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EDITORIAL

The Annual Committee Meeting of the Australian Speleological Federation will be held in Melbourne during the weekend 25th-27th January, 1964. A list of some of the items on the agenda for this meeting appears on page two.

If you think that the decisions of this meeting are of little interest to you, and that they will have no effect on the caving you do during a few weekends each year, I suggest you think again. Probably most people consider that a body with the name Australian Speleological Federation is representative of all Australian Speleologists, whether they are interested in the Federation and its policies or not. Thus each of us, no matter whether we are concerned with the more serious side of speleology or just interested in weekend caving as a sport, will be affected to some extent, by the image of speleology created by the Federation's policies on such matters as underground records and publicity stunts, cave conservation, safety, and scientific research. Almost all caves are in areas under government or private control, and if the people in charge of these areas are not satisfied with the A.S.F. policies and actions on these matters, what hope do you think we have of continuing favourable relations with them? In short, if you're interested in caving, what A.S.F. says and does matters to you; and what A.S.F. says and does is determined at these Committee Meetings by representatives of each member Society.

The next S.U.S.S. General Meeting, details of which appear below, will discuss the A.S.F. Committee Meeting agenda, and nominate the official S.U.S.S. delegate to the Meeting.

S.U.S.S. 50TH GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1963

Notice of the Agenda for this meeting is given on page two
of this newsletter.

7:30 pm. 3RD YEAR GEOGRAPHY LABORATORY

GRIFFITH-TAYLOR BUILDING (New Geography Building)

(Please note that the location of this meeting may have to be changed, in which case notice of the new location will be displayed in the Geography Building entrance. Due notice will be considered to have been given)

A.S.F. ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Some of the important items on the agenda of this Meeting are as follows:

Minutes of the Kempsey Conference, and business arising from these which includes Cave Safety Committee, Conservation, and the claim for records by Mr W. Penman of the Northern Territory Caving & Exploration Group.

Annual Report and Financial Statement. The Annual Report will be circulated per medium of the December issue of the A.S.F. Newsletter.

Membership of A.S.F. Tasmanian Caverneering Club have tendered their resignation, the reasons stated being (1) the capitation fee of 2/6, and (2) the Penman affair. Applications for membership received from University of Queensland Speleological Society, Northern Tablelands Speleological Society, Northern Territory Caving and Exploration Group, and Illawarra Speleological Society.

Sub-committee Reports, including Bat Research, Cave Safety, N.S.W. Co-ordination.

A.S.F. Speleological Handbook. A circular giving complete details of the purpose, method of reproduction, contents, and estimated cost of this proposed publication has been received.

A.S.F. Membership Policy. Several recommendations have been made and the whole matter is to be discussed and consolidated.

MEMBERSHIP LIST ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

Anderson, Jenny	3/195b Stanmore Rd., Stanmore.	565272
Rodgers, David	7 Short St., Hunters Hill.	
Steele, Alan	90 Eastern Valley Way, Castlecrag.	954203
Watts, Jane	3 Wearden Rd., French's Forest.	

SUSS JOURNAL

It seems the long delayed SUSS Journal is almost completed. Dave Drummond expects to have it ready for the next General Meeting on 9th December, so bring your money with you.

UNFINANCIAL PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

With the exception of a few, who joined after June this year, most Prospective Members became unfinancial after the September newsletter. A further six months subscription of 2/6 is necessary if you wish to continue receiving the SUSS Newsletter, and avoid paying trip fees.

TRIP REPORTS

Reports of the few recent trips will appear in the next newsletter.

BAT RESEARCH

During a recent trip to Bungonia about 200 bats were easily netted at the entrance to the Drum. The bats are breeding at present, and I will take this opportunity to repeat the request which Barbara Dew made in her Annual Report, that the Drum Cave be left alone from now until February.



The members of the
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
wish all a very
HAPPY CHRISTMAS

&
safe & enjoyable caving
in the
NEW YEAR

