fully explored this cave. Holes leading off the Mulberry Tunnel of the Rho Hole are to be investigated further. Henry Shannon reports that the wet passage of Ian Carpenter's does not go.

No SUSS record has been found of a cave north of the Serpentine which was also entered last weekend. The inscription "Hennings 1888" occurs on one wall. Any information from other Societies would be appreciated.

FUTURE TRIPS

Cliefden 2-3 April led by Jon Hinwood (JW1175). A few places are left.

Finalisation of arrangements will be made at the lunchtime meeting on Thursday March 31st in the small Geol. Lecture Theatre.

Yarrangobilly Easter (travel will be by rule of thumb) leader Tom Landecker who is found on the Botany lawn each lunchtime.

Caves Creek Easter. leader Adrian Hunt (WM3316 weekends or Friday night). This is a trip for pioneers, involving bushwalking, geology, photography, hunting wild animals such as insects and lizards, and caving of an exploratory nature.

Jenolan April 30th May 1st Leader Laurie Bishop. (WM 1583)

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

It was decided at the last General Meeting that a qualification of 30 hours underground will be necessary in future, before prospectives are considered for membership. This caving must take place on official SUSS trips. Applications then go before the committee and must be supported by at least one of the leaders of a qualifying trip.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

And talking of membership, if you are not interested in joining the official ranks of our well-known ex-members, read on. . . . Membership subs for next year will be decided at the A.G.M. on 5th April. All members, other than prospectives will become unfinancial 22 days after that date, and, at the Committee's discretion will be assumed to have relinquished all rights of membership unless they have paid up. The Treasurer would appreciate payment at the meeting, The incoming Secretary's slavey will appreciate it if you don't wait till you are sent a reminder. It is not safe to assume that you can pay at the following G.M. without applying to the Committee for re-admission. If you are no longer able to participate in the Society's activities but hesitate to lose touch we suggest your becoming a corresponding member. Payment of a small annual fee will ensure that circulars, journals etc. are sent to you.

P.T.O.

MISSING PERSONS BUREAU

If you are thinking of changing your address, please let us know now or misleading information may appear in the Year Book at present under construction.

CALLING PHOTOGRAPHERS . . .

A.S.F. Publications Subcommittee is preparing material for 3 Walkabout issues and requires the following:-

8" x 10" glossy black and white prints : of Jenolan tourist activities within historical times.

ditto caving shots showing exploration methods: ladder work, scaling poles, diving shots, search and rescue etc. These are for illustrating articles and for photographic supplement and must be good.

8"x4" Ekta Chrome caving shot for front cover. Must be outstanding. Other colour shots also wanted, but should be Ektachrome and must be outstanding.

All photographs must be well documented. Contact W.A. Peck on or before 31st March. or write to the Secretary by that date.

INDEX OF AUSTRALIAN CAVES

A card index of Australian caving literature and information sources is under preparation. Suggestions for inclusion are sought by Margaret Innes.

A.S.F. N.S.W. CO-ORDINATING SUBCOMMITTEE

At the ASF C/M in January, it was decided that a greater amount of original cave research could be accomplished in N.S.W. if the various societies were to plan their activities with a clear idea of what research had been done or was planned by other societies. This could be a very big step forward for Australian caving, a practical demonstration of the value of federation, and will be an important development in NSW activities. The subcommittee is to meet every 3 months, beginning April 10th and will comprise one delegate from each N.S.W. soc. and Canberra.

LIBRARY

The library is shortly to be moved back to the University. An up to date catalogue will be included in the Year Book. Recent additions will be notified in future circulars. (There's no room in this one.)

COMING EVENTS

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE RECENT NULLARBOR TRIP

This will be held in New Geog. Manning road on 31st March at 7.30 p.m.

To sense the fascination of this area, so dreary to the casual train-traveller one must study its animals, insects and plants at close quarters. The speleologist finds caving quite different from that in other States. Camping in the salt-bush ocean & in fact the entire organisation of a Nullarbor expedition raises odd problems. This is a strange area that few people have the opportunity to visit; its physiographical problems are unique, and largely uninvestigated, & the Jan. trip made some startling archaeological and zoological discoveries. Mapping, caving and other projects will be discussed. Another trip is forecast in the not too distant future, you may want to go. . . .

THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER SLIDE EVENING

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS WELCOME.

LUNCH TIME MEETINGS

Place: Small Geology Lecture Theatre (Ground Floor, Geology building). 1.10-1.50 p.m.
31st March Members' slides showing, please bring recent slides. Finalisation of arrangements for Cliefden trip.

7th April A repeat of some of the slides taken on the Nullarbor trip.

12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Place: New Geography Building (Services Building) Manning Road -opposite tennis courts.

On Tuesday 5th April, 1960, at 7.15 p.m. the General Meeting adjourned from March 10th will be continued. All outstanding business for 1959-60 must be dealt with.

A delegate to the April Meeting of the ASF N.S.W. Co-ordinating Sub-Committee is to be elected.

At approximately 9.00 p.m. supper will be served.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will commence at 9.30 p.m.

Agenda: Ratification of the Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting.

Presidential Address.

Submission of reports by the Secretary, Treasurer, Record Officer.

Determination of Subscriptions to be paid for the next financial year.

Election of officers:-

President,
Vice President
Secretary,
Assistant Secretary,
Treasurer,
Full Committee Member

Librarian,
Equipment Officer
Programmes Officer
Journal Editor.
Hon. Auditor

Sub-committee convenors for
Constitution, Foul Air,
Search & Rescue,
Surveying, Bat Research,

Associate Committee Member

Hon. Sec. Margaret Innes

Hon. Ass. Sec. Doug. Miles