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REPORTS



2009 COMMITTEE

President Mark Sefton

Secretary/ Public Officer / Library & Records Graham Pilkington

Museum Representative Neville Pledge

Treasurer / Membership Chris Gibbons

Training / Safety Tim Payne

New Member Liaison Ian Lewis

Land Manager Liaison Stan Flavel (part year)

Paul Harper (part year)

2009 OFFICE BEARERS

Publications / Logbook / Website Athol Jackson

Quartermaster / Key and GPS Holder Paul Harper

Search and Rescue Richard (Harry) Harris (part year)

Landowner Liaison (records) Garry Woodcock

All Trip Leaders see list on p11

2009 AREA COORDINATORS

Nullarbor Plain, Yorke Peninsula,

Murray Mallee, Torrens, Eyre Peninsula Graham Pilkington

Upper & Lower S E, Glenelg River Kevin Mott

Adelaide & Kangaroo Island Grant Gartrell

Flinders Eddie Rubessa

2009 REPRESENTATIVES

Australian Speleological Federation Graham Pilkington

S.A. Speleological Council Graham Pilkington

Nullarbor Karst Project Steering Committee (WA) Paul Hosie

Kanawinka Geopark Liaison Ian Lewis

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been another good year for CEGSA. Although our caves in South Australia are not the best decorated, the longest, deepest or most spectacular, we remain the largest of all of the ASF clubs, and our members continue to be productive in a variety of ways. Graham Pilkington has completed a digital version of all of CEGSA's Newsletters and Annual Reports in searchable pdf format. This is an enormously valuable resource that can be added to each year and will ensure that these documents are safeguarded for the future (for details, see the Library and Records Report herein). I would also like to express my appreciation to Graham for taking on the task of completing the Proceedings for the CEGSA-run ASF conference at Mount Gambier some years ago after a long hiatus caused by a variety of factors. These Proceedings should become available this year. Stan Flavel is still our ASF President and June MacLucas' efforts in the world of cave art have been recognised with the awarding of an ASF Certificate of Merit. I am also pleased that, with Richard (Harry) Harris agreeing to take on the role of Search and Rescue Coordinator, the long neglected area of cave search and rescue could again see some activity.

CEGSA has been equally active in the field this year as detailed in the Caving Activities reports and reflected in the various trip reports in this year's issues of CEGSA NEWS, the latter reversing a worrying trend of a few years ago when such contributions appeared to be thinning out. I urge you to keep those articles to CEGSA NEWS coming; even a short one paragraph summary of a recent trip can be of interest to our members and helps to document the club's activities in the long term. Efforts to find new cave close to home continues unabated, particularly in Corra Lynn and at Sellicks Hill, and our group is as active interstate as it is at home. Discovery and documentation of caves on the Nullarbor continues unabated and shows what a wealth of discoveries can await those who are prepared to put in the effort.

Finally, and repeating what I said in my Secretaries Report last year, I believe that a major challenge for the Group is that of self renewal, attracting new members, through our website and by other means, and keeping them by providing an active and caving program that fits with their needs and interests.

Mark Sefton

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2009 AWARDS

Stirrer's Spoon (Rivett's Reward) Paul Harper

For his efforts in trying to get CEGSA to recognise its unsung heroes

Golden Compass

Peter Ackroyd and Ray Gibbons

For yet another addition to our knowledge of fine caves in the Nullarbor.

Mundrabilla Marble

Graham Pilkington

For the best designed underground shopping trolley seen in a long time. Unlike the surface version it actually goes where you want it to.

Courage Under Fire

Andrea Gordon

For refusing to allow a bunch of trigger happy roo shooters to spoil a good laksa.

Mark Sefton

SECRETARY REPORT

General Meetings were very well attended this year with only one meeting missing out on a quorum by 1. Ian Lewis led the entertainment with talks on Nullarbor Expeditions from 1952 into the 1970's; Photographic techniques, demonstrating using photos from Corra Lynn; and two talks on the Kanawinka Geopark. Besides the November BBQ we also had a film on the Pannikin Plains Cave cave-in trip and media attention; a workshop on surveying led by Tim Payne; and a guest speaker Aaron Camens explaining and showing to us fossilized animal tracks found in SA.

Other highlights from the meetings included submissions, discussions and reports of attending Dept of Environment and Heritage's request for northern Flinders Ranges cave locations; the Ewens Ponds Management Plan; helping the NPWS with bat counting in the south east; a science weekend at Naracoorte; the 100th anniversary of Alexandra Cave's opening and 10th anniversary of Wonambi Fossil Centre's opening.

Three new CEGSA Awards were initiated awaiting recipients:

"Courage Under Fire" donated by Harry Harris and Ken Smith,

An award for merit over the previous year, and

An award acknowledging an outstanding contribution to caving, speleology, or the Group.

CEGSA also thanked the ASF for its' help in trying to save the Sellicks Hill Quarry Cave by donating \$1000 to the ASF appeal for funds to conserve the NSW Timor Karst.

Graham Pilkington

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LIBRARY AND RECORDS REPORT

The major work in 2009 was:

The Karst database (KIDSA - OzKarst)

KIDSA was adopted, in principle, by the ASF in early January 2009 as a common storage and exchange database for all ASF clubs for local and field use. It's been renamed "OzKarst" and has been expanded to handle data from anywhere in the world.

In January 2010 a graphical information system (GIS) will be embedded using ArcReader because ArcReader can operate by using Microsoft Access tables stored in OzKarst and it's supplied free from ESRI. To prepare for the GIS version, South Australia has been formally divided up so that all the State is covered by Karst Areas. Our previous Regions are now Areas and Areas are sub-Areas if they contain the "X" extension (a sub-Area covers the same geographical area as the prime Area and is used for "temporary" or working codes). South Australia together with all the Nullarbor constitutes the one and only Region for this State.

In altering Area boundaries, no code in use has been compromised. The Murray Area has been expanded north to the Barrier Highway so that we know where it is – it was "the 150m contour line". Flinders has been defined as north of "M" and along specific outback tracks from the State border to Marree then south to Port Augusta. Torrens has been expanded to include most of the Lake Torrens basin alongside F and across to the Stuart Highway. And 3 new Areas have been defined – "G" = the Gawler Ranges to the north of Eyre Peninsular; "P" = the Pitjandjara Lands in South Australia north of both the Nullarbor and "G" and west of the Stuart Highway (I thought it was time we had an Area named after the original Aussies. And yes I know that the Pitjandjara tribe did not extend over all this area but they did occupy the NW corner of what is now SA); and an as yet un-coded Area east of the Stuart Highway and north of "T" and "F" containing most of the Great Artesian Basin in SA.

Most of our maps have now been scanned (1080), however, we still need to scan many of the maps that are larger than A3. Indexing of maps into OzKarst is on hold until that section has been improved to handle the surveys-to-maps linkage smoothly and flawlessly.

Membership History

The membership database in use by our Membership Officer could not handle memberships beyond 2009. It also lacked information prior to 1985 and did not keep a record of, amongst other things, the date a member changed their membership status (only the membership status at the end of a year was recorded). Not-for-publication was an all-or-nothing flag making for a lot of manual intervention to allow for selected publication of such things as phone numbers.

A new membership database was constructed to replace the obsolete one. It has had all historical data added giving us a complete historical record of membership. It allows for selected not-for-publication items and stores all mailing contacts such as newsletter subscriptions and publication exchange and gifts. Added into the database is a complete historical record of club office bearers and awards presented.

Newspaper and other published articles

Fred Aslin's newspaper article database has finally been written into an Access format to replace the Excel spreadsheet that has been in use for many years. The new version has all the usual advantages of a database over a spreadsheet, including a reduction in both errors and duplicated entries. It has the scanned images available on demand (that is to say that it will have when scanning has been completed – of the 6400 plus to do, about a third have been done. Of course Fred has been adding more ...).

The same database is being used to handle indexing and retrieval of published articles. A start has been made on the CEGSA NEWS. The database can retrieve any indexed article from the NEWS (we now have them all stored in PDF format) by opening the PDF at the referenced article.

Periodicals

This year a complete digital text-searchable copy of our 216 issues of NEWS was completed and made available for sale.

There are 194 Periodical titles in our library, not including Newspaper titles (for which we only hold clippings). The binding project continued with 27 more covers including another 5 new titles in 8 covers. We have 4 more titles completed. Total bound:

	organization	P#	periodical title	bound	out of	note
	OF CCA	1.1	Annual Danart			2 anta
complete	CEGSA	1-1	Annual Report	6	6	2 sets
complete	CEGSA	1-2	NEWS	17	17	2 sets
complete	ACKMA	11	Journal	10	10	
complete	ASF	7	Caves Australia	13	13	2 sets
complete	ASF	13	Helictite	14	14	
	BCRA	73-1	Caves and Caving	3	13	defunct
complete	BCRA	73-4	Compass Points	2	2	
	BCRA	73-5	Cave Radio and Electronics	2	6	
complete	BCRA	73-8	Speleology	1	1	
complete	CAVEX	3	Cave In	2	2	defunct
•	Chelsea SS	75	Newsletter	5	20	
complete	CI Magazine	68	Caving International	3	3	defunct
complete	CSIRO	54-2	ECOS	4	4	environmental
•	CSS	8	The Very Latest	2	3	
	FHKF	81	Der Frankische Hohlenspiegel	3	7	Germany
complete	FUSSI	2	FUSSI	2	2	
•	GBPE	142	O CARSTE	4	8	Brazil
	MUCG	23	MUCG Raker	2	3	defunct
complete	NCC	79	The Caver	1	1	England, defunct
•	NSS	135	NEWS	37	59	
complete	OSS	28	Descent	1	1	
complete	PNGCEG	37	Niugini Caver	5	5	defunct
complete	Speleologist	76	The Speleologist	2	2	defunct
	SSS	32-1	Journal	53	55	

	SSS	32-2	Australian Speleo Abstracts	1	1	2 sets
	SUSS	33-3	Bulletin	11	22	
complete	SCS, STC	44	Southern Caver	5	5	
complete	TCC, STC	45	Speleo Spiel	14	14	
complete	TCKRG	46	Journal	1	1	defunct
	UNSWSS	34	Spar	9	10	
	UQSS	40	Down Under	4	9	defunct
	VSA	50-1	Nargun	19	20	
complete	VSA	50-2	Annual Report	2	2	
complete	WASG	53	Western Caver	16	16	
	ZKH	83-2	Die Hohle	5	14	Germany
23 comp.			35 titles	318	408	all sets

A thankyou on behalf of CEGSA to those who presented items to Library and Records. including Peter Num who donated a book on cave diving.

CEGSA employed a student for a few weeks in November and December (using money donated by the WA DEC) to scan maps, newspaper clippings and Speleo Oddities. This put to good use the A3 scanner purchased by CEGSA this year.

Graham Pilkington.

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PUBLISHED ARTICLES PROJECT REPORT

Well what a year! Early in June 2009, Graham Pilkington came to Mount Gambier with the intention of sorting out some problems Jeanette was having with the KIDSA database. No sooner had he started than our computer crashed. Graham managed to save our files & even partly restored the computer to working condition. It was clear he and we could not do what we wanted with that hard drive.

Lots of discussion later we ended up buying a new computer. Whilst here Graham suggested that he could develop a database for our Cave Related Newspaper spreadsheet. This he went away and created and 'Published Articles' is the result of his efforts.

Last AGM we reported a listing of 5947 newspaper items, 489 magazine items,

A total of 6436 articles.

When the database was created in July the tallies were 5994 newspaper items, 500 magazine items, A total of 6494 articles.

The present total is 6286 because the database does not distinguish between newspapers & magazines. The apparent lowered total reflects corrections & amalgamations made by Graham & not direct deletions.

We have over 80 corrections & 170 new items waiting to be entered.

We were in Melbourne in January 2010 & spent a day in the State Library of Victoria, using the microfilms not available in Adelaide to solve some of our problems.

An added feature of this new database is the ability to add the history of the actual paper or magazine (we have some 200 to do) & thus far 8 have been done. I hold data for many others & it is just a matter of typing time to add them.

Another feature of this database is the ability to view a scan of the actual article. Some articles have already been scanned & it is Graham's ultimate intention that every article will be scanned & available to view as part of the database.

Fred Aslin

MEMBERSHIP REPORT					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	
Honorary Life Members	14	14	14	14	
Full Members	37	36	37	40	
Long Term Associates	2	7	4	2	
Associate Members	4	5	11	14	
Total Individual Members	57	62	66	70	
Family Members	8	16	13	17	
Newsletter Subscribers	0	1	1	0	
Newsletter Exchange	36	35	34	32	
Newsletter Gifts	13	13	13	13	
Newsletter Advertisers	0	0	0	0	
3 Month Introductory Members	79	92	67	56	
Total	193	219	194	188	

Chris Gibbons.

Membership Officer.

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Another quiet year. Our helmets were loaned out for a couple of trips, our vertical gear and a rope were given to the Training Officer on long term loan for training he was conducting throughout the year. There was no damage to any gear and nothing was bought or retired. There were no donations for the use of the gear.

Paul Harper.

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KEYHOLDER REPORT

Only a few keys loaned for Flinders Ranges Caves, there were no other keys used. There were no expenses this year.

Paul Harper.

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PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Four issues of Vol. 54 of CEGSA NEWS were published this year in February, May, August and November as well as the Annual Report for the AGM in February. The index to Vol. 54 will appear in Vol. 55 No. 1 (hopefully). The colour cover has become a permanent feature now. There has been a good quantity of high quality material submitted and some items have had to be held for later issues. CEGSA NEWS continues to be available on the website for those members that have indicated they would prefer to receive it electronically. There has been a slight increase in the number of members taking this option but it would be nice to see more doing so as it saves money for members as well as CEGSA and you get the CEGSA NEWS in full colour as well. If you want a hard copy you can print your own and get better photo quality than the photocopied version.

Athol Jackson.

WEBSITE REPORT

The website continues to provide members with the newsletter to download in full colour and also provides information to the general public as well as members. As new information on trips and other happenings become available the calendar is updated and members and others can see what is on when. The next meeting dates for the current 3 month period is on the homepage and at the top of the calendar.

The offer is still open for suggestions to improve the website. If you have any comments about the website please let me know and we will see if we can incorporate your ideas into it to make it a better website for everybody.

Athol Jackson.

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LOGBOOK REPORT

The logbook has continued to operate successfully with 17 entries of trips other than those advertised either in the program or at meetings. Most of these are from our West Australian members.

Athol Jackson.

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SAFETY REPORT

There were no safety incidents during the year.

Tim Payne.

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TRAINING REPORT

.A number of new members have joined the club during the year and participated in the general caving activities run by members. Thankyou to the trip leaders who have taken the time to introduce and educate these new members in caving, after all the most fun way to learn is through doing. There have also been several specific training events conducted during the year, in particular a rigging for rescue training session and survey training.

Tim Payne.

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SEARCH AND RESCUE OFFICERS REPORT

Earlier this year, the position of Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator was held by Tim Payne as part of his Training and Safety Coordinator role. However as I had shown a specific interest in Cave SAR, Tim and the committee asked if I would like to take on this position. I believe the functions of the SAR Coordinator should be to:

- Maintain a call out list of cave SAR volunteers within CEGSA.
- Liaise with other caving clubs, the ACRC and the ASF.
- Liaise with other SAR authorities (e.g. Police, SES).
- Organise Cave SAR training for the club members and promote accident prevention and selfrescue.
- Be a central contact point in the event of a cave rescue developing.

The first few months in the position have mainly been a fact-finding mission for me; establishing who is interested in cave rescue, what facilities the club has, and beginning to understand the politics of cave SAR. I hope that 2010 will see some talks on Cave SAR, a SAR Exercise and possibly a Cave Rescue Orientation Programme (CROP) for the club.

Richard Harris.

ASF REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

According to the way that the ASF calculates voting entitlement at ASF Council Meetings, CEGSA is the largest club. We also have our Stan Flavel in the chair.

Of interest mainly to Nullarbor regulars, a new club has appeared in WA calling itself the Cave Exploration Group of Western Australia – CEGWA. We have several mutual members and a close working relationship. It will probably start out as the largest WA caving club and obtained ASF Corporate membership on 2nd January 2010.

For discussion in January 2010 are changes to many of the ASF guidelines as well as a new one for scientists visiting caves or organizing sample collection. It's to help minimise the impact of well-meaning scientists and should act as a guide for cave managers when establishing permits for cave and karst studies.

Graham Pilkington

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No meetings were held this year due to the lack of active caving organizations in SA besides ourselves and because no issue arose that CEGSA could not handle without consultation.

Graham Pilkington

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APPROVED CEGSA TRIP LEADERS

Name	Caving Leader level
Marie Choi	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Stan Flavel	Horizontal and Laddering
Grant Gartrell	Nil
Chris Gibbons	Nil
Amanda Grindley	Horizontal
Damian Grindley	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Paul Harper	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Richard Harris	Horizontal
Lance Hoey	Horizontal and Laddering
Peter Horne	Horizontal and Laddering
Paul Hosie	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Peter Kraehenbuehl	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Ian Lewis	Horizontal and Laddering
George MacLucas	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
June MacLucas	Horizontal
Steve Milner	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Tim Payne	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Graham Pilkington	Horizontal and Laddering
Phil Prust	Horizontal and Laddering
Eddie Rubessa	Horizontal and Laddering
Mark Sefton	Horizontal and Laddering
Gary Woodcock	Horizontal and Laddering
Michael Woodward	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical

All the above named are also CEGSA Trip Coordinators.

Members may query the classification of any Trip Leader at any time with the committee.

It is a requirement that each trip be organised by an approved Trip Coordinator to be classed as an official CEGSA trip.

It is also a requirement that dependent party trips be led by an approved Trip Leader at the appropriate skill level for the cave being entered.

PRIVACY OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

This privacy statement has been prepared in order to demonstrate the commitment of CEGSA Inc. to protect the personal privacy of its members.

No superfluous Data Collection

* CEGSA aims to collect as little information as it can; only collecting the data which is necessary to maintain and improve its service to members.

Collection of Personal Information

- * Information will be collected by means of registration or application for membership forms provided to prospective members and current members.
- * Information will not be collected by the club without the member's consent.

What personally identifiable information will be collected?

* Your name, address, telephone numbers and Email address.

The period for which the information will be held.

* For as long as the Group requires the information.

The information collected may be used for the following purposes.

- * To send you CEGSA NEWS and other club information.
- * To register you with the Australian Speleological Federation.
- * To be published in the CEGSA Annual Report.
- * As a means of contact by other members.
- * To identify any contributions a member has made to the Group.
- * To follow up on any data collected or any item borrowed from the Group, even after leaving the Group.

Disclosure of personal information

- * If you do not wish to have your contact details published in the Annual Report or CEGSA NEWS you must request same in writing to the Group.
- * In the unlikely event of an investigation it will, however, provide information to a law enforcement agency, if they have exercised a warrant for the inspection of its records.

Security

* CEGSA uses reasonable precautions to keep the personal information disclosed to it secure.

Accountability

* CEGSA offers members the opportunity to view all information that it maintains about them and to have any inaccuracies in this information corrected. It may ask for identification in the interest of security.

Notification of Changes

* If CEGSA decides to change its privacy policy, it will post the changes in CEGSA NEWS so that all itsmembers are always aware of what information it collects, how it is used and under what circumstances it may be disclosed.

Contact us

* If, at any time, you believe CEGSA has not adhered to its stated policy, please contact the Secretary, in person, or by mail to its Postal Address: PO Box 144, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000.

CAVING ACTIVITIES



ADELAIDE HILLS & FLEURIEU PENINSULA

No trips to Carrickalinga have been reported this year.

A number of CEGSA members new and old had their first visit to Reynella Quarry Cave this year, on a survey training trip led by Tim Payne. We are yet to see the results of the survey carried out on that day, but all those who participated found the cave to be slower going and more of a challenge than expected. A considerable amount of the cave is still to be surveyed, and several more trips will be required to carry this out. No dates have yet been set.

It is still expected that more of this cave will be revealed once the survey of the presently accessible cave is completed, but perhaps further systematic exploration should be postponed until access to the cave can be controlled. Over the last twelve months it has been visited much too often by presumably the more intrepid local youths. A fair bit of spray paint has been used to mark routes and some of the cave has become quite colourful. There is little point in attempting to clean it at present, but equally there is no urgent need to open up some of the other passages that we can see into but not yet access, that have so far escaped the spray can onslaught.

Several small trips have been run to Delamere, and on each occasion some enthusiasm has been demonstrated for rock removal from crawlways. We are still hoping for a deluge so that more people can see for themselves the large amounts of water that some of the sinks have been previously observed to accommodate, but it hasn't happened for several years now.

The rate of progress in Sellicks Hill has also slowed down, hopefully temporarily. Teams of preferably half a dozen people at a time are needed for shifting rock from the terminal digs in both A5 and A25, and in each cave finding room to stack the rock shifted is becoming a problem. Air flows in both caves indicate much larger systems await discovery below, or possibly both lead into the same system. The majority of the effort in the last twelve months has been focussed on A25, where the currently favoured dig is showing some signs of promise. In A5, some effort has been expended looking at possible new leads in the entrance area, and more needs to be done.

Grant Gartrell.

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EYRE PENINSULA

June and George MacLucas took a tour of gnamma holes to the north of Ceduna in an area that Max Meth had started to document. It's in an area that was never defined properly as "N" or "E" or something else. This will be sorted out in 2010.

Graham Pilkington

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FLINDERS RANGES

Only two trips were organised for the Flinders Ranges in 2009.

The First was in June to investigate the full potential of a new cave discovered in October 2008. Other features were also noted and recorded on that weekend.

A subsequent trip for six days was organised during the first week of October and numerous other features were located, some of significance. A revisit to some known caves was also carried out.

Eddie Rubessa.

KANGAROO ISLAND

A couple of CEGSA trips to Kangaroo Island were discussed at the end of last summer, but did not eventuate. One of these was to be a diving trip to the water filled caves on Robert Smith's property in which Peter Horne carried out preliminary investigations many years ago.

A small specialised trip was held late in the year. Grant Gartrell was requested to accompany paleontologists Gavin Prideaux and Matt MacDowell principally to Kelly Hill for the purpose of pointing out and evaluating the potential of fossil bone sites in caves in the area. This trip involved visits to a number of specific sites in the main Kelly Hill system, and several other known caves, by the three aforementioned, with the help where possible of park staff, especially Nick Heath, who unfortunately could not join us more often because of official duties. As well, new caves were discovered while sweeping the bush in the vicinity of New Years Day Cave. A new entrance that was pointed out to us that had recently opened up just off the so-called 20 minute walking track led after a small amount of gardening into a brand new cave with a couple of quite roomy chambers, some decoration and strong breezes and therefore some potential. It is good to report that some potentially significant fossil sites were identified in several caves.

Attempts were made unsuccessfully to contact Robert Smith on two occasions to talk about the diving trip and to show Gavin and Matt both the Emu 4 Hole and Emu 3 Hole systems, and a short visit was made to Doug Seton's property to have a quick look at the anthropologically significant Seton's Cave. The lagoon at Doug's place was full to overflowing, making a very picturesque setting for the cave.

Like almost every other caving trip to Kangaroo Island, this short visit was most successful, but left the visitors vowing to return to do all the things that they didn't manage to get around to this time. Hopefully 2010 will see at least one follow-up visit.

Grant Gartrell.

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LOWER SOUTH EAST

Caves numbered 6 Features recorded 24 Latest number L532

Caving activity was quiet in the region this year. Peter Horne organised several trips visiting caves such as L72, L144, L220 and L238. L220 was extended following lowered water tables and the map revised following surveys.

Further work has been done in L81 to recover fossil remains. L81 has the longest record of water levels in the region, apart from the Blue Lake. Use of the cave and falling water levels have significantly changed the entrance profile and it is hoped to find some funding to install a new water level monitor in the cave. The gauge board in L19 will also need to be upgraded during the year.

CEGSA was consulted about two mining proposals in the area that may impact on caves. It is good to see that CEGSA is now being recognised as a group that can assist in the planning process and no longer is being viewed as one of those out of it green groups.

CEGSA members assisted DEH to conduct a winter bat count in the region during June. The previous one was conducted in 1999. Bat numbers were comparable to the previous count. Indications are that there are a number of caves that are not recorded as containing bats and that there may be a number sheltering in coastal cliffs.

Fred is continuing to update the biological records in KIDSA and I have vowed to make a start on getting the cave details into the system this year.

Kevin Mott.

MURRAY PLAINS

Another sparse year to the usual Punyelroo and Gloop Caves. Everyone appears satisfied going elsewhere.

Graham Pilkington.

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NULLARBOR PLAINS

New Data

The main 2009 influx was supplied from a trip in April-May by Peter Ackroyd and Ray Gibbons.

Data from the VSA trip in April has not yet arrived but will add 317 N codes, and the October trip by the dynamic duo will add another 49 N codes. Reports of several large caves being found should encourage everyone to continue systematic exploration.

Totals

There are now 10790 Nullarbor area karst codes in use (removing "duplicates" and spuriously-coded features such as wombat warrens) comprising:

N = features	4319	up	40	(plus 366 as above)
NX = possible features	611	down	1	
NXK = Ken Boland's points of interest	1149	down	45	
NXP = Paul Devine's points of interest	4524	down	3	
NX? = other X's	187	down	1	

Entrance photos total 5641 covering 2580 features with about another 2000 photos pending.

Graham Pilkington.

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TORRENS

No trips reported.

Graham Pilkington.

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UPPER SOUTH EAST

Caves numbered 5 Features recorded 2 Latest number U248

Naracoorte was busy with celebrations during the year. In January Wonambi fossil Centre celebrated its 10th birthday. Grant Gartrell and Mark Sefton represented CEGSA. I remember standing with Brian Clark at the site while he explained his vision with much gesticulation. At the time it was hard to comprehend what was to come but seeing the final product was mind blowing. Even now 10 years on it still holds surprises each time I visit. Luckily for the tourists they have not yet put Grant on display as a living fossil.

April saw the 100th anniversary of the opening of Alexandra Cave and several CEGSA members attended the occasion. Friends of Naracoorte Caves dressed up in period costume for the occasion. Much of the original chamber that William Reddan discovered has now been excavated but the edges of the chamber still give visitors an indication of the caves conditions that met William Reddan.

Several trips were run to the area and visited features such as U15, U20, U116 and U216. A trip to the Coonalpyn area, lead by Graham Pilkington, resulted in 4 new caves and whetted the appetite of those who attended. Marie Choi led a trip to Avenue Range to continue exploration of the caves there. A lot of unexplored passages await those who are keen to find new cave. Ian Lewis again lead Latrobe Uni students to the area and continued the mapping of U26.

The Upper South East was part of the bat count in June and was largely covered by members of the Friends of Naracoorte Caves. Terry Reardon is continuing to monitor the bats in Bat Cave with help from the Friends Group.

Kevin Mott.

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YORKE PENINSULA

13 trips were made to Corra Lynn Cave of which 3 were for schools and 2 by FUSSI. 6 of the trips were for digging out the floor of the Portal in an attempt to bypass the Wishing Well blockage. This has been successful because we are now 7m directly below it. However, we have been temporarily stopped by a dirt fill. A breeze and the clatter of stones are keeping up our interest in what is now the deepest point in the cave.

Still no progress has been made on stabilising Curramulka Town Well Cave entrance but we have been watching the gradual disintegration of the covering concrete slab. Discussions with the local Council are proceeding in an attempt to find a means to allow us to fix it.

Graham Pilkington.

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INTERSTATE

CEGSA members visited several interstate caving areas during the year for a variety of purposes. Four of our number attended the ASF conference in Sale, Victoria, which was described as very successful, and some caving was done in the Buchan area afterwards. In Tasmania, one of our members joined a group diving in the Junee-Florentine area and others visited caves in the Mole Creek area with members of the Mole Creek Caving Club. At the other end of the country (WA), various members attended the ACKMA conference in Margaret River, and visited caves at Yanchep and near Laverton. Our WA-based contingent have also been extremely active, caving around Margaret River and exploring, cleaning and track marking caves at Eneabba. CEGSA was also represented on the annual expedition to the Gregory National Park in the Northern Territory.

Mark Sefton.

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OVERSEAS

Three lucky CEGSA types managed to get overseas this year - Richard "Harry" Harris to New Zealand, Ken Smith to Mexico and Stan Flavel to Turkey. Stan found that Turkey's limestone is up to 2 kms thick and contains 40,000 caves discovered so far. That's a lot of roofing nails for benchmarks! Harry attended a major SAR (Search & Rescue) forum for Oceania held in Nelson on NZ's South Island, not all that far from the famous Pupu Springs and Harwood's Hole. The conference covered incident management, logistics and cross-cooperation with different rescue authorities in normal and extreme alpine vertical cave environments. NZ Police indemnify cavers and volunteers during a rescue - Australian States don't. Harry is taking an initiative role in cave diving rescue organization on both sides of the Tasman and the CDAA (Cave Divers Association of Australia) provided funding for him to attend the conference. Ken Smith showed other Australian cave divers around cenote (sinkhole) sites on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and impressed everyone with his capacity to devour mangoes which grow everywhere. There is an unflattering photo of him doing so as proof. A late overseas entry is lan Lewis who drifted by inflatable into glacier caves at sea level in the Antarctic below South America this report was missing from the previous year. Apologies to any CEGSA overseas travellers if I've missed them. Coming up this year are several big geo-conferences in Southeast Asia, including at Mulu.

lan Lewis

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED Period ending 31st December 2009 (Cash Basis)

INCOME	2008	2008	2009	2009
CEGSA Membership (Note 1)		2371.50		2646.90
Full Member	850.50		936.00	
Full Country Member	182.00		141.00	
Associate	374.50		334.90	
Family	647.50		870.00	
3 Month Introductory	220.00		305.00	
Joining Fee	72.00		60.00	
Subscription CEGSA News	25.00			
ASF Levy & Insurance (Note 2)		5213.65		4967.10
Cave Maintenance including Key H	ire			142.00
Donations – Mercedes College	475.00	838.00	100.00	400.00
Blackfriars School	150.00			
Wakelin Associates	100.00			
Scotch College			300.00	
Others	113.00			
Advertising CEGSA News				
Caving Trips Travel Expenses				1590.00
Library & Records Sales				134.00
Bank Interest – General Account	34.54	1189.85	29.90	955.67
Investment Accounts	1155.31		925.77	
General Meeting Suppers		241.00		224.50
Sundries – ASF 50 th Conference SI	nirts			60.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		9854.00		11120.17
Extraordinary Income				
Capital Proceeds from Investment	Account	500.00		
TOTAL INCOME		10354.00		11120.17

EXPENDITURE	2008	2008	2009	2009
CEGSA News & Annual Report		1241.83		1473.98
Printing	761.00		918.60	
Envelopes	31.98		31.98	
Postage	448.85		523.40	
ASF Levy & Insurance (Note 2)		5054.00		4655.45
Aust Post Box Rental		123.00		130.00
Telephone Directory Listing		75.00		75.00
Library - Book & Periodicals Purch	ases 93.60	975.89	110.00	110.00
Expenses	882.29			
Records Expenses		50.44		41.00
Annual Subscriptions/Memberships	3	55.00		55.00
ACKMA	55.00		55.00	
CEGSA Web Site (2 years)				178.00
Members Handbook Expenses				
General Meeting Suppers & BBQ		289.32		296.72
Treasurer Expenses		5.05		6.29
Membership Expenses		10.00		53.70
Secretary Expenses				
Cave Maintenance				
Caving Trips Travel Expenses				1115.00
Sundries		50.00		
A3 Scanner			430.75	1309.75
ASF Gift Fund – Timor Karst App	oeal		1000.00	
Prepayments			-121.00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		7929.53		9499.89
Extraordinary Expense Items:				
Records Scanning from KIDSA	Fund	457.00		131.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		8386.53		9630.89
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT	·)	1924.47		1620.28
Annual Surplus/(Deficit)	-	1967.47		1489.28

BALANCE SHEET CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED As At 31st December 2009 (Cash Basis)

ASSETS	2008	2009
CURRENT		
Cash at Bank – General Account	7898.17	8458.18
Cash at Bank – Investment Accounts	17816.26	18742.03
Petty Cash on Hand – Treasurer	20.00	20.00
Nullarbor Karst Study Grant	1000.00	1000.00
Prepayments		121.00
TOTAL	26734.43	28341.21
LIABILITIES CURRENT According to the March archive Fund	22502.07	25507.44
Accumulated Membership Fund CEGSA 50 th Year Book Fund	23582.97	25507.44 683.99
Nullarbor Karst Study Grant	683.99 543.00	412.00
Unpresented Cheques	543.00	117.50
Surplus/(Deficit) from year's activity	1924.47	1620.28
TOTAL	26734.43	28341.21

CEGSA	50 th	Year	Book	Allocation

CEGSA 50° Year Book Allocation	
Balance 31/12/2008	<u>683.99</u>
Balance 31/12/2009	683.99
Nullarbor Karst Study Grant Balance 31/12/2008 Records Expenses	543.00 -131.00
Balance 31/12/09	412.00

TREASURERS' STATEMENT

The Income & Expenditure and Balance Sheet have been prepared from a reconciled Cash Book with the Bank Statements that reflect the operations of the Club for the year ended 31st December 2009.

The Income & Expenditure Statement shows an Operating Surplus below that of the 2008 year, which was expected with the lower interest from the Investment Accounts. Membership fees increased, CEGSA News and Annual Report expenses have also increased in line with the increased membership. The Club donating to the Timor Karst Appeal was a major additional expense incurred this year. An Annual Surplus has also continued to be achieved.

**note1 The CEGSA subscriptions collected in 2009 include \$814.00 for the 2010 year.

**note 2 The ASF fees collected in 2009 include \$1302.00 for the 2010 year. The ASF Levy and Insurance has not changed from the previous year. CEGSA receives the members ASF fee approximately 9 months behind the ASF setting the current year Levy.

The financial standing of the Club has continued to remain sound for the year.

Chris Gibbons.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the President and Members of the Cave Exploration Group (South Australia) Incorporated

Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009

I have audited the Income and Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet for 2009. In my opinion the Statement fairly presents the financial transactions of the Group for the period 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2009 and the Balance Sheet fairly presents the financial position of the Group at 31st December 2009.

Scope and Procedures

In order to reach these opinions, my audit has included an examination of invoices received, receipts for payments, supporting records, Bank Current Account Statements, Bank Investment Accounts Statements, Deposit Book, Cheque Book, Receipt Book and the financial reports for 2008.

Honorary Auditor

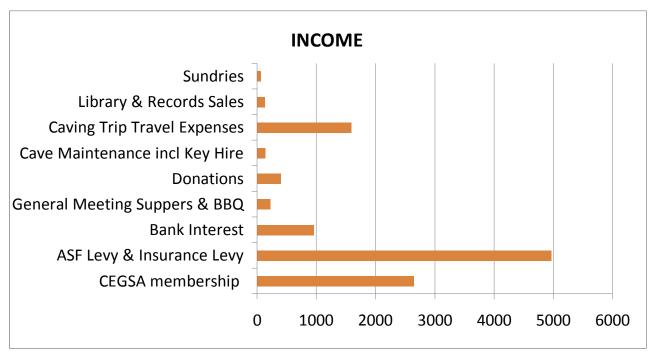
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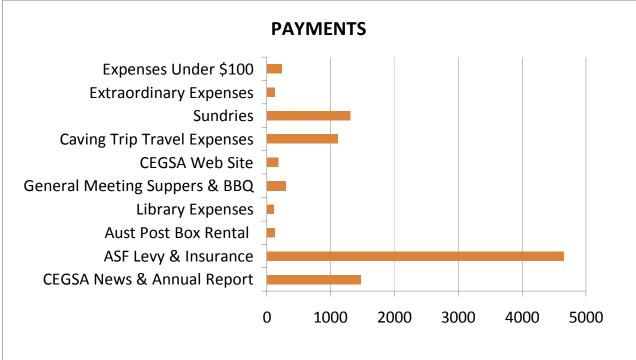
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