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## EDITORIAL

This issue of the Newsletter is not what you would call a bumper issue. In fact the trip reports section is very poor considering that members have not exactly sitting on the least worn part of their overalls.

Committee members have been and are heavily involved with the running of the club and inherent negotiations. It should not be left to the Committee to organise trips and write all the trip reports. There must be at least one literate member in the Ggroup.

Caving is changing and we are entering what could be an exciting and rewarding era. The Committee is going to be increasingly involved in administrative work dealing with management authorities and other groups so the membership generally is going to have to do its share.

If we all do our little bit it makes life easier (remember the song about the ant) and you may just see a few more Committee members able to take part in trips.

*Kevin MOTT*

# TRIP REPORTS

Maybe next time

# TECHNICAL & OTHER ARTICLES

## MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the following new Full Member

**Garth JACKSON**  
KINGSCOTE

Change of address

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## LIBRARY REPORT

**NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS** - May-July, 1990

### Books and Monographs

Research Handbook for Cave Divers, by Peter Home

As the title suggests this is a handbook for Australian cave divers who wish to use their skills for more than just recreational cave diving. Individual chapters are devoted to the history of cave diving in SA, selecting and planning a research project, speleological research activities, mapping and environmental, geomorphological, paleontological and biological studies.

### **Journals and Newsletters**

#### Oolite. Vol. 19 No. 13

Includes articles on the caves of the Blue Mountains (with surveys), trip reports to Wisemans Ferry aboriginal sites, Wyanbene, Cliefden and Jenolan, and the clean up of Barralong Cave. Also has a membership list.

#### Togladyte.Vol.2 Nos.4 & 5

Mainly local news. No.5 has a map and description of drainage systems at Mole Creek.

#### Nargun.1990. Vol.25. Nos. 1 & 2

Vol.25. No 1 Contains local club news and an account a particularly bad case of vandalism in a cave in the Murrindal area.

Vol.25. No 2 Includes accounts of expeditions to New Zealand and Thailand and trip reports for western Victoria, Czechoslovakia and Tasmania. Bug collecting in Tasmania and a suggested policy for cave digging also feature.

#### FUSSI.Vol.2 No. 2

Has trip reports to Town Well Cave, Corra Lynn and Windmill Caves, plus articles on cave management and management plans, on camping and conservation and on the Whaletail descender.

#### SUSS Bulletin. Vol. 30 No. 1

Is another bumper issue from a very active club. Apart from articles on the names of the caves of Colong, Billy's Creek and Church Creeks, speleogenesis in Mammoth Cave, the issue is devoted to exploration above and below water in the Jenolan area; including surveys of Far Country and Bell Chamber (Jubilee Cave), Northern Extensions (Spider Cave), Frenchmans Cave and the Ice Pick Lake - Hell Hole section in Mammoth Cave. The best bit is a reprint of an article by a Professor of Clinical Psychiatry taken from the Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association. It includes such gems as.....

"A counterphobic element of the spelunker 'per se' was his enjoyment of hanging suspended by a rope in caves. In this manner, he was able to act out (by virtue of his body -testicle equation) his identification with, and control over, the disappearing testicles in the settling of a claustrophobic union with his mother." and concludes with.....

"In Spelunking, Mr A especially enjoyed hanging suspended by a rope (a variant of the inguinal and umbilical cords) in the air in dark caves. In so doing, he became the mobile testicles, the foetus, the phallus and the resurrected dead brother in utero... all riding up in the inguinal canal in a manner he could now control by pulling himself down to satisfy at will, a form of identification with the aggressor."

Read and enjoy.

#### TROG. Vol 25 Nos. 9-11

These are mainly devoted to local news and trip reports. Nos. 10 and 11 have some interesting articles on quarrying at Yessabah.



Journal of the Sydney Speleological Society. Vol. 34 Nos. 5-7

#5 - has local news and trip reports to Wombeyan.

#6 - is the society annual report and includes a full membership list.

#7 - has an article on problems encountered in searching through State archives for data on caves, an article on the composition and formation of moonmilk, a trip report to the USA and local news.

SPAR. No. 104

consists mainly of trip reports to Cliefden, Jenolan and Bungonia plus local news

Chillagoe Caving Club Annual Report

As the name suggests! Includes a membership list.

Australian Cave and Karst Management Association Newsletter No. 5

CEGSA now receives this newsletter, and we hope to obtain back issues. Has numerous reports on cave management issues around Australia and includes articles on Mount Etna, karst management in Queensland and WA, resort development in the Vale of Belvoir, news from Queensland, Tasmania and New Zealand. Packed with useful information.

Speleospiel Nos. 258. 260 & 261

#258 is devoted entirely to part 2 of a report of an expedition to Precipitous Bluff, resulting in 7.6km of surveyed cave passage and a variety of important features. Includes a survey of Damper Cave.

#260 contains many trip reports for the Junee-Florentine area and Czechoslovakia. Niggly Cave (JF237), a new discovery, has been surveyed to a depth of 372m and a length of 1.7km.

#261 has local news and an updated list of Tassies deepest caves (45 caves > 100m deep). Includes references to recent discoveries and extensions. There are also numerous trip reports, including further exploration / survey in Niggly Cave.

**Foreign Journals**

NondoSubterraneo

Many surveys and articles in Italian. It's all Greek to me.

Caves and Caving. No. 48

This is the bulletin of the British Cave Research Association, the equivalent of the ASF. Contains much local news, international news, an equipment column and expedition reports to Romania, Spain and America - far too much to abstract here. An account of a serious injury sustained when a bolt gave way and a caver fell 2m on an SRT rope. Food for thought for all current and would be exponents of SRT.

### NSS News, April-June 1990

Another national caving bulletin, this one from the USA. Full of local and overseas news. The April issue has articles on Anchialine caves and cave fauna of the South Pacific (includes Australia). A glossary of caving terminology includes.....

"Spelunker - A caver who gets his rocks off into a sump"

Need I say more? The May issue is in two parts: Part 1 has an article on the problem of lint deposition in show caves and an excellent article on bolts. Part 2 is the societies' Year Book and has a list of names and addresses of all NSS members. The June issue has articles on the discovery, exploration and diving in Scott Hollow Cave, length 17.1 miles with survey.

### Non caving publications

The South Australian Naturalist. Vol. 64 No. 12

Tandanya (produced by the Adelaide Bushwalkers) Vol. 20 No. 1

All the above items are available for loan for a period of not more than one month, i.e from one general meeting to the next. Give me a call (277-9086) if you want to borrow anything and I'll bring it into the next meeting.

The Library also has the following Occasional Papers for sale:

|                                              |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| O.P. No 4 - Nullarbor Cave Expeditions, 1966 | \$10-00 |
| O.P. No 5 - SA Cave Reference Book           | \$6-00  |
| O.P. No 6 - Speleovision Fieldnotes          | \$7-00  |

*Mark SEFTON*  
Librarian

### **GEAR HIRE**

Have you ever considered hiring gear for a trip? Have you ever considered these points?

- Don't be disappointed - book in advance
- Remember that a deposit is required for each key borrowed (see following article)
- If you have any novice caver/s on your trip, check that they have the necessary gear (ie a helmet) and book this with the rest of the trip gear. It is easier to sort one order for a trip.
- Confirm and pick up the gear before the trip - not the night before
- Return the gear promptly after the trip
- When returning the gear ensure that it is in as good a condition as it was when borrowed.

## KEY HIRE FEES

Due to the need for increased security of cave access, the Committee has seen fit to recommend the introduction of a high security padlock system. As a result of the cost of such a system, the Committee has increased the hire fee for such keys to \$2-50 each for members and included an additional deposit of \$20 per key, refundable on return of the key.

Fees:

| <u>Key Type</u> | <u>Members</u> | <u>Non Members</u> | <u>Deposit</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Security        | \$2-50         | \$5-00             | \$20-00        |
| Standard        | \$1-00         | \$2-00             | \$5-00         |

The following caves are secured by the new padlock system:

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Corra Lynn</b> | <b>5Y-1</b>  |
| <b>Town Well</b>  | <b>5Y-2</b>  |
| <b>Narrina</b>    | <b>5F-11</b> |

It is intended to further secure other caves in the future with this new padlock system.

### Please note:

I will be away until early December. Any member wanting to hire gear can contact Darren Crawford, who will be acting as Equipment Officer while I am away. The contact phone number and address are

Darren Crawford  
13 Teak Street  
CAMPBELLTOWN  
(H) 336 5222

*Mark THISELTON*  
Quartermaster

## CEGSA - VSA DINNER or vice-versa

YES it is on again. Be sure not to miss out. It is the ideal way to meet with and cave with VSA members. Contrary to popular belief they do not eat crow eaters. Those that did don't exist any more.

This year it will be held in western Victoria (exact site to be informed later). There is some excellent caving to done over there so make sure you keep the date free.

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| <b>WHERE</b> | Western Victoria |
| <b>WHEN</b>  | December 1-2     |
| <b>WHO</b>   | You              |

# PROGRAMME

## OCTOBER

|         |                           |                                        |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 6 - 8   | Naracoorte                | Steve Milner                           |
| 6 - 8   | Flinders Ranges           | Eddie Rubessa                          |
| 10      | COMMITTEE MEETING 7-30 pm | 19 Chowilla Street, Eden Hills         |
| 13 - 15 |                           |                                        |
| 20 - 21 |                           |                                        |
| 24      | GENERAL MEETING 7-30 pm   | <b>Nullarbor videos</b> - Greg Bulling |

## NOVEMBER

|         |                           |                                      |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3 - 4   | Corra Lynn Cave           | Graham Pilkington                    |
| 10 - 11 |                           |                                      |
| 14      | COMMITTEE MEETING 7-30 pm | Murray Road, Inglewood               |
| 17 - 18 |                           |                                      |
| 24 - 25 |                           |                                      |
| 28      | GENERAL MEETING 7-30 pm   | <b>Cave Monitoring</b> – Stan Flavel |

## DECEMBER

|         |                                                        |                    |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 – 2   | Western Victoria – Joint CEGSA / VSA, including Dinner |                    |
| 8 – 9   |                                                        |                    |
| 12      | COMMITTEE MEETING 7-30 pm                              |                    |
| 15 - 16 |                                                        |                    |
| 22 - 23 |                                                        |                    |
| 29 -    | CAVE LEEUWIN – Margaret River, WA                      |                    |
| 29 -    | Tasmania                                               | Peter Kraehenbuehl |

Check with Membership Liaison Officer for any additions or alteration to the programme.