



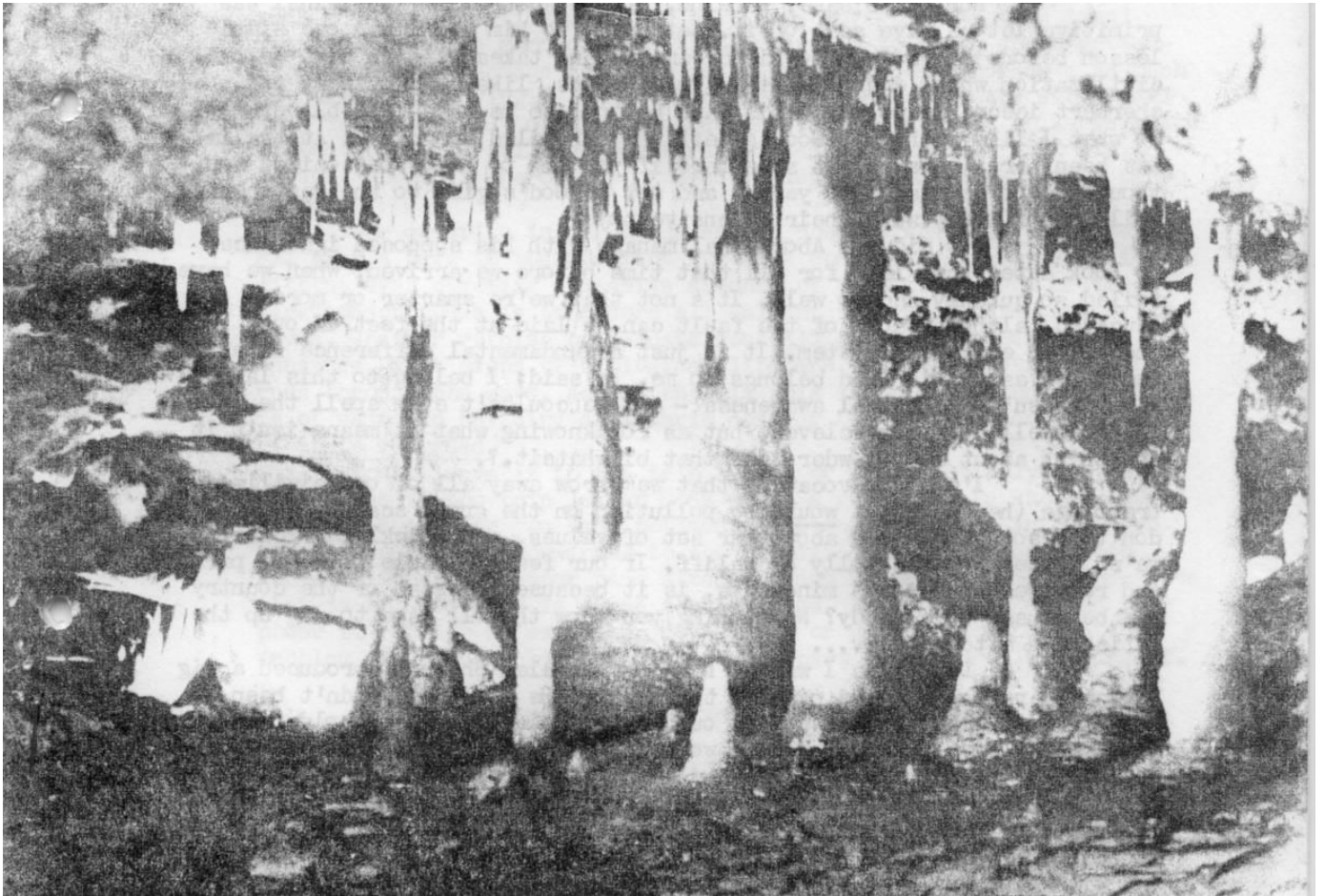
NEWSLETTER

Cave Exploration Group

South Australia

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**“THE CANDY SHOP” – GATEWAY TO THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SPECTACULAR
NEW EXTENSIONS IN THE VICTORIA CAVE, NARACOORTE, S.A.**

Editorial

I'm sorry. Whether we deserve it or not, I'm not going to breathe fire and brimstone and prophesize doom. I'm fed up to the gills with pollution problems, conservation action ... I need three weeks in the bush away from all wirelesses, newspapers (and newsletters) to look for my sanity. I refuse to carry the World one step further on my shoulders until I've had a little sit down and a snooze alongside the track. But even when I'm resting I cannot afford to turn my back on it. It's the only one I've got and those other, well, bastards (if the ABC can, so can I, and it's the only word in my dictionary that fits) are continually trying to bulldoze it, spray it, concrete it, and use it all up without any regard for its future or mine. If I shut my eyes on it for a second they'll sneak up and steal it from me altogether, and I'll never see it again.

For God's sake, mankind, if the Australian aboriginal was primitive let us have some of it. Let us go to him and learn one simple lesson before he fades into his dream time and takes it with him. In our civilization which does have some good points, like colour telly and sherbet ice-cream, we say "This land belongs to me, and I'll bloody well do what I like with it". Good grief! The unbridled arrogance! Australia has been here (or at least somewhere if you hip to plate tectonics) for thousands of thousands of years, and not as God's gift to the destructive children of today with their expensive toys.

How did the Aboriginal manage with his supposed ignorance to look after this land for all that time before we arrived, when we have failed so quickly and so well. It's not that we're smarter or more educated, although some of the fault can be laid at the feet of our incomplete education system. It is just a fundamental difference in attitude. We say: this land belongs to me. He said: I belong to this land! If that isn't ecological awareness - and he couldn't even spell the word. We can spell it, oh so clever, but as for knowing what it means isn't it something about soap-powder like that biowhatsit?

I'm not advocating that we throw away all of our civilized trappings (heavens that would be pollution on the grand scale) but if we don't do something soon about our set of values, and quickly, friends, we're headed for the jolly old cliff. If our few miserable national parks and reserves need to be mined now, is it because the rest of the country has been used up already? Next thing you know they'll have to dig up the cities and after that ...

Last time I was at Naracoorte, Alex Sherriff produced a big basket of red apples and offered them round. He said they hadn't been sprayed and a little worm popped out of my apple's core and told me that if it could live in the apple it wouldn't poison me. I haven't tasted an apple like that for years, so I had one or two more for absent friends. I left the worm to finish off the core, thinking live and let live. A powerful saying when you think about it, but these days in need of a little more punch to penetrate our selfish set of values. Any good ad-man will take the saying and toss it around a little. There's only one, and you guessed it ••• let live and live, and when things get really bad we can take the negative but that is so depressing.

Actually I was going to write one of those insincere editorials about how alive and well the Group is but instead dished up something else which, whatever else you may think of it, is sincere, I assure you. Anyway, who needs a stir within the Group. We don't have the time. We're too busy caving. Got to get 'em all mapped before the world ends.

Cave Conservation and You

Last year saw the formation of a conservation sub-committee within CEGSA and, in its infancy, it was moderately successful in initiating steps towards better conservation measures involving South Australia's caves. Attention was drawn in particular to the Lower South-east, and was focussed around water pollution. Submissions were made to the House of Representatives Select Committee on Wildlife Conservation and to the Minister of the Environment, Mr. Broomhill. Now is the time to follow up these steps and also to take new ones. But exactly what should be done? What can each of us, as an ordinary caver, do?

In all too many cases conservation action is not taken until damage has already been done, and it is indeed easier to fight for such causes when evidence is so blatantly obvious. The more ideal situation but the more difficult, however, is to bring about protection before any damage has been done and, therefore, preserve as much as possible the virgin beauty of the environment. But the stone-wall that is continually come up against here is: this needs no legislative protections after all, no adulteration has taken place! And why, indeed, should there be any protective legislation? This is for us to prove.

The question in our minds should now be: what can I do? We can all play a part in the movement for more complete cave conservation without even devoting excessive amounts of time to it. One of the first major moves is to record all salient information regarding our caves. Whether rubbish or perhaps rockfill has been dumped in the entrance, what signs of biological life are present, whether water runs through the cave, and so on; all this information and much more is of value in building an interim dossier for cave conservation if it is recorded.

Don't leave it to the trip leader or record it only in your mind. Even if the trip leader does write a report as he should, he may miss something you have noticed. Make sure that the information in written form is forwarded to the Committee or the Conservation Sub-committee, with your name attached, and remember - any information that is not recorded is worse than useless. By not doing all in your power to rectify an existing, developing or potential conservation problem you are merely condoning it and part of the problem yourself.

Please be an active conservationist before it is too late.

Trevor H. Maddock

Cover Photograph Series: Although this year's Newsletter covers are already printed, good quality B&W 6" x 8" or similar prints of caving scenes for future Newsletters are in short supply. There are a number of excellent photographers amongst us, as colour slides from time to time reveal. How about turning your skills to monochrome work? Suitable colour slides can be copied to B&W with some loss (as in the present cover series) but black and white originals can be much better. Just take the pictures and lend us the negatives. We can do the rest!

And Another Thing or Oops! My Bulldozer Slipped

While on the subject of conservation did you hear the one about the sugar gliders that used to live in the banksias in the Naracoorte Caves Reserve near Mosquito Creek until one day when some big bad men with a bulldozer chopped down their homes and heaped them into big heaps for burning. Now those men weren't really bad men, in fact they were good men, and they didn't want to harm the sugar gliders, in fact they didn't even know that the sugar gliders existed. They do now but it is too late. When they had finished their handiwork they must have stood back and felt proud, because they considered that they were "cleaning up" and therefore beautifying the area, and were motivated only by the highest of ideals. That is the sad sad moral of the story. Nobody can be expected to know everything, but how do we get people to recognise when they don't know and to ask somebody who does? When even major Government departments and Authorities are not geared to do this, how can we expect it of others? Plenty of people have offered advice since the centuries old banksias were flattened. Who would have thought to give it beforehand? We must Learn to recognise situations through the eyes of others and must try to educate others to the point where they at least have a doubt and seek advice.

Nobody can really be blamed in this exercise, not the Naracoorte Council who were trying to be helpful in carrying the work out nor the Tourist Bureau in Adelaide who okayed a reserve clean-up but lot with this outcome in mind. The tragedy is, as is often the case, not one of malicious determination to exterminate sugar gliders, but simple common human misunderstanding.

To make mistakes is human, we all do. It is to be hoped though that once having made those mistakes we are as quick to recognize them and do something about it as the Tourist Bureau has been in this instance. Full marks go to the Bureau who are already making every effort to replant and look after a carefully selected range of native trees and shrubs in the area. This will involve many times the amount of work involved in the clearing procedure but it will be well worth it. In a few years it may again become a haven for the sugar gliders if they can hold out that long, if any at all are left anywhere. In a hundred years our descendants (if anybody still survives on this poor old planet) visiting the area will unconsciously thank the planters of those trees.

And as a closing thought ... How long is a hundred years in scheme of things? Try planting a cave and watch it grow. Deary me rumour has it that it takes a thouwwwzand long years jus' for a hexatite to grew an inch (2.54cm in SI units surveyors please note)!

G. Gartrell

and new back to some serious caving ...

A Glossary of Common Caving Terms for the Beginner

BEDROCK	The Last Waltz
CAVING	Indoor Mountaineering
CRAWL	An unpopular method of gaining promotion
FLOWSTONE	Abbreviation of Florence Stone, originator of Ginger Wine, the Caver's Friend
FOSSIL CHAMBER	Ancient pottery
POTHOLE	Marijuana Mine or Grass Box
SOLUTION TUBE	Drinking straw
SPELEOLOGY	The art of spelling
STALAGTITE	Similar to Stalagmite, P.O.W. camps for captured troglodytes
STUCK	Means one cannot move until a 'six' has been shaken, therefore a set of dice is a useful aid to take when caving. The dice should be made of a durable material. Emergency ones made of lump sugar are useless, as it is difficult to keep your lumps dry whilst wearing a wet trog suit.
THEODOLITE	A religious troglodyte
TROG	Abbreviation of Troglodyte, a type of anthropoid ape.

Ed. Bailey

This does seem the appropriate time to tack two more on to the above list in explanation of a rare utterance already made in these pages.

HEXATITE	Legendary hexagonal helictite produced from stalactite by the wind from the wings of a fossilized blowfly in Princess Margaret Rose Cave. Known to grow exactly 2.54 cm each 1000 years.
HUTCHESSON, JOCK	The foreign legionnaire and originator of the above. Co-discoverer of P.M. Rose Cave. Spoke 67 languages, 68 if you include the bad one. Try and match that, Frank Buchanan!

Your 1972 - 1973 Committee is:

Grant Gartrell	President / Publications
Bernard Dunn	Vice-President / Search & Rescue
John Foulds	Secretary
Pat Lake	Treasurer
Tony Lake	Membership / ASF Rep.
David Hawke	Quartermaster
Brian Rivett	Library
Jim Hopkins	Records

Museum and Tourist Bureau representatives have yet to be appointed to the new Committee. These posts were filled respectively by Neville Pledge and Peter Warren last year, who will continue to act in them for the time being.

Sub-committees for Search & Rescue and Conservation are in existence and other specialized sub-committees will be convened from time to time. Your assistance in any of these would be appreciated.

Distant Horizons

John Dunkley reports in the SUSS Bulletin that the New Zealand Speleological Society 1971 - 1972 Summer Expedition, which was attended by 11 Australians (a full-scale invasion) and 10 New Zealanders was an outstanding success.

The trip was to Mount Arthur, near Nelson in the north-west of the South Island, and most of the food and equipment was lifted in by helicopter. The expedition saw the discovery, exploration and mapping of a new deep cave, named Gorgoroth for some no doubt perverse mythological reason. When will the CEGSA nomenclacats dream up something to match this? It sounds much more impressive than 'rabbit borough cave' or some other equally wet name, but then again it seems that not only the name is more impressive than the normal South Australian rabbit borough. With a depth of 1140 feet, including an internal sheer drop of 450 feet, it is in world class and only second deepest in the Southern Hemisphere.

Albert Goede, in a letter to Alan Hill mentions in passing that T.C.C. has surveyed Khazad-Dūm to the bottom last month and found, it to be 1029 feet deep. There's still hope. A new high level system of passages was discovered going off from the top of the last big chamber. It was not fully explored due to lack of time but a big expedition is being planned for next summer. (Surely you don't plan to clash with the ASF Conference, Albert. If you do you will make it very hard for our erstwhile compatriot Norm (cream) Poulter to come down and show you how it ought to be done).

Speaking of Norm, he was last heard to be surveying the unemployment situation around Perth, and about ready to pull out for Sydney.

And another voice from the past, Tom Wigley reports from Canada that he has just abandoned an attempt on the world record in not writing letters, and may even be seen crawling through the odd Australian cave later this year if you happen to be in the right cave. He would have broken the world depth record in the Epos Chasm in Greece a few years back except that just as the cave got going it stopped, and anyway the limestone didn't appear to be as thick as the map suggested it was. He hopes to be taking part in yet another world record depth attempt shortly in Iran. This hole sounds a better proposition. "-2400 feet so far and at that point the next drop was into the main passage. Most of the pitches are less than 150' (but there are 22 so far) and the plan is to use ladders on the first few and ropes thereafter. Even if it doesn't go it will be a fabulous place to visit." Anyone got itchy feet?



Have You Got Your Share Yet?

At the March General Meeting we were fortunate to be able to view a film entitled "The Riddle of the Mayan Caves", which was made by the American Broadcasting Company during an Explorers Club of New York expedition to the caves of Alta Verapaz, Guatemala, which were and are still in use by ancient and now modern day civilizations.

The expedition was not without incident. The two supply helicopter pilots were killed by guerrillas, one man disappeared, another was bitten by a captured vampire bat necessitating a dash on horseback to civilization with the bat, and the ornithologist contracted his histoplasmosis and later died.

The copy of the film viewed is the private property of Brother Nicholas, the biologist on the expedition, and was loaned to Sydney Speleological Society to help them raise money in their fight to save Bungonia Gorge, the latest New South Wales conservation disaster area.

If you would like to help this cause, and see a really good conservation body grow stronger, send \$4.00 to

The Treasurer,
The Colong Committee,
18 Argyle Street,
Sydney, N.S.W. 2000

This will entitle you to a single share in A.P.C.M. Ltd., the offending mining company, and enable you to voice your protests at the running of the company right inside the Annual General Meeting. Last year they held it in Melbourne to get away from the Sydney protesters. Thanks to our expatriate Dr. Harvey Cohen in Melbourne that meeting was an outstanding success except from the A.P.C.M. point of view, and who knows, the circus might move to Adelaide next season. Your \$4.00 also entitles you to a year's subscription to the Save Colong Bulletin, renewable in future years for a modest \$1.00 or thereabouts.

BUT HURRY After this year's A.G.M. in the Mosman N.S.W. Town Hall at 3.00 p.m. on Friday 28th April, 1972, these single shares may no longer be available. The Company is apparently getting sensitive about them. Goody Goody.

The Saga of Sellick's Hill Cave

The numerous unpublished reports of trips to this cave run into so many words, most of them now superfluous, that a summary of the events to the present will be much more digestible. The first report in the Newsletter of October 1971 noted that the cave (which had not been visited for over a year) appeared in July 1971 to be stable so far. Since it was discovered during the creation of a cutting during road works it was decided to go slowly in the cave for a while in case the nearby blasting and rock shifting had stirred the cave up or generated any new stresses which could slowly or quickly cause the cave to alter its shape. The feeling at the passing of a year or so is that the cave is safe from that point of view, but needs some internal stabilizing for other reasons. At that stage the depth stood at about sixty feet (it started originally at three feet) and a succession of small digging trips became more and more exciting with only small gains being made under difficult conditions until a trip on 5 September 1971, attended by G. Gartrell (L), M. Meth, N. Poulter, A. Saar (WASG), P. Chappell, B. Dunn, and D. Hawke saw the plug pulled out. In the excitement, discretion was thrown a little too much to the winds, and Gartrell and Poulter got a graphic lesson in stability when three medium-sized boulders which had been stacked out of the way on the side of the choke (apparently on a dirt plug) shifted and rained down upon them. Norm Poulter also got a cracked rib, partly made up for by the ceremonial presentation of a leather rib at the last Annual Dinner. We were all extremely lucky, and no-one on that trip will ever forget it. We'll try to heed the lesson and recommend that others do too. Needless to say that was the end of caving for the day.

On 7 - 11 - 71 G. Gartrell, N. Poulter and B. Dunn returned to the cave and inserted a loxin ladder belay in the roof above the bottom point of previous trips to the cave. Two lengths of ladder were attached by karabiner to it (40 feet altogether required) and the party descended with caution to a small chamber amongst a large rock-pile. From this chamber a rope descent of 12 feet (preferably a ladder should be used next time) led to a fissure cave in which the floor descended in a series of steps. This ran for approximately 100 feet altogether before being blocked by a rock-choke. Both walls were sound and covered with live white nodular formation and flowstone for most of their length. Quite pretty. Ceiling height of the fissure was uncertain but generally in excess of 30 feet. The floor appeared to be a rock choke of varying width and in one place at least a hole worth excavating could be seen descending at least ten feet below the general floor level.

The cave should be treated with extreme caution, particularly near the ladder drops. It is recommended that party sizes be limited to three or four below the ladder at any one time, and that experienced cavers only be allowed in this cave. Total depth so far is estimated at over 150 feet. A preliminary survey will be conducted on the next trip and may indicate the desirability of reopening and gating the roadside entrance (obviously an upper level continuation of the deep fissure) due to the constricted nature of the present route and the difficulties of ensuring the stability of the ladder drop section. Still, the cave could yet be worth all the work.

G.G.

Easter Bunnies

The R.A.A. reported record enquiries about the south-east for Easter this year and cavers seemed to have the same ideas. It pays to stick to the back tracks and be ready to take to the bush at a moment's notice these days, as somehow the main roads just seem to be filling up with suicidal (if that was all it wouldn't matter) idiots. You really are much safer once you are down the cave. Phew!

Separate groups were caving under the direction of Fred Aslin and John Foulds in the Glenelg River region, and there seems to be a lifetime's work there for all of them. A beautiful and intriguing caving area, well worth the long drive from Adelaide. A select contingent of Victorians, Peter Robertson, Miles Pierce and his wife Rhonwen (Rocky to veterans of the Tasmanian ASF Conference) were also busy in the area.

Meanwhile, (back at the farm) approximately a dozen from the Broken Hill Barrier Rangers, a similar number from Monash University (all good caving 'heavies'), a slightly larger group of geologist surveyor types from Flinders University (also went well underground) and a fair selection from CEGSA (cavers extraordinaire without a doubt naturally) still didn't manage to burst Naracoorte at the seams. Digging work was done in Sand-Funnel Cave by the Barrier Rangers who did a compass survey of the sections of interest and noted a breeze or two. They are keen to return and carry on the good work, but a 1000 mile round trip is a bit much for ordinary weekends. The Monash team enthusiastically dug in all directions in Dennis Carter's back paddock cave. Whether through luck or brilliance we may never know, but one of the company managed to find a hole with a breeze after a number of previous CEGSA trips found no encouragement at all. Subsequent work enlarging the hole by CEGSA shows that with a little persuasion the cave might take off.

Following a five man dig by twelve men, a number of ladies, and Monica, the end sand-chamber in Fox Cave now has a new decoration. (Don't worry Bill, CEGSA has inspected it and finds it to be more than worthy of such a fine cave.) As a reward for their labours the Monash crew were taken through the smallest tightest juiciest squeeze in the cave (all but one who wouldn't fit). They commented that it reminded them of Trog-Dip at Buchan, so be warned if any mad Victorians ever try to get you to visit that cave.

G.G.

P.S. Nobody is allowed to jump on the beeaoooutiful giant Monash sand-castle in Fox Cave without written approval from the Committee. It is truly an architectural masterpiece, and worthy of an "A" rating by the National Trust. Well? What else can you do with sand?



Why don't you subscribe to Helictite? For only \$2.50 per year you can receive this fine quarterly journal of Australasian cave research. Cheques, etc. to Editor, "Helictite", P.O. Box 183, Broadway NSW 2007.

A little bird said that Norm found a job and will be in Perth for the rest of the year now. Hi Norm, Honey misses you. Seen any good rib-tickling caves lately? What is W.A. milk like? Send us a few 'tites from Easter Cave, and while you're at it there's a straw in Strong's Cave we wouldn't mind either, and some of that fresh cold water, and ...

Beware the Beast Bites - And He Was!

You can't believe everything you read in the newspapers (except this one of course). A recent article in the News accompanied by a flattering photo of Neville Pledge gazing intently at the fossilized snout of an Ichthyosaurus quoted another person, a Mr. Pledge (it can't have been Neville, surely?) as saying "The reptile lived in the middle Crustaceous era and became extinct 80 million years ago". No wonder! We all know he meant the Cetaceous era, or as Bazza McKenzie would no doubt put it: "Don't come the raw prawn with me, mate or I'll play the flamin' whale" Sick joke? Cretinaceous? Now don't get all crabby, Neville. Yuk puns are revolting.

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When he is not peeling potatoes, Butch would like to hear from you.

Drop a line to:

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Rec, G.E. Alvero
9 Platoon
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Puckapunyal Vic. 3662

It's nice to know Australia is in safe hands. Hi Butch.

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Looks like congratulations are in order on the occasion of the engagement of Josephine Cox to Gordon Ninnes. Best wishes to you both Josephine and Gordon.

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And more congratulations. Colleen Frost will steer Gary Lee Havens down the aisle (keep to the right Gary) on the 20th May in San Diego, California USA. Look after him for us Colleen, he couldn't find his way out of a paper bag, even if he wasn't even in it to start with. (Right, Wayne?) Hi Gary. Hi Colleen. Even though it is a long way away you're invited to the wedding. Try and make it. Nothing's impossible.

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Search & Rescue

There is quite a bit of work to be done on Search & Rescue this year. It is hoped to run several field trips and a full rescue practice at either Naracoorte or Curramulka later on in the year. Before we can get very much done we must know who is available this year for S&R. At the back of this Newsletter there is an S&R form. We ask that everyone who is interested and will be available for callout fill in this form and return it to either D. Hawke or myself as soon as possible.

Bernie Dunn

Just one point.

CEGSA caving code says you should always cave with a hard hat, three sources of light, one triangular bandage and a 20' waist-loop. DO YOU?

Gear Overhaul and Stock take

The Quartermaster, David Hawke, requests that all outstanding Group equipment be returned to him immediately for checking and stock take. Trip leaders are reminded that unless prior arrangements have been made with the Quartermaster all gear on loan should be returned within one week of the conclusion of the trip. Failure to do so may inconvenience others who need to borrow the same equipment and may result in your being liable for further hire charges. While it is the job of the Quartermaster to check the equipment state of repair after each trip and before loan, you are asked to advise him of any damage to or faults developing in the gear when returning it. Please ensure that everyone looks after it. Don't let ropes be packed alongside car batteries in car boots. Don't tread on the rope while belaying (or any other time). Somebody's life (yours perhaps) may depend on that rope - and before you ill-treat a ladder you should attending a working bee and help to make one. You may get the chance yet this winter.

Notice of Motion for Alteration of the Constitution

It has been proposed by –J. Foulds (seconder: G. Gartrell) "that Section 3, subsection (a), subsection (i) of the Constitution be altered to read:

“(i) who are over 18 years of age and completed 50 hours as a member of an active caving party in not less than three months of Associate Membership, and satisfy such other requirements as shall be determined by the Committee.”

This motion will be put at the General Meeting, Museum Lecture Rooms on 24th May 1972, opening at 8.00 p.m. You are reminded that of the members present who are eligible to vote a 75% majority is required for this motion to be carried, and that no business can be conducted at a meeting without a quorum. Please try to attend.

The purpose of the motion is to empower the Committee to implement a program for upgrading the status of Full Membership of the Group. At present it is possible for an Associate to fulfil the technical requirement of 50 hours underground without learning much at all. Whether a variety of caving techniques is or is not necessary for that person to continue to cave within his or her limited sphere quite successfully, there is a great deal of merit in the proposal that all Full Members should at least be aware of the numerous facets of this pursuit. Only then will they be able to teach others, make balanced decisions should they find themselves on committees or in the voting arena, and be capable of acquitting themselves well should they visit more demanding caves or should they be confronted with an emergency.

These days the caving climate has unfortunately changed. Even at the last frontier, where in the past we could go to get away from it all, we are now confronted with such depressing issues as conservation. It is the responsibility of every member to become conversant with the problems and politics of caving, and with techniques such as surveying which help us to tackle these problems. It is the responsibility of the Group to nurture these responsibilities and skills in its new members. In this way we should all find that we can get more out of caving by giving more to it, and perhaps enjoy it even more than we do at present.

Your support of the above proposed Constitutional change will pave the way for formulation of a reasonably simple training program requirement for Full Membership. Before you vote against it consider carefully whether you would be an asset or a liability in an emergency. Could your incompetence endanger the lives of others? Have you been to one of our training field days yet? In any case try to get to our next one. It's in the program. 23rd July.



You cannot call yourself a serious caver, or even a bibliophile unless you have a copy of each of the following publications.

No. 7 is recommended for its relevance to the coastal limestones in which many of our S.A. caves are formed. No. 6, *Karst*, written by Joe Jennings, is highly recommended. It is an excellent book at a level which cavers in general should find both understandable and stimulating. It should be well received throughout the world, but is particularly valuable to Australians because of the numerous local karst features explained and used as examples. No. 3 is also recently published and well presented. It is similar in form to No. 2. Note also that the Transcript of Proceedings of the last ASF Conference is available at last and worth waiting for.

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| 1. | Mullamullang Cave Expeditions 1966. Editor A.L. Hill | \$1.50 |
| 2. | Caves of the Nullarbor. Edited by J.R. Dunkly and T.M.L. Wigley
(available to Members of the Group only) | \$1.35 |
| 3. | Archaeology of the Gallus Site, Koonalda Cave
Edited by R.V.S. Wright | \$5.20 |
| 4. | Transcript of 7th Australian Speleo. Fed. Conference | \$1.40 |
| 5. | Transcript of 8th Australian Speleo. Fed. Conference (Hobart) | \$3.00 |
| 6. | Karst. by J.N. Jennings, Vol.7 in the series "An Introduction to Systematic
Geomorphology" ANU Press 1971. Hard Covert | \$5.95 |
| 7. | Coasts. by E.C.F. Bird. Vol.4 in same series. Reprinted soft cover in 1972 | \$2.95 |

1, 2, 4 and 5 are or will be available through the Group. Prices listed for 3, 6 and 7 are those charged by the Union Bookshop, University of Adelaide, which normally has copies in stock.

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Planning is under way for a combined CEGSA / Victorian Speleological Association Dinner to be held at Naracoorte on Saturday 24th June. Venue, price and menu are being investigated now and should be good. Based on a price per head around \$3 to \$4 we estimate a pretty good roll-up. The Victorians promise to field a good team, possibly as numerous as thirty, and the South-easterners should all be able to make it bar Harry (come along after the D.I., Harry). A rough count indicates a good attendance from Adelaide too. Could you help us to firm up the figures by filling out the enclosed form and returning it with all haste and care by Saturday 6th May. Thanks.

CAVE EXPLORATION GROUP (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

Programme May - July 1972

April

28th - 30th	Naracoorte (L) G. Gartrell	Naracoorte Service Clubs CEGSA barbecue. Bring your caving gear and some clean clothes as well
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May

Wed. 10th	Committee Meeting 8.00pm	45 Marlborough Street, Brighton
12th-15th Long weekend	Naracoorte leader required	8 keen Senior Scouts to help in the survey of the new Sand-funnel Cave extensions
Wed. 24th	General Meeting and Grouch night, Grr! Ouch!	Museum Lecture Rooms 8.00 p.m. Bring a short length of rope
27th-28th	S.A. Mountain Activities Federation open Bush S&R exercise. Lobethal. For details see J. Hopkins	

June

3rd-4th	Curramulka (L) Tony Lake	Working party at Corra-Lynn Cave
9th-12th Long weekend	Flinders Ranges. Leader uncertain. See G. Gartrell	Orientation trip to Buckalowie - Mt Simms area. Good fresh air
Wed. 14th	Committee Meeting 8.00pm	31 Lutana Crescent, Mitchell Park
24th-25th	Naracoorte (L) G. Gartrell	VSA / CEGSA Dinner Caving gear and clean clothes. We must outdo the scruffy Vic's
Wed. 28th	General Meeting and Members' slide night	Museum Lecture Rooms 8.00 p.m. Bring your ten best slides

July

8th-9th	Curramulka (L) J. Foulds	Training Trip especially recommended for novices
Wed. 12th	Committee Meeting 8.00pm	4 Parsons Road, Reynella
Sunday 23rd	Reynella 10.00 a.m. onwards. Enquiries to B. Dunn, or G. Gartrell Drive to west end of Grants Rd, Reynella and then follow track Through gate. <u>Shut the gate</u> <u>After you, please.</u>	Field Day. Bring your caving gear, with waist-loop and karabiners if you have them, plus strong gloves, preferably leather. Good spot even if it's wet. Bring a BBQ lunch. Families and Friends welcome.
Wed. 26th	General Meeting 8.00pm <u>Speaker:</u> Burnie Dunn on Search and Rescue	Museum Lecture Rooms 8.00 p.m.

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Please fill out and return this form by Saturday 6th May

The Secretary, CEGSA
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North Terrace, Adelaide S.A. 5000

Dear Sir,

Please reserve me seats at the combined CEGSA / VSA Dinner to be held at Naracoorte on Saturday evening 24th June 1972. I understand that the price per head will be in the region of 3 to 4 dollars and I enclose dollars (\$2.00 per head) deposit to secure my seat(s). Should the price exceed 4 dollars I shall have the right to withdraw this application and receive a refund of my deposit should I so desire.

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P.S. As soon as we have thrashed out a menu we'll notify you.
Should be a reasonable choice available.
