



CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP

South Australia

C/o South Australian Museum North Terrace, Adelaide.

ANNUAL REPORT 1956-7

1st Annual Report to be presented to
the Annual Meeting 27th February, 1957
National Fitness Rooms, 69-70 South
Terrace, Adelaide at 8:00 p.m.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has much pleasure in submitting for your consideration the following report covering the activity of the Group during the year ended 28th February, 1957.

MEMBERSHIP.

Following the Consolidating Annual General Meeting of 1956, the Group set off to a good start with three Honorary Life Members, 26 Full Foundation Members and many Associates. The final figures to the end of this financial year are:-

3 Hon. Life Members
26 Foundation Members
12 Full Members
24 Associate Members
65 Total Membership

Although suffering heavy losses in members travelling overseas and particularly Messrs. Hamilton-Smith, Taylor and Textor moving interstate on business, membership has still increased at a steady rate. Following the first difficult year of existence, it is expected that there will be a slight fall in membership, but new enrolments are expected to continue at the old rate and any loss will soon be recovered. A complete list of membership is published with this report.

CAVING ACTIVITIES.

The year has been most successful in all respects with a sometimes alarmingly high rate of new discoveries coming to light. Covering the year's activities by regional grouping:-

1. Yorke Peninsula and Adelaide: Three trips were organised to Curramulka to both the Town and Correl's Caves. Mapping has been commenced at Correl's Cave and with the technique of underground camping being developed to a high standard, many new extensions were discovered in the Town Cave. Of major importance would be the Pearl Chamber with the first recorded occurrence of Oolites in South Australia. A quarry between these two caves is uncovering occasional fissures but no more entrances have been found in the surrounding country. A search conducted along Myponga Creek for caves also proved to be barren.

2. Eyre Peninsula: No caving was done in this area but there are promising reports of caves at Lincoln Gap that will be investigated shortly.

3. Flinders Range: The caves at Mt. Remarkable were again visited and the first official visit to Arcoota and Good Friday Caves was made to the northern Flinders Ranges. A second

trip to the active Mairs Cave at Buckalowie Creek was made at the end of January. This is the only wet cave so far discovered in the north containing a wealth of formations and fossil beds, and has been shown to exceed 650 ft. by mapping.

4. South East: At Easter 1956, an unusual trip was organised combining boating with caving to the Glenelg River. Several small caves were found including the "Snow-flake" and a visit was made to the Victorian Tourist "Princess Margaret Rose Caves".

Several trips have now been made to the Naracoorte region with scientific work and mapping progressing steadily. Many new caves have been found and the recent discovery of the remains of a cave lion in the area together with the acquired use of the Tourist Bureau Hut will no doubt inspire many more visits.

5. Kangaroo Island: From the highly successful second Kelly Hill Expedition held the previous year, emerged the first detailed map of these caves. A third expedition - Christmas 1956 extended the main cave still further and many more minor openings were discovered.

6. Nullarbor: Under the leadership of E. Hamilton-Smith, the largest scientific party ever to explore the Nullarbor Caves has just returned from a most successful expedition, with members of most interstate societies participating and numbering more than 60 with 4 vehicles.

The work of organising and consolidating the field data is enormous and it will be some months before the full fruits of their discoveries are made known.

MUSEUM MEETINGS.

The continuation of these meetings has proved successful and we are indebted to several distinguished speakers - particularly Professor King of South Africa and Dr. Hossfeld and Mr. Tindale of Adelaide. The inclusion of a Members Paper Night at the end of each quarter has provoked further research amongst the members and some useful information has emerged from several very interesting evenings. Most of these papers have been retained in C.E.G. files for members' information.

Our thanks are due to the administration of the Museum for the use of this Lecture Room.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

As it was found early that it would be necessary to separate Museum Meetings from General Business, social activities were introduced to follow the General Meetings. A.B.W. Clubrooms were ideal for this purpose but these were closed during the year.

The new National Fitness Rooms were made available and although renovations made things difficult for a period, their completion will give us use of one of the finest meeting places in Adelaide. Our thanks again are due to the National Fitness Rooms.

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Many post-meeting entertainments were devised through the year ranging from rope instructions, cave first aid, cave muscle nights and slide showings to general discussions, and as well as being educational towards better caving, they provided a most necessary social occasion for members to meet informally. The evening holding the greatest potential was undoubtedly the Photo Competition and it is hoped that this will become a keenly contested annual event.

CAVEMANS DINNER.

Already recognised as an annual event, the second Cavemans Dinner was held at Rigonis Restaurant just prior to Christmas with about 25 members present. An enjoyable night was had by all and if nothing else was accomplished, it at least confirmed financially the appetite and thirst of the South Australian Troglodyte.

SEARCH AND RESCUE.

A highly efficient Search and Rescue team of the Group's leading cavers has been organised under the leadership of R. T. Sexton. Carrying specialised rescue equipment, a fully equipped team can now be called together on very short notice and the same organisation is on call from the South Australian Police. A successful trial "scramble" was held during the year in which our President was rescued from a very dark future.

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT.

Purchases and donations through the year have increased the communal gear list to comfortable working proportions. Purchases this year were:-

- 4 cwt. Carbide
- 120 feet $1\frac{3}{4}$ " Manilla Rope
- 200 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ " Superflex cable
- Fibre glass helmets
- 1 ex Army Don V field phone

Donations included:-

- 1 ex Army Don V field phone
- 1 set beam scales

Enthusiastic work parties under Quartermaster N. Mollett assembled another 4 - 25 feet lengths of ladder, and the total equipment on hand is:-

120 feet total - $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Manilla Gear Line
 240 feet total - $1\frac{3}{4}$ " Manilla Life Line
 225 feet total Wire Ladder and Slings
 1 pair Don V Field Phones with 150 ft. twin cable
 2 - 4 gallon Galv. Water Drums
 1 Pressure Lantern
 Numerous sieves and tins
 Approximately 100 lb. Carbide

FEDERATION.

Christmas 1956 saw the formation of the Australian Speleological Federation and this Group was privileged in being the Host Society.

There was representation from almost every caving body in Australia and the new Federation promises to fulfil a long needed want. The retiring President, Mr. E. Hamilton-Smith has been elected Secretary for the Federation.

The programme and budget for Federation is expected during March, 1957, and for its absolute success we must pledge our wholehearted support to this movement.

RECORDS.

The task of stabilising a system for recording results and accomplishments for an activity such as ours is a difficult one. Only now is it becoming obvious, the nature of results returned for permanent record and these are being accommodated thus:-

1. Basic trip accounts and scientific reports of caves are filed in C.E.G.S.A. Records held at the S.A. Museum together with original maps. This has grown steadily during the year.
2. Lesser reports, Members Papers and articles for publication are at present held by the Secretary and will require a more permanent method of preservation in the near future.
3. Printed Journals and Papers from other Societies have been accumulating and a modified library system will have to be instituted during 1957.

TOURIST BUREAU.

Again C.E.G.S.A. has worked in close collaboration and harmony with the Tourist Bureau. Permission to explore in the

Kelly Hill region led to the rediscovery of the first known chambers of this system with considerable tourist potential.

At Naracoorte, no major finds have been reported but the use of the first Guide House granted from this Department to the University, Museum and ourselves will prove invaluable whilst working on scientific material in the area. Our gratitude is extended to the Director and Deputy Director of the Tourist Bureau and their two South Australian Guides Messrs. Seton and Wyld for their co-operation and encouragement shown through the year.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

There have been 11 Committee Meetings since the election of the undermentioned committee and these have been attended as follows:-

E. Hamilton-Smith	10	out	of	11
A. L. Hill	9	"	"	11
R. T. Sexton	7	"	"	11
N. Mollet	10	"	"	11
D. Gerner	8	"	"	11
C. Giles	6	"	"	11
B. Daily	4	"	"	11
J. D. Taylor	8	"	"	8
A. Wright	9	"	"	11
Miss J. Marlow	3	"	"	3

GENERAL.

Of several minor items worthy of mention, Cloth Badges were introduced and have been made available to Full Members. It is hoped that in the forthcoming year a metal lapel badge will be available.

Many copies of Cave Maps are now available for sale to members. Also it is expected that the personal album of the Group "Speleodities" will be up to date by the A.G.M.

Finally the Committee must thank the various Companies and Departments who were "approached" during the year and the numerous members who either volunteered or were "volunteered" for invaluable services rendered, and last but not least, the typists whose necessary, unglamorous work so closely bonds the Group together.

for the Committee

A. L. Hill.
Hon. Secretary.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (S. A.)

Receipts and payments statement.. .. Year ended 28th. February 1957.

1. RECEIPTS-

Normal,	Membership fees.. ..	£ 48. 7. 3.	
	Gear hire and Trip fees	<u>37. 3. 3.</u>	£ 85.10. 6.
Special,	Sale of Badges & Maps.. ..	£ 6.10. 3.	
	Supper takings & Sundries	<u>2.17. 3.</u>	9. 7. 6.
			<u>£ 94.18. 0.</u>

2. PAYMENTS-

Stationary, Postage, Printing etc.	£ 21.18. 1.	
Gear, Gear Maintenance, Carbide etc.	18.11. 6.	
Badges and Maps,	14. 7. 8.	
Sundries,	<u>6.10. 0.</u>	£ 61. 7. 3.

3. BALANCE A.N.Z. BANK, Pirie Street. * £ 33.10. 9.

I have Audited the Receipts & Payments of the above fund and hereby certify that this statement discloses the movement of funds for the 12 Months ended 28th. February 1957, according to the records, vouchers and information supplied to me.

Date. 8th, Feb., 1957

Signed A.G.Chinner. A.U.A.
(Hon. Auditor)

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A S S E T S.

List of gear at cost or replacement value - as at 28th. February 1957.

225 ft. Ladder.. ..	£ 22.10. 0.
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Life line, 120',	2.17. 6.
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Gear line, 120',	2. 0. 0.
Gear line, 120',	2.17. 6.
120 ft. Lighting flex,	6. 0. 0.
2 only D/V Telephones	@ £5 ea. 10. 0. 0.
Telephone Cable,	1. 5. 0.
4 Carbide sieves	@ 5/-ea. 1. 0. 0.
2 Water Drums	@ £1 ea. 2. 0. 0.
1 Tilley Lamp (in need of repair)	4. 0. 0.
1 Cwt. Carbide,	4.10. 0.

Total Value. £ 59. 0. 0.

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FULL LIST OF MEMBERS AS AT 1st FEBRUARY, 1957.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

Mr. & Mrs. CORRELL, Curramulka	Curramulka 1
SANDERS, Fred, 8 Wattelbury Road, Lower Mitcham	UM.3839
	LA.3458 (B)

FOUNDATION MEMBERS.

CHINNER, David, 2 Leonard Tce., Torrens Park	U.4899
DUNK, Sidney, 174 The Terrace, Port Pirie	Port Pirie 689
GERNER, David, 55 Brigalow Ave., Kensington Gardens	FA.1859
	W.2171 (B)
	MF.1451
GILES, Cecil, 60 Harrow Road, College Park	-
GLEN, Max, 30 Sutton Ave., Seacombe Gardens	-
HAMILTON-SMITH, Elery, 67 Brunswick St., Fitzroy, Vic.	-
HILL, Alan L., Box No. 485D, G.P.O., Adelaide	W.2541 (B)
HOPKINS, Robert, 108 Glynde Road, Magill	-
HOSSFELD, Dr. P.S., 132 Fisher Street, Fullarton	U.3214
	W.3211 (B)
	LA.4121 (B)
HURCOMBE, Desmond, 24 Elizabeth Street, Prospect	-
KIRKBRIGHT Howard, 29 Russell Street, Glenelg.	-
KIRKPATRICK, Tim, 14 Griffiths Street, Fairlight, N.S.W.	-
LAVER, John, C/o Bank N.S.W. 47 Berkley Squ, London W.1	-
MORGAN, Darryl, C/o Roseworthy Agric. College, Roseworthy	-
MOLLET, Noel, 33 Milner Street, Prospect	ML.6076
	W.1541 (B)
PEGUM, David, C/o Geosurveys Ltd., 57 Todville Street,	
Woodville West	M.7609 (B)
SETON, Douglas, Kelly Hill Reserve, K.I.	2G Flinders Chase
SEXTON, Robert, 45 Tasmore Ave., Leabrook	F.5356
	F.1134 (B)
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SMITH, Errol, C/o R. Arbon, Minlaton	
TAYLOR, David, C/o Aust. Petroleum Co., Port Moresby	
Papua	Moresby 5151
TEXTOR, Roger, C/o N.T. Police, Alice Springs	-
THOMSON, Capt. J.M., 135 Military Road, Semaphore	JX.6911
	J.1411 (B)
	W.3382 (B)
TINDALE, Norman, 53 Waite Street, Blackwood	-
TOWNSEND, Dr. D., 3 Bishop Ave., Somerton Park	-
VARNEY, Robert, C/o Keswick Barracks, Adelaide	LF.1681 (B)
WRIGHT, Arnold, 25 Second Ave., Sefton Park	ML.2021
	ML.3693 (B)
<u>MEMBERS.</u>	
DAILY, Brian, 11 Hill Street, Elizabeth South	W.3381 (B)
HOGBEN, Ernest, 96 Alma Tce., Woodville West	M.7986
KELLY, Graham, 34 Grange Road, New Hindmarsh	LU.7491
LANYON, David, 28 Salisbury Crescent, Reade Park	UM.3915
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	ML.4839
LINKE, Victor, 3 Napier Street, Renown Park	LF.3871
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LOVE, Peter, 18 South Tee., Plympton Park	LF.3871
LYNN, Kenneth, 37 Jasper Street, Noble Park, Melbourne	JJ.5021 (B)
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SOMERTON, Jack, 25 Second Ave., Sefton Park.	ML.2021
	LX.9 (B)
UTTING, Brian, 32 Angas Street, Alberton	-
WYLD, Peter, 73 Broadway, Glenelg	-

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

BURFORD, Molly, 11 Grigg Street, Marden	W.3211 (B)
COLLINS, Denis, 18 Maxwell Tee., Dunleath	-
CORY, Marion, 476 Grand Junction Road, Northfield	LA.4395 (B)
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GRAY, Walter, Box 196C, G.P.O., Adelaide	X.7163
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HARRIS, Wayne, 124 Springbank Road, St. James Park	-
HILL, Kevin, 6 North Street, Collinswood	U.2595 (B)
HOLE, Godfrey, 42 Burlington Street, Walkerville	ML.2217
HOWARD, Luke, C/o Area School, Brinkworth	-
KAPPELLE, Karel, 10 Ross Street, Thebarton	-
LOVE, David, 18 South Terrace, Plympton Park	LF.3871
LOVE, Mrs. D., 18 South Terrace, Plympton Park	LF.3871
McCANDLESS, Rosalind, C/o Royal Hobart Hospital, Tas.	-
MEAD, Tony, 655 Marion Road, Ascot Park	UM.1846
MULLAN, Dean, 16 Brook Street, West Mitcham	LA.4648 (B)
PETHERICK, Brian, 9 Palmer Street, Prospect	ML.5260 (B)
TUCKWELL, Ronald, 60 North Street, Kent Town	MF.2089
UNDERHILL, Douglas, 75 Avenue Road, Avenue Park	LF.3782
WELBOURN, Roger M. 330 Military Road, Largs Bay	JX.6927
WELBOURN, Roger E. 330 Military Road, Largs Bay	JX.6927
	LA.0401 (B)
WRIGHT, Dawn, 25 Second Ave., Sefton Park	ML.2021
	ML.3693 (B)
WRIGHT Mrs. D. 25 Second Ave., Sefton Park	ML.2021