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Cover Photograph: One of the "Spirit of Caving" recipients trying out the AGM obstacle course.
Photo: Athol Jackson.

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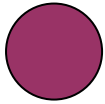
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QUARTERMASTERS NOTE.

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 57 Number 2 (Issue 226) must reach the Editor by Wednesday **9th MAY 2012**. 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 a memory stick or CD, in Word *.doc(x) or *.rtf files. Of course other forms of communication will still be gratefully accepted. Photographs are preferred to be in colour as separate files and note in the article where to be inserted. (*.jpg format under 500Kb unless for the cover). The views expressed in this publication are those of individual authors and not necessarily those of the Cave Exploration Group (South Australia) Inc., its Committee or the Editor.



PRESIDENTS SPOT

The AGM has come and gone and a new Committee (bearing a close resemblance to the previous one!) has been elected. Some Committee members would like to be able to pass on the baton in the not too distant future but that means that other CEGSA members will be needed to take a more active role in running CEGSA. In the meantime, your new Committee would welcome any input on how to make the club run more effectively, including suggestions for trips and people willing to lead or co-lead them. General Meeting formats are another area in which suggestions on how to make them more attractive to current and future members would be welcome. Some clubs I have belonged to in the past run their meetings much the same way that we do. But others leave club business to the Committee and General Meetings are of a purely social and informative nature. It is up to all of you to decide what you want.

On another matter, there are plans afoot to revive the old tradition of a joint CEGSA/VSA dinner and caving weekend this year, possibly in May. I went to my first such event in 1976 when I hitchhiked from Melbourne to Naracoorte for the occasion. If we are to make a success of it this year then we need people to support the event, by turning up, helping to run trips if appropriate and helping with the organisation. It's up to all of you.

Mark Sefton

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Annual General Meeting Report

The Annual General Meeting was held at the home of Chris and Ray Gibbons on Saturday 11th Feb. The Annual awards for 2011 were announced and presented to those recipients present at the AGM. The Annual Report was presented and accepted, followed by the election of officers and committee. The results of the election were as follows:

President: Mark Sefton.

Secretary: Graham Pilkington.

Committee Members: Chris Gibbons, Ian Lewis, Sue McCormick, Ken Smith and Neville Skinner.

The meeting was preceded by a social gathering and BBQ tea where Ray had set up an obstacle course using ladders and planks for those wishing to test their skills.

Athol Jackson.

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2011 AWARDS

Spirit of Caving

The Pilkington family – Damien, Rory, Isiah

For enthusiasm for Corra Lynn Cave, above and beyond the call of duty.

Courage Under Fire

Richard Harris, Grant Pearce and Ken Smith

For their outstanding efforts in Tank Cave.

Mundrabilla Marble

The SOS Crew (Fred Aslin, Paul Harper, Kevin Mott, Graham Pilkington, David Pollitt, Mark Sefton and Neville Skinner)

For outstanding recycling of drainage pipe, old building material, bits of wood, old canvas chairs and whatever else they could get their hands on. Ably assisted by Clare Buswell and Heiko Maurer (FUSSI) and Jim Biggins (Landowner)

Golden Compass

Paul Hosie

For another fine discovery on the Nullarbor.

Leather Medal

Athol Jackson

Leather Heart. Not as tough as the original.

TRIP REPORTS

Discovery on the Roe Plain

A Joint CEGSA, CEGWA and CDAA trip to the Nullarbor and Roe Plains.

Friday 30 September

Richard "Harry" Harris and I (Ken Smith) left Adelaide early in rainy conditions. Travelling with us were Harry's daughter Millie and friend Emma who had joined CEGSA for their first trip to the Nullarbor.

We arrived at Nullarbor Roadhouse in time for dinner and were joined later in the evening by Grant Pearce and Brian Kakuk who had made an early start from Mt Gambier. Brian is famous for his exploration work in the underwater caves of the Bahamas¹. This was Brian's first trip to Australia. He had given two excellent presentations at the CDAA AGM in Melbourne and had been conducting side-mount diving training courses at Mt Gambier.

Saturday 1 October

After the usual viewing of the Nullarbor cliffs we arrived at Weebubbie cave at about lunchtime. We set up camp and rigged the cave entrance with two aluminium ladders and handlines. Then began the hard work of carrying all our diving gear to the waters edge.

Sunday 2 October

Brian and I made the first dive this morning. We dived down the railway tunnel and spent some time looking at the passages which lead from the chamber at 42m depth. I called the dive when I had used a third of my air. Brian returned with me, although I think he had plenty of air to carry on. Back at the main lake we found Millie and Emma enjoying a snorkel dive.

In the afternoon Brian and I had a look at the huge passage beyond the air dome. Brian had a good look at the side mount passage at the end before we turned the dive. Back at the Lake we found Harry and Grant preparing for a rebreather dive.

Monday 3 October

This was our last day of diving at Weebubbie. We all dived the lake as Brian took photographs. Then Grant and I did a circuit of the air dome tunnel with two 50 watt HID video lights. This showed the spectacular size and beauty of this passage as Grant captured the scene on his helmet-mounted video camera.

Tuesday 3 October

Today we broke camp and moved to the Roe Plain. We were particularly keen to show Brian the spectacular caves there. These caves are suitable for sidemounted cylinders only and Brian would be in his element here. The Roe plain track is rarely used and at times it was difficult to see the wheel tracks through the dense grass. This grass sheds seeds which consist of a sharp seed with a thin fibre tail. These covered the front and underside of the vehicles in a dense mat. We stopped frequently to remove the mat from critical areas around the brakes and exhaust. A puncture in Grants front tyre caused us further delay.

We arrived at the campsite after dark to find Paul Hosie (CEGSA, CEGWA) and Al Polini (CEGWA) already established with a welcoming fire.

Wednesday 5 October

Paul, Brian and I dived Olwolgin Cave while Grant, Harry, Al and the girls went to Burnabbie cave. Once again I was amazed by the complexity and variety of passages in Olwolgin cave.

Thursday 6 October

Paul, Brian and I had another spectacular dive in Olwolgin this morning. Afterwards Brian and I accompanied Paul to another water filled feature that Paul knew. Paul has spent many years investigating features on the Roe plain and this feature was due for a closer inspection. Paul entered the water with his low profile side-mounted 7 litre cylinders. I joked with Brian that Paul would probably come back saying he had discovered a new cave and laid all his line. A few minutes later Paul came back and said exactly that! He had passed a long tight and silty side-mount restriction to find new cave beyond. He had laid 90m of his line and his reel was empty.

That evening Paul and Al dived the new cave and found the passage continued and got bigger as they laid more line. There seemed to be multiple passages to choose from and they made the simple decision to swim towards the greatest amount of darkness. At a distance of 370m into the cave they

turned the dive on thirds. They returned to camp at about 9pm. Initially we thought they were joking when we heard their story.

Friday 7 October

Paul generously suggested that Brian and I continue the exploration of the new cave this morning. We took larger 12 litre cylinders and Brian was happy to let me enter the cave first so I would have a chance of seeing the restriction. I followed Paul's line vertically down through a rocky letterbox and into a low silty flattener. Progress through the flattener was slow with my belly close to the silt, but I could see enough to choose the highest section. At one point a rocky restriction from the roof requires a bit of wriggle to get through. After that the passage gets bigger and I got more excited as the visibility improved. Suddenly I was in big beautiful clear passage. I left my personal line marker on the line and swam on in amazement. The further I swam the more beautiful it became. Lots of side leads, beautiful sculpted limestone, and interesting curtains of tree roots. I arrived at the reel just as Brian caught up with me.

As planned Brian picked up the reel and we swam off into virgin passage. The passage was still big and beautiful when Brian ran out of line 120m later. I connected my line and took the lead. I laid the line as Brian expertly did the tie offs behind me. The passage pinched down in a few places but opened up again after a small window. At 600m into the cave I had used all my line, and had used close to a third of my air. The passage kept going but it was time to turn for home. We begin surveying out, but I found that my hands were trembling with excitement and progress was slow. Brian has surveyed a huge amount of new cave in the Bahamas so we agreed he would do the survey and I would lead out the cave. I swam steadily back and found that restriction was not so difficult in reverse and I was soon on dry land. Brian soon arrived and we shook hands at this exciting achievement. The passage where we laid line was later named the B Tunnel.

Later Brian said he had a moment of concern when he got back to the restriction. He could not see anything however he could feel the line moving and thought I might be stuck, however the movement soon stopped and Brian exited without a problem. Brian normally explores and surveys alone and the presence of a buddy on this dive had caused him some anxiety.

Later that day Harry and Grant continued the exploration from where Brian and I turned. The passage (B tunnel) kept going in the same direction but with some tighter restrictions than encountered before. They turned at a penetration of 800m, however the passage continued beyond.

Paul Hosie and Al Polini explored two major side passages to penetrations of 250m (D Tunnel) and 500m (C Tunnel). Both of these passages continued.



Ken Smith and Brian Kakuk after laying line in the "Un-named cave" on the Roe Plain.

Saturday 8 October

Brian and I dived the cave again today. Brian went in first and the plan was for him to explore the side passages and do his own thing as an experienced solo cave diver. I went in about 15 minutes after Brian and had to tackle the restriction in zero visibility. I couldn't handle the letterbox initially. I could feel the line but I kept hitting rock. On my final try before giving up I found I was moving forward and I was soon in the cave. I swam the main line (B Tunnel) to retrieve a reel and I could see Brian's exploration line leading off at one point. On my way back his line was going down a different passage. I swam slowly for home and was soon overtaken by Brian who showed me an empty reel. We agreed Brian would exit first and I swam slowly, enjoying the scenery and allowing some time to the silt to clear in the entrance. When I surfaced Brian was almost dancing with excitement. He had laid all his line in the biggest passage yet found in this cave, and it was still going.

This was the last dive of the trip, so we left knowing that we would be back to continue exploration of this fascinating new cave.

Brian said he was thinking of our late friend Agnes Milowka² as he was laying line in the new passage. We all agreed we would call this passage Ag's Dreamtime Passage in memory of Agnes. It is shown as the A tunnel on the map.

Sunday 9 October

We packed up and began the long drive home. We spent the night at Ceduna and arrived back in Adelaide on Monday 10th October.

28-30 October

Paul Hosie and Al Polini returned to the cave to continue exploration and survey all passages discovered so far. This CEGWA trip also included divers Craig Challen and Kim Halliday. They were greatly assisted above water by Mark Brown, Jeff Gibson and Christie Allen. Amazingly the B tunnel continued but soon became very tight. Al decided to wait as Paul checked what they thought would be the end of the cave. Paul passed the restriction to find one of the biggest rooms yet which he named Sanctum. It was approximately 80 metres long by 30m wide and 3m high with a floor depth of approx 5m. At the end of this chamber Paul had to turn at a penetration on 940m. However the cave appeared to continue.

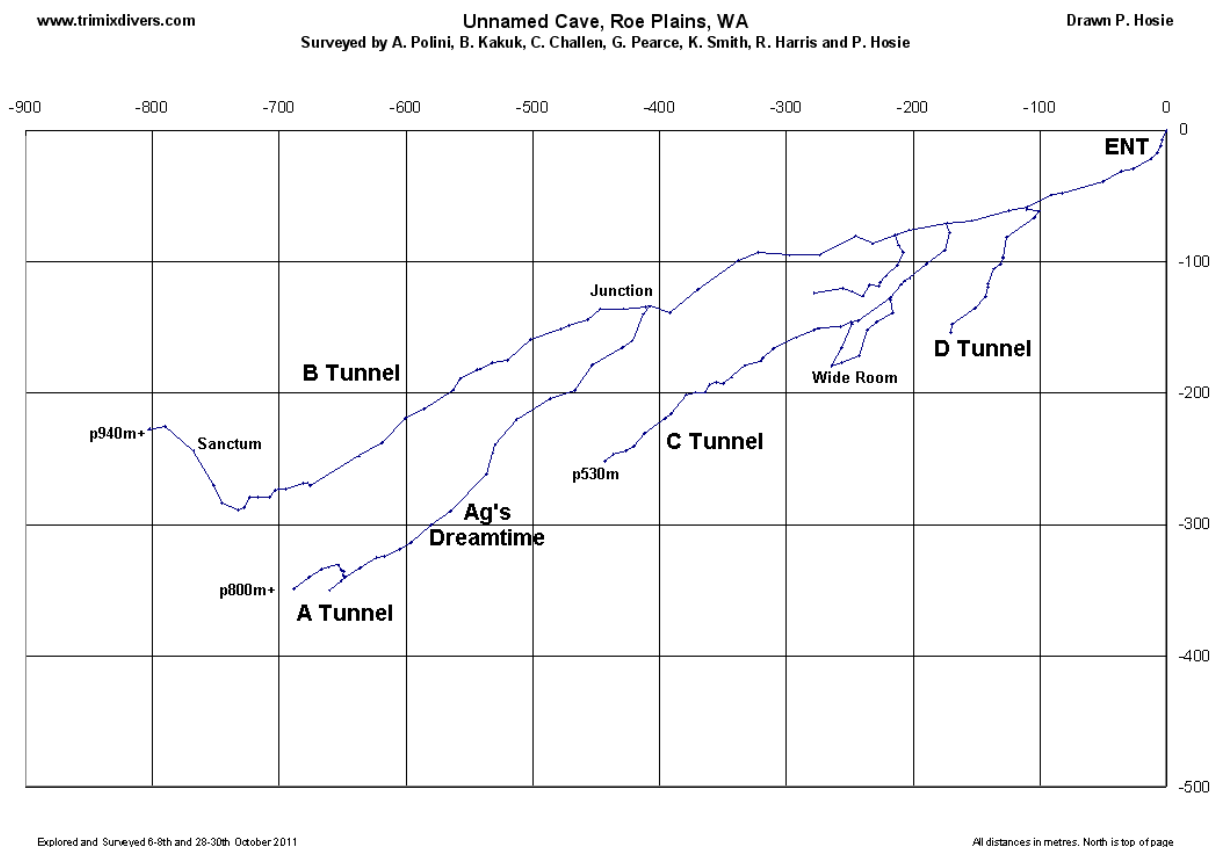
The side passages were also mapped further. The current map is included with this report.

NOTES

1 - Information on Brian Kakuk's work in the Bahamas can be seen at the following web sites. Brian is working hard with the Bahamian government to get a national park declared to protect the caves on Abaco island. All cavers should consider supporting this work.

www.bahamasunderground.com www.bahamascaves.com

2 - Agnes Milowka died in a cave diving accident in Tank Cave, Mt Gambier on February 27 2011.



Ken Smith.

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Past Trips from General Meetings

November 2011

Nil trips reported.

January 2012

Neville Skinner spent two weeks at the first two weeks of January at Mount Gambier where he visited many caves. Fossil cave (L81) has been badly damaged by digging activity.

TECHNICAL and OTHER ARTICLES

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

CEGSA MEMBERSHIP FEES became due on January 1st. To ensure continuity of membership and privileges (particularly insurance) please pay before March 31st.

Joining fee applies after March 31st. If you prefer to direct debit your fees, the CEGSA Bank Account details are: **BSB 105-900, Account No 950661040**, reference with your name and CEGSA fees. Please email treasurer on your action. Renewal form is still required to be submitted for database information purposes.

CEGSA MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2011 YEAR

Full Membership	\$ 53.00
Full Country Membership	47.00
Associate Membership	45.00
Long Term Associate	53.00
3 Month Introductory	5.00
Joining Fee (N/A to 3mth Intro)	12.00
Discount for e-mail CEGSA News	15.00
Discount for Country Membership	6.00

ASF LEVY FEE FOR 2011 YEAR

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

2011 YEAR FEES

	CEGSA	+ASF	TOTAL
Full Membership	\$53.00	\$ 68.00	\$121.00
Full Country Membership	47.00	68.00	115.00
Associate Membership	45.00	68.00	113.00
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	\$90.00	\$121.50	\$211.50
1 st Full Member + 2 nd Associate Member			
Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$82.00	\$121.50	\$203.50
1 st Associate Member + 2 nd Assoc Member			
Less \$16.00 for only 1 CEGSA News	\$74.00	\$121.50	\$195.50

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.

Approved CEGSA Trip Leaders

Name	Caving Leader level
Marie Choi	Horizontal, Laddering and Vertical
Stan Flavel	Horizontal and Laddering
Grant Gartrell	Coordinator Only
Chris Gibbons	Coordinator Only
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
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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THE HARD WAY TO HAVE A DRINK

A little before 3pm on Tuesday 30th August 2011 Mount Gambier City Council employees heard & then saw 2 men, approximately 30 years old, at the bottom of the Town Cave. They were drinking & had climbed down there on a chain attached to the lower viewing platform. One at least was LOUD, so police were called. Subsequently MFS & SES were called out, but not cavers.

ABC radio Adelaide broke the story at 4pm as a state news item. An updated news service stated it was believed these persons were armed & a police negotiator had been called in.

ABC 7pm news service stated that a St John volunteer had gone down into the cave, as one of the men had fallen while trying to climb out. I interviewed SES members as they returned to their base at 7.15pm, & was informed that St John's had sedated the abusive/hurt person & restrained him in an SES fixed basket stretcher which was then slid up a fixed MFS aluminium ladder. City Council workers had supplied a wooden rung ladder that they use when they go into the cave. The injured party was taken to hospital & the other into police custody. Note the Border Watch of 31-08-2011 & 01-09-2011 show similar photos of the ladders & hauling arrangements.

The following morning ABC 7.30am news stated police were giving ages of the men as 22 & 23. Both had been charged with drinking & may be charged with trespass.

One had a history of Mental Illness, but it was not known if that played any part in the incident. They had recently arrived from Western Australia. Other charges were being laid.

Border Watch 1st September, article stated that the 22yr old who had slipped, had been discharged from hospital. He probably had only sustained a soft tissue injury. Police claim the men 'had used a chain to climb into the depths of the sinkhole, from the viewing platform, taking a carton of beer with them to consume in the area.'

Fred Aslin.

A tribute to Andrew Wight – renowned Cave Diver and Underwater Film Specialist



Andrew Wight was an Australian underwater explorer and film maker. He died in a helicopter crash in NSW on Feb 5, 2012.

Andy Wight was a former member of CEGSA and a highly-experienced cave diver for over 30 years. He grew up on the family farm in Harrow, Western Victoria and took up diving and caving when he began studying Agricultural Science at Latrobe University in the late 1970's. He became a Cave Diving Examiner with the Cave Divers Association of Australia and also served on the CDAA Committee as the organization began to become more professional at the start of the 1980's.

Andrew began his career in agricultural science and has worked in scientific research. He became a commercial helicopter pilot and owned his own helicopter in which a number of us flew all over the Mount Gambier area spotting cave entrances, sinkholes and coastal spring systems.

We all called him "Andy" or "Wighty". He had a larger-than-life personality and formed an underwater film company using a play upon his nickname – "Great Wight Productions"! He was highly motivated and operated at the leading edge of the sport of cave diving. In particular, he had a special talent for group motivation, dive team leadership and possessed excellent public-relations skills. He said he was "not so mechanically inclined" but more than made up for that with an ebullient "Can Do" attitude.

In 1974, Keith Dekkers and I were the first cave divers to explore the underground lakes of Pannikin Plains Cave system under the Nullarbor. By the time we explored that cave, we had been out on the Nullarbor for a month exploring all the lake sites and were buggered. Consequently on our last dive (Pannikin Plain), neither of us even noticed the big underwater tunnel which extends for several kilometers and so we returned saying "It doesn't go!".



Andy (right) with Chris Brown preparing their innovative "Quad" tanks (sets of 4 each) for the push dive.



Andrew at the Pannikin Plains campsite on the Nullarbor perusing purified water – one of his expedition innovations.

Wighty and others didn't accept this! He initiated and led the record breaking Pannikin Plain Cave Diving Expedition in 1988. He was a great innovator and obtained "Aquazepp" underwater scooters (invented by a bloke in Communist East Germany who used the prototype to escape underwater across a river to the West) to push the extremes of Pannikin Plains Cave, wearing "Quad" tank (4 tanks banded together – a big load to swim with). He also engaged multiple professional sponsorship

for the expedition in a way not done by the caving or cave diving world before, with the aim of producing a high-quality expedition documentary.



Cyclonic flash-flood inundation of Pannikin Plains Cave entrance causing collapse. Note water draining from several kilometres around.



Divers with sled and Aquazepp scooters at the lake's edge. Andy Wight is in the water at left wearing the Quad tanks.

As Wighty's luck would have it, a cyclone dumped an immense amount of rain on the area around the cave entrance while 15 cavers and divers were still underground. Enormous volumes of water poured off the plain and caused a massive boulder collapse in the entrance. This became world headline news – **“15 Cave Explorers Trapped Under The Nullarbor”** and Andy kept filming! The result was that the Pannikin Plain documentary became an award-winning real-life drama called “Nullarbor Dreaming”. This was shown widely on TV and Andrew received the Australian Geographic's “Australian Adventurer of the Year” Award. The Pannikin Plain documentary subsequently launched his film career and he saw the chance to “live the dream” of making cave diving documentaries.

With this great success and his gregarious personality, one day he walked into a bar somewhere in the USA and met a millionaire who was interested in world-wide underwater documentary-making! They formed a film team and sailed around the world making underwater documentaries on board the huge luxury yacht “Quest” filming a series of underwater adventures - “The Deep Probe Expeditions” and “The Adventures of the Quest”.

Andy gained a high-profile reputation for his work and more than any other individual, internationalised and professionalised the “sport” of cave diving. He expanded underwater exploration and led expeditions to dive and explore many remote and fascinating regions of the world including the caves of Florida, Cuba, the Bahamas, Mexican cenotes and the Caribbean, New Guinea and the southwest Pacific, whale migrations in Alaska and Canada, the Galapagos Islands, deep hydrothermal vents of the Atlantic and the shipwrecks of the “Titanic” and “Bismarck”. Andrew produced 45 documentary films since 1988.

This experience and his enthusiasm led him to become a Producer for a series of major 3D IMAX films over last decade directed by the famous Hollywood Director, James Cameron. James and Andy's particular innovation and focus was on the new 3D filming techniques and together they made several outstanding 3D films –

- “Expedition: Bismarck” (Discovery Channel, 2002)
- 3D IMAX film “Ghosts of the Abyss” (Disney, 2003)
- 3D IMAX film “Aliens of the Deep” - hydrothermal vents (Disney, 2005)
- “Last Mysteries Of The Titanic” (Discovery Channel, 2006)

Here's a blog about the Titanic film, showing how Andy and James injected their real enthusiasm, imagination and sense of adventure into producing their documentaries.

“I couldn't wait until i received this DVD after ordering it from amazon. Well, in the first two days i watched it twice and what can i say except that this is the best documentary of the TITANIC wreck available. I've been a TITANIC enthusiast for a long time and love anything to do with the subject and this movie drew me even closer to the allure of the ship. The documentary goes where no one has been before and the quality is superb

making you feel like you are part of the exhibition. They enter the Turkish bath room which is overwhelming also james cameron takes us to the straus's room and seeing the clock still in its place is breathless. The equipment they use is state of the art which gives you the feel of being there with the crew... If you love the TITANIC, you'll love this documentary."

Finally in 2011 he brought to worldwide theatre screens the 3D feature film "SANCTUM" with James Cameron as Executive Producer. This was a full-length action feature set in a vast cave system in New Guinea in which a team of cave divers encounter flooding, death, vast discoveries, rivalry, treachery and ultimate success – you know, the usual events we find on an everyday cave dive!

In the last few months, Wighty headed up a new 3D office in Melbourne where the company stores 3D cameras, production and servicing equipment and features a 3D screening room. He was heading out in his helicopter to a base ship off the NSW coast which was ready to sail to the Marianas Trench near the Philippines to do a new high-tech documentary on deep sea mysteries using advanced remote robot photography. We will all miss our dynamic and entertaining friend greatly. He definitely made his mark in the world and grabbed every chance available. Isn't that what life is about!?

Farewell, Great Wighty.

Ian Lewis

Acknowledgement is given for much of the more recent information contained in this article which was obtained from the Great Wight website. I would also like to thank Peter Horne for his excellent assistance in the preparation of this tribute.



Andrew Wight (right) with James Cameron and Alister Grierson, Director of Sanctum

THE OTHER SIDE OF CAVING – Part the Four

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE – About 10.30p.m. on Sunday a large heap of wood at the rear of the Telegraph Office, Mount Gambier, retired suddenly into the earth. The hole into which it disappeared is about fifteen feet in diameter, and of a circular shape. The occurrence was accompanied by a loud noise, as of a heavy wagon coming to grief.

Mount Gambier Standard 25 July 1871

41 YEARS IN CAVERN: Body recovered

The remains of an amateur explorer have been recovered from a cavern where he died 41 years ago. The body of James Mitchell had been locked inside Schroeder's Pants Cave since February 13, 1965 when the Massachusetts chemist, 23, died of exposure while hanging from a harness above a cavern inside the cave. Mitchell's story made headlines and prompted spelunkers to become more safety conscious. Christian Lyon, 36, whose grandfather found the cave in 1947, filmed the recovery for a documentary.

Advertiser Adelaide 26 June 2006

Real Life Stories of South Australia - HAUNTED QUARRY

It was during the early '70's that a man was supposed to have been murdered in a little limestone quarry near Tantanoola. It so happened that the man, Ben Bounty, was prospecting for a 'gold reef' which was supposed to exist in the district. Walking into the quarry, he saw a Chinese sailor who had evidently been smuggled ashore near Cape Banks. On seeing Bounty, the Chinaman drew from his belt a short knife and, balancing it for a moment on his hand, he threw it into the unfortunate prospector. Bounty was never seen again, but, when asked where he had been on the night Ben had disappeared, this Chinaman is said to have told the above story. Only a few people know of this happening. But if you visit the old quarry at 8 o'clock on a Friday night you may see a white-clothed figure leaning against the side of the quarry. Those who venture close may also see the hilt of a knife protruding from the chest of the "ghost" – "M.D." Tantanoola

The Adelaide Chronicle 1 September 1932

NOTE: This series started in CEGSA Newsletter 43:2, May 1998.

At the time of extracting these 3 articles, the now 'Articles Database,' formerly a spreadsheet, contains 8,103 records.

Fred Aslin.

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Clean Up Australia Day

DENR will be having a go at cleaning out the entrance to Sand Cave for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 4th.

They are inviting CEGSA members to participate. If any one is interested they can let Kevin Mott know on jkmott@internode.on.net.

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Graham Pilkington

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	Caving	Ongoing Vic Fossil survey	Gary Woodcock
	Caving	Continuing Fleurieu Peninsula Exploration	Grant Gartrell

****Extra trips will be notified through CEGSA e-News via email****

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.