

SUSS

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EDITORIAL

The hobby horse of irresponsibility has once again been flogged over the jumps in a series of accusations levelled by the president at a nameless group of individuals within the Society. However the skullduggery used in bringing it to the Society's notice must not be allowed to cloud the issue at stake, which should be considered in all seriousness.

This is that the privileges enjoyed by speleologists, extended to them by the Tourist Bureau, allowing them to cave in tourist areas, and the suffrance of private property owners such as Mr. Dunhill of Cliefden, may be jeopardized by bad camping manners and offensive behaviour on the part of speleologists visiting these areas. Complaint has indeed been voiced in the past few months by the Tourist Bureau.

Several measures have been taken by the president to counter abuse of these privileges.

1: The drawing up of a code of caving ethics and courtesy for the guidance of members, especially of newcomers. Finally adopted and entrenched by the last GM as an expression of Society policy.

2: The curbing of the so called cult of irresponsibility by a motion of censure passed with acclaim by the GM.

3: The laying down of Society policy in emphatic

terms by a motion stating that caving trips were to be held exclusively for the purpose of constructive caving, not for surface loafing. Motion carried.

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TRIP PROGRAMME

24-25 Feb Bungonia. Tom Landecker FM 4215. Search & Rescue trip, to include an attempt to haul a stretcher up the Drum.

3-5 March. Hollander's River. Dave Anderson XF3157 This is an area near Tuglow, South of Jenolan. The trip will entail a lot of walking, the aim being to examine the many limestone outcrops in the area.

11-12 March. Bungonia. FRESHER'S TRIP Go, get'em. Tom Landecker. Transport needed this trip!

11-12 March. Jenolan. FRESHER'S TRIP. Under the joint auspices of Jenny Tomlinson (XX 7105) and Barbara Dew (Trop.Med.)

18-19 March. Wee Jasper. Relived?

EASTER 30 March-4 April.

Kempsey- Harry Carter UA 1675

Yarrangobilly- Tom Landecker FM 4215

This trip programme was drawn up at the last GM. Further enquiries should be aimed at:-

The SUSS notice board- Science Road
Publicity Officer Glen Chandler - LA 7947
Secretary Elizabeth de Burgh - JJ 2531

SUSS Table in Science Road during Orientation
Week

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NOTICE OF THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF SUSS 9/3/61

The next AGM will be held in the MACCALLUM ROOM The Union, at 7.30 pm. on the 9th of March. Change of site is due to the fact that the Geography Department has objected strongly to our treatment of furniture in the 3rd Year Lab. ripple soles and cup and teapot marks being visible on the tables and cigarette butts visible on the floor. We are moving to the Union for a time to let Geography cool off and to impress on members the advantages of the Geography room. Meanwhile members are advised to smoke only invisible cigarette butts

Notice of Constitutional Amendment

Clause 4(a) be amended to read:-

"Government of the Society shall be vested in the Committee which shall consist of President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, one General Committee Member, all of whom shall be members subscribing to Clause 3.c.i. above, a Vice-President subscribing to either 3.c.i. or 3.c.ii., and one Associate C Committee Member subscribing to 3.c.ii."

The purpose of the amendment is to make Associate as well as Full Members eligible for election to the position of Vice-President. Moved by Warren Peck.

Notice of Motion

Section E of the By-Laws be replaced by:-

E. EQUIPMENT

E.1. THE IAN CARPENTER EQUIPMENT POOL

a. An equipment pool entitled the IAN CARPENTER EQUIPMENT POOL shall be established.

b. The Equipment pool shall make equipment avail-

able to Members or intending members of SUSS at the discretion of the Equipment Officer, and to non-members of SUSS at the discretion of the Committee, when a deposit, fixed at a Committee Meeting, has been received by the Equipment Officer.

c. Borrowers shall be responsible for the return of equipment to the Equipment Officer in the condition in which it was received. On such return the deposit shall be refunded. Failing such return, the borrower shall be responsible to the Society for the cost of repair or replacement of the equipment, unless the Committee waives this responsibility.

d. The pool shall be maintained by grants of society funds made at a Committee Meeting.

4.2. DEPOSIT ON EQUIPMENT

Society equipment shall be lent to members of the Society on lodgement of a deposit of 10 shillings. Moved by Tom Landecker, seconded by Elizabeth de Burgh.

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ORIENTATION WEEK

27th Feb to 2nd March: SUSS this year has quite a large programme of activities and you are asked to help support this with your presence in Science Road and the PNR Monday to Wednesday and in the Electrical Engineering Building Monday to Thursday. It is hoped to be able to organise the supervision into shifts of two or three hours. It would be greatly appreciated if you could contact the Secretary JJ 2531 so that some sort of roster can be drawn up.

PROGRAMME

Talks in PNR 2 pm. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
Display in Old Lecture Theatre, Elec Eng-9 am to 5 pm Monday to Thursday.

Table in Science Road Monday to Wednesday, especially in the mornings.

Symposium in MacCallum Room, the Union, Thursday 7.30

PROGRAMME FOR THE SUSS CAVING SYMPOSIUM, Thursday
March 2, MACCALIUM ROOM, the UNION.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Duration</u>
7.30	Jon Hinwood	Introduction	5 mins.
7.35	Warren Peck	History of SUSS Explor- ation in the Mammoth	10
	Ted Faunce	" " "	4
	General Discussion		
8.05	Henry Shannon	Jenolan Hydrology	10
	Jon Hinwood		
	General Discussion		
8.30	Cave Diving Group	Proposed work at	10
	Jenny Tomlinson	Jenolan	
	Tom Landecker		
	Discussion and Questions		
9.00	SUPPER		
9.20	Jeff Hinwood	Survey of the Ian Carpenter Cave.	10
	Henry Shannon		
9.45	Ted Anderson	Exploration of Mammoth Central Level	10
	General Discussion		
10.5	Slides of Jenolan Caves		
10.15	FINISH		

General discussion to be limited to 2 to 3 mins.
per person with principal speakers having right of
final reply. Slides are to be shown during talks
and members are requested to bring any Jenolan
slides along.

There will be an ENTRY FEE of 1/- to cover
supper costs.

We would like to borrow for Orientation Week any Cave Exhibits, photos, portable camp sites etc. for our display. Leave these with Barbara Dew Jenny, or Chris (Anthropology) or get in touch with Secretary JJ2531 or John Lotz JM 4974

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Bungonia Trip, 28-29-30 January

Led by Ian Williams on the anniversary weekend, this trip proved very good. The Fossil was investigated and the climb of 80 ft into Hogan's Hole and the drop of 80 ft out of it were negotiated, while two members of the party left behind made their way to the same point by a horizontal passage 50 yards lng. The SSS extension was not attempted because of the concentrations of CO₂ and water in the passages.

B31 recently blasted open by UNSWSS was also entered. An extremely flat flattener leads onto the 360 foot drop. The drop was negotiated as far as the length of SUSS ladder would permit. The drop is in stages, and at the bottom of the first 100 ft. there is a little good formation.

Two teams of excavators were at work in upper passages, leading to the discovery of a cavern and a 30 ft drop at the end of a 20 ft. dig. The other excavation branched, but did not terminate.

Several sinkholes outside the fence of the reserve, along the quarry road were investigated, and several holes explored, with little result.

The forthcoming Bungonia trips of 24-25 Feb and 11-12 March will probably continue these undertakings.

Tuglow trip, 4-5 Feb. led by Dave Anderson. The limestone was found without incident or trouble, unlike a previous Faunce led trip. The main cave was done, as was a considerable amount of swimming in the Kowmung. Inside the cave, a 100 foot ladder drop was considered necessary, for reasons of precedent and appearance, but the two members mentioned above found the easy way down, involving no more than a 30 foot rope drop.

At the bottom the creek was followed by several routes, both wet and dry. Going upstream, there is an impressive 3 ft. waterfall where the water strikes the edge of the limestone. All along the creek the water is held in a series of steps by crystal dams across the stream.

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IN THE MAIL

An unsigned postal note, paid for at Homebush to the value of 9/-. Is this conscience money or a membership subscription?

A letter from England from Roger Whitehouse, who has friends in the army who are keen cavers and hope to cave in all parts of the world by obtaining indulgence flights. He requests books and information on Australian caves and caving and is willing to exchange information on English caves.

Mr. Harry Murgatroyd of Lancs. has written seeking penfriendship. To quote "I am 26 years old and interested in speleology and personal fitness. I am married and my wife has the same interests as myself. My job is a lorry driver and I travel all over England". Acute case of new typewriter.

November/December issue of Cave notes the Cave Research Associates (Excellent presented abstracts and articles with photos appear in this publication.) This issue contains an abstract of a Rumanian paper on the theory of the growth of various types of formation, written by Prof. Viehmann. Discussed in the paper are stylolites- erratic tubular formations, formed by preferential evaporation towards the warm side of the cave or passage, and similar columns formed by dislocation of the floor beneath them.

WHAT HAPPENED to the large collection of journals tabled at the last GM? Will borrowers and purloiners please return them to the Secretary or Chris C Court in Anthropology for recording, classification.

New Members, prospective members, and changed addresses

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SMA, Cooma.

A Harry CARTER 15 Byron St. Croydon UA 1676

A Judy Thomas 15 Berwick St Coogee ML 3170

P Cristea Mutton 28 Broome St Maroubra. FJ 2030

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MACCALLUM ROOM
THURSDAY 9TH MARCH