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Cover Photograph: Doline N-130-looking Northeast, Peter Ackroyd in foreground with GPS
Photo: Ray Gibbons, 2 Oct 2002

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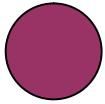
QUARTERMASTERS NOTE.

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 53 Number 2 (Issue 210) must reach the Editor by Wednesday **14th MAY 2008**. 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, or on a CD, 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) and not embedded in the text.

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PRESIDENTS SPOT

Is caving a sport, a recreational activity, work, or a hobby? Are they mutually exclusive? And what is the difference anyway?

One major difference is in how children of the participants are treated. Recreations tend to be very children-friendly; sports tend to emphasise winning, that together with strict codes of practice separating children and adults, usually eliminate children from being involved; hobbies focus on the pleasure of an individual to the exclusion of anything that could disrupt this, such as children; work is done for profit, and unless the children are the focus of making money, then they need to be excluded to maximise profits.

So how does CEGSA, as an organisation, fit into this? Members obviously join for the opportunity to go caving, an activity that could fit into any of the above categories. Does our Constitution or Rules restrict which of these we must be, or propel us along one of these paths?

We do not have any age limits to prevent children from attending but we do demand that each one is accompanied – a minor safety restriction. We even encourage children to be involved by allowing them to be members for free as part of a family membership. But does this mean that we are children-friendly or is it just a ruse to allow members to participate in our brand of caving?

The Constitution and Rules place emphasis on the preservation and study of caves and our Objectives do appear to exclude the idea of being a sporting body. Our “code of conduct” and “minimal impact caving” are guidelines to be followed but there is no referee to “send you off the field” for bad conduct during caving. (Of course you might have to face a disciplinary hearing by the Committee later!) There are no winners or losers, just what the team achieved on a particular trip. So for us, caving is not a sport.

CEGSA does not exclude caving for profit providing that the proceeds do not end up with the members (a condition of being an incorporated body) but does place emphasis on fostering caving and speleology and on cooperation with others. It also has a legacy of exchange of ideas, and all data freely entered into our Records as a communal resource. The operation of our Group is that you cave as a member of a team so that all data collected by the team belongs to all members of the team irrespective of the task that you undertook. A particular caving trip is treated as just one activity of team CEGSA. Hence “paper-pushers” that enabled the trip to go ahead are as much part of the caving trip as the participants. This philosophy means that the only way that a member can cave “for profit” is to be paid to take people caving. This puts them outside of our normal operations because people only need to join to go on a trip. Hence we are not a “work” type organization.

Hobbies are focused on individuals, caving in CEGSA focuses on team work. There have been many an occasion where a member has a “hobby” that involves caving to do it. For instance, bat research or even cave surveying! Under these circumstances, CEGSA supplies a team to help them out in their activity – the data belongs to the person with the hobby but CEGSA insists on it obtaining a copy of the resulting papers as “payment” for supplying the team.

Recreational activities are by their very nature designed to achieve nothing but relaxation from normal activities. While caving can be strenuous and intense, the opposite of relaxing, the experience makes you forget all about work or other difficulties plaguing your life. The wonders of the underground blanket out all mundane surface activities as well! This is how it relaxes.

I believe that CEGSA is formed around recreation and hobbies, not work or sport. We do speleology as a recreation which for some becomes a hobby that may even take over their lives to become an obsession. Caving trips can cater for the presence of children, even if the caves cannot. Families should be encouraged to attend trips by Trip Leaders providing suitable activities for the children, if not in a cave, then by such things as the organization of a crèche to encourage the children to enjoy the outdoors whilst freeing up the “adults” for active caving.

Graham Pilkington

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, February 9th at Graham Pilkington's home. Several members and their families braved the cool conditions and went for a swim and splash in Grahams pool during the afternoon.

This was followed by a DIY BBQ tea before the commencement of the AGM.

President, Stan Flavel opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting and after the reading of the minutes proceeded to present the awards for the 2007 year which were as follows.

2007 AWARDS

Leather Medal

Wheelbarrow Class

Presented to :- **Marie Choi**

To allow travel through caves in style, without having to use spectacular leg manoeuvres

Spirit of caving Award

Earned by :- **Neville Skinner**

For enthusiasm in caving

Golden Compass

Earned by :- **Grant Gartrell**

For showing us that where there's a (persistent) will, there's a way

Unfortunately Marie was the only recipient present to have the award presented to her. The other awards will have to be presented at another opportunity.

The awards presentation was followed by the presentation of the Annual Report and financial statements for the members perusal which was accepted without comment.

There being no general business Stan declared all elected positions vacant and thanked the outgoing committee for their dedicated commitment over the past year and proceeded with the elections for the 2008 committee for which nominations were called for prior to the AGM commencing. There were only enough nominations to fill the vacancies so the following were duly accepted to the positions.

President-----Graham Pilkington.

Secretary-----Mark Sefton.

Committee-----Stan Flavel, Chris Gibbons, Paul Harper, Peter Horne, Tim Payne.

This completed the meeting proceedings and was followed by some information from Stan on some of the happenings within the ASF of which Stan is now the President. This stimulated considerable discussion among the members.

Congratulations to all and a big thank you to all the other volunteer office bearers as well, as the Group could not survive without you.

Athol Jackson

TRIP REPORTS

A Nomad's View of the Nullarbor

Trip dates: 1 – 17 October 2002

Party: Peter Ackroyd and Ray Gibbons

Introduction

This trip was noteworthy, not so much for what was found but mainly for the way in which it was carried out. The aim was to track down a few of “Max's mysteries” (tricky questions that puzzled Max Meth, who was then Nullarbor records keeper) and to locate, tag and document ‘X’ numbers, most of them being features spotted from the air by Ken Boland on his aerial karst survey trips a year or so earlier.

Ray Gibbons's Rodeo utility was loaded to the hilt in Adelaide with fridge, food, water, gear and beer — so far a normal caving trip. However, we were taking only one vehicle and we were intending to travel as nomads, looking at some of the question marks posed by the Nullarbor plain's numerous ‘X’ numbered caves and blowholes, then simply camping wherever we found ourselves at the end of the day's work.

‘X’ numbers are potential karst features spotted from the air, or sometimes the ground, that have not been properly explored or recorded and so are given a temporary karst number of the form ‘NX...’. We found that our nomadic method of tracking these, sometimes poorly recorded, features proved to be quite effective. We checked 59 ‘X’ numbers, of which 51 turned out to be real karst features and found another 51 features of our own, thus allocating a total of 102 new ‘N’ numbers. We were also able to more fully document 19 existing karst numbers. All features were tagged and photo-tagged (see appendix for details).

First, a Management Plan...

Our arrival at Max Meth's home in Ceduna, *en route* to the Nullarbor resulted in a request by Max to join him at a meeting with the Nullarbor National Park Ranger, Brett Dalzell. Brett had asked CEGSA for assistance in formulating a guideline document for a Nullarbor Karst Management Plan. At the meeting, we tossed around some ideas suggesting, amongst other things, a “Friends of the Nullarbor” group. A week after that meeting, Ray and I blocked out an ‘Ideas Paper’ whilst out on the Nullarbor. Upon our return to Adelaide on 19 October, I typed this up, consulted Max Meth via e-mail and convened a mini-CEGSA meeting about it. The paper was refined and, on 12 November 2002, passed to the CEGSA executive, who ultimately sent it to Brett for his consideration on 3 August 2003.

... Then the Trip...

Some of Max's mysteries were sorted out. N-100 (“The Widowmaker”) had its location and access track logged by GPS. N-25 was searched for, and found, disguised as N-1810. The exact position of Wally Draper's rabbiting camp of the 1960s and 1970s was determined. (This was important as several of Harry Wheeler's ‘QW List’ karst features were logged in relation to this camp.)

However, some mysteries remain. Blowholes N-484 and 485 were unable to be found despite several hours searching. Possibly this was because the sole location information was “on 6th ridge, 12 km at 312° from N-83.” We tried very hard, on a steaming hot, north-wind day. The radiator clogged with seeds and twigs and Ray had to partially dismantle it to clean it with a nail brush gaffer-taped to a long wire handle. The flies were amazingly friendly. We covered a lot of ground. However, these two blowholes managed to elude us.

In other tasks, we were more successful. Following old rabbiters' tracks, marked on the 1964 Clarke Datum (yard grid) maps, we located several semi-lost features and many new ones. We also found four old rabbiters' camps, in addition to Wally Draper's camp. Some of these had relics, like old cars or car parts. Others, best exemplified by Wally Draper's own camp, specialised in ‘Nullarbor water bottles’.



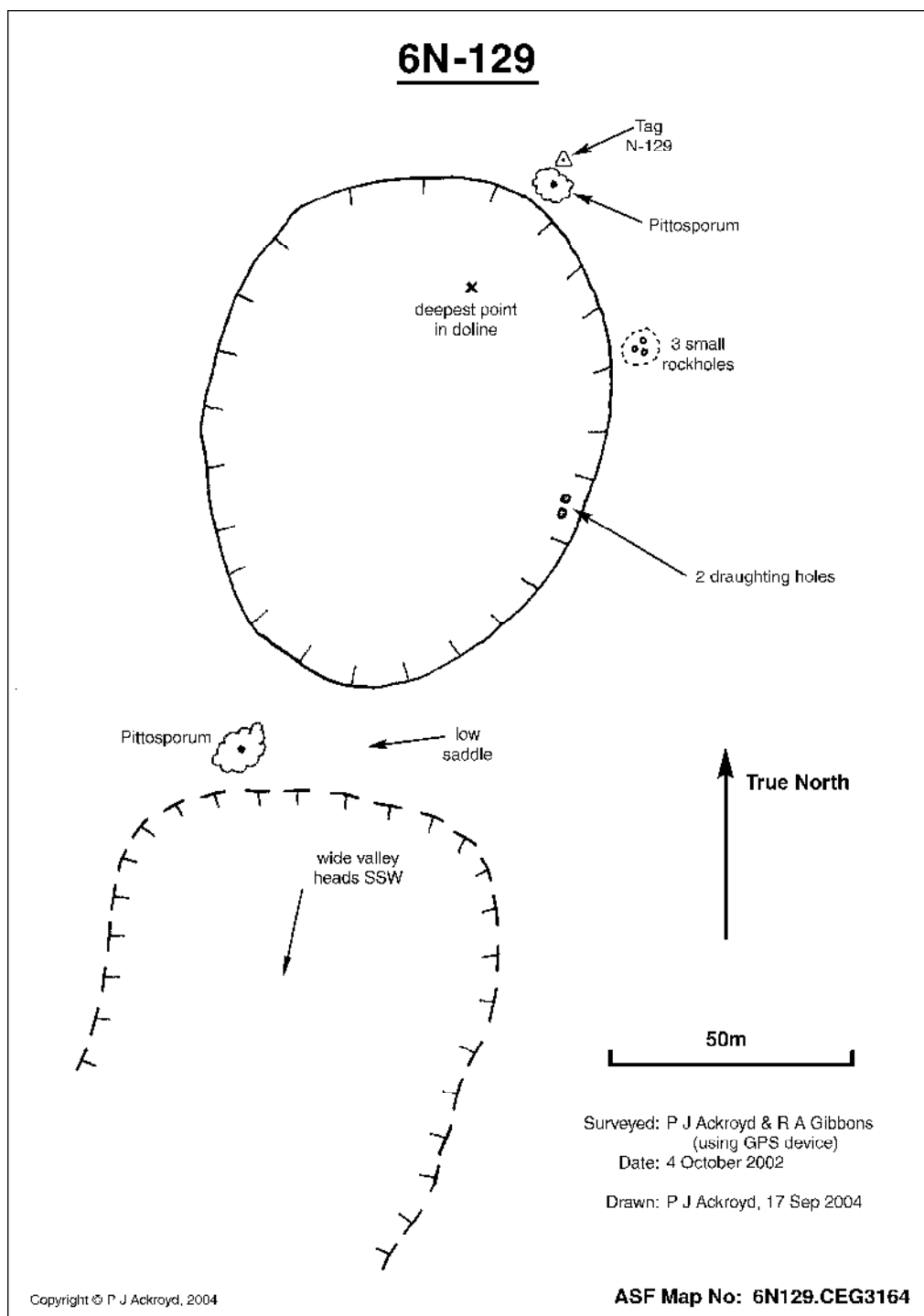
Old Chevrolet truck found on the Forrest-Madura track.

Photo: Peter Ackroyd, 6 Oct 2002.



Ray Gibbons examining the 500 beer bottles found at Wally Draper's rabbiters camp.

Photo: Peter Ackroyd, 8 Oct 2003.



We surveyed some features, most notably the large doline N-129, which we surveyed using a GPS!

We found a forest where least expected — on a 'hill' well north of the official tree line. A relatively dense forest, about 600 m in diameter, of black oak (*Casuarina pauper*) was growing on this rocky knoll quite happily.

When we camped, we simply stopped at sunset, looked for a convenient stand of pittosporums to serve as an anchor for our wind-break, and put up our tents. (see photo next page) Meals were cooked in the dark while watching the satellites and meteors. The mornings were spent by me writing up records for an hour or so, and Ray going for a "karst walk", usually returning with several new features on his GPS. These features became our first tasks for the rest of the day.



Ray Gibbons at a typical campsite.
Photo: Peter Ackroyd, 7 Oct 2002.

On our very last day on the Nullarbor (17 Oct 2002), we spent half a day repairing a bad section of an old rabbiters' track. We realised this track would be the shortest route to the campsite for the next aerial cave search trip, to be led by Ken Boland in his ultralight plane. During our trip in July 2002 Ray and I had chosen this site for Ken's next base camp (Ackroyd, 2006, page 62) so, we thought we'd finish the job by improving the access for that trip, planned for March 2003.

...The Highlights

We saw a few interesting things. One of them was revealed to me by the lifting of Ray's foot. He had found a tiny triangular hole, 50 mm along its longest side, issuing a howling draught. The hole was in a pavement, which, except for a roughly 0.3 m diameter circular area around the hole itself, was covered in lichen. Closer examination revealed this tiny hole was the first sign of penetration of a blowhole through the covering caprock and the lichen free zone was presumably due to the localised heat affected area where the rock was thinnest.

On a flat rock at one of the numerous rockholes we found, we saw what appeared to be rubbing grooves. Adjacent to blowhole N-2286 we found a dead *Pittosporum* tree covered with an enormous mound of twigs and sticks, bearing all the hallmarks of a stick nest rat (*Leporillus conditor*). The nest may have been still occupied — it is hard to say. There were several other nests within a kilometre or two.



Peter Ackroyd standing alongside a sticknest rat's nest near N-2286.
Photo: Ray Gibbons, 13 Oct 2002.

Our busiest day was 11 October, when we tagged and recorded 19 features. Thirteen of these were our own discoveries, the remainder were 'X'numbers. Because we were on tracks, albeit old and faint, we had only about six punctures for the whole trip so we didn't lose much time due to this particular Nullarbor bugbear. However, one of these punctures was a massive bluebush stake, writing off that particular tyre.



Ray Gibbons standing on west side of Carlisle Cave (N-707).
Photo: Peter Ackroyd, 2 Oct 2002.

In the early part of the trip, we saw two stately herds of about nine camels each. We also saw three bustards or bush turkeys (*Ardeotis australis*). These were once common in the Nullarbor, but are now quite a rarity.

One evening, searching for a suitable campsite, we came across a hairy-nosed wombat (*Lasiorninus latifrons*), which moved surprisingly quickly back to its burrow once it saw us.

The main thing that struck us, however, was the vast area covered by the old rabbiters in years gone by. Their networks of tracks remain — sometimes faintly — and their camps are unmistakable. Their

enthusiasm for tracking down good rabbit warrens and their evidently unslakeable thirst are things to be marvelled at.

Appendix: Listing of features examined and karst numbers allocated

New 'N' numbers allocated, tagged and documented: 6N-946, 6N-2147 to 2199, 6N-2257 to 2304 (Total = 102).

Existing 'N' numbers visited, data collected and feature tagged (when no tag found): N-19, 100 ("The Widowmaker"), 127, 128, 129, 130, 609, 610, 707, ("Carlisle Cave"), 714, 722, 741, 1017, 1213, 1240, 1242, 1698, 1699, 1810 (Total = 19).

Temporary 'NXK' numbers visited and new 'N' number allocated (except where noted): NXK-76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 (rabbit warren only), 84, 85, 86, 93 (rocks only), 94, 104, 106, 107 (pavement only), 121, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 136, 137, 138, 297, 425 (old dam — not karst), 763, 764, 816, 824, 825, 842, 843, 844, 850, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 871, 883, 884 (pavement only), 885, 886, 891, 892 (rabbit warren), 904 (rocks only), 909, 910, 916, 917 (wombat warren), 918, 921, 929, 930, 931, 932 (Total = 59).

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Peter Ackroyd, 11 Jan 2008

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Naracoorte, November 17th/18th 2007

Participants: Jeanette Chapman, Gary Woodcock, Russell and Alex Woodcock, Mark Sefton, Karin Sefton, Alistair Sefton, Damon Reece, Daniel Riddell, Lance Hoey, Barbara Wiesner, Peter Ashenden, Alex Ashenden Graham Pilkington, Damian Grindley, plus (on the Saturday) four Friends of the Naracoorte Caves

Some twenty people attended the weekend, based at Wirreanda on the Caves Reserve. The weekend was intended to provide some easy caving opportunities for new members, families and also for members of the Friends of Naracoorte Caves. Jeanette, Gary and family arrived mid morning and the 'Friends' around lunchtime. In the meantime, Damian and Graham had taken a look at a dig in a nearby cave and surveyed a few metres there. Graham then went and did some more surface work for the CEGSA data base while Damian joined the main group. With such a large group and a limited number of experienced cavers, we decided to make Beekeepers Cave our destination for the afternoon.

After contacting the landowner, we were informed that a (presumably) stolen car had been dumped over the entrance and that we might not get in at all. Once at the entrance, however, we saw that the car (a bright red Subaru) had been rolled onto its side about 5 metres from the entrance and so the trip was still 'on'.

With such a large group visiting the cave, some finished exploring before the last of the party had even got down the entrance. One of the boys had difficulty with the ladder climb and so Damian took him to visit another small cave nearby. Eventually, the last of the group got into the cave, we made their way to the far end and spent some time poking around the sides of the final chamber in a few places. The boys managed to make their way up through one of the terminal rockpiles and into a small upper chamber, but a small cairn showed that this had been visited before. We then made our way out and back to Wirreanda for the evening's festivities.

The following day, Gary, Peter, Lance, Barbara and I set off early to S102. Lance, Barbara and Peter explored the main cave, while Gary and I surveyed 25 m of new passage which we had dug into on the previous trip (described in the CEGSA Newsletter, Volume 51 Nr 4, p73. In that article I wrongly referred to the map in the CEGSA newsletter, 1998, Volume 43 Nr 2. This is, of course, SOS cave, not S102). The newly surveyed passage winds back under the entrance passage and ends at a drafting hole in the floor, approximately four metres below the floor at the bottom of the entrance pitch.

In the afternoon, the Woodcock, Ashenden and Sefton families visited Blackberry Cave where the boys had fun trying to find the way between the two entrances and to the gate. Alex Ashenden had done the adventure tour a few weeks earlier and so was able to do much of the route-finding. Eventually it was time to make our way out and back to Adelaide.

Mark Sefton

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Past Trips from General Meetings

November General Meeting

1. Eddie Rubessa said that his planned Flinders Ranges trip did not eventuate due to a dead car battery.
2. Mark reported on the very successful Naracoorte trip; more than 15 people attended and they visited such places as S102 and surveyed 20-30m of new passage after a dig. Graham and Damian Grindley also added a few metres to Lost Cave.
3. Peter reported that the recent Narrina Lake Cave visit went well; the water in the lake chamber had risen about 2cm or so since the previous trip despite the drought. His old 1980s "Inner Sanctum" survey line was also removed by Dr Harry, so he could install a permanent safety line through that low and silty area of the cave. Peter also established a water level reference station in the cave at a feature called "Dugong Head", on the far side of the chamber around 20m from the lake chamber entrance. Further monitoring, photography and surveying trips are planned for next year.
4. Peter also reported briefly on a recent Kilsbys Hole diving mapping weekend with Dr Harry, Ken Smith, Grant Pearce and several other divers; the map is becoming much more accurate as a result.

January General Meeting

1. Grant reported the usual re Sellicks Hill 5A25; "getting longer, with a good breeze...has potential...interesting...can see at least a metre and a half of new cave!"
2. Lance reported on a trip to the Murraylands on 6 January – 7 people and saw 5M14-16, as well as enjoying 5M18 (Gloop Cave or River Road Cave) which was as muddy as ever!

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Some Coming Trips.

1. Eddie – Flinders Ranges at Easter.
2. Peter – Flinders Ranges (sp. Narrina) at Easter.
3. Graham – Nullarbor sometime, and 1st and 4th April and 18th May - Corra Lynn trip.
4. Kangaroo Island cave diving trip sometime soon?...
5. Mark Sefton to Naracoorte 7th – 9th June.
6. Easter Caving at Avenue Range

If you are interested in a relaxed fun caving weekend and want to try something new then join us at Avenue Range for some caving. We have a number of caves that haven't been explored and a couple of digging projects and if you are a cave surveyor then we have lots for you to do also. Contact Marie Choi on 83220895 or 0429696299 or email mariechoi@adam.com.au.

TECHNICAL and OTHER ARTICLES

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

CEGSA MEMBERSHIP FEES became due on January 1st AND ARE NOW OVERDUE. To ensure continuity of membership and privileges (particularly insurance) please pay by 31st March, otherwise re-application for membership and the Joining Fee will be imposed in addition to the current fees.

CEGSA MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2008 YEAR

Full Membership	\$ 51.00
Associate Membership	42.00
Long Term Associate	51.00
3 Month Introductory	5.00
Joining Fee	12.00
Discount for e-mail CEGSA News	15.00
Discount for Country Membership	6.00

ASF LEVY FEE FOR 2008 YEAR

Single	\$ 68.00
Family	121.50
3 Month Introductory	20.00
Student	61.00
Journal Subscription	25.00

2008 YEAR FEES

	CEGSA	+ASF	TOTAL
Full Membership	\$51.00	\$68.00	\$119.00
Associate Membership	42.00	68.00	110.00
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	\$86.00	\$121.50	\$207.50
1 st Full Member + 2 nd Associate Member			
Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$77.00	\$121.50	\$198.50
1 st Associate Member + 2 nd Assoc Member			
Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$68.00	\$121.50	\$189.50

Discount for Country Membership applies for Family Memberships

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

Chris Gibbons

Treasurer/Membership Officer

Donation to CEGSA and Request for Assistance with KIDSA entries

Subterranean Ecology (Stefan Eberhard) and the WA Dept of Environment & Conservation (DEC) combined to contribute \$1000 to CEGSA to be used in data entry and improvements to the KIDSA. This is in recognition of the valuable contribution that KIDSA made in their study of the Nullarbor karst area. Paul Devine also supplied much data that has now been incorporated into KIDSA. The report "Subterranean Biodiversity of the Nullarbor Karst Desktop Study" is now in CEGSA Records. It

- summarises existing data on birds, bats and invertebrates in caves,
- locates biological hotspots and important sites, "unique" and threatened values,
- evaluates existing data coverage and adequacy (including potential biases),
- examines threats and impacts, and assess risk,
- identifies information gaps and potential indicators.

Anyone willing to help spend this \$1000 by entering karst data into KIDSA should contact Graham Pilkington. **All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.** Knowledge of the caves being catalogued is not necessary, and NO caving knowledge will be needed for some of the data entries. It's expected that most of the work will be done at Graham's place to maintain consistency of entry. Some software development will go hand-in-hand with data entry to handle new requirements as found on the Master Sheets and other karst information sources.

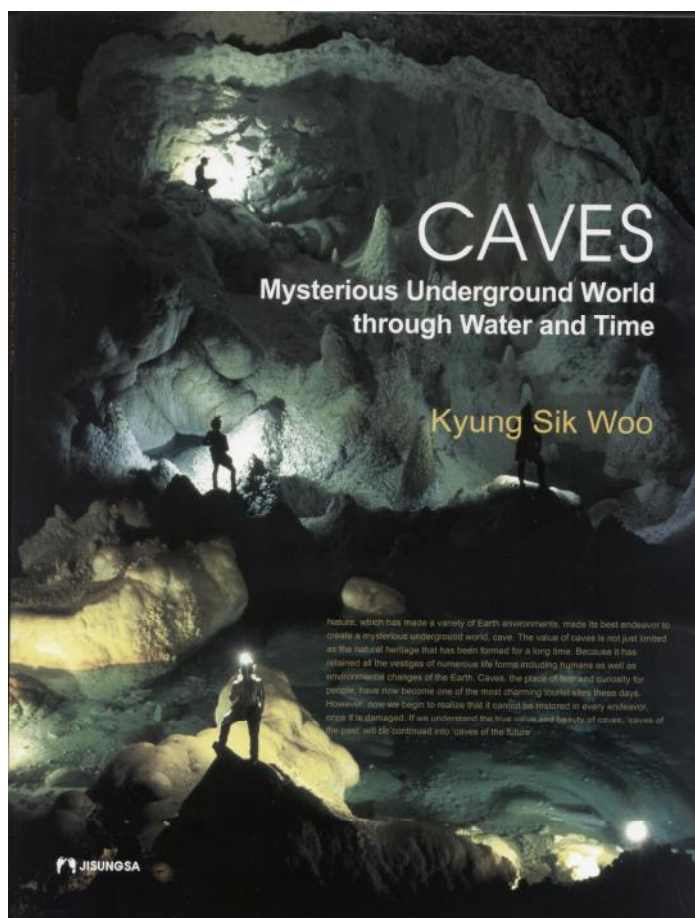
Applications from members will take precedence over non-members, but the more the merrier.

You don't have to commit your time on an ongoing basis, just come along for a day whenever you can.

Graham Pilkington

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Book Review by Marie Choi



CAVES Mysterious Underground World through Water and Time. By Kyung Sik Woo. This is a Charming and beautifully photographed book that gives an excellent overview of caves around the world along with some great pictures of cave life past and present. You will even find a few of Steve Bourne's photos in the book.

When you read the inside cover you will find more Australian influences other than Steve's as Prof Kyung Sik Woo was encouraged by Andy Spate and Cath Plowman to produce an English version of this book.

The book is simply written and is an excellent one to give people who are developing an interest in caves, or even those of us that love caves with a passion and would make a wonderful gift. It would make a great gift for friends and family who just don't understand what we find so interesting about caves. At \$20 a copy it's a real bargain and if you are interested in obtaining one I have a couple of copies available. I have already given a number of copies away as gifts to up and coming cavers.

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
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.

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PHOTOS WANTED

We are trying to have a CEGSA banner made to use at events and we are looking for some good quality South Australian caving pics. We would like to put around 3 photos on the banner. A picture that shows off the beauty of some of our caves, an action shot, and as our caves seem to be rich with fossils and bats one that shows that off . So if you think you have a great photo that does our caves justice please contact me.

Marie Choi

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To be or not to be OR let us March on

Several years ago at an Annual General Meeting, it was suggested that we conduct a special project for that year. Although the selected topic - to survey Reynella Cave - did not go ahead because the new land manager restricted access, the idea was enthusiastically embraced.

This coming March General Meeting, we will hold a forum on the concept of special caving projects for the Group to focus on. It will explore the concept, topics, viability, scope, duration, resources and financing of such an idea. Of course this does not mean that we will do nothing else! Unless the forum decides otherwise....

Graham Pilkington

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Type of Event	Description	Contact
27/02/08	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. "Antarctic Talk and Slide Show"	Ian Lewis
01/03/08	Working Bee	Library and records	Graham Pilkington
12/03/08	Committee Meeting	TBA	Graham Pilkington
21-24/ 03/08	Easter Caving	Northern Flinders Ranges	Eddy Rubessa
21-24/ 03/08	Easter Caving	Avenue Range (Upper South East)	Marie Choi
21-24/ 03/08	Easter Caving	Flinders (Narrina Lake Cave)	Peter Horne
26/03/08	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. "CEGSA special project night"	Various Members
29/03/08	Working Bee	Library and Records	Graham Pilkington
01/04/08	Caving	Corra-Lynn Blackfriars Trip	Graham Pilkington
04/04/08	Caving	Corra-Lynn Blackfriars Trip	Graham Pilkington
09/04/08	Committee Meeting	TBA	Graham Pilkington
??/04/08	Caving	Tasmania	Marie Choi
23/04/08	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. "Speleogenesis"	Various Members
26/04/08	Working Bee	Library and Records	Graham Pilkington
04/05/08	Caving	Punyelroo and Gloop Caves	Lance Hoey
14/05/08	Committee Meeting	TBA	Graham Pilkington
14/05/08	CEGSA NEWS	Articles for Newsletter due PLEASE	Athol Jackson
18/05/08	Caving	Corra-Lynn Mercedes College Trip	Graham Pilkington
28/05/08	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. "Sump Diving in the USA"	Tim Payne
31/05/08	Working Bee	Library and Records	Graham Pilkington
07-09/ 06/08	Caving	Naracoorte	Mark Sefton
11/06/08	Committee Meeting	TBA	Graham Pilkington
25/06/08	General Meeting	Royal Society Room, SA Museum, Adel. "Cave Critters"	Various Members
28/06/08	Working Bee	Library and Records	Graham Pilkington
	Caving	Ongoing Vic Fossil Survey contact	Garry Woodcock
	Caving	Sellicks Hill contact	Grant Gartrell

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.

* Please note that trips not arranged by an accredited Trip Coordinator and marked with an * may not be classed as an official CEGSA trip and may not be covered by any CEGSA membership benefits. *

Also, please ensure that a report (preferably written) of the trip is submitted in a timely manner.

YOUR TRIP REPORT HERE