

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Box 35, The Union,
Sydney University.

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Dear Speleo,

THIS IS YOUR LAST CIRCULAR unless

SUSS begins a new year, perhaps a new era with its Committee for 1960 elected on Tuesday last. Your new Office Bearers are as follows:

PRESIDENT	: Doug Miles
VICE PRESIDENT	: Warren Peck
HON. SECRETARY	: Margaret Innes
HON. ASSISTANT SEC.	: Ray Smith
HON. TREASURER	: Ian Williams
FULL COMMITTEE MEMBER	: Tom Landecker
ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE MEMBER	: Peter Knowland.

All positions were actively contested at the meeting, although there was relatively little electioneering before-hand, in comparison with other years. The Society offers its congratulations to these people.

The new Committee got away to a flying start with its first meeting yesterday evening and the following appointments were made:

LIBRARIAN	Henry Shannon
EDITOR OF JOURNAL 6, 1	Tom Landecker
EQUIPMENT OFFICER	Tom Landecker
RECORDS OFFICER	Warren Peck
LIASON OFFICER	Warren Peck
SURVEY SUBC'TTEE	Jon Hinwood
SEARCH & RESCUE SUBC'TTEE	Noel Fraser
BAT RESEARCH SUBC'TTEE	Barbara Dew
FOUL AIR SUBCOMMITTEE	Mark Foy
DINNER SUBCOMMITTEE	D.Miles, I.Williams, D.Denning.

It was decided to combine the positions of Publicity and Programmes Officer and an enthusiastic bod is wanted for this job. If you'd like to try it, and are easily contactable outside University Hours as well as during the day, contact any member of your Committee as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Don't forget, all members other than prospectives will become unfinancial on the 27th April and subsequently will have to re-apply for membership before they can enjoy membership rights. THIS CIRCULAR IS YOUR LAST RENEWAL REMINDER. Membership subscriptions are as follows:

Prospective Membership 2/6 per half-year (falls due in June)	5/- p.a.
Fresher Member, Undergraduate or Associate Member under 17 yrs	7/6
Undergraduate Member	10/-
Graduate or Associate Member	20/-
Corresponding Member	15/-

If you are no longer able to participate actively in the Society's affairs, but wish to keep in touch, become a Corresponding Member and we will send you all publications of SUSS for the year.

Please note that the former tradition of paying subs at the General Meeting following the AGM is now completely mythical.

YEAR BOOK

The Year Book has gone to Press but will not be issued until the beginning of May, this will allow those members who have not yet paid subs. or who have changed their address time to contact the Secretary or Treasurer to ensure that they are added to the circulated Membership list. The 27th April is the closing date.

JOURNAL

Speaking of closing dates, entries to the next journal close on Friday 22nd April. Articles have been promised on varied subjects: work in the Mammoth and other Jenolan caves, reports on trips to Bendethra, Mount Fairy and on the activities of the recent Nullarbor expedition. Learned members will debate on speleology's rank in the field of science. Lighter contributions will be welcomed by the not so erudite. Abstracts are expected to go into French, German, Russian, Indonesian. Contact Tom personally or send contributions to Box 35, The Union.

PLEASE TURN OVER

JOURNALS continued.

Supplies of all past SUSS journals are now available at cost of 3/- per copy or 1/- reprint. Contact the Secretary if you wish to complete your set. Some are in short supply.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last Circular the following have been approved as Full Members of Suss. :

Ron Collings	(New)
Don Westerway	(New)
Chris Court	(Re-applied)
Alex Jones	"
Kel Stillman	"
Ross Frazer	- Known better as "Bacchus"
Graeme Pretty	(New)
Lynne Holder	(New)
Peter Aitken	(of S.Aust. A.S.F Hon. Sec, Vice-President of CEG(S.A.))

MEETINGS - various

1. Doug. Miles attended the recent Meeting of the SRC Clubs & Societies SubCommittee which was called to consider ways and means of making SRC facilities (rooms, auditing and secretarial services etc) available to University Groups. A committee is to be elected, to which each Society nominates representatives. Nominations will have to be seconded by 2 other societies. Each society will have 4 votes.

2. The recent Nullarbor evening was highly successful and interested those who attended and those who heard about it later. A precis of topics discussed at this meeting will be published in a Journal 6.1 if possible. Unfortunately this meeting clashed with many others round the University and many who would have liked to attend, could not.

EQUIPMENT POOL

In future any person who wishes to borrow from the equipment pool must make an initial deposit of 10/-. This will cover all items borrowed and deductions for loss or damage will be made where applicable.

FUTURE TRIPS

EASTER: Caves Creek Leader Adrian Hunt see Lynne Holder - Botany Lawn at lunchtime. Trip dependent on further transport being available.

Yarrangobilly Leader Tom Landecker, Contact on Botany Lawn. Hitching or own transport.

Jenolan Leader Andy White. See Henry Shannon - Botany Lawn or ring FU3144.

CANBERRA CONFERENCE december 27th-30th 1960

Circulars have been received with tentative details of the 3rd ASF Conference to be held in Canberra at the end of the year. Cost of accommodation will be about £5. Trips will be organised to Yarrangobilly, Bendethra and other areas according to the interests of the delegates. Further details on application.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

At the last Committee Meeting By-law D5 concerning liquor on trips was deleted and replaced as follows:- "No liquor shall be taken on trips without prior permission of the Trip-leader"

This alteration was made as it was felt that the former by-law was too difficult to enforce and was therefore being ignored.

By-law C2 concerning the duties of a Trip Leader was reworded at the last Committee Meeting of 1959-60 to read: "The duties of a trip leader shall be: (i) to give full details of proposed trip to the publicity officer at least 14 days in advance of the departure date. (ii) To submit a duly authorised request for permission to visit the area, if it is under direct govt. control, at least 10 days before the proposed departure date. (iii) to make sure that any non-member attending the trip signs the agreement, to abide by the Society's Rules, on the form approved at the 77th C.M. (iv) To be thoroughly conversant with the firelighting and other regulations governing the area he is visiting and to see that the trip abides by these regulations. (v) To reprimand anyone on the trip breaking the society's rules or local regulations or behaving in any way that could discredit the Society. (vi) to forward a trip report together with trip and equipment fees within 14 days of the completion of the trip". D1. Delete sentence after "...gained." and add, "If proposing to visit an area under direct Govt. or private control this approval must be in writing."

FUTURE MEETINGS

It has been suggested that short C.Meetings be held fortnightly, the next being at 4.00 p.m. in the Small Geol. Lecture Theatre on 21st April.

Margaret Innes (Hon. Secretary)