



Cave Exploration Group

South Australia

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ANNUAL REPORT 1965-66

**TENTH ANNUAL REPORT to be presented to
the General Meeting on Wednesday
the 23rd of February 1966 at the
Museum Lecture Rooms - North Terrace
Adelaide at 8pm.**

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (S.A.)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Committee has great pleasure in submitting the following report covering the Group activities and finances in the tenth year, ending 23rd February, 1966.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Having successfully completed ten years of active caving and with a good supply of enthusiastic members, the group can look forward to the next decade which should be even more satisfactory.

In the past year the Group has obtained a wealth of experience in the organisation of a large expedition to the Nullarbor Plains including a prolonged underground camp. It is without a doubt the most ambitious undertaking in the history of Australia's caving. Combined with the two Occasional Papers on the trip it should give the Group a great amount of prestige.

The Bank balance has been steadily decreasing over the past few years and it seems that an increase in subscriptions must be made in the near future as even higher expenses per member are expected in the coming year. They have not been raised in the past ten years.

The introduction of the "Crouch Night" proved very successful and I would recommend to future committees that at least one such night should be held each year, preferably just before or just after the A.G.M. so that it may give the committee some idea of what the Members would like for the coming year.

Since the reduction of the amount of general business carried on at General Meetings it appears that very few Members have any idea how the Group is run. I would like to make a recommendation that every full member tries to attend at least one committee meeting in the year. You are always welcome to attend a committee meeting.

There still appears to be a lack of projects being undertaken which in turn means there is a lack of original material that the Group can publish. If anyone has a project in mind but is having difficulty in getting started for some reason or other they should get in touch with the committee regarding it and I am sure some solution can be found to overcome the problem.

Several casualties have occurred in the committee during the year which incurred a by-election. This did not completely cover the situation as there were other members who were temporarily out of commission which placed a greater burden on the remaining ones. I would like to thank the committee and especially the members who carried the extra load for the cooperation and help given in the past year.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has **stagnated** this year - the final figures being :

5 Hon. Life Members,
41 Full Members and
30 Associate Members.

These figures indicate an increase of one in the overall membership for the year 1964-65, and while good caving is being undertaken by the "hard core", a boost in membership, with new ideas and approach is required.

Currently C.E.G.S.A. members are spread across the state and with a few interstaters, indicates the depth of caving interest in South Australia.

A rise in membership for 1966-67 should provide the incoming committee with a real challenge and, given proper guidance Speleology should look to the future with confidence.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Once again, through luck or good management, there have been no calls on our Search and Rescue Organisation this year. No suitable times have been found for practice scrambles this year, but the coming year could see some. The organisation of contact lists is being overhauled and an effort is being made to encourage members to attend St. John's First Aid courses. The Search and Rescue team will work in cooperation with the Search and Rescue Organisation of the South Australian Mountain Activities Federation. With the increase in popularity of caving among untrained members of the public, and unless our own safety procedures are thoroughly observed, we are bound to get that first 'dinkum' call more sooner than later.

Leather Medals were presented to :

Noel Mollet,
Justin Cole,
Grant Gartrell,
Fred Aslin,
Tom Wigley,
Bob Sexton and
Dick Heffernan

The slide competition was won by Grant Gartrell.

COMMITTEE

Your Committee for the past year was :

A. Jackson	President
F. Sanders	Vice President and Quartermaster
K. Sloane)	Secretary
G. Gartrell)	
R. Galbreath	Treasurer
J. Bishop	Publications
R. Sexton)	Records and Library
A. Hill)	
J. Cole	Membership
J. McLean-Smith	Museum Representative
G. Gartrell	Search and Rescue

THE CHRISTMAS CARD

After ten years without change the Christmas Card has suddenly taken on a completely new look.

Our thanks go to Roger Graves for his services in the design and printing of this very striking card.

CAVING ACTIVITIES

Something seems to be happening within the Group that is creating a trend towards private rather than official trips again. The Record Keeper bleats about the "Tourist Barrier" and the "Choofer Problem," others talk of Communication and Leadership shortcomings, and not to forget, our affluent Troggs now have almost one set of wheels apiece. There are exceptions, but on the average private trips show little return to the Group and this is borne out by the falling off in trip reports this year.

This could be related also to a suspected apathy creeping into the Group in turn evidenced by a general lack of progressive objectives towards caving by the Members.

It is time to look again at our balance of Chiefs and Indians and have a quiet think about why we go caving and what we want to accomplish by it.

In the last Programmed year there were approximately 18 official trips almost half of which were to Naracoorte. There were no official trips to Eyre Peninsula nor Kangaroo Island and some Flinders trips were cancelled for want of starters.

Yorke Peninsula and Adelaide

Some new entrances have been observed south-west of Kulpara and also east of Strathalbyn, and have yet to be investigated. Curramulka Town cave was re-visited and samples taken for carbon 14 dating. Minor extensions are still being found at Correls Cave and mapping continues.

Flinders Ranges

A few caves were re-visited with no further discoveries although much remains to be done there.

South-East

At Naracoorte more extensions have been found in the Blackberry and more spectacularly in the Fox Cave and a few minor new caves have been found there. Several more Naracoorte maps have been completed.

Mt. Gambier has come up with a number of new caves almost entirely due to Fred Aslin's efforts.

Tantanoola and Mt. Burr seem to be provoking interest with Tindales Cave being re-discovered and new caves at Mt. Burr. Several trips are expected to visit this area in 1966 for a regional study.

Nullarbor

Nullarbor was undoubtedly the most important undertaking of the year with the 1965-66 Expedition led by CEGSA to Mulla-mullang and surroundings. A seven day underground camp was completed, together with a further ground search for more caves.

Naracoorte Hut

Following the resignation through ill health of Wally Wyld at Naracoorte the new acting Curator is Tom Sherratt with Acting Assistant Curator Russell Bath. The Naracoorte Hut is out of action while the new guide house is being built and we hope to be back in the hut mid-year. Our thanks and best wishes go out to Mr. Wyld and family.

RECORDS OF THE GROUP

It is with regret that Bob Sexton has had to relinquish the Record Keeper's work. The Master Index now shows almost complete records of 245 caves in South Australia and Nullarbor, made up as follows:-

South East	130	Nullarbor	55
Kangaroo Island	18	Flinders Ranges	23
Yorke Penninsula	9	Eyre Penninsula	10

LIBRARY

The elusive CEGSA Library has found a new temporary home at 84 Perseverance Road, Tea Tree Gully and has been substantially resorted. With our move back to the Museum Lecture Room for Meetings it is hoped to house books and bound papers there for more general lending use than they have been in the past.

This year it is hoped to publish further Library Supplement papers with the Newsletter to advertise the Library even further.

MEETINGS: Good attendances were the rule this year with a minimum attendance of 20 and most head-counts revealing more like forty people. Speakers were Mr. Jim Southcott of Laubman and Pank on "Photography", Elery Hamilton-Smith on "Bats", Doug Seton "The Offshore Islands of S.A.", Grant Gartnel, "Andamooka Opal Field", Alan Hill, "Recent Work on Naracoorte Cave Development", Bob Sexton, "Caves of the Coastal Areas of South Australia", Don Rankin on "Tourist Caves and National Parks of U.S.A."

Also included in this wide variety of entertainment was an evening at which some interesting French Caving films were seen, and a "Grouch Night" at which some ridiculous motions were put and variously defeated or passed. This was received with mixed feelings.

THE NEWSLETTER

At the last meeting the content and size of the newsletter was brought up. Suggestions ranged from a short scandal sheet which just kept up the local gossip to a comprehensive newsletter giving precis on all talks and lectures, but no concrete decisions regarding the newsletter were made. This was due to people not expressing their own thoughts, perhaps being too polite. The Editor feels that people could be more outspoken.

TEN YEAR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The ten year Christmas Celebration was held at Alan Hill's mansion this year and although only about thirty people attended it turned out to be the best show yet. Even though the cost was lower than past years the Group made a profit for the first time in ten years.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

No major replacements to the gear were required during the year but several of the items which were purchased about the time of the Groups beginning are now unserviceable, e.g. galvanized metal, 4 gallon water drums and the old ladder. Water containers have been replaced with plastic type from time to time and with the Nullarbor surplus we are well off for these. It is hoped that during the coming year the rungs from the old ladder will be salvaged and new ladder built from them by work parties organized by the Quartermaster.

Several items of equipment have been donated during the year which would account for the lack of expenditure. These items included:

Carbide Sieve	)	F. Sanders
120 ft. Manilla Rope		
Hardware for 2 Slings		
4 Carbide Sieves		A.L. Hill
2 First Aid Boxes	)	Nullarbor Trip in lieu of gear hire
1 First Aid Kit		
2 100 ft. Fibre Glass		
Tapes		
1 Tea Chest Plastic		
Water Bottles		
20 lbs Carbide		
Approx. 100 Plates and	)	
Bowls		
12 pitons		Anonymous

Please note that C.E.G.S.A. gear is not for use of outside groups unless it is a combined trip. This is not appreciated by some members judging from Q.M.'s private quiz. Members should also point out that for non-members using group gear, no responsibility for use of same is accepted and everyone in C.E.G.S.A. using same does so at their own risk!!!!

GEAR LIST AS AT 23.2.66

<u>Survey Equipment</u>	<u>Approx. Value</u>
1 Miners Dial	£10
2 Tripods	5
1 Brunsen Compass	10
2 100 ft. Fibre Glass Tapes	}
1 100 ft. Metallic Tape	
1 Hand Compass	
	5
<u>Office Equipment</u>	
1 Typewriter	£10
1 Duplicating Machine	10
Duplicating Paper	25
<u>General Equipment</u>	
175 ft. ladder	£80
4 Slings	2
120 ft. Manilla Rope	
120 ft. Nylon Rope	
3 Don V Telephones	10
5 Carbide Sieves	1
45 lb Carbide	4
2 Tilley Lamps	4
1 Carbide Lamp	2
1 Hurricane Lantern	
1 Clarke Stretcher	2
6 Helmets	5
2 Trenching Tools (one damaged)	1
2 First Aid Kits	6
1 Bushman Saw and Blades	1
1 Set of Scales	1
1 Frying Pan	
12 Pitons	
1 Tea Chest of Plastic Water Containers	3
100 (Approx.) Plates and Bowls	3
Assorted Sundries	5
Total	<u>£205</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of receipts and payments for the year ending 23.2.66.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Members Subs and Donations	£37.16.6	Room Hire	£7.17.6
Trip Fees and Gear Hire	27.16.6	Carbide	5. 0.11
Badges	2.12.6	Splices	1. 9.6
Publications	21.17.0	Books	1.19.6
Supper Profit	17.6	A.S.F. Subs	9.18.0
Dinner	25. 0.0	M.A.F. Subs	2. 0.0
Wine Surplus from '64	3. 5.6	C.R.G.(G.B) Subs	3. 4.0
Bank Interest	10. 0.11	Dinner	21. 5.7
Cash from '64-'65	8.7	Xmas Cards	11.16.4
		Paper, Envelopes,	
	£125.15.0	Postage	46.17.4
Bank Balance '64-'65	272.16.3	N.R.C.	45. 5.8
	£398.11.3		£156.13.0
		Bank Balance	255. 4.1
		65-'66 (9.2.66)	
			£411.17.1
		Less Cheques	
		not Presented	38. 1.0
			£373.16.1
		Cash in Hand	2.13.2
		Cheques in Hand	22. 2.0
			£398.11.3

The financial assets of the group have declined by about £20 during the year partly by reason of the extra expenditure incurred in renovating the Naracoorte hut, and subsidies towards travelling costs of members who did the work there. More was spent on subscriptions to other societies than on new equipment, but trip fees and gear hire remained at the same level in the previous year. We have purchased two years supply of duplicating paper and several years supply of the "new look" speleo christmas card.

GENERAL

The Committee wish to thank all speakers, Government Departments, members and other people who have helped the Group in any way during the past year.

For the Committee,

G. GARTRELL (HON.SEC)

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