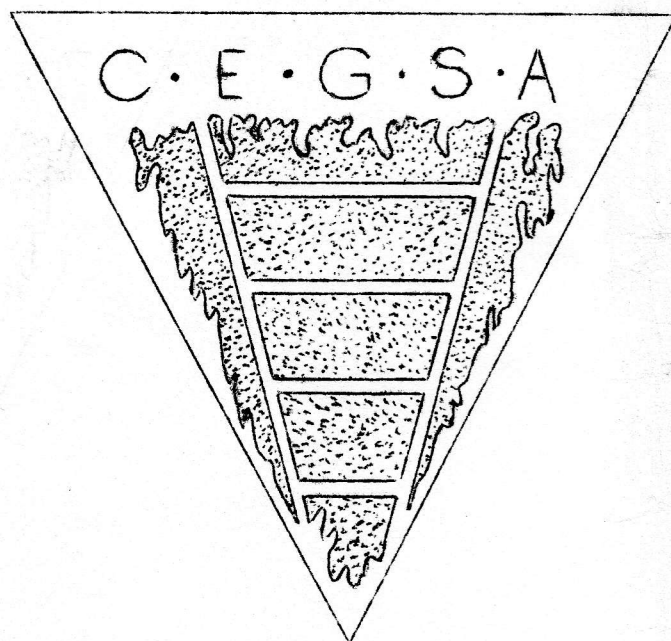


ANNUAL REPORT

1962-1963



CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT to be presented to
the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday
the 27th of February, 1963 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 great pleasure in submitting the following Annual Report covering the Group's Membership, Activities, and Finances in its seventh year of operation ending 28th. February 1963.

MEMBERSHIP:

There has been a satisfactory maintenance of membership this year, the numbers of the various classifications remaining almost static:-

	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>
Hon. Life Members	5	5
Full City Members	32	30
Full Country Members	8	8
Associate members	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
Total membership	64	62

This year there has been a marked falling off in activity by older members of the Group, principally due to marital consequences. To offset this we have a number of young enthusiasts to carry on the good work.

CAVING ACTIVITIES:

There were 14 trips programmed this year, including one mystery trip to Reynella and one training field trip. Of these 4 were cancelled, and 1 switched, owing to lack of transport and lack of interest. We have suffered considerably this year from a shortage of transport but have hopes for the future.

1. YORK PENINSULA AND ADELAIDE.

CORRELL'S CAVE CURRAMULKA. Following the discovery of further extensions last year, and much surveying, a party this year rediscovered that there was much more to the cave than was thought, off the side off the highway to the Bushwalkers Extension.

WINDMILL CAVE CURRAMULKA. An enthusiastic party from Woomera joined forces with the small Adelaide party and located and did a rough survey of the Windmill Cave (Y3).

REYNELLA. A mystery programmed trip to the new cave at Reynella was held in place of a General Meeting. The cave is quite extensive, being mainly a system of rough narrow passages with one or two small chambers.

2. EYRE PENINSULA.

No trips were held this year.

3. FLINDERS RANGES.

BURR WELL AND WOOLTANA. Our first official trip was held to this area during the Easter-Anzac Day holidays with damage to all four vehicles taking part. Nevertheless even the vehicle owners enjoyed the trip. BURR WELL: This proved to be of smallish size, although there were small interesting extensions. Guano dust made things unpleasant. One small bat was seen. The entrance is at the base of a cliff forming one side of a creek. The cave is barren of formations. It had been worked for guano years ago.

WOOLTANA CAVE: Situated on Arkaroola Station this cave proven to be 215 feet deep with a verticle ladder pitch of approximately 170 feet down a crevasse averaging 7feet wide with a large and a small chamber at the bottom. The stony nature of the cave made the ladder pitch hazardous. Despite full precautions, one helmet was ruined- instead of one head! The cave was last worked for guano in 1933.

4. NULLABOR PLAINS.

No trip was run to this area this year. It is reported that the W.A. Club has found a syphon in Wee Bubbie leading to a large chamber, but, due to a shortage of lifeline, was unable to reach it.

A map of Koonalda drawn by John Henwood following the 1956 trip has been received from Holland.

5. KANGAROO ISLAND.

No official trips were held this year.

6. SOUTH-EAST.

NARACORTE. Four trips were held. New members were shown the caves of the area. The Smoke Cave was visited, and a new cave was discovered along Alan Hill's Line. It looks rather interesting. A grade six survey of the Bat Cave has been made.

MOUNT GAMBIER- GLENELG RIVER. Cave search work done produced three new caves and hundreds of filled dolines and filled sinkholes yet to be explored in the area west of Mount Schank. A large part water filled sinkhole was located in the forest approximately one mile from Hell's Hole. Several other part water filled sinkholes were visited.

A feature of these holes is that they are of more or less 100 feet in diameter and mostly have sheer cliffs all around and mostly are part filled with water. The size and sheer cliffs are similar to the entrances to Wee Bubbie and Warbla Caves on the Nullarbor.

MITCHELL CROSSING CAVE. This was revisited, and some exploration was done in two different directions, both proving extensive. A few more of us now understand how the schoolboys became lost in this cave several months ago.

TANTANOOLA LAKE CAVE. This was again visited.

7. INTERSTATE.

The Princess Margaret Rose Cave was visited by an official party.

KEMPSEY. Our Observer to the A.S.F. Conference visited a few of the caves at Kempsey, N.S.W. He found them generally not spectacular and mostly of poor access due to rain, mountainous country, few tracks, and dense undergrowth.

Another Member located and explored a volcanic pipe cave near Pomborneit in Victoria. This cave is about 250 feet long.

SEARCH AND RESCUE.

Once again we are pleased to report that no search and rescue had to be undertaken.

The Victorian Societies have set up a Cave Search and Rescue Organization and have kindly supplied us with full details of same should it be of value if there is ever an emergency call for rescue in S.A.*

GENERAL MEETINGS.

These have been well attended. Entertainment was supplied by Fred Sanders, who gave an illustrated talk on world touring, Bob Sexton, who spoke on past trips from the Records, Alan Hill supplied some excellent films, Ellery Hamilton-Smith gave a talk on bats, and A.S.F., Noel Mollet on the Nullarbor, illustrated with slides. A representative of the Mines Department gave a lecture on how geological maps are made, illustrated by aerial photos, and the various stages up to the completed map, also by slides. Mr. Blackburn of C.S.I.R.O. gave an illustrated talk on "The Terraces of the South East."

All of these were very interesting, and to the speakers we tender our sincere thanks.

CAVE MAN'S DINNER.

The Annual Caveman's dinner was held at the Avala Barbeque. It was well attended, and both food and prices were excellent. Leather medals were presented to V.A.Linke, R.T.Sexton (3), Alan Hill, Fred Sanders, and Neil Hallet.

The slide competition was won by Athol Jackson. Congratulations, Athol!

All members reached home safely.

COMMITTEE.

This year's Committee was as follows:-

N.J.MOLLET	PRESIDENT
J.D.BISHOP	VICE PRESIDENT, S.&R., and MEMBERSHIP.
V.A.LINKE	SECRETARY
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	TREASURER
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A.S.F.

C.E.G.S.A. is still abstaining from membership of A.S.F.

Some suggestions re modification of this organization which we feel would make it more efficient have been published and circulated to all clubs, as well as having been presented at the recent Kempsey conference.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

The past year has seen considerable improvement in the ladder department, with the manufacture of 175 ft. of new ladder, using a crimping method of retaining the rungs. Another 25ft. has still to be made, and it is hoped that this will be completed in the new year.

Much concern has been expressed concerning the loss of gear in the past year, and a system has been organised whereby a trip leader must sign for all gear taken out. He is then responsible for its return within seven days or else may be financially responsible for its replacement.

GEAR AS AT 27-2-'63

225 ft. old ladder	3 adjustable ladder belays
175ft. new ladder	2 shovels
120ft. of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Manilla	1 pick
life line	1 sledge hammer
50lb Carbide (approx)	1 Hurricane lamp
3 only 4gall water drums	1 Tilley Pressure lamp
1 only 6gall water tank	6 helmets (fibre glass)
1 set scales & weights	1 army helmet (steel)

4 ex-army telephones	1 bucket
120 ft. twin telephone wire	Hydrogen apparatus
1 single sheaf pulley block	1 box asstd. tin foods
1 miners dial (Japanese)	20lb. honey
1 Brunsen 5" compass	2 ladder slings
1 cloth tape	2 carbide sieves
3 first aid kits.	1 trenching tool
1 box collecting gear	1 carbide lamp (Premier)
Various cooking utensils (ladles etc.)	1 wash bowl
1 Bowsaw and blades	1 frying pan

LIBRARY AND RECORDS.

THE LIBRARY. This has continued to expand by the addition of the following:-

NEWSLETTERS PROGRAMMES ETC. These have been received from the Speleological Societies of Sydney, Sydney University, University of N.S.W., Kempsey, University of Queensland, Newcastle Technical and University College, Pt. Moresby, the Speleological Groups of Western Australia and Darwin, Victorian Cave Exploration Society, Tasmanian Caverneering Club, Cooranbong Speleological Association, Australian Speleological Federation, Cave Research Group of Great Britain, and the Adelaide Bushwalkers.

Many of these, as well as containing reports of trips, with maps, contained articles of special interest. Among these were ladder making technique, new methods of water tracing, formation of caves, use of explosives, carbon dioxide in caves, and an article on bats.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS JOURNALS ETC. Overseas publications were received from Cave Research Group of Great Britain, notable "The Lapiaz Superieure Du Pla Segoune", "Some Cave Accident Statistics", "Wire Rope Splicing", "Cave Fauna", and "Transactions".

From the South African Speleological Society came "The Bulletin", and from U.S.S.R. there was a paper on a French cave (in Russian).

Australian sources gave us S.U.S.S. Year Book, and their Journal, with articles on ladders and their manufacture, and caving gear and its use. We received the Adelaide Bushwalkers Magazine, and from E. Hamilton-Smith, "Australian Cave Fauna."

RECORDS.

Much work has yet to be carried out on the existing records. The Speleological Records Vol.1 have been indexed, and the references placed on the cave index cards, to facilitate finding all known information about each cave.

Publicity of records is still lacking as is shown in the few items being borrowed from the Library. More importantly, a lack of knowledge of the Records, and their contents means that work in the field is being hamstrung for lack of direction of effort. A complete list of known S.A. caves and a library catalogue will shortly be issued in an effort to overcome this. There has been a pleasing influx of reports and maps during the year, although there are some notable gaps still to be filled. Maps of Gouldens Hole, Rubbish Cave, Wurwurlooloo, Ela-Elap, Devil's Punch Bowl, Double Well (Mt. Gambier area), Koonalda (Nullarbor), Wooltana, Burr Well, additions to Arcoota (Flinders), Bat Cave (Naracoorte), Windmill Cave (Curramulka) have been recieved.

TOURIST BUREAU.

Our thanks to the Bureau and their Curator, Mr. Wyld, for their continued assistance, particularly in respect to the Naracoorte Research Centre. This Centre is of great value to us.

In response to a request from the Tourist Bureau, a survey of the possibility and difficulties of opening the Lake Cave, Tantanoola, as a tourist attraction, has been made and forwarded.

CONSERVATION.

The Group has become a member of a newly formed 'CONSERVATION CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL' which has as its aim Conservation in South Australia.

GENERAL.

The Committee now takes this opportunity to thank again all the various people, Government Departments, and volunteers who have made out work possible and interesting. Finally our thanks to the typists and duplicator operators who so often have worked under difficulties against the clock.

For the Committee,

V.A.LINKE,
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1962-63

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Bank balance '61-'62	271-17-6	Room hire	5- 7-6
Members subs.	37-1- 0	Equipment	19-13-9
Gear & carbide fees	11-13-3	Films & projector	
Supper Profits	6- 1-2	hire	1-19-6
Bagges	1- 5-0	Postage & Christ-	
Publications	1- 4-0	mas cards	23- 7-6
Dinner '61	1- 0-0	Dinner expences	5- 2-6
Dinner '62	4-19-6	Subs. to societies	5- 6-6
Bank interest	10-15-1	Horse brass	<u>6-0</u>
Bank deposit carried			
over from '61	4-11-10		61 - 3- 3
Cash from '61	4-8 -2	Bankstatement	
		8-2-63	289- 19-9
			<u>351- 3- 0</u>
		Loss cheque for	
		subs not presented	2- 2- 0
			<u>349- 1-0</u>
		Cash in hand	<u>5-15-6</u>
	<u>£354-16-6</u>		<u>£ 354-16-6</u>

Compared with the previous year the most notable item is the purchase of equipment. Last year- one rat trap, this year 2 trenching tools, new ladders, 6 helmets, and 1 horse (brass)

Audited and found correct.

FULL LIST OF MEMBERS...1st. FEBRUARY,1963.

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