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NEWSLETTER

1961:2

PROGRAMME

May	16th	Committee Meeting	45 Tusmore Ave, Leabrook
	24th	General Meeting.	69-70 South Terrace, City
	27th	Trip (Weekend)	Curramulka
June	10th	Trip (Queen's Birthday Weekend)	Caroline Sink Hole
	20th	Committee Meeting	(Place to be announced)
	28th	General Meeting.	69-70 South Terrace, City
July	8th	Trip (Weekend)	Buckalowie Group of caves.
	18th	Committee	(Place to be announced)
	26th	General Meeting.	69-70 South Terrace, City

Interstate persons should contact the Secretary re trips. It has been impossible to fix firm lecture dates for this programme, since. The guest speakers anticipate being away from Adelaide in the near future. The following items will be presented where possible during the forthcoming meetings.

1. Dr. P.S.Hossfield, a Hon. life member of the group, will speak on the "Geology of the S.E.". Dr. Hossfeld recently retired as Lecturer in Geology at the University of Adelaide and has made the study of the S.E. a lifetime hobby.
2. Gordon F.Gross has recently returned from a South Australian Museum Field trip to Portugese Timor. Preparations included learning the language and it is hoped that he will speak on his experiences.
3. Noel Mollet will give some notes on ropes, their strength and usage. This will be followed by knotting practice with particular emphasis on the bowline, which still causes difficulty. Special post graduate courses in knot tying behind kitchen cupboards will be held for those who have conquered the act of the bowline under more orthodox conditions.

Note that supper will be put on at the close of each of these meetings, and if time permits, members slides will be shown.

RECENT MEETINGS

At the March meeting Peter Aitken gave a hilarious talk on the Trials and Tribulations of various Aquatic Insect in their environment. These ranged from carrying air down from the surface with them - sending up a Telescopic Breathing Tube to the surface.

An account was given at the April meeting of the book "The Caves Beyond" published the National Speleological Society (N.S.S.). The Floyd Collins Crystal Cave in Kentucky had resisted cavers by virtue of its size. A two mile supply line was necessary to feed the advanced camp set up to explore the remote areas of the cave.

1½ tons of equipment and supplies were sledged through squeezes and over crevasses in sheet metal "Gurnee" cans which may well have application in some of our larger caves.

EDUCATION WEEK

The National Fitness Education Week Evening was well attended by members and friends of the three societies - Jack Somerton prepared a most fascinating set of slides covering the various aspects of our activities both on, the surface and underground. An exhibition of maps, publications and photographs were on permanent display for the week. A ladder supporting items of gear across one end of the display board evidently caught attention.

RECENT TRIPS

NARACOORTE

A trip was made to Naracoorte on 30th April, following the Education Week Evening camp. Camp was set up in the Sand Cave, and a survey commenced. The side passages and main passages as far as the three columns totalling 1300 feet or so of passage. Camping underground would have been more comfortable without a plague of blowflies, but was otherwise most satisfactory. The gear needed repeated bouncing, to get through several tight parts in the shaft, but surprisingly suffered no damage.

LAKE HAMILTON

A party of 13 visited this area over the Easter break after an absence of 3 years. A lower watertable made travelling on the underground lake much more comfortable; but it became standard practice, to transfer straight to the "Round Lake" to remove mud layers from caving gear and clothes. The lake was surveyed, thus completing the earlier map. The Honeycomb cave still provides the greatest possibilities in the area, despite investigations of other small caves. The low passages kept various parties busy, and will keep ripping overalls to shreds for some trips yet.

SOCIAL

The group wishes Jack & Moira Somerton all the best for the future following their wedding on the 8th April.

It is reported that June Lynn is holidaying in Perth at the moment and will call in for several days on her way back to England.

Terry Adams was farewelled by friends en route to a holiday working trip to the Solomon Islands. Your Editor wished him 'Bon Voyage' on behalf of the Group.

Graham Harris has recently returned from New Guinea to attend Adelaide Teachers Collage. He hopes to return to the territory in 2 years or so. Peter Wyld has transferred to Copley from Beltana so is retreating from Adelaide instead of approaching it.

MEMBERSHIP

Fees for the year 1961-2 should now have been paid, and those unfinancial persons should reapply on the accompanying form as soon as possible. It should be noted that only financial members may vote, and that only full financial members receive publications of the Group.

Authorized by your Committee,

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