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**Cover Photograph: Lily Pad Decorations in 5U218, Avenue Range. (See report page 39).
Photo: Damian Grindley.**

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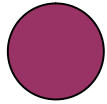
QUARTERMASTERS NOTE.

High usage equipment will now be stored at the quartermaster's residence. Please make arrangements with the QM well in advance of required date for equipment. The QM can be contacted at the telephone numbers on the previous page.

NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

The deadline for copy or background material for Volume 51 Number 4 (Issue 204) must reach the Editor by Wednesday **8th NOVEMBER 2006**. Material not meeting this deadline may be retained for possible use in a following issue. The preferred method is via E-MAIL to atholjax@adam.com.au as an attachment or on 3.5" IBM floppy disk, in Word or ASCII text format. Of course other forms of communication will still be gratefully accepted. Photographs are preferred to be in colour (jpg format).

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PRESIDENTS SPOT

CEGSA is still a big part of Caving.

This time of year, as the gloominess of winter passes and both old and new caving challenges are brought to our attention again we consider the potentials of the next few months of caving and club events. I was reminded that going to caves can be fun, as I spent part of last weekend wandering around the seaside slopes of Carrickalinga. Getting into small caves sometimes is the biggest challenge. Some of the ongoing aspects of returning to a cave are to track down landowners and to relocate entrances. Our continuing commitment is to accurately document the external and internal features of a cave and especially the location of entrances using whatever accurate and standardized means are available.

Caves continue to draw on the imaginations of the Media Moguls and Manipulators as found in Hollywood and on the BBC. There are currently some outstandingly good and unbelievably bad representations of caves and Karst features and the personal dramas of those who knowingly venture underground. Some of you have seen *The Cave*, and/or *The Descent*, some will see in the future the remake of *The Floyd Collins Story* and most should have seen the Planet Earth series on Caves as well as the recent ABC Catalyst episode on the Fossils of the Nullarbor Caves.

Directors seem to be able to draw out the unexpected, obscure and extreme aspects associated with caves to either enhance or diminish the small dramas of human, animal or microbial conflicts occurring in these strange environments. Some of these "stranger than fiction" stories will place caves as forbidding and treacherous places to enter and others will portray them as the last unexplored frontiers of this Planet.

As cave explorers we can be proud of our heritage and speciality. We should see that we have a role to play not only in mastering the dark regions but also in coming back to share the experiences not just between ourselves but with the wider world.

Cave on.

Stanley C Flavel

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Some Coming Trips

The following caving trips have been planned and will be run by the Committee or its delegates. These trips are intended to be family-friendly and also suitable for newcomers, but some participants will also be involved in the odd dig or survey. Where possible, BBQs, picnics or pub sessions will follow, depending on the weather and the Trip Coordinator. Those interested should contact the relevant trip coordinators (see Annual Report or CEGSA NEWS for contact details).

September 8th/10th; Mt Graham / Mt Burr

September 9th/10th; Naracoorte

September 16th; Corra Lynn

October 3rd-10th; Kangaroo Island

October 28th; Corra Lynn

November 11th/12th, Penola (Whiskas Woolshed?)

trip coordinator – Damian Grindley

trip coordinator – Mark Sefton

trip coordinator – Paul Harper

trip coordinator – Stan Flavel

trip coordinator – Paul Harper

trip coordinator – Damian Grindley

The Committee.

TRIP REPORTS

Corra Lynn Cave, 5Y1, 26th March 2006

Graham Pilkington and I spent the day Digging in the Goes Off North passage in Skeleton Crevasse. The progress was slow as the air at the dig face soon became stale and the 'helper' had to crawl backwards and forwards with the trolley full of dirt.

We really need two extra people to help with the removal of the dirt; three people spaced along the passage pulling the trolley with ropes would make life so much easier.

We removed around 1 metre of dirt from the passage, we are 2m into the intersection now so hopefully we will soon reach the far wall and find another passage leading off from it.

Paul Harper.

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Corra Lynn Cave, 5Y1, 29th April 2006

I spent the day poking around some potential leads. I did some digging in one spot that looks like it might goif only I had the time and some gungho diggers to help.....

I suppose I should finish the digs I have started on before I start another.

Paul Harper.

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Corra Lynn Cave, 5Y1, 20th May 2006

This trip was to dig in the Goes Off North passage in Skeleton Crevasse.

I arrived at about 7am as I had to leave mid afternoon. Graham Pilkington and a cave diver whose name I have forgotten arrived about 11am.

We made good progress with the extra man as the removal of dirt from the workface was easy with two of us spaced out along the passage we were able to pull the trolley with ropes, thus avoiding the pain of crawling backwards and forwards with the trolley.

We dug till we hit a rock wall, we were hoping to enter another passage on the far side of the intersection we were in but what we got was rock,

So now we have a choice of direction to dig— up, down, left or right.

At the moment it is all too depressing to think about so I am off to Dreamland on the next trip to dig at an even more improbable spot.

Paul Harper.

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Corra Lynn Cave, 5Y1, 24th June 2006

This trip was to the far reaches of Dreamland to continue my dig.

It is low and difficult but I can see along the passage and it seems to get bigger, I just have to remove a huge amount of dirt to get through.

I think I made the cave 1m longer this trip, at this rate the cave will crack the 15km mark by about 2060.

Paul Harper.

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Corra Lynn Cave, 5Y1, 22 July 2006

This was a day trip to continue my dig in the far reaches of Dreamland.

I also spent some time poking around some potential leads and fixing the steps at the entrance.

Paul Harper.

Corra Lynn Cave, 5Y1, 30th July 2006

Leaders: Graham Pilkington, Paul Harper, Michael Woodward.

Others: Steve Wasilewski and new Introductory members Andy Kilpatrick and 17 students from Mercedes College.

Another fun trip to show the 14-16 year-olds that caves are not all like tourist caves. Michael and Andy took six students on an easy trip down the Rope Crevasse and a tour of the Crystal Maze and other places. The rest of us went on more of a climbing tour, doing loops through the Southern Cross, Dicks Extension, Grand Central, Drumstone, Taylors Tomb, Tree-Fork, rift down to Bushwalkers Run, Twin Holes up into the Crystal Maze, Pigeon Loft, Wombat Runs, Skeleton Crevasse, and Bandicoot Bypass.

They all had a great time and from the above, it's obvious that the students did very well, travelling fast and competently. Even long-time caver Steve was feeling the pace towards the end.

Graham Pilkington

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Avenue Range, 5U218, June 10th & 11th 2006

Participants; Paul Deer; Marie Choi; Damian Grindley; Kevin Mott;

"Oh and by the way bring a tarp, we are sleeping in the woolshed tonight and it's still in use" !!

For those like myself who have not been to Avenue yet, put off perhaps by ceiling heights measured in centimetres not metres. The usual accommodation is most agreeable, a comfortable Emu farm shop. However it was the owners half century that weekend and fifty or so party goers were expected. Hence our relegation to the sheep shed. Baaaaaa.

Much survey work has been done in 5U218 and it seems to have been a bit of an epic as the walls are somewhat elusive. However you are painfully aware of the floor as coral type formations are everywhere slowing progress through the cave. Consequently a second somewhat restricted entrance has been opened to gain access to the further reaches.

Saturday morning. Cold and chilly, good for keeping down the sheep odour, but not great for getting up, and heading down the cave. Paul planned to bumble around above ground hunting down other potential entrances. The surface vegetation changes dramatically over what was presumed to be the extent of the cave however his wanderings proved inconclusive.

Marie intended to show me the known cave, and take some happy snaps on the way. There are many unusual formations including; mushroom or lily pads, black columns, and colourful volcano type structures, often with flat tops. The influence of roots and coral is very evident. Unfortunately the happy snaps were disappointing. Restricted camera angles and internal fogging causing much frustration.



Lily Pads and coral decorations in 5U218.
Photo: Damian Grindlev.

Leaving Marie in a prone position! (At no point can you stand up in the cave) and by following ones nose it did not take long to gain the unknown. The floor became soft and progress became rapid. The first distinctive feature was a breakdown collapse. Almost identical in nature, and suspected to be in line with both known entrances. Backing away from this and wiggling over a slight rise lead to a black column forest. Progress became quite convoluted, picking the open route. A rear wall was eventually found, but huge potential remains here. This quick exploration had increased the known extent of the cave by approximately one third.

The fiftieth celebrations went to the wee hours. Consequently it was not until noon Sunday that we met up with Mott to survey the new extensions. Leaving Marie prone in the car!! (At no point can you stand up in the car). The survey soon proved the breakdown collapse to be in line with the known entrances. Reinforcing the theory the cave was bounded at least on one side by a joint. However after gaining the back wall we were unable to "see the forest for the black columns" so to speak. The cave had looped round the line of collapses. Leading to the theory that the entrances were part of a large collapse rather than series of joint influenced holes. Further exploration is required. We had also progressed into an area of distinctly different surface vegetation.

Judging by the signs of heavy passage in the original entrance and the ease at which access is gained to the delicate formations from the second recently opened entrance. Once exploration /survey is complete my vote is to close entrance two.

Damian Grindley.

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PAST TRIPS (From May GM)

1. Grant Gartrell – Kangaroo Island for the ACKMA AGM, led a Kelly Hill trip and referred to Blue Gum issues.
2. Paul Harper – 20th May, went to Corra-Lynn Cave with Graham Pilkington and cave diving member Neville Skinner. Skeleton Crevasse, dug to solid rock.
3. Chris Gibbons reported on Ray G's recent wanderings around the Nullarbor; about 350km looking for the Turner rock holes, found 33 out of the 90 recorded which they were hunting, and found and tagged 10 new features.

PAST TRIPS (From June GM)

1. Stan Flavel – Flinders Ranges, June long weekend, Bagalowie homestead was unavailable so he and Eddie Rubessa and families went camping. They looked at an area between Good Friday Cave and Bagalowie, and visited Mt Sims.
2. George MacLucas – recently went to the Nullarbor with a Victorian group and found several new caves.
3. Lance Hoey – he and Barbara Wiesner went to the Murraylands over the June long weekend and visited around 30 caves.
4. Kevin Mott – he, Damian Grindley, Marie Choi, and others continued surveying U218. It's still going and there is plenty to do there.
5. Paul Harper – went digging in Dreamland in Corra Lynn last weekend.

PAST TRIPS (From July GM)

1. Mark Sefton – Bullita Cave System. – he, Damian Grindley and Tim Moulds of CEGSA went on this year's expedition. The main system is now 109.6 km long. Tim collected invertebrate specimens for a cave biology study.
2. Grant Gartrell – visited a number of stream sinks at Delamere.
3. Tim Payne – diving trip to Cocklebidy and Warbla caves. They made a video record of Warbla which has been subject to unauthorised visits recently and has suffered some damage.
4. Lance Hoey – found a 6-8 m long cave near Myponga reservoir...
5. Paul Harper – went digging in Corra Lynn last weekend.
6. Peter Horne – visited Narrina Lake Cave. The water level is extremely low, and some monitoring of the level might be of interest.

Calvin and Hobbes



TECHNICAL and OTHER ARTICLES

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CEGSA MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR YEAR 2006

Full Membership	\$ 48.50
Associate Membership	40.00
Long Term Associate	48.50
3 Month Introductory	5.00
Joining Fee	12.00 (not applicable to 3 month intro)
Discount for email CEGSA NEWS	15.00
Discount for Country Membership	6.00

ASF LEVY FEE FOR YEAR 2006

Single	\$ 68.00
Family	121.50
3 Month Introductory	20.00
Student	61.00

YEAR 2006 FEES

	CEGSA	+ASF	TOTAL
Full Membership	\$ 48.50	\$ 68.00	\$116.50
Associate Membership	40.00	68.00	108.00
3 Month Introductory	5.00	20.00	25.00

Variation for Family Membership

1 st Full Member + 2 nd Full Member			
Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$81.00	\$121.50	\$202.50

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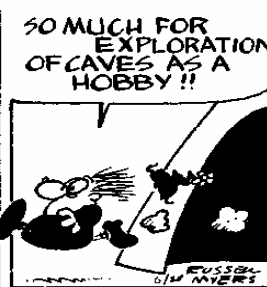
Please make sure your payment of fees includes CEGSA and ASF, if applicable.

Chris Gibbons

Treasurer/Membership Officer



Broomhilda



Approved CEGSA Trip Leaders

Name	Caving Leader level
Marie Choi	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Paul Deer	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Stan Flavel	Horizontal and Laddering
Chris Gibbons	Nil
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
George MacLucas	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
June MacLucas	Horizontal
Tim Payne	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Graham Pilkington	Horizontal and Laddering
Eddie Rubessa	Horizontal and Laddering
Mark Sefton	Horizontal and Laddering
Tom Szabo	Horizontal
Gary Woodcock	Horizontal and Laddering

All the above named are also CEGSA Trip Coordinators

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Finding beauty in the dark

June MacLucas finds beauty in some of the darkest, dirtiest, smelliest places on earth – or under the earth to be precise.

BY PETRA STARKE (Messenger Newspapers).



Photo by Roy Van Der Vegt, Messenger Newspapers.

If you really want to make June MacLucas happy, give her a dead animal.

The cave artist from Valley View has such a reputation for collecting petrified animals on her trips underground, her friends have started giving them to her as presents.

"I even had a rat given to me for Christmas one year with a ribbon around its neck," she laughs. "I was delighted!"

It might not sound like the most pleasant hobby, but many might find it preferable to June's other pastime – spending hours deep under the earth's surface, painting stalactites and stalagmites, by lamplight in what would otherwise be absolute darkness. "You can't see a thing. You can't even see that," she says, putting her hand in front of her face. "You can sort of feel it though, it's a strange sensation. You think you can see it but you can't, it's a feeling."

After 13 years of caving, June says she now enjoys the isolation and stillness of being underground, but admits it took her a long time to take the plunge.

"I was at first just going along because my husband went, and some friends of ours were cavers," she says. "I used to sit out the front and draw the entrances for something to do. I'd see people come out of the cave all excited, filthy dirty and absolutely off the planet with excitement. I joined because they seemed to be having such a damned good time, and I was just sitting outside and time would go slowly."

Now a member of the Cave Exploration Group of SA, June became hooked on caving after seeing the "absolutely exquisite purples, pinks and blues" of Mt Gambier's Snake Hill system.

Soon after that she went on her first major caving trip to the Nullarbor and saw new opportunities to pursue her cave painting, an artform June says dropped in popularity at the turn of the century after the introduction of photography. "It was so stunning, so exciting, and I thought "Why aren't I bringing all my gear? Why aren't I entering the caves properly and drawing?" she says. So that's what I did and I've been doing it ever since."

Working by the dim light of her head lamp, June creates magnificent pastel and charcoal images of cave interiors that have proved popular with cave and art enthusiasts alike – one of her works even featured on a postcard for the popular Naracoorte caves.

And despite the dirt, claustrophobic conditions and the danger of injuries or worse, June says the "high" of discovering new worlds far outweighs any fear.

"You're covered in mud half the time ... there's a lot of crawling on your belly. A lot of tight squeezes. It's not all glamour, it's not what everyone wants to do," she says.

"There is a high with it. It's very exciting, especially when you find a new cave, and ... because the footprints don't go away, you know that no one has been there. You're the first."

Find out more about June's work at www.junemaclucas.com

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Advert:

CEGSA has several hundred ring binders surplus to requirements. There are 2, 3, and 4-ring types. All members are welcome to collect what they want from Records. A donation of time to help improve Records would be welcomed. There are many tasks that can be taken home to do.

Graham Pilkington.

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What does it mean when you dream about caving?

Ans: You're asleep.

Remaining NX Jennings Dolines in South Australia

Having recently acquired a few reprints of the 1960 photos covering the area where the last South Australia Jennings NX Dolines are located. I have since positively identified all bar two of remaining seven Jennings NX Dolines. The two not positively identified are most likely to be the features mentioned herein.

Off 1960 Air Photos the features located at the Jennings NX photo coordinates are:-

Number	Run&Photo	Photo Coords ¹	Actual feature at Photo position
NX-413	2 / 5042	D1.23/1.45	= N-105 / N106 2 dolines separated by a narrow saddle.
NX-414	2 / 5043	B0.7/3.4	= N-225
NX-415	3 / 5143	C0.45/3.05	= N-153
NX-416	3 / 5146	C2.65/2.05	? possible large depression, no exposed limestone. Site has slight 3D definition, no obvious shadows, and is marked on current maps as a "Sinkhole" a short distance SE of N-113. Noted previously as P-Null--132.

NX-417 3 / 5146 C2.15/2.08 ? likely to be N112, coordinates quoted appear to have an error :- not C2.15/2.08 but instead C2.15/2.68. N-112 has not previously been recorded as a Jennings doline but it is one of the more obvious air photo features in this area.

NX-418	3 / 5146	C2.88/2.12	= N-113
NX-419	3 / 5146	C3.12/2.33	= N-114

¹ Photo coordinates used are from unpublished records by Max Meth, and originated from Jennings correspondence.

Also visible on 1960 series photos 2/5045 to 5041 and 3/5144 to 5147, are N-18, N-22 / N-280, N-101, N-107, N-108, N-109, N-110, N-229^a, N-230^a, N-237^a, N-239^a, N-283^a, NX-441*, NX-450*, NX-452*

^a denotes not recorded by Jennings.

*denotes not recorded by Jennings, but the feature is marked on maps.

All of these features have shadows that Jennings used to define the features he listed.

There are several non-Jennings features visible on the 1960 series photos where no shadows are definable. These include N-232, N-233, N-244, N-1637, N-1641.

Definition of extra features on 1960's series air photography may be partly due to a minor increase in resolution of as a result of modern printing processes.

As well as Air Photos I have searched this region for the Jennings features using imagery available on Google Earth. I have noted a large number of new features (100+) which are not in KIDSA (noted below as NXP's). Subsequent correspondence with Graham Pilkington has shown he also has located a high number in this region (noted below as NXG's). These include most of the new features located by the author.

The more notable of the new features, which are also visible on the 1960 series photos, include the following:- RH :NXP-1827(NXG-90), Dolines NXG-74, NXG-75, NXP-1846.

Images below are from Google Earth (Scale bars are all 50m).



NXP-1809/(also an NXG) (35x25m doline)



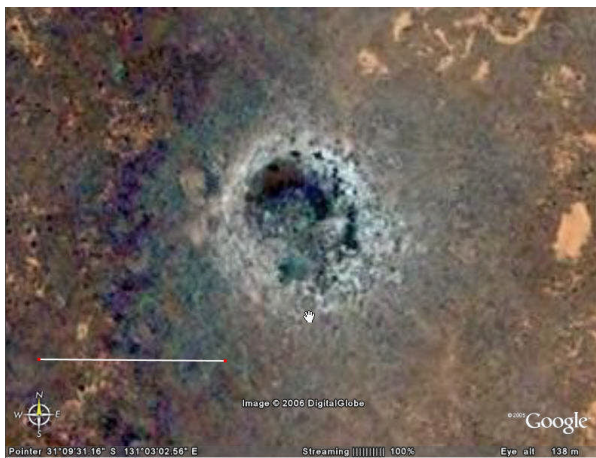
NXP-1810/(also an NXG) (42x35m doline)



NXP-1811/(also an NXG) (30m Dia Doline)



NXP-1818 (85x42m doline)



NXP-1843 (75x43m doline)



NXP-1844 (40x35m doline)

All the Jennings NX Dolines in SA excepting NX-416 have been accounted for with NX-416 requiring ground visitation to confirm its status.

In WA there is one Jennings NX doline remaining in the SW portion of the Culver SI5-104 250 thou map sheet, and a further total of 16 remaining on the Balladonia SI51-03 & Mt Malcolm SI51-07 sheets.

Acknowledgments:- data relating to N- Number locations in this report has been extracted from KIDSA. And data relating to Jennings dolines has been obtained from unpublished records collated by Max Meth.

Paul Devine.

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What does it mean if you live for caving?

Ans: You need to get a life.

followed later by:

What does it mean if you die for caving?

Ans: you need to get a life.



NXP-416 location Possible depression SE of N-113

Notice of Motion

Motion to be put and voted upon at the General Meeting to be held on the 27th September 2006 in the Royal Society meeting room, SA Museum.

Add Rules Clause 15 to read:

15 MEMBERSHIP

15(a) All applications for membership must be in writing, signed by the applicant, and contain information similar to that requested on the Membership Application Form as approved by Committee and included as Rules Appendix 1.

15(b) Excepting for Clause 15(c) any Office Bearer of the Group can approve an application for Associate membership. The membership to be valid for three months or until ratified or refused at a meeting of Committee.

15(c) If any person is refused membership or expelled from the Group then Committee approval is required for admittance or readmittance.

The Membership Application Form as approved by Committee and included as Rules Appendix 1 is on the CEGSA web site www.cegsa.org.au

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Congratulations

Paul and Eve Devine

We thought you might like to know we have a new little bub, a baby girl named Kayley Jeanette born 29th of July 00:17 in the morning weighing 7lb 8oz.

I have attached a couple of pictures of Kayley and Wesley.

Cheers from

Paul, Eve, Wesley and Kayley.



Don't believe all you read, even if it's true.

I've been doing some research to obtain a complete list of who has been a CEGSA member, and when. During this investigation, I came across some interesting facts.

Until 1982, CEGSA financial years ended at the end of February. This meant that if someone joined the Group at the January General Meeting and never renewed their membership, then they were a financial member for just over one month. However, because the Annual Report came out in February (before the financial year had actually finished!) the list in the report often represented those persons who had been financial at anytime from the first of February of the previous year until the first of February of the current year. This meant that our hypothetical person mentioned above validly appeared in two Annual Reports. Anyone reading the reports would be under the impression that the person had been a member for TWO YEARS, not the ONE MONTH of reality.

Conversely, because everything was hand typed each year by volunteers, and the Treasurer was sometimes a bit slack in handing over the name of the new member, someone joining in January may have missed out on the first of the two Annual Reports and only been listed in the following report nearly a year after they had LEFT the group.

Sometimes NO Annual Report had the person listed because the membership list only included those persons financial during the nearly completed FINACIAL year, and they had just missed out on getting into the previous year's list.

The above difficulty in presenting an accurate list of who was a member also applied to long-standing members who dropped out of the group. They were sometimes included in the Annual Report of the year after they had stopped paying, for the same reason as above as well as the assumption that they would or must have paid.

After converting our financial year to the calendar year but leaving the Annual Meeting in February, the Annual Report has rarely been in error and most definitely less misleading on whom was a member. Most errors crept in when the compiler was under the impression that the list was not a list of who had been a member during the year of the report, but a contact list for the coming year and included those who had joined since the end of the year.

Graham Pilkington.

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CEGSA Membership History

As part of our 50-year history project, I'm assembling a list of who has been a member, when, and at what level.

First, there were NO members of CEGSA prior to 29 Feb 1956. This is because for the first year CEGSA was "a loose collection of like-minded people". During that year a Constitution was draw up (and passed at the AGM on the 29 Feb 1956) which established who could be a member, the different levels of membership, and what qualifications were required to be accepted at each level. To get things going, the Constitution allowed anyone to join CEGSA until the end of March 1956 as a Full member, without needing to prove their competence. These persons were known as "Foundation Members". Because over half of these people ceased to be a member of CEGSA within two years, the status soon disappeared.

A lack of early records (we have some but I hope to locate more held by past members and not tossed away) means that a complete and accurate list cannot be compiled. However, a reasonable estimate has been made. It should be remembered that the CEGSA Treasurer was "volunteered" into the job, often with no experience whatsoever. It's extremely rare for notification of membership secession to be documented. The most difficult period is the first two years because the management records are sparse. Prior to the easy duplication of documents, we often have only one hand-written copy. When that goes missing, no backup copy exists (note that cave-related records were typed up in duplicate or even triplicate). If the starting date could not be found, then it has been

arbitrarily set as the beginning of the financial year – this applies mainly to the first few years. When making up this list, the following data were used, roughly in order of priority:

Period	source	quality
1970-2006	receipt books	Excellent source but many books are missing. Some errors resulted from receipts not being written when the money was received. AND not all membership monies were receipted! Problems often occurred because the Treasurer did not attend the meeting at which the money was paid and nobody else had a receipt book.
1970-2006	cash books	Good. No years are missing from the period noted but sometimes the ledger was “made up” later to match what was on hand – and the receipts made up to match the ledger. Many miss-spellings and some omissions.
1958-2006	membership applications	Most are available but these sometimes only show the date signed and not the date the application was successful, if at all. On occasion a successful application was never followed up with payment and therefore invalid. No form was used prior to 1958.
1968-2006	minutes of meetings	An incomplete record of membership activity even though all Full memberships must have been approved by Committee.
1955-2006	correspondence	Membership entries are rare, but useful. Mostly enquires and renewals.
1956-2005	Annual Reports	Complete for all years but many omissions and incorrect entries.
1956-2006	newsletters	A complete set is available but not all membership changes are listed. When they are listed, the dates are not specified and can be up to 6 months behind the actual change.

Subject to revision, as at 14th July 2006 CEGSA has had 857 members of which 332 reached Full member status and 17 of those were subsequently made Honorary Life members.

3-month introductory memberships have been excluded from above totals. Starting in 2002 we have had about 300.

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CEGSA Membership by year, 1956 to 2005

Membership of CEGSA started officially in 1956. During 1955 membership was not recorded and with no Constitution, no membership classes existed.

To give a realistic and consistent measure of membership, no membership lasting less than two months in the financial year has been included. For the years up 1982, the financial year March-to-February was equated to the calendar year of the start year. Introductory memberships are for three months and were divided by 4 to make a fair comparison to Associate membership. However, most introductory memberships were used by schools to enable us to lead their students on field trips and thereby skew the figures. Members converting from one class to another during the year have only been included once (in the higher class).

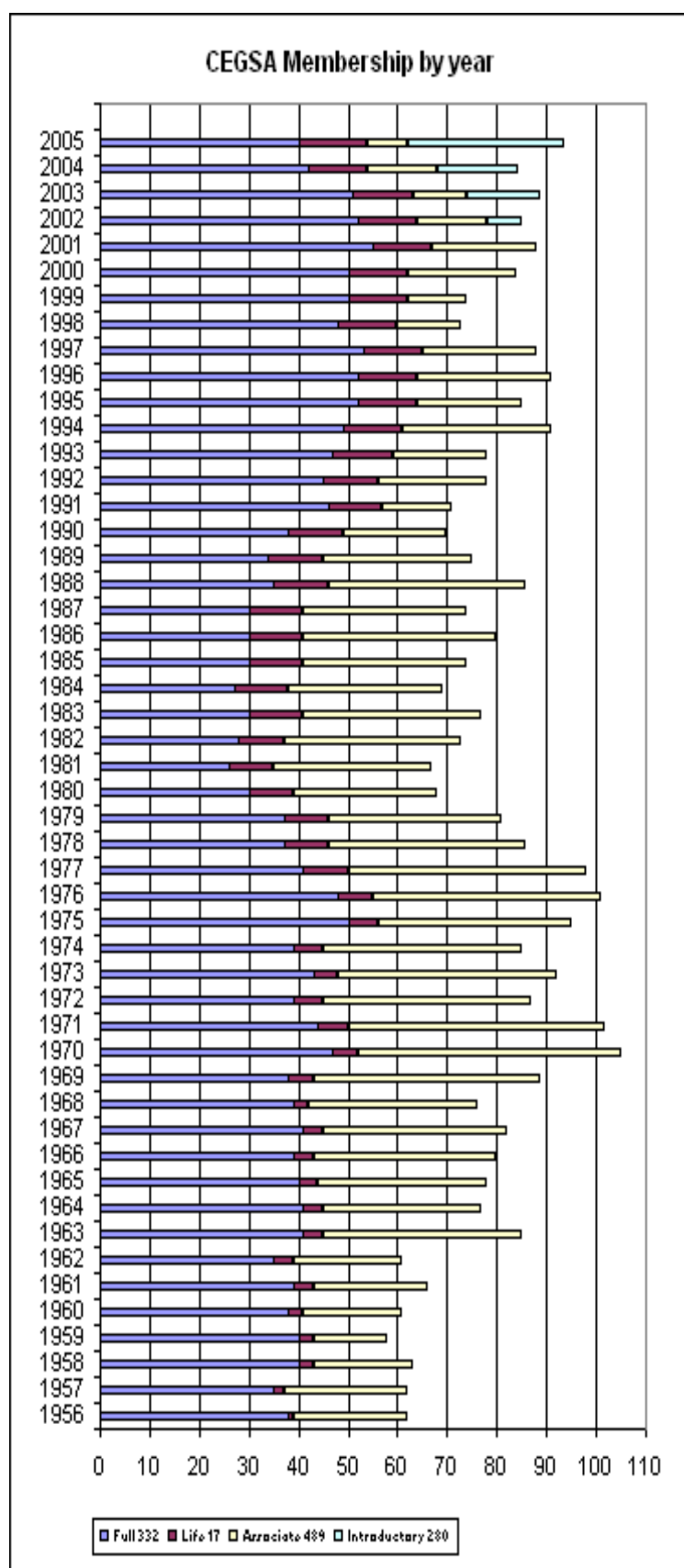
Excluding the 280 Introductory memberships but including Honorary Associates, there have been 859 persons who have been a CEGSA member. 332 became Full members of which 17 were subsequently made Honorary Life members.

(See Chart on opposite page)

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CEGSA members in year

	Full	Life	Total	Assoc	Intro
1956	38	1	39	23	
1957	35	2	37	25	
1958	40	3	43	20	
1959	40	3	43	15	
1960	38	3	41	20	
1961	39	4	43	23	
1962	35	4	39	22	
1963	41	4	45	40	
1964	41	4	45	32	
1965	40	4	44	34	
1966	39	4	43	37	
1967	41	4	45	37	
1968	39	3	42	34	
1969	38	5	43	46	
1970	47	5	52	53	
1971	44	6	50	52	
1972	39	6	45	42	
1973	43	5	48	44	
1974	39	6	45	40	
1975	50	6	56	39	
1976	48	7	55	46	
1977	41	9	50	48	
1978	37	9	46	40	
1979	37	9	46	35	
1980	30	9	39	29	
1981	26	9	35	32	
1982	28	9	37	36	
1983	30	11	41	36	
1984	27	11	38	31	
1985	30	11	41	33	
1986	30	11	41	39	
1987	30	11	41	33	
1988	35	11	46	40	
1989	34	11	45	30	
1990	38	11	49	21	
1991	46	11	57	14	
1992	45	11	56	22	
1993	47	12	59	19	
1994	49	12	61	30	
1995	52	12	64	21	
1996	52	12	64	27	
1997	53	12	65	23	
1998	48	12	60	13	
1999	50	12	62	12	
2000	50	12	62	22	
2001	55	12	67	21	7
2002	52	12	64	14	15
2003	51	12	63	11	16
2004	42	12	54	14	8
2005	40	14	54	8	32



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Type of Event	Description	Contact
23/08/06	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. Use of 'Google Earth' in cave location.	Graham Pilkington
26/08/06	Working Bee	Library and records	Graham Pilkington
08 – 10 /09/06	Caving	Mt. Graham / Mt. Burr	Damian Grindley
09 -10 /09/06	Caving	Naracoorte	Mark Sefton
13/09/06	Committee Meeting	Hackney Hotel, 95 Hackney Rd Hackney, SA	Stan Flavel
16/09/06	Caving	Corra Lynn Y1	Paul Harper
27/09/06	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. Lechuguilla Cave Talk	Damian Grindley
30/09/06	Working Bee	Library and records	Graham Pilkington
03 -10 /10/06	Caving	Kangaroo Island	Stan Flavel
11/10/06	Committee Meeting	Hackney Hotel, 95 Hackney Rd Hackney, SA	Stan Flavel
25/10/06	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. Surveying with 'Palm Pilot' PDA	Damian Grindley
28/10/06	Working Bee	Library and Records	Graham Pilkington
28/10/06	Caving	Corra Lynn Y1	Paul Harper
08/11/06	Committee Meeting	Hackney Hotel, 95 Hackney Rd Hackney, SA	Stan Flavel
08/11/06	CEGSA NEWS	Articles due	Athol Jackson
11-12 /11/06	Caving	Penola Area (Whiskas Woolshed)	Damian Grindley
22/11/06	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. DVD of 'Devils Sinkhole'	Marie Choi
25/11/06	Working Bee	Library and Records	Graham Pilkington
	Caving	Pre Conference Trips	Damian Grindley
06-12 /01/07	Conference	26 th ASF Conference Mount Gambier SA	Marie Choi
	Caving	Post Conference Trips	Damian Grindley
	Caving	Ongoing Vic Fossil Survey contact	Garry Woodcock

It is desirable that caving trips involving club members should, where possible, be registered as CEGSA Trips. To do this, the nature and timing of the trip must be nominated to the Trip Liaison Officer and/or minuted at a General Meeting of Members. The member registering such a trip must be an accredited CEGSA Trip Coordinator and must agree to act in this capacity for the trip. There must also be an accredited trip leader with the appropriate skill endorsement to take a dependent party caving. Also, please ensure that a report of the trip is submitted in a timely manner.