

Dear Member,

Many business items which have arisen recently make it necessary to forward a general bulletin of information to all members. Your attention is drawn to the following:

1. Proposed amendment to Constitution: Mr. D. Taylor has proposed the following amendment to the constitution: that the clause on Full Membership be altered to read "To those persons who are over 18 years of age". This will be put to the vote at the General Meeting on September 19th.
2. The following Bylaws have been approved by the Committee:
 - (5) C.E.G.S.A. badges and emblems may be worn by all financial members, either Full, Life or Associate that have fulfilled the 50 hour underground qualification and they shall be hired out only, and always remain property of the Group.
 - (6) Persons under the age of 16 shall not be admitted to Associate Membership but may participate in Group activities if accompanied by a responsible Member.
3. The location of the Bushwalkers' Clubrooms has been changed to 69-70 South Terrace which is near the Brown Street corner. Please note that commencing from August, all General Meetings will be held at that address.
3. Nullarbor Applications are definitely due by 31st July.
Do not be late.
5. Maps of several cave systems will be available to Members shortly for a charge to cover the cost of printing. Systems mapped on Kelly Hill, Clara St. Dora, Mt. Remarkable, Arcoota and Ravine de Casoars. If interested, contact Arnold Wright (ML.2021)
6. Mr. Wright will also handle hire of club badges which will be available shortly.
7. Numbers attending trips are most gratifying, but many Members would benefit greatly from an increased attendance at Meetings. As some of you probably realize, the knowledge passed on at Meetings is of great value in the field. For example Mr. Eadie's lecture on "Adaptation to Cave Life" was a lecture which gives much greater interest to our trips. As well as this, it would be pleasing if Members, by regular attendance at General Meetings, were participating more actively in the direction of Club Activities.
8. The Public Library has several fine books on Caving including C.R.G.'s "British Caving". The demand for this particular volume is very heavy, and it may be necessary to place your name on a reservation list. However, it is well worth the trouble. Other volumes by Tazieff & Casteret provide fascinating reading and a wealth of information on French Caves.
9. Those not present will, no doubt, be interested to hear of the success of the recent party to Curramulka. The Town Cave party had a very muddy time due to the great amount of water about, and despite the extremely slow and difficult conditions, exploration is going further. Many other members had their first taste of the Cave on Mr Correll's property, while a small group commenced the mapping of this.

Yours sincerely, E. Hamilton-Smith.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA).
PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER '56.

1st-2nd Sept. Naracoorte - Leave Friday night
Leader: E. Hamilton-Smith. 'Phone work MF2316.

11th Sept. 8pm Museum Lecture Room - "General outline of Cave
TUESDAY Bearing Series in S.A." by Mr B. Daily.

16th Sept. Day trip to Marne Valley Cave. Leader: A.Wright
SUNDAY 'Phone home ML2021.

26th Sept. 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting
WEDNESDAY First Aid Lecture - Miss J. Marlow and N. Mollet.

6th-7th-8th Naracoorte - Leave Friday night
OCT(LABOUR DAY) Leader: G. C. Kelly 'Phone M7181, work.

9th Oct. 8 p.m. Museum Lecture Room "Cave Art"
TUESDAY by N. B. Tindale.

24th Oct. 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting
WEDNESDAY Photographic Competition - Organiser E.Hogben M7986
Phone home and work.

3rd-4th Nov. Curramulka - Leave Friday night.
Leader: Town Cave - D. Lanyon 'Phone work LA3761.
Leader: Corrells Cave - J. Love 'Phone home LF3871.

13th Nov. 8 p.m. Museum Lecture Room - Members Paper night
TUESDAY "Caving Equipment" by N. Mollet,
"Cave Physics" by J. Somerton.

28th Nov. 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting -
WEDNESDAY Bring shorts, ground sheet and cave muscles.

NOTE: In addition a series of small trips may be organised to Curramulka in November. Details will be announced later.

ALSO NOTE: If interested in any trip please notify leader at least 7 days in advance as transport is difficult to organise. Trip fees and costs are expected to be paid to the Leader during the Trip - not after. If your name is on a trip list and you are unable to attend - notify Trip Leader IMMEDIATELY.

The Museum Lecture Room night is held every 2nd Tuesday.
Committee nights at Gilberton Rover Den every 3rd Tuesday.
General Meeting Night at National Fitness Rooms 69-70 South Terrace every 4th Wednesday.

CONTACT LIST.

PRESIDENT: E. Hamilton-Smith.
SECRETARY A. L. Hill.
TREASURER: D. J. Gerner.
INFORMATION & TRIPS: J. D. Taylor. 'Phone
University W.3211, Geology Department.
C.E.G. SEARCH & RESCUE: R. T. Sexton, 'Phones
Home: F.5356 Work: FA.1134.
or N. Mollet. 'Phones
Home: ML.6076 Work: W.1541.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: HON. SECRETARY,
CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (S.A.)
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, ADELAIDE, S.A.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP
(SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

c/o South Aust. Museum,
North Terrace,
Adelaide.
South Australia.

The first National Conference of the Federation of Australian Speleologists will be held this year in Adelaide, from the 27th - 28th December. Final details of this will be finalised as soon as possible, and circulated. At the close of this Conference an expedition will be leaving for the Nullarbor Plains Caves.

As arrangements for this expedition will be rather involved, you are asked to return the attached notification with £5 deposit by the 31st July. We have to feed and transport an estimated total of 60, so please get the form back on time.

The party will leave early on the 29th December, returning on the 13th January 1957. If sufficient numbers are available, one vehicle will remain longer, up to 3 or 4 weeks total, and the only extra expense involved would be food. It is hoped that such an extra stay can be arranged. Cost will be completely inclusive, and is still very uncertain, but every effort will be made to keep to the stated estimate of £25.

It is anticipated that a few people attending conference may not be able to stay until the 13th January. For these individuals, another trip, returning to Adelaide on the 3rd January will be arranged. Details will be available with Conference circulars.

APPLICATION FORM

I hereby apply for inclusion in the 1956/7 Nullarbor Expedition.

Address:

Name and Address of nearest friend or relative:

Occupation:

Any special interests or hobbies which may be of value to the expedition:

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Age

Sponsoring Club:

I declare that I will not hold liable the Management Committee of the Cave Exploration Group or its elected officers for any losses sustained by me during the Expedition, whether these losses be incurred through bodily injury or in any other way.

Date:

Signed:

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (STH. AUST).

South Aust. Museum. North Terrace, ADELAIDE.

As you have probably heard already, the first National Conference of the Australian Speleological Federation is to be held in this State at the end of the year. This will be at the National Fitness Camp at Parnanga, a beach some 20 miles from Adelaide. We will arrange catering for all delegates, so all you need to bring is eating irons, normal personal gear, bathers, sleeping bag (or sheets) and plenty of speleo-enthusiasm.

Agenda will be circulated from Sydney, but the general programme is as follows:

- 26th December: We move into camp and get settled.
- 27th December: Official Opening of Conference after lunch.
- 28th December: Conference in full swing.
Caveman's Dinner.
- 29th December: Parties depart for Nullarbor and Kelly Hill Expeditions.

You may therefore move into Conference any time from the 26th December to lunchtime on the 27th, but we do advise an early arrival to get to know your fellow speleos before the opening of business.

Any personnel able to come before Christmas will be also assured of a welcome to Adelaide, with perhaps a little caving, walking or Nullarbor expedition preparations thrown in.

Please let us have the attached form back by the 30th November at the latest, with necessary payment.

I hereby apply to attend the 1st National Conference of the Australian Speleological Federation.

- 1. Date, time & mode of arrival in Adelaide
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- 2. Are you going to Nullarbor or Kelly Hill?.....
- 3. If arriving before 26th December, do you want us to organise accommodation?
- 4. Name of Club.....
- 5. Payment forwarded. arriving 26th. 40/-
 arriving 27th. 30/-

Name. Mr/Miss/Mrs.....

Address.....

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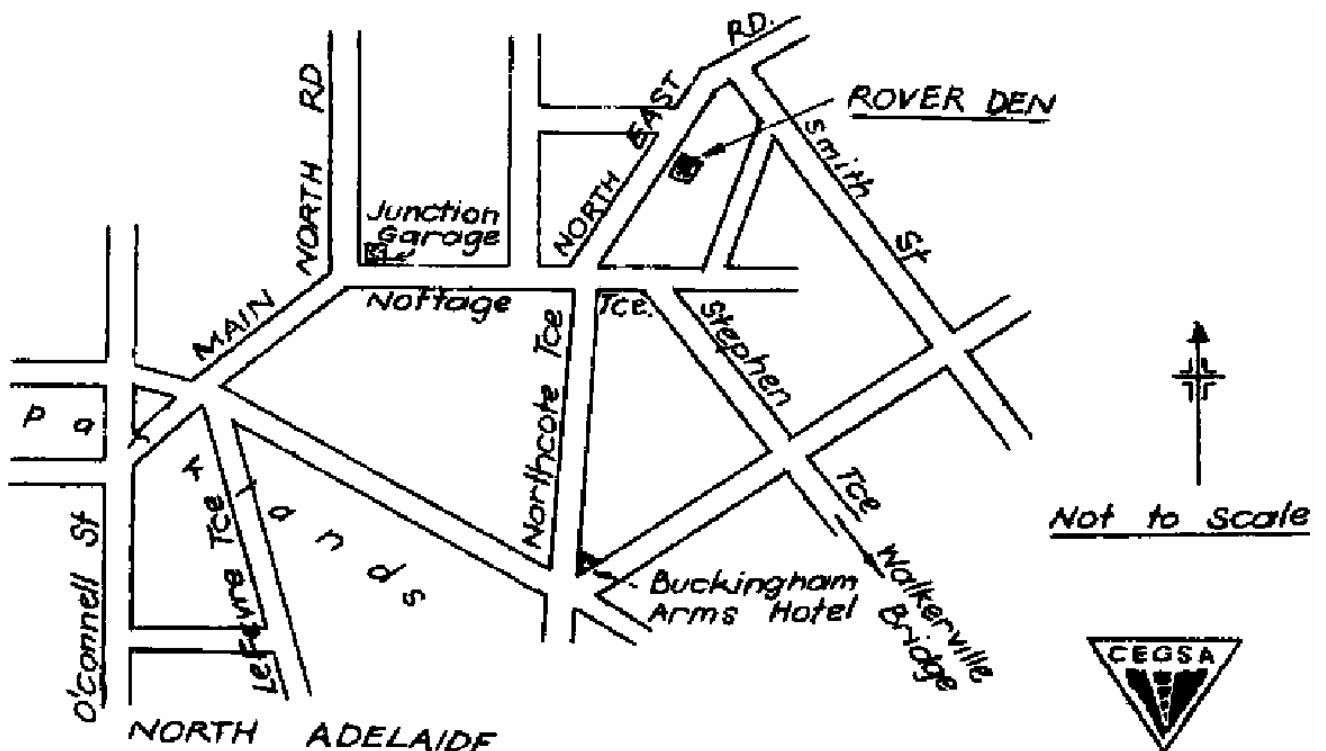
CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANIZATION.

JUNE 1956.

1. The attached list of people have been approached, and are willing to undertake rescue work in any emergency requiring the aid of experienced cavers.
2. In the event of an emergency, members will be contacted, and be expected to make their own way to the rallying point - Gilberton Rover Scout Den - bringing only the necessary caving gear.
i.e. (1) overalls.
(2) lamp, prickers, matches.
(3) torch and spares.
(4) helmet.
(5) sleeping bag and ground sheet.
3. Gear is to be picked up from the store at Gilberton Rover Scout Den (which is never locked.)
(1) stretcher, blankets, triangular bandage.
(2) safety ropes, odd lengths of rope, wire ladders.
(3) carbide, shellite, water containers (to be filled before leaving.)
(4) matches, gas goggles, prickers.
(5) emergency supply of food (in sausage bag.)
(6) search and rescue maps.
4. Transport to the caving area will be provided by the police, and the gear should be packed into the transport by the first arrivals. Vehicle's used to travel to the pickup point can be left on the property if necessary.

(R.T.SEXTON.)

Committee member for Search & Rescue.



NOTE. Gilberton Rover Scout Den occupies the second floor of an old stable beside the Main North East Road, on Mr.W.Menz's property. ("Balig")

Copies to:- Police, (1), A.B.W.(1) and to all Cave Exploration Group Members.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM.
JULY, 1956.

The following list of members are available for Search and Rescue Activities.

N.J.Mollet,	33 Milner Street, Prospect.	ML 6076
	Gerard & Goodman, Rundle Street.	W 1541
R.T.Sexton,	45 Tusmore Avenue, Leabrook.	F 5356
	Burnside Council, Greenhill Road.	FA 1134
A.L.Hill,	202 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide.	---
	C.O.R. North Terrace, Adelaide.	W 2541
E.Hamilton-Smith.	5 Thistle Avenue, Klemzig.	---
	Prince Alfred College.	MF 2316
C.W.Giles	60 Harrow Road, College Park.	MF 1451
D.K.Lanyon,	28 Salisbury Crescent, Reade Park.	UM 3915
	Newton McLaren Ltd. Gilbert Street,	LA 3761
J.D.Taylor,	202 Melbourne Street North Adelaide.	---
A.J.Marlow,	University of Adelaide. (Geology Dept.)	W 3211
	87 Tynte Street, North Adelaide.	---
	Dept of Mines, Conyngham St Glenside	UX 1662
E.Smith,	92 West Street, Torrensville.	---
	Christies Meat Store, Hutt St, Adelaide	W 6929
A.Wright,	25 Second Avenue, Sefton Park.	ML 2021
	238 Main North Road, Prospect.	ML 3693
D.Hurcombe,	24 Elizabeth Street, Prospect,	-
	Clem Taylor Advertising Service.	LA 4121
G.C.Kelly,	34 Grange Road, New Hindmarsh.	LU 7491
	Philips Elect. Industries, Hendon.	M 7181
D.J.Gerner,	55 Brigalow Avenue, Kensington Gardens.	FA 1859
	Boy Scouts Association, Pirie Street,	W 2171

FOR CALLS TO KANGAROO ISLAND ONLY.

M.Glenn,	30 Sutton Avenue, Seacombe Gardens.
	Department of Agriculture, Gawler Place.
G.D.Seton,	Curator, Kelly Hill Caves, Kangaroo Island.

IMPORTANT.

1. Please inform C.E.G. Committee of any change of phone or address.
2. Keep this notice where it will be quickly found in an emergency.

Copies to:- Police; (1). A.B.W. (1) and to all C.E.G. Members.

AUSTRALIAN
SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

Inaugural Meeting

Parnanga National Fitness Camp,
Adelaide, South Australia.

December 27th. and 28th. 1956.

NOTES

Prepared on behalf of
the Organising Committee of
The Australian Speleological Federation
by
The Sydney Speleological society.

National Convention
of the
Australian Speleological Federation.

The National Convention of the Australian Speleological Federation will be held at the National Fitness Camp, Parnanga, on December 27th and 28th 1956.

The Cave Exploration Group (South Australia), the Host Society, will arrange catering etc., for all attending the Conference.

Secretary-Treasurer for the Conference is Miss June Marlow of the Cave Exploration Group.

Public Relations Officer: Tim Kirkpatrick, also of C.E.G.

The programme for the Convention is set out on the following pages, together with a listing of all known Societies.

After the Convention two expeditions will leave to explore caves on the Nullarbor Plains and on Kangaroo Island.

WHY A SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION?

In various parts of Australia during the past few years, comparatively small numbers of people have gathered together to form specialist bodies devoted to the study and exploration of caves. At first, interest centred mainly on the exploratory side of Speleology, but as more people with scientific training came into these groups, and as more cavers came to appreciate the scientific aspects of this "sport", the need rapidly became apparent for a central body to act as an agency for the collection, preservation and publication of scientific, historical and other information relating to Speleology.

It was found that similar work was being carried out independently by different groups; that questions posed by one group could often be answered another; and so on ad infinitum.

So little by little, events led to this occasion when representatives of the leading Speleological societies of Australia have come together to establish a Federation as a central information agency and as a general directing body for special projects which could best be carried out on a National basis.

It is no accident that the countries in which Speleology has gained most ground possess flourishing national organisations. France, Italy, Britain, and the United States of America in particular have shown us the way, but we must expect that we will have to solve many problems peculiar to our own conditions.

Australia is a vast country, with numerous cave areas, most of which offer limitless scope for further exploration. To use a common expression, the face of Australia has "only been scratched".

Therefore, let us take this grand opportunity to create an organisation which will be a major step forward in the story of Australian Speleology.

AGENDA

Thursday, December 27th 1956.

- 1 00pm Opening address by the President of the Cave Exploration Group (S.A.), Elery Hamilton-Smith. The C.E.G. is the host Society.
- 1.15pm Election of Acting Convention Chairman.
- 1.20pm Introduction of Society Spokesmen (Voting delegates). Each delegate will have about 10 minutes in which to answer questions about his Society and its activities.
- 2.55pm Afternoon Tea.
- 3.15pm Formal ratification of Draft Constitution as a basis for discussion.
- 6.00pm Free period.
- 6.30pm Talk and discussion on Safety Codes in Caving.
- 7.15pm Caveman's Diner; Guest Speaker Dr.C.G.Stephens, Past President of the Royal Society of South Australia
Subject: "How the Trog can help Scientific Research"
- 9.30pm Showing of slides on World Caving, with commentary.
- 10.00pm Supper.

Friday, December, 28th 1956

- 9.00am Election of Federal Executive.
- 9.30am Further discussion on Constitution.
- 11 00am Morning Tea.
- 11.15am Further Constitution discussion (if necessary) and final adoption of Constitution.
- 12.30pm Lunch.
- 2.00pm Talk by Dr.P.S.Hossfeld on "Environmental conditions under which major Cave-bearing limestones were deposited".
- 3.30pm Afternoon Tea.
- 4.00pm Symposium - "Caving Techniques and Equipment".
Meeting of Executive.
- 6.30pm Dinner.
- 7.30pm Talk by E.Hamilton-Smith on Nullarbor and Kelly Hill Expeditions. Meeting of Expedition members.

Later: Informal gathering and slides.

Notes: Discussion on Constitution will cover such items as aims and activities of the Federation, minimum safety standards, establishment of a national information bureau and a national magazine, cave terminology, etc. If time allows, A.L.Hill will read a paper by D.Taylor on the last-named subject.

CANBERRA SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS. Post Office, Box 35, Canberra. A.C.T.
PRESIDENT Joe Jennings.
SECRETARY. Jim Webb.
TREASURER. J. Leslie
HISTORY. Formed in Canberra in October, 1954. Previously, most of the Canberra Speleological Society's members worked together since 1948 as a caving group within the Canberra Alpine Club.
MEMBERSHIP. 15, most of whom are attached to scientific organisations within the A.C.T.
INVESTIGATIONS. Limestone Geomorphology, Guano Geochemistry, Cave Fauna collection, Palaeontological investigation, surveying.
MAIN AREAS. Southern Tablelands, Coolamon, Wee Jasper, Wyanbene, Bendithera, Yarrangobilly, Michelago, Wombeyan.
SPOKESMAN. Joe Jennings.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

ADDRESS. c/- South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide. S.A.
PRESIDENT. Elery Hamilton-Smith.
SECRETARY. Alan Hill.
HISTORY. Formed in 1955 as an informal liaison group of interested people with facilities provided by the South Australian Museum and other organisations. Formed into a fully constituted body in 1956.
MEMBERSHIP. About 60.
INVESTIGATIONS. Scientific and exploratory work carried out in South Australia, especially Nullarbor and Kangaroo Island. Research being carried out in Palaeontology of Vertebrate remains, Mineralogy of Calcite deposits, Cave Climatology, Ecological study of bat colony, insect fauna of caves.
MAIN AREAS South East of SA, Yorke Peninsula, Flinders Ranges, Kangaroo Island\$. Eyre Peninsula, Nullarbor Plains.
SPOKESMAN. Elery. Hamilton-Smith.

COORANBONG SPELEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS. Australasian Missionary College, Cooranbong N.S.W.
PRESIDENT. A.C.Ellison.
SECRETARY K.H.Clouten.
TREASURER. G. Mitchell.
HISTORY. Formed December 1956.
MEMBERSHIP. 13 plus a number of prospectives.
INVESTIGATIONS. As this Society was only recently formed, little work has been accomplished at this stage, but specialist work has been engaged in by certain members before the formation of the Society. Principal work has been in cave chemistry, physics, cartography, geology, zoology and photography.
MAIN AREAS. Colong, Church Creek, Timor, Jenolan.
SPOKESMAN. Keith Clouten.

COOMA CAVE CLUB

ADDRESS. c/- Ray Ferris,,
26 Orana Ave, Cooma.

The activities of this group are at present very limited. Details of the group's exploratory work may be obtained by writing to the above address.

HUNTER VALLEY CAVING CLUB

ADDRESS. Box 6, Post Office, East Maitland. N.S.W.
SECRETARY. Jack Clifford.
HISTORY. Formed approximately 3½ years ago.
MEMBERSHIP. About 9.
INVESTIGATIONS Exploration, cave surveying following up reports on
Limestone outcrops.
AREAS VISITED. Colong, Billy's Creek, Tuglow, Jenolan, Belubula,
Cliefden, Timor, Barrington, Bungonira.
SPOKESMAN. Newcastle Group proxy).

JENOLAN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS. c/- Jenolan Caves N.S.W.
PRESIDENT. Ben Finney.
SECRETARY. Colin Jackson.
TREASURER. I. Hart.
HISTORY. Founded at Jenolan, October 1956.
MEMBERSHIP. 19 attended inaugural meeting, but present membership
unknown.
INVESTIGATIONS. Exploration at Jon an Caves, proposed study of
humidity and temperature and rate of growth of formations,
habits of bats, study of\ cave flora and fauna.
MAIN AREA. Jenolan.
SPOKESMAN. Chris, Wallace, (proxy)

MOUNT ISA SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS. 11 Elm St., Mine Side, Mt Isa Qld
PRESIDENT. Richard Benson.
HISTORY. This group has been active for two years and consists of
about 10 members from Mount Isa Mines.
MAIN AREA. Camooweal Caves.

No representation at Conference.

NEWCASTLE TECHNICAL AND UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS. c/-The Secretary,
52 Alfred Street, Waratah N.S.W.
PRESIDENT. Ken Angel.
SECRETARY. Brian Corlis.
HISTORY. Formed as a Speleological society November 1956. Before
then, operated as a Caving Group within the Newcastle
Technical and University College Bushwalking Club.
MEMBERSHIP. Not stated.
INVESTIGATIONS. Exploration, collection and study of fossils,
mapping.
MAIN AREAS. Timor, Colong, Pigna Barney River, Jenolan, Wombeyan.
SPOKESMAN. Keith Renwick.

ORANGE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS. c/- The Secretary, Wolaroi College,
Orange N.S.W.
PRESIDENT. Roy Keenan.
SECRETARY. J. Briton.
HISTORY. Formed in Orange in 1955 mainly as a result of efforts of
R. Collinge and J. Clifford. The Sydney Speleological
Society demonstrated caving methods and safety devices to
get Orange Society off to a quick start.
MEMBERSHIP. 19 plus 3 junior members.
INVESTIGATIONS. Mainly confined to exploration of local caves.
MAIN AREAS. Borenore, Abercrombie, Molong, Wellington, Cargo,
Cliefden.
SPOKESMAN. J. Briton.

SYDNEY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS. P.O. Box 198, Broadway N.S.W.
PRESIDENT. Ben Nurse.
SECRETARY. Mrs. Dorothy Learmonth
TREASURER. Alf. Learmonth
HISTORY. Inaugurated March 1954. Its members have helped pioneer
many branches of Speleology in Australia; underwater
exploration in caves, major scaling pole work, quarterly
magazine "Communications".
MEMBERSHIP. 52 full members; 15 prospectives who have completed
one or more test trips.
INVESTIGATIONS. Exploration, using latest techniques including
scaling poles of up to 60 ft., underwater aqualung equipment,
submarine lighting and telephones, cold water immersion suits,
underground radio investigations, Geological, fossil, flora
and fauna, foul air and other studies; intensive historical
studies of cave areas in N.S.W., photography, application of
mining methods to speleology.
MAIN AREAS. Jenolan, Wombeyan, Bungonia, Yallangobilly.
SPOKESMAN. Ben Nurse.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ADDRESS. Box 35, The Union, University of Sydney N.S.W.
PRESIDENT. Brian J. O'Brien.
SECRETARY. Miss E. Burgheim.
TREASURER. Adrian Hunt.
HISTORY. Inaugurated in 1948, membership largely confined to graduates, staff and undergraduates of Sydney University.
MEMBERSHIP. 50 full members, about 50 prospective members.
INVESTIGATIONS. Exploration of about 25 N.S.W. cave systems. Extensive work on development of caving equipment, Fluorescein tracing, underwater work. Studies of bats, palaeontological work, study of foul air, afterglow in cave calcite, hydrological study, radio communication and direction finding. Has extensive library and photographic collection. Has published seven journals and has large exchange system with overseas groups.
MAIN AREAS. Jenolan, Bungonia, Yarrangobilly.
SPOKESMAN. Brian O'Brien.

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

ADDRESS. c/- Frank Brown,
15 Devotion, Battery Point, Hobart. Tasmania.
PRESIDENT. D. Seymour.
SECRETARY. F. Brown.
TREASURER. A. Golde.
HISTORY. Founded September 1946, making it Australia's senior caving Society.
INVESTIGATIONS. Concentrates on discovery and exploration of Tasmanian cave systems. Have published informative handbook on Society and Caving generally.
MAIN AREAS. Hastings, Ida Bay, Mole Creek, Florentine region.
SPOKESMAN. Frank Brown.

VICTORIAN CAVING GROUP

ADDRESS. c/- 15 Riverside Road, Ivanhoe N.21. Victoria.
CONVENERS. R.B.Bailey, (Act. Sec)
K.W.Lynn.
HISTORY. Has only recently been formed, so has done little work at present.
SPOKESMAN. R.B.Bailey.

WEST AUSTRALIAN CAVING GROUP

ADDRESS. c/- 79 Reynold Rd, Mount Pleasant. W.A.
SECRETARY. A.H.Lisle.
HISTORY. This group is in the stage of formation at present, but has already explored some West Australian Caves.
SPOKESMAN. D. Cartwright.