

CEGSA,
c/o S.A. Museum,
North Terrace, ADELAIDE.
26th June, 1957.

Dear Member,

Once again circumstances warrant the issue of a news sheet following several important events within the Group and it is hoped that this will become a regular feature for issue with each quarterly programme.

PROGRAMME: Your latest programme is enclosed and of outstanding interest will be the film "Spelunking" the paper of E.Hamilton-Smith on "Bats", and a lecture by Mr. R.Tedford of the University of California.

A new caving area will be visited for the first time in the El Alemain area and member V.Linke is interested in contacting any **potential starters for a trip in the Flinders over the September holidays.**

TRIP REPORTS: Also enclosed is a standard sheet on Trip Reporting. This is for your guidance, and even if you are not at present contributing to CEG Records it explains the Records system and tells you what records are available. Please keep this sheet permanently for future reference, as you never know when YOU may be volunteered.

Again the call goes out for overdue trip reports, and also for copies of lectures and papers presented by members for inclusion in the library system now being set up.

NARACOORTE RESEARCH CENTRE: This hut is now an established asset of the Group and enquiries about its use should be addressed to C.Giles - 'phone MF1451 home. For those who have not been to Naracoorte, the hut is ideally situated for projects working in the centre of the S.E. caving area. E.Hamilton-Smith is enquiring for volunteers to assist in a team working on Bats in this area, and would involve about one trip per month to the Hut. Contact J.Harlow.

MAPPING PROJECTS: Current mapping taking place is Town Cave - K. Kappe, K-11 M.Cory, Mairs Cave and K3-4 A.L.Hill, Monbulla and Nullarbor R.T.Sexton, Narinna Creek D.Mullan. Maps made available in the last quarter include three more sheets of the Nullarbor Series by R.T.Sexton and enquiries for copies of existing maps should be made to J.Marlow.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST QUARTER: A number of trips were successfully completed, including further visits to Curramulka and Kelly Hill, and two areas were visited for the first time since the inception of the Group - Tantanoola and Narina Creek. At Curramulka Town Cave the Pearl Extension is still being pushed and at Kelly Hill a considerable amount of exploration was carried out for the Tourist Bureau. The cave on the southern boundary of the Reserve was successfully located and explored. Tantanoola and Narina Creek both yielded previously unrecorded Caves, and both are worthy of further work.

At the Museum Mr. J.Mitchell gave a most informative talk on Cave Diving Equipment and Members' Paper Night yielded A.L.Hill's Structural Origin of Kelly Hill Caves, unfortunately in the absence of J.D.Taylor. The research field of "Radio in Caves" has been opened in South Australia by D.Mullan, and an interesting instruction of "Climbing Technique" was given by T.McIntee.

Visits have been made to the Naracoorte Hut, and a trip to Melbourne was organised for a reunion with Nullarbor and Kelly Hill Trip participants.

FEDERATION: After perhaps a slow start the newly formed Australian Federation is now well under way, and our affiliation will be confirmed at an early date. The first Federation Budget has been tabled, with their first official news sheet, and a considerable flow of material is expected from the Federation from now on. The Group will be kept informed through the General Meetings.

BRAINWASHING CORNER: On the basis that if you see these written enough times action is inevitable:

1. Have you your own helmet and lamp yet?
2. Have you paid your subs yet? (This is the last call?)
3. Have you written that report yet?
4. Have you a personal cover to keep these papers in yet?

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION ALTERATIONS: At the last general meeting it was moved that the Constitution be altered to read:

"That the Committee shall not have power to expend more than £5 per month or more than £2 on any individual item of the Group's monies without the prior permission of a decision of a general meeting."

This was moved A.L.Hill and seconded V.Linke. Also moved that "Any By-laws formulated by the committee must be endorsed by a general meeting before they apply". Moved V.Linke seconded E.Hogben.

Both of these motions are scheduled for voting at the next general meeting.

BY-LAWS: A new By-law was passed - "Any defaulting member who fails to fulfil his obligations to attend a trip will be fined an amount of 50% paid by participating members at the discretion of the committee, and such fines will be distributed to those participating members.

CONGRATULATIONS to Marian Cory and Jack Dolan, whose engagement was announced recently.

FINALLY the Secretary would welcome suggestions on the form of a more permanent News Sheet and would again remind members that this is the last call for this year's subscriptions.

A R E Y O U F I N A N C I A L ?

Yours sincerely,

A.L. HILL,

Honorary Secretary.

Cave Exploration Group (Sth. Aust.)
c/o S.A. Museum,
North Terrace, Adelaide.

Dear Member,

Of immense importance to all members, it is announced that a record has been broken. Not one that we can be proud of however; the record broken is

ALL TIME LOWEST ATTENDANCE AT A CEGSA GENERAL MEETING.

The meeting had been duly announced through the current programme which had been fully circulated, yet attendance amounted to 9 members, 2 associates and 2 visitors.

Falling far short of the 30% quorum, there could be no General Meeting; for those who attended the night was virtually wasted, and CEGSA business was delayed just one month.

This doesn't sound much waste of time but when the committee is about to propose four major projects to climax in the next few months, this month's loss can be fatal, in fact two of these projects have now been seriously handicapped by this incident. If you like, the committee is still quite capable of operating the Group on its own, and directing what you shall do, so if that is what you want then DON'T ATTEND GENERAL MEETINGS OF CEGSA.

Alteration of constitution:

The difficulty of obtaining a quorum at meetings has again occurred and with a real reason other than just lack of attendance interest. Approximately one third of all full members are residing outside a 50 mile radius and obviously just cannot attend. As our Constitution is at present so worded that the 30% quorum is including these members, notice of motion for alteration of the constitution is now given by J.Dolan seconded by J.Marlow "That the "quorum" clause in the constitution now read 'At General Meetings of the Group a quorum shall consist of 30% of the Full Members permanently residing within 50 miles of Adelaide, not excluding country members if they attend. At Committee Meetings the quorum shall be 5'".

This is to be voted on at the next General Meeting, scheduled to take place on Wed. 26th September in N.F.C. rooms, South Terrace.

Constitution & Naracoorte Research Centre:

The constitution and bylaws have now been brought up to date and together with the Rules for Use of Naracoorte House recently formulated, are endorsed herewith.

Photographic Competition:

As last year, a competition has been programmed for September 26th at N.F.C. rooms and for the rules - the same as last year - ring Marlow, UX1662, or Hill, W2541, for a posted copy.

The classes open are

1. Best Colour Slide
2. Best B & W Study
3. Best B & W for Xmas Card

Interstate entries are expected and a good showing is expected for a V.I.P. slide night in October, but more about that later,

Yours sincerely

A.L. Hill
(Hon. Sec.)

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)
PROGRAMME - JULY-SEPTEMBER, 1957

6th, 7th July Curramulka - Leave Friday night.
Leader: Town Cave (working party only) - D.Collins.
Leader: Corrells Cave - N.Mollet 'phone
home ML6076, work W.1541.

9th July 8 p.m. Museum Lecture Room. A reading of H.Fairlie-
TUESDAY Cunningham's paper "Inflating Balloons with Hydrogen
in Caves" by A.L.Hill, and Films.

13-14th July Naracoorte - a trip arranged by the Victorian Cave
Exploration Society - contact J.Marlow.
'Phone work UX1662.

24th July 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting.
WEDNESDAY Slides shown by Members.

10-11th August Tantanoola - Leave Friday night.
Leader: D.Mullan. 'phone work LA9648.

20th August 7 p.m. Museum Lecture Room - "Bats" by E.Hamilton-
TUESDAY Smith and a film "Spelunking".

28th August 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting.
WEDNESDAY "Useful Caving Knots" - by R.T.Sexton and T.McIntee.

10th September 8 p.m. Museum Lecture Room. "Australian Vertebrates"
TUESDAY by Mr. R.Tedford of the University of California.

21st, 22nd Sept Cave Search in El Alemain Area - Leave Friday night.
Leader: A.L.Hill. 'Phone work W2541

26th Sept. 8 p.m. National Fitness Rooms - General Meeting.
WEDNESDAY Photographic Competition - Organiser J.Marlow.
Phone work UX1662.

NOTE: In addition, a series of trips will be organised to the
Naracoorte region by C.Giles.

ALSO NOTE If interested in any trips please notify leader at least
seven 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 second Tuesday.
Committee nights at Gilberton Rover Den every third Tuesday
General Meeting Night at National Fitness Rooms 69-70 South
Terrace every fourth Wednesday. (These dates may be altered
if necessary.)

C O N T A C T L I S T .

President: R.T. Sexton, 'Phone work FA1134. Home F5356
Secretary: A.L Hill, 'Phone work W2541
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Information & Trips Miss J. Marlow, 'Phone Work UX1662
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All Correspondence to: Honorary Secretary,
Cave Exploration Group (S.A.)
South Australia Museum,
ADELAIDE. S.A.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

T R I P R E P O R T S

Trip reports are the permanent records of the group, so it is essential that a report be made by the leader of every trip run by the group. Three copies of each report are kept - two in Museum records and one in our library to be used as field notes. These field notes are available to trip leaders on application to the librarian.

Trip reports show what work has been done in every cave thus ensuring that work is not duplicated unnecessarily and enabling each party in any cave to carry on from where the previous party stopped. So it is important that trip leaders use the field notes.

Trip reports should be well set out - with only salient points enumerated. A report that is set out under proper headings is far easier to understand than a long rambling description which has been padded out with unimportant detail. It must also be remembered that the trip reports may be used by outside persons who will only be interested in facts and not a picnic style report.

To help trip leaders who are uncertain as to what is required in a report, a list of headings under which all necessary information can be put, is set out below:

TRIP REPORT

A TITLE (e.g. trip to the Glenelg River) LEADER'S NAME

B DATE OF TRIP

C MEMBERS OF THE PARTY

D GENERAL INFORMATION

- (1) Locality of the caves plus a locality plan if necessary (if the locality has already been described in an earlier reports it is not necessary to describe it again. A locality plan is not necessary unless the caves are difficult to find.)
- (2) Owner of the cave property and his attitude, local guides etc.
- (3) Camping facilities (it is useful to later parties to know the most convenient camping site and the availability and the whereabouts of water etc.)
- (4) Transport (details of transport are only necessary if it is organised outside the club).

E PHYSIOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY OF THE AREA

F EXPLORATION DETAILS

- (1) Techniques used - ladder Work belays used and etc.
- (2) Organisation of the party
- (3) Gear used - i.e. ropes ladders etc.
- (4) State whether cave has been, mapped and marked.

G SCIENTIFIC DETAILS OF THE CAVE

- (1) Formations noted.
- (2) Possible origin and development of the cave.
- (3) Past and present life in the cave, eg bats, insects, fossils
- (4) Air and water movements and direction.

H CONCLUSIONS (this sums up what has been learned or gained on the leader's recommendations re future trips etc.)

I REFERENCES all references used by the trip leader should be acknowledged

J APPENDIX this should include any reports of scientific work done in the cave.

(Each trip leader has access to previous trip reports and maps which are held in the custody of the Librarian. Collecting gear can be obtained at the Museum. Caving Gear is obtained from N.Mollet the Quartermaster). Reports should be given to the records keeper.

A.J.MARLOW (records keeper and librarian)

RULES FOR USE OF NARACOORTE HOUSE

1. The appropriate form (sample at foot & obtainable from S.A. Museum must be signed by either Dr.Hossfeld (University), Dr. B.Daily (S.A. Museum) or C.Giles (C.E.G.S.A.) for the curator Mr. W.Wyld to open the building, and should be forwarded by post if late arrival is expected. A fee of two shillings per night is charged for use of house, payable to any of the above or to Mr. B.Hogben (Hon. Treasurer, C.E.G.S.A.)
2. The Log Book is to be dated and signed by all members of party giving details of activity followed, e.g. "bat study", "work party", "caving" etc. and number of nights occupied.
3. The building is to be inspected to ensure that it was left in a reasonable and tidy state by the previous party, and any deficiencies, including necessary maintenance, to be reported to C.Giles (C.E.G.S.A.) immediately after the visit.
4. During occupation see that:
 - (a) Water is not wasted unnecessarily.
 - (b) That neighbours are not disturbed.
 - (c) That electric light is used as little as possible.
 - (d) Garbage to be regularly removed & burnt & buried.
 - (e) That toilet facilities in immediate backyard are used.
 - (f) Should you require storage for equipment or specimens, it is suggested that a lock-up box be used suitably branded. Likewise do not interfere with other labelled boxes.
5. On leaving see that:
 - (a) All lights & taps off.
 - (b) Stove, bathroom, sink and cupboards clean.
 - (c) The whole building completely swept and mopped where necessary.
 - (a) Beds and bedding are left in orderly manner in end rooms.
 - (e) Tables and equipment boxes are left in orderly manner in main room.
 - (f) All general equipment (shovel, axe, broom, stove-tools etc.) are in order.
 - (g) All windows and doors locked.
 - (h) Contents of toilet bucket emptied and buried.
 - (i) Notify the curator (Mr. Wyld) who may wish to inspect the building.
6. Other than for late arrival occasions the, key to be held at all times by the curator.
7. **FIRE PRECAUTIONS**
 - (a) All inflammable material for distance of 12 feet around outside of building is to be removed,
 - (b) Ashes and live coals from stove to be disposed of so as not to be a fire hazard.
8. **GENERAL**
 - (a) Lamps burning acetylene gas may not be used in tourist caves.

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& CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

.....are/is authorised to use the
Naracoorte Research Centre on.....

SignatureDate
(Member of Committee)