

THE CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP OF S.A.

NEWSLETTER [#38]

"To the Editor of the Newsletter,
Cave Exploration Group of S.A.

6th Feb., 1965.

I am somewhat offended - not personally - by the editorial which appeared in the recent Newsletter of the Group, and feel that I should voice my dissatisfaction for what it is worth.

The tone of your editorial suggests that "workers" are those who go on trips, that "workers" are not "thinkers"; and that they become "thinkers" by the mere process of time - of advancing senility, if you like.

It appears to me that the fellow who does an efficient job of keeping equipment up to scratch, or maintaining a records system, is just as much a "worker" as the keenest attendee of trips. Likewise, I have been on trips with some very keen bods who attend every possible trip, but whose greatest service to caving would be their complete retirement. It also, following from this, strikes me that to be any use at all, a "worker" is also a "thinker". Most cavers are. However, if they are not thinkers while caving, they are even less likely to be so afterwards.

Apart from the question of logic in all this, there is a much more important practical issue. The trog who no longer takes an active part in caving but stays on "in an advisory capacity" becomes all too easily, an old maid. It becomes all too easy to advise on why things should not be done, or why they should be done in the way they were in the past.

In other words, let's not give any added weight to the words of those people who just happen to be older in caving years. If they are also older in real knowledge, in their ability to help solve problems, and in their ability to accept new ideas, then we will listen to them anyway, and no apologia such as your editorial is necessary.

Sorry to be revolutionary. Can I close on one other note - that I respect the value of such an editorial, even though I disagree with it, and I would like to uphold the right of the editor to speak out, even if people do disagree or even if everybody disagrees.

Sincerely,

Elery Hamilton-Smith

Annual General Meeting:

At the A.G.M., 24th Feb. 1965, the election of officers resulted as follows :

President :	Mr. A. Jackson, 6 Hudson Ave. Rostrevor. Phone Wk. 59.5360
Vice President : & Quartermaster	Mr. Fred Sanders, 8 Wattlebury Rd. Mitcham Pk Phone Wk. LA.3458, Home. 76.3839
Secretary :	Miss K. Sloan, 1 Pine Tce. Clovelly Park.
Membership :	Mr. J. Cole, 28 Philip Ave. Leabrook. Phone Home. 31.7388.
Search & Rescue :	Mr. G. Gartrell, 6 Gurrs Rd. Brighton. Phone Home. 96.7022.
Treasurer :	Mr. R. Galbreath, 66 Ashfield Ave. Elizabeth. Phone Work. 59.6346

Records : Mr. R.T. Sexton, 95 Port Rush Rd. Payneham.
 Phone Work. 65.7711
Publications : Mr. J. Bishop, 11 Auburn Ave, Myrtle Bank.
 Phone Home. 79.5907

The Jan. long weekend trip did not go because of people failing to notify the trip leader that they wanted to go early enough. As a result two small unofficial trips were held, one to Avenue Range and Naracoorte, the other a day trip to Punyelroo.

The following Naracoorte trip resulted in many diverse activities for a caving trip. A survey of the Fox cave was started with considerable progress. The kitchen of the hut received a coat of paint. Other activities included, photography, swimming, sun-baking, nothing, as well as caving.

Membership:

 Please note - the following additions and alterations to the membership list.

Full Members : Graham Holt, 50 Galway Ave, Broadview.
 Phone. 65.6074.
 Mark Phillips, 8 Lawrence St, Lower Mitcham.
 Phone. 76.1358
 Phil Connard, 31 Tennyson Ave, Tranmere.
 Phone. 31.7935

Associate Members :
 Elizabeth Wiseman, 22 Waratah St. Seacliff.
 Mr. Fred Aslin} 29 Elizabeth St. Mt. Gambier.
 Mrs. J. Aslin.}

Membership Fees are now due!

A Passing Thought :

It would be nice for those people interested in caving not to have their activities severely restricted by those who have other interests.

(J. Bishop)
PUBLICATIONS OFFICER.

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Program March - July 1965

April 16 - 19	Easter Flinders Trip. Leader to be appointed. Applications to the Secretary.
April 22nd.	Committee Meeting. 1 Pine Tce. Clovelly Pk.
April 24 - 26	Anzac weekend. Work trip Naracoorte. Leader A. Jackson. Ph. work 59.5360.
April 28th.	General Meeting. Nat. Fitness, 69 South Tce, Adelaide. Photography - Mr. J. Southcott.
May 15 - 16	Curramulka. Leader N. Duncan. Survey Trip 31 Clovelly Ave Clarence Gdns.
May 21st.	Committee Meeting.
May 26th.	General Meeting Nat Fitness, 69 South Tce, Adelaide. Short talks on various aspects of caving by various speakers.
June 5-6th.	Naracoorte.
June 12-14	Queen's birthday weekend. Arcoota Creek. Leader J. Bishop. Phone 79.5907
June 18th	Committee Meeting. 11 Auburn Ave. Myrtle Bank.
June 20-21	Naracoorte.
June 23rd	General Meeting. Nat Fitness, 69 South Tce, Adelaide. The off shore Islands of S.A. G.D. Seaton.
July 10 - 11	Curramulka Town Cave. Leader to be appointed. All applications to the Secretary.

All persons wishing to attend a trip must notify the Trip Leader at least seven days before the trip is due to depart. Trip Leaders are reminded that a rental will be charged by the Q.M. for gear returned to him late! Trip leaders are responsible for all gear on a trip and are responsible for its safe return promptly.

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