



CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP

South Australia

c/o SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, NORTH TERRACE, ADELAIDE.

ANNUAL REPORT

1959-60

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT to be presented to
the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday
the 24th of February 1960 at the
National Fitness Rooms, 69-70 South Tce,
Adelaide, at 8 p.m.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has once again much pleasure in submitting for your consideration the following report covering the activities of the Group during its fourth year ending 24th February, 1960.

MEMBERSHIP:

A transfer of Associates to Full Membership has tended to maintain this number during the last year. However, there has not been a very large intake of Associates, so there has been an overall drop in numbers.

These figures are summarised thus:-

	<u>1958-59.</u>	<u>1959-60.</u>
Honorary Life Members	5	5
Full Members	39	39
Associate Members	19	11
Total Membership	63	55

What has caused more worry, and does not show up in the above figures is the large proportion of members who have either joined from country centres and interstate or have since moved away from Adelaide.

	<u>City</u>	<u>Country</u>
Honorary Life and Full Members	29	15
Associate Members	8	3
	37	18

This figure has now reached 50% approximately as is shown. There is, however, a growing list of interested persons and no doubt many of these will become more actively interested in the Group's activities as circumstances permit.

CAVING ACTIVITIES:

During the past year, some fifteen (15) caving expeditions were carried out in all the known caving areas of the State, but despite this wide variety on the caving menu, two of the July-September quarter trips were poorly attended and the other was cancelled due to lack of transport. The first trip of 1960 was also abandoned.

The highlights of the year were the Easter Trip to Kangaroo Island, and the third expedition to the Nullabor Plains in December-January. In all, about 15 trips were held during the year which compares unfavourably with 18 last year and 20 in 1957-58.

1. Yorke Peninsula and Adelaide:

Curramulka was visited on two occasions, the second of which in September returned with some very interesting bone material from the TOWN CAVE including specimens from our friend THYLACOLEO. Corrells Cave has still not been put on paper, but it is believed that another caving reputation is being tested on this project and that progress will be reported before another year has passed.

2. Eyre Peninsula:

No trip was officially programmed for this area, but a private trip took place during the Christmas holidays.

3. Flinders:

Three visits were made to the Flinders Ranges: Two to the area north of Narinna Station and the other to Mt. Remarkable and Orroroo.

In each of these areas new caves were found. Unfortunately, the primary object of both of the northern trips - the rediscovery of caves originally found about 30 years ago - was not achieved.

It is apparent however, that the Northern Flinders offers considerable caving potential, but the relative inaccessibility is a grave handicap.

4. South East:

The number of trips to the South East was the lowest for some time, and were made to Penola, Naracoorte (twice) and Mt. Burr. A small party visited the Glenelg River at Christmas.

No major discoveries were made in the area, but work is accumulating. Amongst outstanding projects are detailed explorations of Fox and Beekeepers Caves.

5. Kangaroo Island:

Kelly's Hill was revisited during Easter when the majority of the party was making its first visit. Several demonstrated the art of being bushed underground. Work done included the discovering a connection with the silt cave and the mapping of the resulting connection and short cut into the "Trog's Joy" also the discovery of bone material in the form of *STHENURUS OCCIDENTALIS* which had not previously been reported outside W.A. No official trips were made to other caves on the Island, but a private trip to the western end of the Island has produced an interesting report with possibilities for future activities on the Island.

6. Nullarbor Plains:

The report on the 1956 expedition has been receiving attention during the year and suitable material should be available for publication in a condensed form in the near future.

The recent expedition was not on the scale of the 1956 epic organised again by C.E.G.S.A., 18 took part in the trip of whom 12 were interstate. The expedition was in the field for 19 days.

As was expected, several new caves were discovered and extensive work was carried out in KOONALDA CAVE. A fair percentage of artifacts, insects and reptiles found its way into Collection boxes for more leisurely perusal at a later date. The discovery of the partially fossilised human skeleton in N31 could also be of considerable interest.

7. Interstate:

During the year private parties have visited caves in W.A., N.T., and Victoria.

8. Gear and Equipment:

Little extra gear has been acquired during the year. List of equipment at replacement value:

225 ft. ladder	£22 10 -	1 Clark stretcher	£3 - -
1 - 120' x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ Life Line	2 17 6	2 Gallons Kerosene	5 -
1 - 120' Light Flex	6 - -	4 Safety helmets	8 - -
2 Don V Telephones	10 - -	1 Sledge Hammer	2 - -
3 Carbide Sieves	15 -	20 lb. Honey	2 - -
3 - 4 gall. Water Drums	3 - -	1 Bushman Saw	2 10 -
1 Water Tank	2 - -	2 Spades	3 - -
1 Tilley Lamp	4 - -	1 Carton Mixed Collect-	
288 lbs. Carbide	11 5 -	ing Gear	5 - -
3 Wash Bowls	1 - -	1 Brunsen Compass	5 - -
Miscellaneous Food-stuffs	5 16 -	Assorted Utensils	7 - -
		Nylon Rope	2 10 3

TOTAL VALUE £109 8 9

160 lbs. of Carbide has been used during the year.

9. Museum Meetings:

The regular monthly meetings in the Museum Lecture Room have in the main been well attended and useful meetings with good speakers from both the Club and outside and interesting film nights.

10. Naracoorte Research Centre:

Wide use of the Centre has again been made this year by both ourselves and the Museum staff. A working weekend was held during which the electrical wiring of the hut was checked over and an outdoor barbecue built. Further improvements to camping facilities are being planned.

Our thanks to the Tourist Bureau and Mr. Wyld for their help in this valuable Centre.

11. Search and Rescue:

Due to good use of safe practises we have so far not had need of this Organisation which is at the disposal of the Police as well as our Club. The Organisation is still being improved and we now have two comprehensive first aid kits and an emergency food pack is being prepared for the use of the party in case of an emergency scramble.

No trial scrambles have been held during the past year, but one is being planned for the near future.

12. Caveman's Dinner:

The fifth Caveman's Dinner was held at Rigonis as in previous years just prior to Christmas, with about 18 members present. Members were presented with leather medals and a leather pistol for outstanding acts of the year.

13. Australian Speleological Federation:

Despite an inactive year, the A.S.F. Committee Meeting held in Melbourne in January was well attended by societies. The delegates present representing Coorambong, Canberra, S.S.S., S.U.S.S., Western Australia, V.C.E.S., C.E.G.S.A., Kempsey and Ryde.

The executive is now:-

President - E. Hamilton-Smith.	Secretary - P. Aitken.
Treasurer - A. Hunt.	Librarian - L. Bishop.
Convenor of Publication Sub-Committee - J.D. Taylor.	

14. Records:

Throughout the year good use has been made by the various trip leaders of the field notes for the various caving areas, copies of which are held in the C.E.G.S.A. Library. Unfortunately, it must be reported that a number of trip reports are still outstanding; quite a number of them have been so for quite some time. This of course means that information that would possibly be of assistance to the group is not available for reference yet. However, work in this direction has been quite good.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on a new card index system which will give quicker reference to the numbered caves and also to any reference to them, both in our files and other published material.

Finally it is pleasing to report that the Nullarbor Report for the trip before last has now made its appearance.

15. Library:

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Library is continuing to expand quite rapidly. During the last six months, no less than 60 books, papers, magazines, members' reports and maps have been added to it. These include Tenison Woods "Geology Of The South East"; "Underground Water Of the South East"; Howchins "Building of Australia"; Wood Jones "Mammals of South Australia". These and any others may be borrowed from the Library for a limited period.

Good use has been made of the Library by members. Fifty articles have been borrowed during the past year.

Work is progressing on an index of the written material contained in the Library, which when completed, will greatly assist members desiring to make use of the Library.

16. Tourist Bureau:

Our thanks once again to the Bureau for their generous assistance during the year, also our thanks to the Cave Curators at Kelly Hill and Naracoorte.

17. Committee Meetings:

There have been eleven (11) Committee Meetings since the elections of the last Committee at the 1959 Annual General Meeting, and these have been attended as follows:-

A.L. Hill	President	7	11
R.T. Sexton	Vice President & Membership	9	11
N.J. Mollett	Secretary	11	11
V. Linke	Treasurer	11	11
D. Lanyon	Q.M. & A.S.F. Delegate	10	11
J. Somerton	Records & Library	9	11
P. Love	) Map Sales, N.R.C., S. & R.	10	11
A. Mead		7	11
Dr. B. Daily	Museum	6	11

18. Treasurer's Report:

The group is in a very good financial position at the end of this financial year. There is an increase in the final balance of almost £30. This is partly due to a reduction of costs of duplicating, map prints and Christmas cards through the efforts of volunteers.

Little was spent on gear owing to the non-supply of Japanese Jiggers due to a defect in manufacture, discovered prior to delivery.

Nothing was spent on advertising. The small return to date from the publishing of the Cave Survey Paper is not in keeping with the merit of this paper. We trust this is not indicative of the financial support we can expect for future publications.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA).STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR 1959-60.RECEIPTS.PAYMENTS

Balance from 1958-59	311	4	5	Duplicating of Circulars etc.	£18	7	4
Members' Subscriptions	40	10	-	Postage and Petties	6	8	9
Gear and Carbide Fees	28	7	-	Stationery	4	17	6
Naracoorte Research Centre Fees	2	16	-	Room Rents	5	5	-
Supper Profits	4	7	7	Printing of Cave Survey Paper	12	-	-
Survey Paper Sales	3	3	-	Library Additions	5	2	5
Badge Sales	4	2	6	Copies of "Cango"	5	2	4
Map Sales	2	17	6	Map Prints	2	4	6
"Cango" Sales	3	12	11	Christmas Cards	2	5	6
Bank Interest	9	10	6	Bank payment of cheques outstanding	8	11	-
Refund of Overpaid Room Rent	15	-	-	last year	1	12	6
Donation	2	6	6	Subs to Cave Research Group	1	3	6
Bank Exchange	1	3	3	Freight on films	2	10	3
				Purchase of Nylon Rope	5	-	-
				Refund of overpaid subs	8	-	-
				Naracoorte Research Centre improve- ments	76	3	7
				LESS cheques outstanding	2	-	-
				Cash in hand	74	3	7
				Balance as per Bank			
				Statement 10.2.60	2	18	10
				Amount paid to Bank			
				10.2.60 not shown	309	2	8
				on Statement			
					25	5	1
					337	6	7
					£411	10	2

V.A. LINKE

HONORARY TREASURER

Audited and found correct according to Vouchers produced and Bank Balance verified.

H.K. LANYON.

HONORARY AUDITOR 15.2.60.

FULL LIST OF MEMBERS AS AT 1ST FEBRUARY, 1960.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

- CORRELL, Mr. & Mrs. R.H., "Swn-Y-Mor", Port Vincent.
 * HAMILTON-SMITH, Elery, C/- Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, 67 Brunswick Street,
 Fitzroy, N.6. Victoria.
 * HOSSFELD, Dr. P.S., 132 Fisher Street, Fullarton - W3211
 * SANDERS, Fred H. 8 Wattlebury Road, Lower Mitcham, UM3839; LA3458.

FULL MEMBERS:

AITKEN	Peter	Florence Street, Fullarton	W3381
BAILEY	Robin A.	15 Riverside Road, Ivanhoe, Victoria.	JX1180; MXY130/6744
BURMAN	Dennis C.	C/- Mitchell Street Hostel, Darwin, N.T.	
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* TINDALE	Norman	53 Waite Street, Blackwood	W3381
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* Denotes former Foundation Members.

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