



CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP

South Australia

C/- South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide.

ANNUAL REPORT

1957-8

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT to be
presented to the Annual Meeting 26th
February, 1958, at the National Fitness
Rooms, 69-70 South Terrace, Adelaide,
at 8.00 p.m.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee once again has much pleasure in submitting for your consideration the following report covering the activities of the Group during its second year, ending 26th February 1958.

MEMBERSHIP.

As predicted, the beginning of the year showed a slight fall in membership but has now recovered to a steady level and is expected to increase slowly.

A comparison of last year's figures with the present shows

	1956-57	1957-58
Hon. Life Members	3	4
Foundation Members	26	12
Full Members	12	22
Associate Members	24	24
Total Membership	<u>65</u>	<u>62</u>

Although the figures are similar in numbers, actually 19 persons have dropped from the last year listing and these have been replaced with 16 new members in the present year. Several more are expected to join with the coming financial year. Supplementary to the list of membership published with this report is a list of interested persons and interstate leaders which maybe of use to members.

CAVING ACTIVITIES.

In the past year some 20 successful caving expeditions were carried out, including several co-jointly with the VCES and with two trips still programmed prior to the Annual General Meeting. This represents an increase on the previous years activity in the direction of the South Eastern section whereas caving in other parts of the State remained on a par with the previous year.

1. Yorke Peninsula and Adelaide: Again three trips were organised to Curramulka Town and Corrells Gaves. Progress in mapping the labyrinth of Corrells Cave can be reported, and it has been used extensively as an early training ground again. In the Town Cave most of the known sections have been mapped in draft form, and further exploration enabled the "Pearl Cave" to be passed. At Port Price a new cave was discovered of minor importance. No further work was done on Southern Yorke Peninsula and the Adelaide region remains persistently barren.

2. Eyre Peninsula: A trip is proposed to this area in the coming year. No further progress can be reported from the present year. Closer examination of the Lincoln Gap reports proved barren.

3. Flinders Ranges: The known but unvisited caves in this area are still out of comfortable range and only occasionally can a trip be made to the Northern area. However Mairs Cave was again investigated and several minor entrances were discovered. A search nearby for the reported Wilcowie Caves was unsuccessful.

Of definite importance was the first official visit to the Narina Creek area where several extensive caves were discovered including another wet cave containing a navigable lake and active formation.

The Oraparinna Cave was revisited and a new series of caves have been entered east of the Oraparinna area. Reports of caves have been received from Orroroo and Wilpena from residents at those places. Some of these cave reports will be investigated this year.

4. South East: By far the most important section within easy range of Adelaide, the discoveries in this area have warranted the large number of trips taken. Commencing from the south, several caves near Mount Gambier have been investigated, and it is now positive fact that this large caving area extends well into Victoria to Portland and beyond. The Penola trip to the Monbulla Cave was the first successful venture onto the Cave Range and three trips have so far covered the Tantanoola and Mount Burr area. Several Naracoorte visits made good use of the Tourist Bureau Hut, and still caves are being reported in that area faster than they can be investigated. Mapping is still progressing in this zone and by far the most important finds are the Sand Cave at Naracoorte with over 2000' of known extension and the Lake Cave at Tantanoola which is some 100' diameter and 80' high.

5. Kangaroo Island: Only one official trip was arranged for this section, carrying out specialised mapping work for the Tourist Bureau. Of importance was the rediscovery of the Kll Cave on the back boundary of the Caves Reserve. Two private visits were also made to this area.

6. Nullabor: No official trip had been arranged for this year, but several private parties have announced their intention to continue work in the area. It is expected that the report of the previous large trip of Xmas, 1956 will be available shortly.

7. Interstate: Several interstate visits both official and private were arranged. On the official list were two visits to the Dartmoor area in Victoria with good results and an excellent time was had in the magnificent Buchan area, all in Victoria and as guests of VCES. One private party visited Jenolan and yet another saw the Alice Springs Bat Cave.

MUSEUM MEETINGS.

Again, a year of interesting speakers which featured Messrs. Mitchell and Lawson of the S.A. Museum, Mr. R. Tedford of University of California, Mr. Shepherd of Mines Dept. and Mr. John Mack of Adelaide. The Members Paper Nights were supplemented by interstate papers by Mr. E. Hamilton-Smith of Victoria and Mr. H. Fairlie-Cunningham of N.S.W. The average attendance of about 20 has justified these meetings, for which our thanks again to the Museum Administration.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

Following the General Meetings many Members' slides and movies were shown and several talks and demonstrations were given. The second Annual Photo Competition was held successfully and from it was gathered an excellent collection of slides for two special showings. The first of these was held in Adelaide for our many friends and contacts and the second was held in Naracoorte for the many landowners who have assisted us in that area. The second showing was also attended by many VCES members, after a Xmas Reunion held on the Caves Reserve.

SEARCH AND RESCUE.

The Search and Rescue team of the Group's leading cavers was efficiently maintained this year on last year's high standard. Fortunately, there were again no calls during the year, but efficiency was established with an unannounced trial scramble held in the last month at the Punyelroo Cave at Swan Reach.

NARACOORTE RESEARCH CENTRE.

This Hut was used extensively during the past year by members and several improvements and additions have been carried out. At least one work party weekend was held. Our thanks to the Tourist Bureau and Mr. Wyld of Naracoorte for their help in this valuable asset.

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT.

The equipment list this year has increased considerably, mainly through the purchase of surplus Nullarbor equipment. No new equipment was manufactured within the Group.

Gear purchased during year (excluding Nullarbor equipment):-

120 ft. life line.	3 cwt. carbide.
1 miners shovel.	5" Brunsen Compass.

Gear donated:-	2 Army spades.	E. Smith.
	8 gallon water tank.	F. Sanders.
	60 lb. honey (K.I.)	D. Seton.
	1 Coil telephone cable.	Anonymous.
	1 Sledge Hammer.	"

It is hoped that some surplus equipment and stores will be auctioned during the year.

250 lb. carbide was used during the year excluding Nullarbor quantity.

List of gear at replacement value as at 26th Feb. 58

225' ladder	£22-10-0	6 galls kerosene	£0-15-0
1, 120'x 1½ gearline	2- 0-0	1 stretcher	3- 0-0
2, 120'x 1¼ lifeline	5-15-0	2 fibreglass helmets	4- 0-0
1, 120' lighting flex	6- 0-0	1 Sledge Hammer	2- 0-0
2, D/V Telephones	10- 0-0	20 lbs honey	2- 0-0
telephone cable	1- 5-0	1 Bushman saw	2-10-0
4 carbide sieves	1- 0-0	3 spades	4-10-0
3 water drums	3- 0-0	1 carton mixed	
1 water tank	2- 0-0	collecting gear	5- 0-0
1 Tilley lamp	4- 0-0	1 modified Brunsen	
2 cwt. carbide	9- 0-0	compass	5- 0-0
6 washbowls	2- 0-0	35 assorted cooking	
		utensils	7- 0-0
			<u>68-15-0</u>
		Assorted preserved foodstuffs	5-16-0
		Miscellaneous, Shellite etc.	2- 0-0
		Value of assets	<u>£112- 6-0</u>

CAVEMANS DINNER.

The third of this series was again held at Rigoni's (call me Fred) Restaurant just prior to Xmas with about 20 members present. Although appetites and thirsts may not have been up to the previous standards, the presentation of the Annual CEGSA Leather Medals climaxed the highly enjoyable night.

AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION.

This body has functioned quietly and steadily during the year after the 1956 meeting in Adelaide.. A valuable work on terminology is nearing completion, and it is hoped that the results of the 1957-58 Committee Meeting of the Federation will be made known shortly. The next General Meeting of the A.S.F. will be held in Tasmania at Xmas of this year.

RECORDS.

Previous to 1957, all CEGSA records and the card index of South Australian caves, were held at the S.A. Museum. In 1957 the field notes and a copy of the cards were taken by CEGSA and held by the Trip Secretary. The field notes and maps of each area have been placed in individual folders so that Trip Leaders can use them on trips and notes were circularised to members, indicating the required setting out of trip reports. The card index system is increasing rapidly and cards have been made out for the following caves:-

Kangaroo Island	10	Nullarbor Plains	6
South East	57	Eyre Peninsula	2
Flinders Range	14	Yorke Peninsula	4

LIBRARY.

The CEGSA library is building up steadily and we now possess:-

29 journals and bulletins of various societies
(Communications, SUSS, Tasmanian Caverneering Club, CSA reports, South African Speleo. Assoc., Australian Amateur Mineralogist)

4 papers on subjects relating to Caving.

10 unpublished papers by members.

11 books relating to Speleology, Geology, Surveying, Meteorology etc.

A copy of "British Caving" was purchased by the Group in 1957 and the present approximate replacement value of all maps and books held is £8 and £13 respectively. The library will be classified according to the system nominated by the librarian of ASF. Members may borrow any of the above publications for a limited time and CEGSA reports, maps and cards may be inspected through the Trip Secretary or the S.A. Museum.

TOURIST BUREAU.

Our best wishes again to the recently retired Director of this Department Mr. Baker and our congratulations to his successor Mr. Ashton and the new Deputy Director Mr. Brooks. The harmonious relations with this Department have continued and it can be anticipated that the coming year will produce some work of tourist potential. Again our thanks to this Department for their generous assistance and to their three guides Messrs. Seton, Wyld and Jones for their co-operation shown through the year.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

There have been 11 Committee Meetings since the election of the undermentioned Committee at the last AGM, and these have been attended as follows:-

R. T. Sexton (President)	10	out of 11
J. Somerton (V. President & Member-ship)	9	" 11
A. L. Hill (Secretary & ASF)	9	" 11
Miss J. Marlow (Trip Secretary & Record Keeper)	11	" 11
N. Mollet (Quartermaster)	11	" 11
E. Hogben (Treasurer)	9	" 11
C. Giles (Naracoorte Research Centre)	8	" 11
S. Kelly (S & R)	5	" 11
B. Daily & G. Gross (Museum)	5	" 11

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The financial position of the Group at the end of the year 1957/58 is excellent. Due to two factors in particular, as shown on the statement of account, the bank balance has increased in a greater proportion compared with the previous year. While such a spectacular increase cannot be expected during the next 12 months, the total should be raised considerably by our two main regular sources of income; namely, Members' fees and Hire of Gear on trips. On the other hand our balance will be

reduced by our new venture - the production of a quality magazine, but the loss may not be of large proportions and the expenditure will be well merited.

GENERAL.

In this section several items of varied nature are brought to notice. First the Constitution and By-Laws were brought up to date during the year and circularised. Only minor changes in the Constitution have occurred and By-Laws were introduced as necessary.

Cloth badges are still available for sale and the long awaited metal lapel badge is expected in the first quarter. Several additional maps are available through the Record Keeper, and the Personal Album of the Group has shown a rapid growth.

The most important project for the coming year is the first issue of a magazine of the Group and the need for "volunteers" is still desperate.

All in all, we can be most satisfied with the total of the year's activities and it can now be safely said that the Group is on a permanent long term footing, the critical first year of existence being easily cleared.

The Committee takes this opportunity again of thanking the past year's numerous volunteers from the Members, also the State Departments and Organisations for their favours, and finally the typistes, for whom the word "Speleology" means another ruined day, but without whose combined efforts the Group could not exist.

for the Committee

A. L. HILL
(Hon. Secretary)

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending 31st Jan., 1958.

Receipts

Balance forward from 1956-57	£33 10 9	
Members' Fees	37 - -	
Hire of Gear on Trips	38 5 11	
Excess from expenses Parnanga Camp	38 11 7	
Sale of Map	10 -	
Expenses reimbursed from Tourist Bureau	150 - -	
Supper Money	1 9 1	
Sale of Badges	1 2 6	
Bank Interest	5 11	£300 15 9

Expenses

Stationery and Stamps	£7 4 4	
Printing	5 6 6	
Exchange on cheques and Money Order	3 3	
Copies ex Patricia Studios	1 2 6	
Stones (Carbide & Shovel)	6 - 6	
Subscription to A.S.F.	5 - -	
Rent to N.F.C.	1 5 -	
Copy of British Caving	3 2 -	
Entertainment (Naracoorte & V.I.P. Night)	5 15 1	
Calcium Hydride	10 -	
Plans and Maps	4 1 5	
Rubber Stamp	12 3	
Dishonoured Cheque (fees)	15 -	
Refund overpaid fee	10 -	
Naracoorte equipment	4 7 3	
	£45 15 1	
Less cheque in transit	1 2 6	
TOTAL EXPENSES	£44 12 7	£44 12 7
Petty Cash		3 14 2
		£48 6 9
Bank Balance at January 31st, 1958		£252 9 -
		£300 15 9

Note: A balance of £2. 1. 5d. is held in General Account
to credit of Naracoorte Research Centre

E. HOGBEN, Hon. Treasurer
4th February, 1958.

Audited and found correct with books and vouchers produced

A. CHINNER, A.U.A. Hon. Auditor
7th February, 1958.

FULL LIST OF MEMBERS AS AT 1ST OF FEBRUARY 1958.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

Mr. & Mrs. CORRELL, Port Vincent	-
HAMILTON-SMITH, Elery, 67 Brunswick St., Fitzroy, Vic.	-
SANDERS, Fred, 8 Wattlebury Rd., Lower Mitcham	UM3839 LA3458 (B)

FOUNDATION MEMBERS.

DUNK, Sidney, Broken Hill	-
GILES, Cecil, 60 Harrow Rd, College Park	MF1451
HILL, Alan L., Box No. 485D, G.P.O., Adelaide	W2541 (B)
KIRKPATRICK, Tim, 14 Griffiths St., Fairlight, N.S.W.	-
LAVER, John, Canada	-
MOLLET, Noel, 33 Milner St., Prospect	MI6076 W0242 (B)
SETON, Douglas, Kelly Hill Reserve, K.I.	2G Flinders Chase
SEXTON, Robert, 45 Tusmore Ave, Leabrook	F5356 FA1134 (B)
SMITH, Errol, Minlaton	Min. 66
TAYLOR, David, c/o Aust. Petroleum Co., Port Moresby, Papua	Moresby 5151
THOMSON, Capt., J.M., 135 Military Rd., Semaphore	JX6911
WRIGHT, Arnold, 25 Second Avenue, Sefton Park	MI2021 ML3693 (B)

MEMBERS.

BAILEY, Robin A., 15 Riverside Rd., Ivanhoe, Vic.	JX1180
CHAPMAN, Roland W., 92 Mitchell St., Bentleigh, Vic.	XU2644 MF4111 (B)
CROCKER, Brian J., 26 Hampton Crescent, Largs Bay	JX6252
DAILY, Brian, 11 Hill St., Elizabeth South	W3381 (B)
DOLAN, Jack, 115 Hill St., North Adelaide	LX9, Ext.6422 or 6024 (B)
DOLAN, Mrs. J., 115 Hill St., North Adelaide	M9656 (B)
HENDERSON, Roderick G., 28 Orient Rd., Padstow, N.S.W.	-
HOGBEN, Ernest E., 96 Alma Terrace, Woodville West	M7986
JACKSON, Athol R., 246 Halifax St., Adelaide	W4897 LX403 (B)
KELLY, Graham C., 1 Ritchie Terrace, Marleston	-
LANYON, David K., 28 Salisbury Crescent, Reade Park	UM3915 LA0111 (B)
LINKE, Victor A., 3 Napier St., Renown Park	ML4839
LOVE, John W., 18 South Terrace, Plympton Park	LF3871 W1365 (B)
LOVE, Peter J., 18 South Terrace, Plympton Park	LF3871
LYNN, Kenneth W.,	-
MARLOW, June, 87 Tynte St., North Adelaide	UX1662 (B)
McINTEE, Thomas F., 264 Halifax St., Adelaide	W4897
MORRIS, Mansel M., Flat 22, Ardoch Ave., East St. Kilda	LA6356
MULLAN, Dean P., 16 Brook St., West Mitcham	-
PORTER, Gordon B., 115 High St., Glen Iris, Vic.	-
SOMERTON, Jack, 25 Second Ave., Sefton Park	ML2021
UTTING, Bryan E., 32 Angas St., Alberton	LA5821 (B)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

BURFORD, Molly, 33 Primrose Terrace, Rosslyn Park	W2778 (B)
BURMAN, Dennis C., P.M.G., in country	-
COLLINS, Dennis, 18 Maxwell Terrace, Dunleath	X1531
COLLIVER, Anthony D., 16 Stirling St., Tusmore	F5472
	F5966 (B)
ELLIS, Robert W., o/o P.M.G., Repeater Station, Taillem Bend	
GARDNER, Thomas, R.A.A.F., Edinburgh	LX9, Ext.6090
GRAY, Walter S., Box 196C. G.P.O., Adelaide	X7163
HARRIS, Graeme W., 562 Magill Rd., Magill	-
HILL, Kevin, 6 North St., Collinswood	U2595 (B)
HOLE, Godfrey W. R., 42 Burlington St., Walkerville	ML2217
HOWARD, Luke, c/o Area School, Brinkworth	Brink.-91 (B)
19 Desaumarez St., Kensington Park	F3739
KAPPELLE, Karel, 10 Ross St., Thebarton	(weekends)
KENNEDY, William C., Keith	-
MARCUS, Jan, Box 153, Naracoorte	Nar. 165
MARSH, John, c/o H. Foureur, 7 Austin St., Torrens Park	
	UM1241 (B)
MEAD, Tony, 655 Marion Rd., Ascot Park	UM1846
STEIN, Yvonne A., 25 Gilbert Rd., Somerton Park	X3816
TREBILCOCK, Robin, 20 Percy St., Prospect	ML5603
TUCKWELL, Ronald, 60 North St., Kent Town	MF2089
	W0234 (B)
WELBOURN, Roger M., 330 Military Rd., Largs Bay	JX6927
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WIGLEY, Tom, 31 Ian St., Broadview	ML4617
	LA1128 (B)
WRIGHT, Dawn, 25 Second Ave., Sefton Park	ML2021
WRIGHT, Mrs. A., 25 Second Ave., Sefton Park	ML2021

Cave Exploration Group (Stn. Aus.),
c/o S.A. Museum,
North Terrace,
Adelaide.

1st February, 1958

Dear Member,

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Group will be held on the 26th February, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. at the National Fitness Clubrooms 69-70 South Terrace. On this date the term of Office of the present Committee is terminated and the new Committee for 1958 has to be elected.

Of the present Committee all are available for re-election, but the Secretary, Treasurer, and Quartermaster have intimated that they would decline standing again for those positions. It is expected that several new members will be elected on the incoming Committee, and it is all important that you give careful consideration to your nominees well before the meeting.

To allow a reasonable period before voting, nominations will be called for the Office Bearers for 1958 before the opening of the meeting, and it is requested that no nominations be made after the meeting commences unless it is essential to fill some position.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the 2nd Annual Report and Financial Statement to be presented to this meeting for approval. This will be the main item on the Agenda with the Elections.

You are reminded that your financial status comes under consideration from the 26th February, the end of the financial year. To continue your membership you are requested to complete the following form and return it to the Secretary with an enclosed remittance as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

A. L. Hill
(Hon. Sec.)

The Secretary CEGSA at present 1958
From Mr./Mrs./Miss _____ Member
Please find enclosed _____ being my fees for the forth-
coming year 1958/59 as _____ Member.

In order to bring the Group's Records up to date please fill in the list of Caving areas visited during 1957/58.

Present Home Address _____ Phone _____

Business Address _____ Phone _____