



Cave Exploration Group

South Australia

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ANNUAL REPORT 1966-67

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the General Meeting on Wednesday
the 22nd of February 1967 at the
Museum Lecture Rooms - North Terrace
Adelaide at 7.30**

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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 eleventh year, ending 22nd February, 1967.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All groups such as ours rise and fall for a long period before absolute permanence is assured. We have certainly survived the first phase of the small club founded on a few personalities. Elsewhere, we see this happening and the survival rate is generally low. When these small clubs die out the unfortunate thing is their records usually disappear with them.

We are in a more mature stage of development now and there is a further stage of permanence which may not be very far off for the Group and the U.K. situation makes interesting study. In the U.K. there are many small groups which do the hard work of trogging and with strong social overtones. But out of these there has arisen a distinct purely speleological class of society such as the CRG and BSA etc.

Australian caving is now at the stage where it can still fashion future development and we should be investigating the potential of a two class caving society. Should the ASF be doing this or is it in the hands of the major Australian Groups? I believe that a two class society will develop here in time and that the present structure of Australian caving will need substantial alteration to accomodate the two classes.

The year past was the year of Mullamullang. In terms of exploration and research it is without doubt the biggest caving project we have undertaken and our published results have been well received.

Financially we are comfortably affluent and our money must be made to work for us. Our assets in Mullamullang Reports and Magnesium are up nearly \$300 this year and these must be sold before we can undertake any further projects.

Attendance at meetings was poor when the move from the NFC rooms to the Museum was made. The attendance position is recovering even though the Museum room is far from satisfactory.

There is still a lack of speleological project work amongst the members. Naracoorte for instance has every potential for scientific work and with the wealth of literature available, the lack of interest is disappointing.

Again it is election time for a new committee. Special retiring thanks go out to Ron Smith who most efficiently handled S&R and Membership last year. As retiring President I would like to thank all members of the Group, especially those on committee for their help and cooperation in the last year.

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership figures have remained almost static for the last five years. The number of members admitted during the year past indicates the usual rapid turnover, especially in the ranks of Associates. It is to be hoped that early in the New Year a large number of our Associate Members will realise that it is their responsibility to take an active and progressive interest in the business aspects of the Group.

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>Admitted 1966-67</u>
Hon. Life Members	5	5	0
Full Members	37	35	9
Hon. Assoc. Members	3	4	1
Associate Members	30	35	22
Total	<u>75</u>	<u>79</u>	

SAFETY, SEARCH AND RESCUE

A field training day held in National Park, Belair, and an evening lecture on safe caving practices held early in the year resulted in a more general awareness of the necessity for an efficient Search and Rescue Organisation.

A practice scramble was held in Fox Cave, Naracoorte, to test our equipment and our methods. This revealed deficiencies not only in both fields but also a serious need for more members of the Group to become trained in First Aid.

The Bush Search and Rescue Organisation of the South Australian Mountain Activities Federation was launched at a meeting in July and had its capabilities tested at a practice search in October. The dependence of that group on C.E.G.S.A. for specialised caving knowledge and techniques, places an additional responsibility on our own Search and Rescue Group.

Fortunately there were no emergency calls in the past year for search and rescue activity while our organisation in that field continues to build up.

COMMITTEE

Your Committee for this year was:

Attendance at meetings

President and Records	- Alan Hill	12/13
Secretary	- Grant Gartrell	12/13
Treasurer	- Ron Galbreath	12/13
V.P. Quartermaster	- Fred Sanders	10/13
V.P. Membership, S&R	- Ron Smith	11/13
	- John Bishop	13/13
	- Ian Holt	12/13
Editor	- Athol Jackson	10/13
Museum Rep.	- Judith McLean Smith	0/13

Members are reminded that they are welcome to attend committee meetings (with notice), to observe proceedings, although few have actually done so this year.

CAVING ACTIVITIES

The position compared with last year is static. There is still the "Tourist Barrier" and the "Choofer Problem". The one set of wheels apiece with our cavers is developing into the four wheel drive class. There are still official trips and private trips generally dominated by personalities and they are now both doing good work; but what about the official programme? The same situation is evident interstate, so the signs are such that we should make provision for it.

Private trips; we must learn to accept them and to profit by them. Official trips must be stronger and they must have objectives, and results, and most important, a following of people interested in caving. National trips are essential for the long term concept of growth, not only for CEGSA but also for Australian caving as a whole.

Perhaps a combination of official and private trips can be profitably tolerated after all.

Two major events took place on the discovery side last year. Firstly, and entirely new caving region on Kangaroo Island was entered for the first time by the Group, and with the caving potential uncovered there, it will do a lot to promote future trips to the Island. The most significant work, however, was on the Nullarbor following up the successful Mullamullang Expedition of January, 1966. During the last year there were three further minor expeditions to Mullamullang, each one contributing further important discoveries and results.

Yorke Peninsula and Adelaide

Several official and unofficial visits were made to Curramulka, including a joint trip with the A.B.W. Correll's Cave is such that there will always be minor discoveries and mapping done there which again was the case last year. More importantly, we now have a map of it, showing roughly the first mile of tunnels. Strathalbyn was subject to a cave search which was disappointing in that the old cave location rumours were found to be correct, but the caves had been filled in years before by farmers.

Flinders Ranges

A few trips to the Flinders took place with only minor new discoveries resulting. Activity elsewhere has been too competitive for the Flinders this year. There is still good potential there, especially in the area of Burr Well, Wooltana and Narinna.

South East

Work has continued at Naracoorte, mainly with mapping at Beekeepers, VDC, and Smoke Caves. Smoke Cave is much more extensive than was believed at first. We jointly and successfully arranged the Aldura Caving Venture there at Christmas as part of the Australian Scout Corroboree held at Woodside.

Further south - minor mapping work has continued in the Tantanoola area and the most recent discoveries have been made by our Mount Gambier members in the Five Corners Cave.

Eyre Peninsula

There were no trips to this region last year.

Nullarbor

Three more minor expeditions to Mulla-mullang added substantially to our knowledge there and new caves are still being discovered. Interest in the Nullarbor is high, with both the recent publication of CEGSA Occasional Paper No. 4 "Mulla-mullang Cave Expeditions 1966" and the forthcoming general Nullarbor Caves paper being prepared in Sydney.

Further serious trips are expected to visit the Nullarbor next year.

Naracoorte Hut

The new guide house has been completed at Naracoorte and we again have possession of the Hut. With the moving on of Tom Sherratt, the present Acting Curator is Russell Bath. A new guide is expected to be appointed shortly. Ern Maddock, a staff member of the S.A. Tourist Bureau has been filling in as guide there. In the coming year, it is hoped that we will be able to obtain an area of land around the Hut for our own camping use.

RECORDS OF THE GROUP

Very few caves have been added to the Master Index of S.A. caves in the last year due to pressure of other activities. The main increase has been in the Nullarbor; we now have records of 83 caves there and this will increase substantially when the airphoto records of J. Jennings of Canberra are incorporated in our records. A forthcoming K.I. trip will consolidate the new finds at the Emu Caves Group into our records.

LIBRARY

The Museum is arranging bookcase accomodation for us in their meeting room and this can be expected to be available shortly. Several new books were acquired last year and many periodicals bound. CEGSA Library Supplement papers have appeared regularly with the newsletter. When the library housing is finalised, the Group is sufficiently financial to make spectacular increases in library material.

MEETINGS

As for the 1965-66 period, meetings have again generally been well attended, with minimum attendance being 20 people, and maximum 38 people.

Speakers for this year were Dr. N.H. Ludbrook - "Tertiary Stratigraphy of South Australia", Mr. David Heap - "Caves of Yorkshire, Norway, and Elsewhere", Grant Gartrell - "Kangaroo Island Caves", and Ron Smith and John Bishop - "Cave Safety Part I".

In addition Alan Hill spoke on Mullahmullang Cave which was illustrated with his extensive slide collection.

A number of films were seen during the year. These included a film of his world travels shown by Mr. Rosenhrig, and film footage from the Nullarbor Expedition shown by Tony Dillon. Ron Galbreath obtained for us a series of interesting films on recent achievements in the U.S. space program, and these and two other interesting films "Nullarbor Hideout" and "Five South-West" were ably projected for us by Clarry Paice.

Entertainment at the last meeting for the year was the showing of more recent Nullarbor slides by Alan Hill, and some slides from Vincenzo Benvenuto of European caves including the famed "Ice Giant's Cave". An impromptu "Grouch Session" was held following this which brought forth very few complaints, suggesting that people need time to think to find any major faults in the mode of operation of the Group. It is perhaps possible that many people remained silent for fear of being elected to the next Committee.

THE NEWSLETTER

More correctly an internal circular within the Group, we have changed its format to quarto to conform with practice elsewhere. It will still appear quarterly but it will also include occasional reprints of interest to the Group, together with the programme and the library supplement.

The Newsletter needs more support from the Group, keeping in mind that original speleological contributions should be proffered to "Helictite", "ASP Newsletter" etc. or if of sufficient magnitude and importance to CEGSA as an Occasional Paper. We are now in a position to finance printing projects of the Occasional Paper type.

CAVE MANS DINNER

The 1966 Dinner was held at the Florentino Restaurant in Hindley St. Thirty one members attended including special guests Dr. and Mrs. P. Hossfeld. The evening was an absolute success culminating in the annual photographic competition and presentation of leather medals for the usual unusual reasons to CEGSA members.

The following people were presented with leather medals and other decorations:-

Fred Sanders

Alan Hill)
Bert Young) (Shared with half the bar each)

Aola Richards

Dr. Hossfeld

Tony Butterfield

Peter Hawkes

The Slide Competition was won by Noel Mollett.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT

Gear is meant to be used and it is obvious that wear and tear takes its toll of the Group's equipment, and further ladder construction and reconstruction work is needed. The large number of plastic water bottles is being reduced by damage, and members are asked to take steps to provide their own water containers.

Rungs from an unserviceable ladder were salvaged and a work party reassembled 50' of ladder. The Crippen Lane barbecue was an added attraction. The Quartermasters thanks go out to all who attended the work parties and to the Scouts Association who donated 60 lb. of carbide. The Quartermaster supplied three ladder slings during the year.

GEAR LIST AS AT 22.2.67

SURVEY EQUIPMENT

1 Miner's Dial	\$20
2 Tripods	\$10
2 x 100 foot fibre glass tapes	\$10
1 x 100 foot metallic tapes	

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

1 Typewriter	\$30
1 Duplicating Machine	\$30
Duplicating Paper	\$ 8

GENERAL

225 feet of Ladder	\$80
4 Slings	\$ 2
120 lbs Carbide	\$11
1 Tilley Lamp	\$ 5
1 Clarke Stretcher	\$10
5 Helmets	\$ 5
1 Trenching Tool	\$ 1
2 First Aid Kits	\$20
including one set air splints	
1 Bush Saw and Blades	\$ 2
1 Set Scales	\$ 5
1 Frypan	-
12 Pitons	-
Plates, Bowls, Buckets	\$ 3
360 feet Manilla Rope	\$30
120 feet Nylon Rope	\$10
3 Don V Telephones	\$10
4 Carbide Sieves	\$ 4
2 Sets Bone Sieves	\$10

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10.2.67

RECEIPTS

Bank balance at 9.2.66	\$510.41
Cash in hand at 9.2.66	5.32
Cheques in hand at 9.2.66	44.20
Subscriptions	138.50
Trip fees and gear hire	51.20
Wollabor fund	208.00
Magnesium powder	30.00
Publications	98.66
Badges	6.75
Auction	42.53
Dinner	10.00
Supper	1.30
Bank interest	18.23
	\$1165.10
Bank balance at 10.2.67	364.83
Deduct cheques not presented	13.00
	\$351.83

EXPENDITURE

Postage	\$59.25
Room hire	11.50
A.S.F. sub	19.50
M.A.F. sub	5.00
Subs to journals	17.65
Books purchased	9.65
Dinner A/c	17.50
A.S.F. adver-	
tisement	10.00
Carbide	14.30
Cement	5.00
Splints	8.00
Magnesium powder	120.00
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Paper	421.20
Sundries	10.24
Cheques from '65	76.10
Cash in hand	5.38
Cheque in hand	3.00
	\$813.27
Balance	\$351.83
	\$1165.10

ASSETS

Office equipment	\$68.00
Survey equipment	40.00
Library	50.00
Occasional papers	302.00
Caving equipment	208.00
Magnesium powder	90.00
Sundries	47.25
	805.25
Bank Balance	351.83
	1156.08
Cash in hand	8.38
	\$1164.46

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) - LIST OF MEMBERS

Feb., 1967

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

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