

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### MAY

11-12	JENOLAN	Chris Fieldhouse 76-5028
17....	AYERS ROCK	Graeme Jessup
19	FOOTBALL MATCH	See Inside
30-31-1-2JUNE	TIMOR	Pete Boshier 41-6079

### JUNE

8-9-10 (Long Weekend)	ABERCROMBIE	Stuart Ewing 95-1889
8-9-10 " "	BARRINGTON TOPS	John Dunkley 85-4333
15-16 or 22-23	Search & Rescue	See inside
21-22-23	WOMBEYAN	Barbara Dew 68-4514 (W) 57-5890 (H)

### AUG.=SEPT.

WOOMERA	Hugh Jones
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+ GENERAL MEETING +

+ The 77th General Meeting of the Sydney University  
+ Speleological Society will be held on the top  
+ floor, Geography Building, Sydney University,  
+ on Thursday, June 6th at 7.30 p.m. Bring your  
+ latest slides.

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LATE FINAL EXTRA!

Results of elections held at Annual General Meeting last month:

|                              |   |                                   |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT: John Dunkley      | I | VICE-PRESIDENT: Graham Bradley    |
| HON. SECRETARY: Denis Ward   | I | ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Pete Boshier |
| TREASURER: Julia Wright      | I | FULL COMMITTEE MEMBER:            |
|                              | I | Graeme Jessup                     |
| ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE MEMBER:  | I | LIBRARIAN & RECORDS OFFICER:      |
| Ron Murray                   | I | Glenn Hunt                        |
| BAT RESEARCH S'COMMITTEE:    | I | DINNER S'COMMITTEE:               |
| Barbara Dew                  | I | Geoff Butlin                      |
| REMOTE & INACCESSIBLE PLACES | I | S'COMMITTEE: {Alison Jessup}      |
|                              | I | {Hugh Jones}                      |
| SURVEYING S'COMMITTEE:       | I | EQUIPMENT/SAFETY OFFICER:         |
| Ted Anderson                 | I | Vince O'Donnell                   |
| HON. AUDITOR: Mr. E.S. Hunt  | I | NATIONAL PARKS ASSN. REP:         |
|                              |   | Harley Wright                     |

(Counting finished for year)

EQUIPMENT/SAFETY OFFICER:

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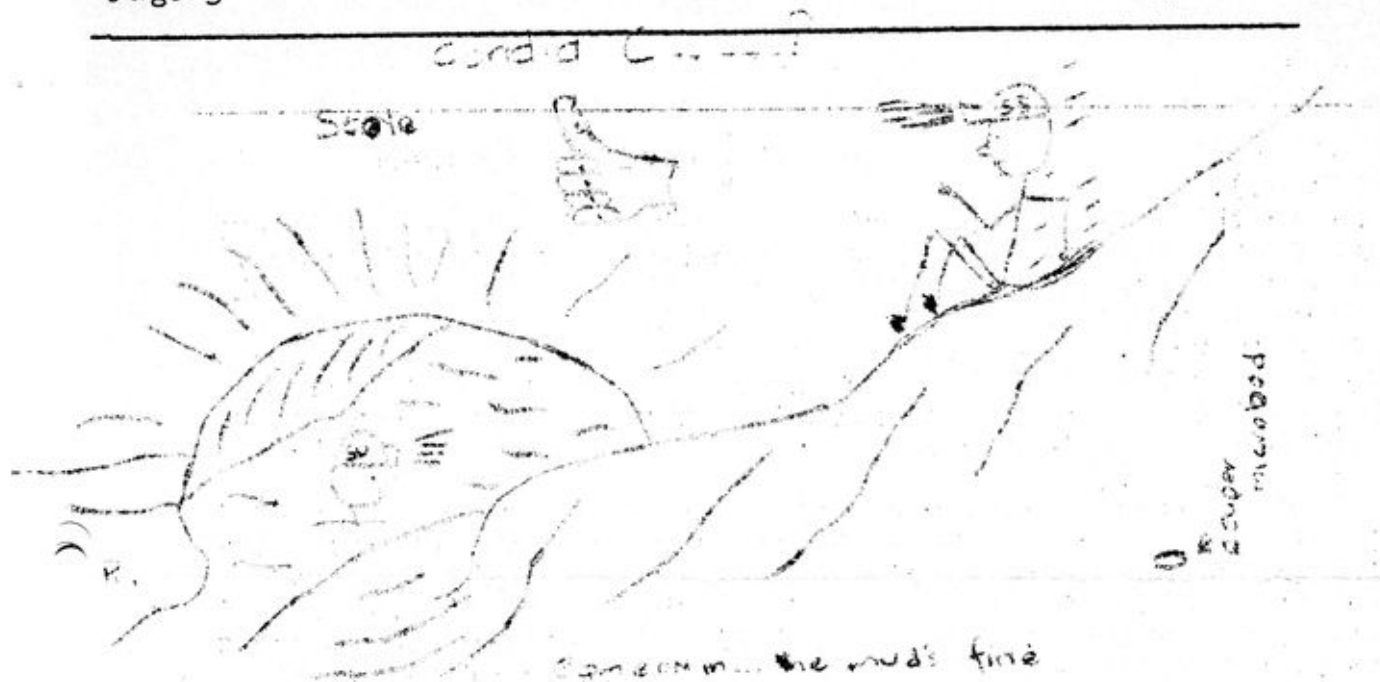
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At this A.G.M. it was decided to raise the fees for full and Associate Members. Other fees remain unchanged.

FEES 1968-69:

|                                    | Was:   | Now:          |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| Full and Associate Membership:     | \$2-00 | <u>\$2-50</u> |
| Prospective Membership (6 months): | 50¢    | <u>50¢</u>    |
| Corresponding Membership:          | \$1-50 | <u>\$1-50</u> |

These subscriptions are due NOW so if you haven't paid yours yet and wish to remain a member, get it in now.



-Cartoon by Rick Daniel

#### MEETING DATES FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR

These are as follows:-

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| June 6     | July 4      |
| August 1   | September 5 |
| October 3  | November 7  |
| December 5 |             |

#### FOOTBALL MATCH

A combined SUSS/UNSWSS team will play Rugby League against MSS at St. Ives Showground on Sunday May 19, beginning at 1.00 p.m. Proceeds to help an M.S.S. member who had an accident on his motor-cycle. Come along and play/support/loaf.

SEARCH AND RESCUE PRACTISE. Venue for this trip will not be announced until the night you leave. Contact:

Jim Seabrook 74-6084

Vince O'Donnell 68-0522 ext. 3048 (work)

#### LOST AND FOUND

Found: Numerous copies of SUSS Journal 7:1. Help us find their owners-buy one now (Special Reduced Price: Only 50¢).

#### TRIP REPORTS

##### JENOLAN

16-17 December, 1967

Denis Ward

Present: Denis Ward (L), Pete Boshier (M), Bruce Kirby (P).

The aim of this trip was primarily to explore a hole found by Pete Boshier on a previous Jenolan effort. The hole is located in the Northern Limestone, some 70 yards distant and 50 feet above Wiburd's Lake Cave (the entrance itself is a mere 100'

from the contact marking the termination of the Northern Limestone).

After the usual preliminaries with the Chief Guide the party finally made its way up McKeown's Creek on Saturday afternoon. Upon negotiating a rockpile located at the entrance of the hole we were confronted by a narrow squeeze which sloped down at an angle of approx.  $35^{\circ}$ - $40^{\circ}$ . It was the drop at the bottom of the squeeze that prevented further exploration on the last trip, owing to the lack of any equipment, however on this occasion we had with us sufficient rope to set up a belay station, which we proceeded to do.

At the bottom of the drop (which turned out to be a mere 25' chimney of the portable handhold type) was a high, narrow passage which led to a cavern measuring roughly 50'x30', the floor of which was strewn with boulders of all shapes and sizes- very little mud was found. Pressure chipping was evident in numerous places- all pointing to the obvious instability of the whole cave. Some 20 minutes was spent exploring the rockpile located on the floor of the cavern opposite the entrance passage. Exploration continued by way of a squeeze which inclined out into another smaller, but equally unstable cavern. Unfortunately at the end of the second cavern was another 25-35' drop, at the bottom of which one could see a possible continuation-again owing to lack of equipment further exploration was halted.

At a later date I found that the cave had previously been entered by Erik Halbert, however, only as far as the first cavern -there was no evidence of anyone having previously entered the squeeze leading to the second cavern-little wonder when one notes its position and size.

For anyone wishing to continue exploration of the cave the following advice may be of some use:-

a) The party should be kept down to a minimum number of persons. Because of the obvious instability of the cave a large party would be hazardous.

b) In order to set up a ladder at the terminal drop extra wire traces will be necessary owing to the lack of secure positions in the area immediately at the top of the drop.

Denis Ward.

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We have been informed by renowned experts on the subject (actually one (1) Boy Scout) that there exists a SINGLE CAVE connecting Wombeyan and Jenolan. Persons desirous of more information on the subject should write their application on a used trog-suit and deposit it in the nearest fire.

The next four pages constitute the President's Column.

Why have you turned this page upside-down?