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South Australia

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the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday
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CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Ladies and gentlemen,

Your committee has great pleasure in once again submitting for your consideration the following report covering the activities of the group during its fifth year ending 22nd February, 1961.

CAVING ACTIVITIES:

The decline in active caving which became apparent last year, now shows up as a very significant trend. During the past twelve months only twelve trips have been run. This figure also includes those trips which do not appear on the quarterly programme. The corresponding figures for the previous three years are 15, 18 and 20. Three trips were cancelled, but this can be partly attributed to there being a choice of activity: the active membership of CEGSA is at the moment at a low ebb and is insufficient to support more than one trip at the same time.

1. YORKE PENINSULA

The re-survey of Corrells Cave has commenced and it is hoped that this will be completed in the coming year. The Town Cave was visited on several occasions and a number of bone specimens obtained. A group of dolines and a new small cave have been located east of Curramulka and deserve further work. An unsuccessful but highly enjoyable cave search in the tower part of the Peninsula produced no new caves, but a new contact is expected to be of help in the area. The aboriginal rockshelter paintings on the River Marne, the Devon Downs carvings and Punyelroo Cave, were also re-visited.

2. EYRE PENINSULA

Once again this area proved too distant to be visited, but a trip is planned to this region shortly.

3. FLINDERS

Two trips were held, one to the northern Flinders, and one to Buckalowie. The northern trip (in the wildflower season) was successful in locating one cave although instructions were slightly ambiguous. The cave unfortunately contained nothing of great interest. The Buckalowie trip was a private trip and was the first to this area since October, 1957. A third programmed trip to Wooltana was cancelled because of the rival attractions of Kangaroo Island.

4. NULLARBOR PLAINS

A further trip of 20 days' duration was undertaken during December-January 1961. The party of 28 included five CEGSA members and Dr. A. Gallus, with three assistants from Melbourne. The trip was a resounding success from all angles, particularly those of zoological and entomological collecting. A large number of excellent sub fossil skulls and other skeletal material were obtained from a wide range of cave localities. Archeologically Dr. Gallus expressed himself completely satisfied with his third and conclusive dig at Koonalda, where coupled with his implement finds, he was able to secure enough carbon for a conclusive C₁₄ test.

On the caving front, the party visited all the larger, well-known caves on the Southern Nullarbor Plains and the Hampton Tablelands, and also explored all the caves north of Nullarbor Station. Two new caves were thoroughly explored, and a further seven located. Some valuable preliminary work was accomplished by a skindiver, and it has been conclusively proved that both Koonalda and Wabubbie continue further under water. The Clay Dam was fully explored for the first time, and an abseil was accomplished over the Koonalda Cliffs, where the presence of a large sea cave was ascertained.

Throughout the trip the party was accompanied by the National Film Unit, who completed a film of the speleological activities. The Newcastle Technical and University College also sent over five representatives under the leadership of Roly Paine, and were able to give valuable assistance to the main party. A small party only staying a week or so, boosted CEGSA's members on the plain temporarily.

5. SOUTH EAST

Only three trips were made, all to the Naracoorte area. This is surprising in view of the number of trips which have been made in the past, and the wealth of caving activity which these have made possible. Of reports to hand, the only new exploration was in Lost Cave, where the low water table, possibly due to the extremely dry season, made access to a formation chamber beyond the small lake a simple matter of wading. Trips to Marcollat and Mt. Burr were cancelled.

6. KANGAROO ISLAND

Following up a report on the underground stream passage at West Bay Hollow in Flinders Chase, a party of ten made a visit to the known caves at this end of the island. The Cape Borda Cave was located, and the lighthouse keeper reported that he knew of other caves along this stretch, evidently formed by run-off water from the hills behind the Coastal Dune limestone. The coast was followed, but no sea caves other than those at the Ravine des Casoars were seen. The second cave at the Ravine, previously unseen due to high tide, was visited. Similar to the other, this contains penguin rookeries and some formation.

RECORDS AND LIBRARY:

Little work has been done towards the completion of the card index of South Australian Caves, but the number of outstanding trip reports has been reduced.

The Library is also continuing to expand, and during the past year approximately 60 pamphlets, papers, magazines etc. have been added. The index to the library is more advanced than the cave index, but is still far from complete. Unfortunately the library has not been used extensively, probably due to its inaccessibility, and until either an efficient index is produced or CEGSA obtains its own headquarters, there does not seem to be any solution.

SEARCH AND RESCUE:

Although no search and rescue scrambles were held during the past twelve months, they were not forgotten. It was not felt that sufficient members were interested to warrant a trip where no exploration would be done, as a number of the official trips were poorly attended or cancelled. The Group has made valuable acquisitions in two comprehensive first aid kits to be used on large trips, or for search and rescue purposes. It is hoped that more interest will be taken in the group in the coming year, and members are reminded that the Clarke stretcher is still available if anyone is interested in a scramble.

GEAR AND EQUIPMENT:

During the past year there has not been a great deal of use of the group's gear owing to the lack of trips. The year has seen a great step forward in the purchase of 120' of 1-1/4" nylon rope for use as a lifeline. This rope is light, strong and durable and should do many years of useful work if looked after. A quantity of steel cable has been obtained, and it is hoped that a new set of ladders will be made in the new year. The old ladders are in a bad state of repair and it will be much better to manufacture new ladders rather than try to repair the old ones. They have done good service, as it is about five years since they were first used and have survived three Nullarbor trips. Early in the year 2 cwt. of carbide was crushed, and about 150 lb. remains of this.

The following list of gear is held by the group at present:

225 ft. wire ladder; 120 ft. 1-1/4" Nylon rope; 120 ft. 1-1/2" manilla rope; 50 ft. 1" nylon rope; 120 ft. 1-3/4" manilla gear rope; 150 lb. carbide; 3-4 gallon water drums; 1-6 gallon water tank; 1 set scales and weights; 3 adjustable ladder belays; 2 shovels; 1 pick; 1 sledge hammer; 1 trenching tool; 1 hurricane lamp; 1 Tilley lamp; 3 carbide sieves; 3 carbide lamps, 2 safety helmets; 1 army helmet; four ex-army telephones; 120' twine telephone wire; 1 single sheaf pulley block; 1 Miner's dial (Japanese); 1 Brunsen 5" compass; 3 first aid kits;

1 box collecting gear; various eating utensils, e.g. washbowls, 1 bow saw and blades; 1 bucket; hydrogen apparatus; 1 box assorted tinned foods; 20 lbs. honey.

MUSEUM MEETINGS:

These have continued, and we have had a variety of speakers at them.

CAVE MAN'S DINNER:

Twentysix members were at the very successful Cave Man's Dinner held for the sixth time at Rigonis at Christmas time. A leather wheel barrow was also presented, with the usual leather medals.

AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION:

This year was marked by the appearance of a newsletter to be distributed to all members. The efficiency of the editor in producing this interesting publication contrasted with a general lack of movement amongst some of the other A.S.F. executive. However, with the whole committee centred in N.S.W. under President Warren Peck and secretary Ted Lane, it is hoped that there will be more general action in the coming year.

THE COMMITTEE

The Committee this year consisted of the following officers:

A.L. Hill	President
P.F. Aitken	Vice President
R.T. Sexton	Secretary
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J. Somerton	Library and records.
A. Mead	Trip sec. and publications officer
Dr. B. Daily	Museum representative.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From the balance sheet it will be seen that although expenditure has been high this year, a large proportion has been spent on capital items such as bulk stationery (£32) and first aid kits (£21) which should stand in good stead for some years. The large sum spent on behalf of the Nullarbor 1960 expedition was in settling transport costs, and will shortly be completely refunded to the group from the extra levy imposed on those attending the trip.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR 1960-61.

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1959-60
Members' Subscriptions
Gear and Carbide Fees
Supper Profits
Survey Paper Sales
Bank Interest
Balance of Nullarbor
1960 Account

337 6 7

42 4 7

4 14 -

2 2 6

18 -

10 7 9

30 6 -

£437 19 11

PAYMENTS

Duplicating
Stamps and Envelopes
Rent
Rope - Manilla and Nylon
Bulk Stationery -
Envelopes, letterheads, duplicating
paper and stencils
First Aid Kits
Transport Costs -
1960 Nullarbor Trip
Sundries
Christmas Cards
Cash in Hand
Cheques outstanding from 1959-60
Bank Statement

8 13 1
8 13 10
3 17 6
12 6 4

32 8 1
21 10 11

42 - -
1 10 -
1 - -
133 19 9

7 6
2 - -
291 12 8
£437 19 11

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In conclusion I should like to thank all those that helped or worked for the group. We have noted the deaths of two old friends - Ern Hogben and Mr. J. Ashton during the year. This year has again seen more of the Group leaving for other States, and we wish them all the best in the future.

R.T. Sexton
Hon. Secretary