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COVER PHOTOS

1947 Expedition to the Nullarbor by Capt. J Maitland Thompson
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Top Left	Top Right
Capt. Thompson	Canoe being lowered into Weebubbie Cave
Bottom Left	
Blowhole - R Smith, D Morris, Capt. Thompson, L Dunnert, D King	
Bottom Right	
L Dunnert being lowered into Graveyard Cave by bosun's chair.	

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EDITORIAL

The latest cave diving deaths in Piccaninnie Ponds highlight a problem that is very real in dry caving as well as cave diving; IRRESPONSIBILITY.

Those gung-ho types who think they don't need others and the codes they abide by usually end up killing themselves and their sport. Consequently many landowners are becoming more concerned as to their liability if someone injures themselves while caving under their property.

To-date our record in South Australia is good and we have cordial relations with the majority of landowners. It is our responsibility to ensure that we are:

- 1) properly equipped for safe caving.
- 2) have reasonably notified the owner prior to the trip.
- 3) observe all the landowners requests even if they may appear unreasonable.

For many years the majority of caving was done through CEGSA. The situation has now changed with many people caving individually. We now have a responsibility to educate these groups in safe caving practices and ethics. Where possible they should be encouraged to join recognised caving groups. It is also our responsibility to have a programme of events sufficient to cater for the needs of those who want to gain experience and those who want to cave.

Part of our responsibility extends to the conservation of caves. Most caves have a visitor tolerance level. Quite often if a cave or part of a cave is gated it is for this reason. Gates are there to regulate the numbers of visitors through a cave to prevent destruction through over-use. The non-gated section of Blackberry demonstrates this. Despite the gate and minimal CEGSA visitation the gated section is now heading along the same path of destruction.

The best way to ensure that we are able to cave is to visibly demonstrate to other cavers and landowners that we can cave responsibly and still enjoy it.

KEVIN MOTT

Trip Reports

CORRA LYNN

CORRA LYNN TRIPS FEB/MARCH 1984

Dayle GILLIATT, Max METH, Graham PILKINGTON, George PARKER,
Bill PARKER

What has been dreamed of for decades came true this year, the wistfully grovelled after DREAMLAND mentioned as a hopeful conjecture in the last Newsletter is REAL! About 8 trips (yes, nearly every weekend) have pushed the length of DREAMLAND from a pie in the sky to about 4.4 km of which 2.8 km is surveyed. The ALBERTA section that leads to DREAMLAND is about 600m long of which 500m is mapped. The "old" cave is 6.3 km long.

To save you the trouble of re-checking the figures you've just totalled, Corra Lynn Cave is now about 11.6 km long (9.6km surveyed) with lots of unexplored leads. On average, each trip extends the known cave by 500m, even though after the third trip we have concentrated on surveying already explored cave. Naturally at 700m of survey a weekend the survey grade is only at M32 level but who cares with all that blackness beckoning?

Graham PILKINGTON

Technical & Other Articles

AURA - Australian Rock Art Research Association

AURA is an association set up to promote the study of prehistoric rock art. Members of AURA are studying art in caves along the southern coast of Australia. Attention has recently been focused on caves in the Lower South East region where many caves with rock art (as distinct from animal scratches) are being recorded.

In the past many of these sites have been ignored or overlooked as people have simply lumped all scratch marks under the category of animal.

CEGSA members are asked to look out for sites with engravings or possible engravings in their exploration of caves. Any suspected sites can be reported to GEOFF ASLIN of 7 Campbell Street Millicent 5280 (h) 087 33-3277, who will arrange to have site authenticated and appropriate preservation measures taken where necessary.

If any CEGSA member is interested in joining AURA, an application form is included in the Newsletter.

THE AUSTRALIAN ROCK ART RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

An association promoting the study of prehistoric rock art has just been established in Australia. Any person or organisation interested in this area of research is encouraged to request membership.

The principal objectives of the Australian Rock Art Research Association (AURA) are as follows: to provide a forum for the dissemination of research findings; to promote Aboriginal custodianship of sites externalising traditional Australian culture; to co-ordinate studies concerning the significance, distribution and conservation of rock art, both nationally, and with individuals and organisations overseas; to institute a Code of Ethics regarding research in this field and to generally promote awareness and appreciation of Australia's immovable cultural heritage.

Whilst AURA is concerned principally with the Australasian region, it also strives for international contact, communication and involvement. The Association intends holding regular general meetings. A newsletter is already being issued, reporting current developments and matters of immediate importance, and serving as a direct communication channel. A journal will be published twice yearly, commencing in May or June 1984. It will feature research papers, short reports, abstracts, reviews, letters, and a current bibliography.

Applications for membership or journal subscription are invited from all interested parties, and should be sent to the Editor, Archaeological Publications, P.O. Box 216, Caulfield South, Vic., 3162. No membership fees are applicable for the time being and eventual journal subscription will not exceed \$A 10.00.

R.G. Bednarik
Convener, AURA

APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP WITH AURA

Surname Title(s)

Given Name(s)

Mailing Address

.....
.....

Date Signature

OLD CAVE OR NEW

It has come to my attention that there is a cave that is one of the most visited caves in Australia, and it has not yet received a number nor is there any map or even a memory sketch. Yet the member that has run trips annually for possibly the last 3 years is Graham Pilkington, well known for his continual surveying of Y1.

It would be a good idea if the next trip is well attended so that all scientific and all other information as well as surveying could be at least started on that trip, if not finished.

The cave in question is JOHN MARTIN'S MAGIC CAVE.

THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE!!!!!!

SANTA CLAUS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice is hereby given that the following motion is to be put to June general meeting.

"That the country full membership be \$4-00 less than the ordinary full membership."

GRAHAM PILKINGTON / MEREDITH REARDON

CEGSA-VSA DINNER

DATE 30th June 1984

VENUE Jens Hotel - Mt Gambier

Cost to be approx. \$14-00.

Come along for a weekend of fun, caving fun, dining, fun and more fun.

MEMBERSHIP

Alterations to membership list as published in the Annual Report.

Life Members

JACKSON, Athol	(W) 259 6499
MOTT, Kevin	(W) 227 0081

Full Members

BAILEY, Ed	4 Whiteley Parade Trott Park 5158	
CUNDY, Jim	8 Gwen Street Murray Bridge 5253	
GILLIATT, Dayle	(H) 294 6450	
HALLETT, Neil	(W) 336 2466	
PETERSON, Gordon	English Road Hahndorf 5245	(H) 388 7536
PETERSON, Jan	As above	

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Associate

BILKI, Frank	P.O. Box 11 Norton Summit 5136	(H) 390 1546
ROSSACK, Trevor	9 Beatrice Avenue Seaton 5023	(H) 271 8318
KRAEHENBUEHL, Peter	8 Ravensthorpe Ave Millswood 5034	(H) 272 9015

Full

PARKER, Bill
PARKER, George
LE PASTRIER, Shane

MEMBERSHIP FEES

FULL	\$21.00	
Associate	\$9.00	First 2 years then \$14.00

Newsletter subscription - \$7.00

Membership fees are DUE in FEBRUARY each year.

To retain the benefits of membership all fees are DUE NOW

THE NULLARBOR - WHERE?

In the Adelaide Advertiser 27 March 1984 the Australian Heritage Commission published a list of items that have been included in the register of the National Estate.

One item was described thus:-

"Wilsons Bluff Flint Quarry (State Register Item 4734-1316). Approximately 157 ha; located 6.5 km south of Bordertown and defined as the area above high water within a circle radius 1 km centred at Australian National Grid point (yards) SH52-13 "Coompara" 19350785.

One assumes the map sheet they refer to is in fact the COOMPANA sheet, not COOMPARA. That slight typographical error aside I find myself a little geographically embarrassed. I always understood Bordertown was east of Adelaide. No wonder the Melbourne Express takes so long.

If their description implies the high water is 6.5 km south of Bordertown we have lost 2 life members due to drowning and all the caves I have been relocating at Naracoorte and Mt Gambier don't really exist at all.

KEVIN MOTT

HERITAGE ITEMS

In the government gazette 12 January 1984 the Minister for Environment and Planning added to the Register of State Heritage Items:-

- 1) Blanche Cave
- 2) Victoria Fossil Cave

The Australian Heritage Commission advertised in the Adelaide "Advertiser" of 27/3/84 that as from 13 February 1984 the following items have been added to the Register of the National Estate:-

- 1) Jimmies Cave
- 2) Hand Print Cave
- 3) Kongartai Cave (Actually Kongarati Cave).

These items were already included in the Register of State Heritage Items.

NARACOORTE NEWS

The Naracoorte Caves Conservation Park was extended on 16 February 1984 with the addition of sections 463, 653, 654 Hd Jessie. This parcel of land includes Sand Funnel Cave and Crawfords house. With this addition the park now contains 305 ha.



Bouquets to Julie Mott.

Many thanks Julie for typing the Newsletter - it was greatly appreciated.

JAN PETERSON.

INDEX - VOLUME 28

Volume 28 contained the following issues:

- 28 (1) May 1983
- (2) September 1983
- (3) November 1983
- (4) February 1984

Key to abbreviations used in the index:

D = Description	P = Photography
E = Exploration	S = Surveying
Hi = Historical	SR = Search & Rescue

The index is divided into the following categories:-

- Caving activity - by regions
- Technical and other articles
- Letters

In caving activities the cave is listed together with the author, type of activity and reference to issue and page.

Other categories list the title of the article, the author and the issue/page.

CAVING ACTIVITY

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	U10	28(2) p8	C McRae	E
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	U17	28(3) p3	K Mott	E
	U20	28(2) p9	K Mott	E
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	U36	28(2) p8	C McRae	E
		28(4) p4	C McRae / T Lohmeyer	E
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CAVING ACTIVITY (Cont)

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PROGRAMME

May	5, 6	Corra Lynn	G Pilkington
	9	Committee Meeting	
	19, 20, 21	Naracoorte/Lower S.E.	K Mott
	23	General Meeting	Slide Night
	26, 27	Corra Lynn	G Pilkington
June	2, 3		
	9, 10, 11	Flinders Ranges	K Mott
	13	Committee Meeting	
	16, 17	Corra Lynn	G Pilkington
	23, 24		
	27	General Meeting	Ian Lewis - Sinkholes of the Lower S.E.
	30, 1/7	CEGSA/VSA Dinner - Mt Gambier	
July	30/6, 1/7	As above	
	7, 8	Corra Lynn	G Pilkington
	11	Committee Meeting	
	14, 15		
	21, 22	Corra Lynn	G Pilkington
	25	General Meeting	
	28	Carrickalinga Cave	M Reardon
August	4,5	Corra Lynn	G Pilkington
	8	Committee Meeting	
	11, 12		
	18, 19	Corra Lynn	G Pilkington
	22	General Meeting	
	25, 26		

Advanced Notice - September 22nd - October 7th - NULLARBOR