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### EDITORIAL

With the A.G.M. fast approaching, it is perhaps an opportune time to review the last year and to make plans for this year. SUSS, last year, dragged itself from the quagmire of 1961 and as a consequence many trips were held and a fair amount of constructive work was done in the various areas. The Jenolan Survey has just been completed and the results of this survey should become evident in the next few weeks when the map will be published.

There was still a shortage of trip leaders and of course the usual shortage of transport. While there is little we can do about the latter problem, there are many people in the Society who have the experience and ability to lead trips. In fact, every full or associate member should aim to lead at least one trip in the coming year.

The lack of trip leaders could be due to one of two things:

(1) Laziness

or (2) A misunderstanding of the qualifications needed for a trip leader.

It is true that full responsibility for any misconduct on the trip rests on the trip leader but this need not worry any aspiring trip leader as a well run trip is not conducive to misconduct; it is only those trips which are loosely organised that give rise to such misconduct as we had early in 1962. So next time you feel like complaining about the lack of trips drag yourself up and lead one.

The trend is now going away from the alcoholic trips which gave us such a bad name with other societies and we are now entering what we might call a "new era". This "era" is seeing us enter on new projects which are once again restoring us to the position of the Premier N.S.W. Society.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given of a proposed revision to Clause 3b of the Constitution concerning conditions of membership. This revision is to be considered at the first General Meeting to be held following a period of twenty eight (28) days from the 19th March 1963.

The proposed change is from:-

"3b. Before admission to any grade of membership, a candidate must have completed at least thirty (30) hours caving in non-tourist caves on at least two (2) official trips to the satisfaction of the Society, and be approved by the Committee."

to:-

"3b.i. Before admission to any grade of membership, a candidate shall be approved by the Committee, and shall satisfy the Society in compliance with the following conditions; completion of at least twenty (20) hours caving in non-tourist caves on at least two (2) official trips; knowledge of safety precautions, search and rescue procedures and first-aid; satisfactory leadership of a short caving trip (minimum two hours) in the company of experienced cavers; application for membership to be made within six (6) months of first joining the Society as a Prospective Member (except at the discretion of the Committee).

ii. A Sub-Committee shall be elected by the Society and maintained, to consist of at least three members of the Society, which shall be known as the Membership Standards Sub-Committee, whose duties it shall be to recommend to the Society the exact content of the conditions to be complied with under Clause 3b i., and to act for the Society in ensuring that such of these conditions as the Society may accept are carried out. Such exact conditions when accepted by the Society shall be embodied as Bye-Laws of the Society.

The Society shall have three possible courses of action in considering an application to Membership; acceptance, rejection, or deferment for a period not exceeding six (6) months pending satisfactory evidence of compliance with Membership requirements in accordance with this Constitution."

Moved: David Drummond

Seconded: Glen Chandler

Library Books

Would any persons having SUSS Library books out please contact the Librarian, Glen Chandler, immediately at 517947.

In particular the following are urgently required:

British Caving

Australian Wonderland (Cook)

Romance of Jenolan Caves (Howard)

Also the SUSS maps of Frenchman's and False Frenchman's Caves at Jenolan are missing - their return would be greatly appreciated.

SUSS Circulars

Any persons who have old circulars (the older the better) which are no longer required, would earn the undying gratitude of the Secretary if they would pass them on. Such old circulars are needed to complete the files.

Trip Reports

Jenolan 16th-17th March 1968

Leader: John Steele

The purpose of the trip was to finish the survey of the Lower Level Mammoth Cave. Appropriate wall details were taken and the completed map will be ready for publication in a few weeks time under the title, "Lower Level Mammoth, from the Entrance to the River". It is hoped that a little bit later on, the scope of the map will be extended, both from the point of view of greater geological detail and also extra length of passages. The Oolite Cavern will not be shown on this map but will be added at a later date.

Some members of the party spent 11 hours extending the known limits of the Northern River Extension in the Central Level. They came out wet through and vowing never to go there again; a familiar cry????

Bungonia 16th-17th March 1968

Leader: Tom Landecker

Twenty five people including 5 new freshers and 3 other prospectives turned up for their grand initiation into SUSS. The Drum was descended by 3 bods who found that the bat chamber was full of foul air. Barbara Dow continued her bat-banding in the Drum.

The Fossil and Grill Caves were entered by those wishing to make up hours and some went for a walk down the Gorge.

Coolleman 2nd-4th March 1968Leader; Tom Landecker

Thirty two members, including 3 freshers, combined to make this a memorable trip. Caves entered were; Black Range, Barbers, Coolleman Main, and the White Fish. Prior to this trip the location of the White Fish Cave was a bit of a mystery, but Ian Williams and others managed to find the entrance.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the third year laboratory, New Geography Building, on Tuesday the 7th of May 1968. Please note that all subscriptions fall due on that day.

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Big Three Summit Conference

E. Hamilton-Smith, President of A.S.F., is coming to Sydney in April and he wants to meet the three Sydney Societies. Since UNSWSS was host to the big meeting when T.C.C. invaded Sydney last year, it was thought fitting that SUSS should act as hosts this time.

The meeting is being held on Monday the 29th of April 1968, 7:30, in the third year laboratory, New Geog. Building, so make sure you come along and meet all the bods from UNSWSS and SUSS.

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Bungonia Cleanup

The Co-Ordination Sub-Committee of A.S.F. has decided to hold a trip to Bungonia on the 4th-5th May to clean up the mess which has accumulated there over the past few months. The weekend will be far from being all work and no play; there will be a barbecue (monster variety) on the Saturday night and caving as usual on the Sunday. This is the best way of showing our support for A.S.F. so make sure you can come.

People to contact are: (1) The Secretary, John Steele at XL 4203  
or (2) The Convener of the Co-Ordination  
Sub-Committee, Ian Wood, at WF6555 (after 5pm) or during the day at  
849-3546 ext.11

Coming Events

Yarrangobilly Easter

Leader: Tom Londecker FL 8981

A.G.M. 7th May 7:30pm.

Summit Conference 29th April 7:30pm

A.S.F. Bungonia Trip 4th-5th May

Hullober Trip Jan.-Feb. 1968 Leader: Chris. Borough

Contact Robyn Beresford immediately at 523 4231

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WANTED --- Bungonia Air Photos.

These were last seen at the 1962 Photo Salon. Would anyone who knows where they are please contact the Librarian.

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Prospective members are reminded that once they complete their required number of hours caving they do not automatically become members of the Society. Membership forms can be obtained by writing to the Secretary at Box 35 The Union. It is necessary for one of these forms to be completed before the Committee can consider the application.

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