

**Cave Exploration Group  
(South Australia)  
1st December, 1956.**

Dear Member,

Again several business items have arisen recently, and with several major events taking place in the near future, we would draw your attention to the following points:

1. **The Constitution** was amended on **19th September** that the clause on full membership be altered to read "To those persons who are over 18 years of age". As a result several keen and efficient younger members of the Group have transferred to Full Membership, strengthening the Group by a large margin.
2. As you no doubt realise by now, our President, Mr. Hamilton-Smith is leaving us in the very near future, and enclosed is a farewell message from him to each and every member.

It is largely through his untiring efforts and imagination that the Group was conceived and developed to its present strength and standing, and his successor, whoever he may be, has a formidable standard of achievement to maintain.

We have the deepest appreciation of his efforts on our behalf and we all extend to him our best wishes for his future.

3. Another member who has rendered invaluable service to the Group and who has recently departed to a new position in New Guinea is J. D. Taylor. David also - our best wishes.
4. **Caveman's Dinner** this year is to be held on Saturday night 7:00 p.m. on 15th December. Rigonis Restaurant is the place and again a large roll up is expected. To allow a reasonable time to organise catering, please see that enclosed applications are in the Secretary's hands by 10th December.
5. **Australian Speleological Conference**. The first Conference to be held at Parnanga on 26<sup>th</sup>-28th December is now less than a month away. There will be about 40 Sydney members expected so it is essential that our attendance as host Society is as strong as possible. If you have not already done so, your applications should be forwarded **immediately** to Secretary. Miss J. Marlow phone work UX1662 for enquiries on Conference, Nullarbor and Kelly Hill Expeditions.
6. **Highlights from recent activities**. For country members and those unable to attend recent functions and trips, another successful underground camp was held in the Town Cave at Curramulka, and a further extension to the "Pearl Chamber" was discovered.

Naracoorte Caves have been visited 3 times in the last term and a programme of mapping and bat and insect research has been undertaken. Much interest is being taken in the vacant house on the Reserve belonging to the Tourist Bureau, and negotiations for making this house available as a field station are taking place.

Yours faithfully,

A. L. Hill,  
Hon. Secretary.

**CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)**  
**PROGRAMME - DEC 1956 - MARCH 1957.**

- 1st-2nd Dec, Naracoorte - leave Friday night - private cars.  
Leader: R. Sexton. Phone work FA1134.
- 15th Dec,  
SATURDAY. 7:00 p.m. Caveman's Dinner at Rigonis. Return  
Application forms to Secretary by 10th Dec. Approx.  
cost £1.0.0.
- 26<sup>th</sup>-28th Dec. First Conference of The Australian Speleological  
Federation at Parnanga, Christies Beach. Applications  
should be returned immediately to Secretary.
- 29th Dec.  
SATURDAY. Nullarbor Expedition departs - Leader: E. Hamilton-  
Smith. There may be some vacancies.
- 29th Dec.  
SATURDAY. Kelly Hill Expedition departs - leader: D. Morgan.  
Transport is now completely booked out.
- 23rd Jan.  
WEDNESDAY. 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting.  
Winding up Nullarbor and K I . Expeditions.
- 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Jan  
(Aust. Day) Buckalowie Creek Caves. Leave Friday night.  
Leader: A. L. Hill. Phone work W2541. Private cars.
- 12th Feb.  
TUESDAY. 8 p.m. Museum Lecture Room "S.A. Caving 1956/11.  
Speakers: Miss Marlow, R.T . Sexton, .4. L. Hill etc.
- 27th Feb.  
WEDNESDAY. 8 pm. National Fitness Rooms - Annual General Meeting  
and election of Officers for 1957.
- 2nd-3rd Mar. Caving in Penola area. Leave Friday night.  
Leader: R. T. Sexton, phone home F5356.
- 12th Mar.  
TUESDAY. 8 p.m. Museum Lecture Room - "Cave Insects" by  
G. Gross.
- 27th Mar.  
WEDNESDAY. 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting  
Nullarbor and Kelly Hill slides.

**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**

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CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (S.A.)  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM,  
ADELAIDE. S.A.

Cave Exploration Group (S A)  
c/o S.A. Museum,  
North Terrace, ADELAIDE.  
1st December. 1956.

Dear Fellow Members,

As I have accepted a position in Melbourne, I will be leaving the Group in January, and I feel that I must, before leaving, pass on to all of you several thoughts in my mind at this time.

Firstly, I would thank each and every one of you for what you have done to make the Cave Exploration Group one of the best of its kind. The enthusiasm and cooperation which the committee has had has been most rewarding. The committee itself has worked most efficiently and harmoniously to lead the Group. So in leaving, I thank you all for the last two years, and trust that in the future the Group will rise to even greater strengths.

Secondly, I would leave with you my ideals of what Cave Exploration should be. It is an adventure in both activity and interests. We go into it determined to EXPLORE, to discover things anew. But we do not look for adventure, it comes unasked, in the overcoming of difficulties and the solving of problems. Always remember that it has been said, "Too much adventure is a sign of too little organisation."

However, our exploration is only of value if all is recorded. The present records system, properly maintained, will build up an invaluable file of data on caves. But unrecorded explorations are worse than a waste of time.

The Cave itself is a set of records of scientific fact - geological, zoological and historical. The true Cave Explorer will see that these records are not only kept safe but are drawn to the notice of any available expert who is able to deal with them. But it is better to await a sound worker with an insight into the peculiar problems of caves than to rush to a man only superficially interested.

Each explorer should, once experienced, endeavour to become an expert. It may be in one of the fields of research, such as entomology or physics; it may be in a technical field such as equipment construction or photography; or it may be with relation to a special Cave Group such as Curramulka or Kelly Hill. But whatever the field, the expert will be far more valuable and achieve far more satisfaction than the Jack of all Trades.

Thirdly, I will still be in touch with the Group, and indeed, hope to see you all at Naracoorte or other South Eastern caves whenever possible. On the other hand, I would also welcome any of you who happen to visit Melbourne at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Elery Hamilton-Smith.  
President

**CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (South Australia)**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

1st December, 1956.  
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1. **TOWARDS THE LANDOWNER:**

- (a) Permission is obtained before entering property.
- (b) Gates are left as they are found.
- (c) Stock is not disturbed, nor fences damaged.
- (d) Holes are only opened up after receiving permission.
- (e) Carbide, batteries, rubbish, campfires etc. are covered or buried before leaving.
- (f) The owner is invited to participate in any interesting caving on his property.
- (g) The leader pays a personal visit when leaving, followed by a letter of thanks and copies of any interesting photos.

2. **TOWARDS FELLOW CAVERS, OTHER CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS:**

- (a) Vandalism is the sign of a selfish caver, e.g. destruction and removal of formations, marking initials on walls and roof.
- (b) All knowledge gained is shared with all interested.
- (c) Rubbish (e.g. cigarette packets, flash bulbs, tins etc.) is removed from caves.
- (d) All specimens of scientific value found on official trips are the property of the Group.
- (e) No excavating is done without the supervision of an expert.

3. **TOWARDS THE PUBLIC:**

- (a) Cavers do not travel or otherwise appear in public in trog suit and helmet.
- (b) Cavers do not boast in hotel bars and the like.
- (c) Cavers are not uncouth, unwashed, unshaven undesirables.

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**CAVEMAN'S DINNER**  
**CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (S.A.)**

Please reserve.....places for myself and party at the forthcoming Caveman's Dinner to be held at Rigonis Restaurant on Saturday, 15th December at 7:00 p.m.

Approximate cost of dinner £1.0.0. Refreshments Extra.

Names.....

I enclose ..... as deposit (5/- per head)

Return to Secretary not later than 10th December.