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FRONT COVER: As seen in Speleo Sports, Tas Trog 93, the "Wet and Dry" team (L to R) Peter "Krunchy" Kraehenbuehl (CEGSA), Heiko Maurer (FUSS), Janine Tamblyn (CEGSA) and Tania Wilson (FUSS).

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to another addition of the CEGSA Newsletter. As usual, I am continually looking for any trip reports, articles, photographs, drawings and/or sketches for future editions of the Newsletter, so please send them to me for publication. To those who offered articles for publication and actually made the effort to send the material to me, thank you.

Those who attended the March general meeting were able to listen to June MacLucas discuss her new appointment as the Group's Artist in Residence. June has been accepted by the Prospect Gallery for an Exhibition early next year of her artwork, drawings and photographs of the Nullarbor Plains and its caves. I'm sure that everyone wishes June all the best in her latest venture.

Our Librarian, George MacLucas, was busy at the March meeting, as with previous meetings, selling a wide range of CEGSA merchandise. This included past publications such as Occasional Papers number 4, 5 and 6, copies of Speleovision, as well as CEGSA stickers, cloth badges and lapel pins, all at bargain prices to members.

Tas Trog 93 saw an extension granted to the non-entry resolution to the Dome area of Mullamullang cave 6N37. This will be reviewed at the 1994 ASF Conference.

During the March general meeting, Paul Harper offered his services as Training Officer to teach members new skills. Paul at that time had organised a vertical cave training session, and asked the audience to advise him for their future training needs, so that he may best serve our training needs.

Also at the March meeting, Peter Kraehenbuehl (Krunchy) briefly discussed the action plan for the Caver Accreditation Committee and future training scheme for cavers. For more information please contact Krunchy.

Clare Busewell informed us about the continued problems surrounding the Exit cave and Benders Quarry situation in Tasmania. Our continued support is needed to lobby the Federal Government to help resolve these matters. For more information please contact Clare Busewell.

Have you changed your address lately? Then how about advising the Membership Officer to update your records and continue to receive your copy of this fine Newsletter.

Kevin Mott has been very busy lately. He has produced his own version of Index to Volume 36 and 37. These include actual cave listing rather than cave area listing, making it easier to find information on particular cave features. Kevin has kindly given a copy to Records and to publications. I intend to reproduce these Index in future Newsletters, when space permits. Thanks Kevin.

Those who attended the April meeting were entertained with a slide show of a recent caving trip to China and surrounding areas by Mark Sefton. We learned of a new rare cave speleothem, something like a stalagmite, which they have in Burma - these speleothems resemble a statue of Buddha. Apparently in Burma, the Buddha monks often built their Shrines in front of the entrance to a cave, where they seem to collect and store these Buddha statues. Thanks Mark.

It is increasingly difficult to prepare a programme for the Newsletter if no one advises the committee or me as to their intentions for an activity. I realise that this takes some planning and most of us like to do things with a little more spontaneity, but it would better serve new members and visitors if they could have ready access to this information. So could you future trip coordinators please give it some thought.

Mark THISELTON

TRIP REPORTS

GLENELG RIVER

24th October 1992

Party Fred & Jan Aslin, Kevin Mott, John & Alwyn Probert

Features 2, 3G1, 3G10, 3G21, 3G28, 3G51, 3G52, U/N

The aim of the trip was to document several features reported to Fred during the year and sort out some locations in the Glenelg River area.

The first feature looked at was an alleged site of a former still, known as Norman's Still, on the Victorian border. Like many of the dubious activities of the past, being located on the border had definite advantages when government inspectors turned up as you simply swapped states to suit. It does make subsequent locating somewhat difficult. There are two features at the site; an old well 0.8m square by 0.5m deep that has obviously been filled in and a collapse 1.0 x 1.4 x 1.4m deep.

The next site, 3G52, is a collapse adjacent to a quarry which reportedly opened up in July 1992. The entrance is 2.7 x 2.1 x 1.6m deep. It is a recollapse of an older filled in feature as the bottom consists of a mixture of small rocks and chicken wire. A 2m long passage heads off from the northern side. There is some development on the western side but it quickly chokes off. A shallow surface valley heads off SE from the feature.

3G10 was then relocated so the Vics could find it. It is pleasing to know it is exactly where it was last time.

The party then moved to Dry Creek where the boat was launched to look for features along the Glenelg River. We located 3G21 and surveyed the cave using hand compass and tape. The entrances to Amphitheatre Cave were looked at to compare them to a photograph that appeared on p4 of the winter 1992 edition of the Green Triangle Visitors News. They did not match. Peter Horne, it was subsequently discovered, has an almost similar photograph taken by a diver who claimed it was L2. L2 it is not but it must be nearby. One day!

A series of small joint controlled caves in the southern cliffs just downstream from Amphitheatre Cave were then located and mapped. These have been collectively issued with the identification of 3G51.

Pirates Cave was looked at but the water level was too high to be able to enter. A small cave downstream (3G28?) was looked at but once again high water levels made it difficult to verify the description.

We then moved on to L2 to investigate if a rumor of a hole to the surface existed in the back of the cave. No connection was evident either below or above ground. Approximately 40 bats were seen although no identification was made. The original map of the cave could do with an upgrade, particularly in regard to the direction of the cave.

Kevin MOTT

FLINDERS RANGES

October Long Weekend 1992

Party; Families; Flavel, Chapman, Rubessa and Charlesworth

Features; 5F3, 5F4

A trip was held over the October Long weekend to perform transforming miracles on the Bagalowie Homestead and clean up around Mairs 5F3 and Clara St Dora Caves 5F4 and assess reported damage and hazards.

A few extra days tacked onto the long weekend enabled a considerably more relaxed and productive time to be spent above and below ground. The weekend was WET!. It was good to have a roof over your head when it is bucketing down in the Flinders. The year to date was already one of the wettest on record and the countryside looking greener than I have ever seen it.

Mairs cave was considered unsafe and it was decided to prohibit entry after supporting super and substructure started collapsing into the cave earlier in the year. As CAVEX had already booked a trip into the area we were there to regulate access to Mairs cave and to assess suitability for repair and replacement.

The Homestead had been unused for 10 years and there was considerable wasp nest and cobweb to remove first. The house itself was in excellent structural condition and is in need of only minor repair. From my crowded shed at Inglewood I brought up 7 chairs and a table for use in the kitchen. The presence of a full tank of rainwater and nearby bore water is a big bonus. All we needed was a toilet and running water and we would have been most gratified. We spent a good day and a half removing tree roots from the toilet drain to enable some flow but alas other blockage thwarted us (no person was the right size or temperament to follow the breeze to the squeeze and dig dig dig). The usual trips into Clara St. Dora were interesting but uneventful.

A major trip into Mairs Cave was initiated to install a permanently affixed ladder away from the hazardous collapsing infrastructure and against the Northeastern wall. This ladder is a steel wire and rung quarry type attached to the steel frame of the gate structure. A slight angle and a pile of rock on the base makes this ladder a pleasure to use along with a more suitably placed belay rope.

Other trips over the weekend visited False wall cave whereupon an enthusiastic cave dig down a phreatic tube following a breeze was embarked upon by Eddie R. and Ian C. and Nugget (I surveyed the cave and watched for the snake!)

Two other small caves were found after a short cave search along the ridge and I am quite sure we have not exhausted all possibilities along Buckalowie Creek. Peter Rasheed told us of another limestone? deposit looking similar further to the south on Minburra station.

In summary:

- We have a hut to use by cavers in a caving area which now includes nearby Arcoota Creek and Mt. Sims caving areas on Holowilena Station.
- We have a landowner who is very cooperative and sympathetic to our cause.
- We have a cave with improved access for training and exploration.
- The surrounding area has great caving potential.
- It is a lovely area to stay.

Stan FLAVEL

UPPER SOUTH EAST - NARACOOORTE

30th January to 1st February 1993

Party; Damian Byrnes, Sue Pasalidis, Jeanette Chapman, Gary "Crash" Woodcock, Ian and Suzanne Charlesworth and Eddie Rubessa.

Features; 5U7, 5U8/9, 5U26, 5U37, 5U47, 5U58.

The aim of this excursion was to introduce a couple of non cavers to the joyous aspects of caving, namely Jeanette, Damian and Sue.

Saturday morning saw us proceeding to Appledore cave 5U7, an easy cave to start with. We walked along the "scenic" trail, which allowed me to point out a couple of other nearby caves. I noticed that Specimen cave 5U35 has been gated and locked with an insignificant lock.

It has been some time since I have last visited Appledore cave and as such I had forgotten that the end chamber contains some quite good patches of Moonmilk.

After exiting Appledore cave, we spent a lazy lunch awaiting the arrival of Ian and Suzanne, before we headed off to Cave Park cave 5U37. Sue however decided to relax back at the camping area and missed out on an interesting cave. We poked around in the eastern section of the cave, where we found that the bat chamber was quite active with aerial leathery bits and left them to pursue the other areas. Jeanette and Gary found an upper level, while Damian and I explored a crawl. With the sun setting, we made a mad dash to the camping area for a shower and then off to the pub to appease our gourmandic idiosyncrasies.

On Sunday morning we arranged to visit V.D.C. cave 5U26. After belaying in the inexperienced along with the infirm (Suzanne) we all congregated in the main chamber. Gary decided to exercise his camera with assistance from Jeanette and Damian. I decided to look up the dug entrance shaft.

It didn't take long for the neural impulses from my eyeballs to reach my legs, when I looked down next, a Nureyev leap and some exclamatory expletives (most befitting at the time), for below me was a brown snake of exaggerated dimensions, comfortably coiled up, complete with forked tongue, behind a very small rock. Naturally the other party members were highly amused by my performance. Apparently Ian and Damian had trogged over the same spot some fifteen minutes earlier!

A little later on, Ian and Suzanne were having an energetic domestic discussion concerning the continued existence of the ophidian inhabitant. Ian proposed a swift entrance to the spirit world, with the assistance of a limestone block. Suzanne however was more persuasive in preserving its existence a little longer. I think words like Doghouse or Divorce were mentioned.

Sunday afternoon saw us visiting S102 cave 5U47, but as no snakes were caving here at the time it was fairly mundane. Gary decided to take some more photographs, while the rest of us had a look at the lakes. That is until my light went dead and with Damian's light fading we nonchalantly made our way out.

On Monday morning, we all visited Blackberry cave 5U8/9. Up to the gate of the gated section of the cave and the area around the 5U8 entrance. Sue became delightfully excited when Suzanne pointed out some frogs at the 5U9 entrance. After some research, I tend to think that the frogs that we saw are example of *Limodynastes tasmaniensis*, Marbled Frog. Other frogs which were seen crawling up the NPWS toilet block walls on Friday night, seemed to be *Litoria ewingi*, Brown Tree Frog, anyway no one can contradict me!

After exiting Blackberry cave, we went straight to the entrance of Wombat cave 5U58, where it was a relief to get underground as the whole weekend was one great heat wave. Once inside, us Troglomenes made our way into the second chamber, and to our amazement Suzanne pointed out a Magpie, off to one side! Any way we left the bird and continued to go caving. Gary was trying his eye at some Glamour photography with the stalagmites and the Tites, while the rest of us relaxed enjoying this nicely decorated chamber. On the way out, I was given the unenviable task of recovering this latter day runt of a Pterodactyl, it was retrieved and released with a considerable amount of squawking.

It was an enjoyable weekend and the journey saw us stopping at Keith for drinks before continuing home.

Eddie RUBESSA

CEGSA CALL OUT CONTACT LIST

1993

The following list of names has been given to the Police/Emergency Services in case of a Caving Accident/Incident.

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When called, the people on the list will put our response plan into action. This may include anything from advice to physical assistance, depending on the situation.

Paul HARPER

RESCUE EXERCISE - NARACOORTE

3rd April 1993

Features 5L5, 5L21, 5L23, 5L25, 5U20, 5U21, 5U22, 5U23, 5U24, 5U102, 5U117

The purpose of the exercise, code named EXERCISE APRIL, was to

- 1 test the effectiveness of the G3 Cave Search and Rescue activation Plan
- 2 provide searching experience for Naracoorte CFS as a follow up to a previous S&R training course.

It would also provide an opportunity for all those likely to be involved in a real life situation to be able to work together and understand each others capabilities.

The scenario involved a group of three youths going caving after tea on a Friday night. All three had been caving casually for about eight years and enjoyed exploring caves and finding new passages. Their non return home that night aroused no undue concern as they often stayed overnight at each others' place.

At about 0700 hrs the next morning a local landowner contacts NPWS to report that a vehicle is abandoned on their property near Fox Cave 5U22. After investigation by park officials the car is reported to the Police. It is then determined that the youth who owned the car went caving the previous night with a couple of friends and have not been seen since. Given the number of caves in the area the Cave Search and Rescue Activation Plan is initiated. The exercise was generally allowed to flow naturally, although to a shortened time frame. The exercise co-ordinator was able to manipulate the series of events, if necessary, to ensure the exercise flowed freely.

A part of the Activation Plan includes calling out CEGSA to assist with the operation. To facilitate this into the exercise a group of Adelaide cavers were on a surveying/exploration trip to the Monbulla area. The Mount Gambier SES were delegated to locate the Adelaide cavers whilst on their way to Naracoorte.

While the search for the victims in 5U24 was underway an alert was raised for a missing person in 5U22. A guide noticed the gate to Fox Cave had been tampered with and it appeared that someone was in the cave. The two searches were run concurrently.

The exercise concluded at 1630 hrs and was followed by a barbecue and debrief.

At the end of the day all who took part felt they had learnt and achieved something. It was also felt that the aims of the exercise were achieved. Where modifications to call out procedures and the Activation Plan were identified as being necessary they will be made. In both incidents searchers came within metres of the victims but failed to locate them. Although the victims were probably more difficult to locate than real life situation the need for thorough searching and continuing practice was identified.

When each service has been through their own debriefings a comprehensive report on the exercise will be produced.

Thanks must go to those who helped organise the event, the landowners (both government and private) who made their caves available and NPWS for stepping in and providing catering.

Kevin MOTT

RESCUE EXERCISE - NARACOORTE

3rd and 4th April 1993

A Participants view.

Party: Paul Harper, John Meikle, Mac Macdonald, Chris Hales, David and Debra MacIntyre, John Callison, Dave Brinsley, Kevin Dickson, Bryon, Ray Hales, and Kathryn.

Features 5L5, 5L21, 5U20, 5U22, 5U24, 5U42.

The story starts with Kevin Mott asking for a dozen volunteers to take part in a Search and Rescue exercise at Naracoorte.

As with most caving trips, five people dropped out at the last moment, leaving us with ten active cavers and two observers. We were told to go caving at Monbulla cave 5L5 and Wrecked Car cave 5L21 until the S.E.S. contacted us there.

We arrived at Monbulla area around 9.30 am and slowly split up into three groups and went caving. Ten members of the Mt. Gambier S.E.S. and two local cavers arrived around 11 am, and as I was the only one left on the surface at the time, gave them a rough idea as to the whereabouts of each group underground. The local cavers brought maps with them and proceeded to orientate the S.E.S. as to the location of the many entrances to the caves. As the S.E.S. were preparing to go underground and search for our three cave groups, these same the cave groups made their own way back to the cars, so the S.E.S. didn't even have to go underground to find them!

The S.E.S. then briefed us as to the situation at Naracoorte, and we then travelled in convoy to the N.P.W.S. Headquarters at Naracoorte, where the command post for this exercise had been set up. We were then briefed by the Police Officer in charge, then given a drink and some food. Kevin Mott then showed us how to use a rescue stretcher in case it might be needed (for future reference this stretcher is stored at the Naracoorte Cave Conservation Park ticket office). We were then sent around to the property where the exercise was being staged.

The Naracoorte C.F.S. had been called out in the morning and had already searched several caves in the area, when we arrived they went back to NPWS headquarters for lunch. On the property was situated a command post with two communication vans, we reported to the officer in charge and he asked me to split the cavers into five groups of two. Two members of the S.E.S. then joined each group. Each group was then allocated a cave to search. These being Fox cave 5U22, Corner of the Fence cave 5U24 and Smoke-Tortoise caves 5U42/20.

Well, after several hours of searching, no victims were found. Apparently the victims, several pairs of overalls, were quite carefully placed in very awkward to get spots. When the organisers realised that the victims had been missed, the exercise was stopped. We all retreated back to the NPWS headquarters for a barbecue and debriefing.

Afterwards, the stalwarts stayed up for hours drinking and telling tales. The next day saw the cavers return to the exercise area to retrieve the "bodies".

All up it was a worthwhile and interesting exercise, which was well organised and well run, and will be a good reference for future exercises.

Paul HARPER

FLINDERS RANGES

February 1993

Party; Stan Flavel, Mac MacDonald, Eddie Rubessa, Nugget Chapman, The McIntyres and Relatives and a little dog.

Feature; 5F3.

This was it, the "cave gate repairers" nightmare!. After being the person dobbed in to render Mairs cave 5F3 safe, there I was atop the cave entrance wondering about the Meaning of Life and how we were going to get a massively awkward diesel welder up the hill and down again!

A new gate had been previously skillfully constructed by Nugget and along with all sort of tools, concrete mix, steel, welders, generators and under-tuned muscle we had ventured North not quite knowing the full extent of modifications necessary.

A mysterious benefactor had kindly lent a trailer based 200 amp welder which had to be person handled the last 100 metres. All other supplies (concrete, water, steel) likewise were dragged to the platform and stowed at a safe distance. The fun then began. All rotten timber and precarious rocks were removed from the rim and some material allowed to fall into the cave.

Solid steel bars were rammed and drilled into the mother rock at an angle and welded in place. Horizontal bars and tube were welded in place and reinforcing bars welded in other strategic places. The whole gate structure was lowered to be closer to the original rock level and welded in place. The new gate was fixed in place as were several (bright green) belay points. Corrugated iron was used to clad the lower level of the steel mesh and this was concreted to bind the whole structure to the natural rock. Concrete was poured over the remaining original stone embankment and large rocks used as backfill to finish to a flat platform. A lock placed on the new gate completed the job as the sun slowly set in the west. At the end of a grueling weekend we were completely stuffed!

Back at the house the rusted tank was repaired and locks fitted to secure the homestead and a tap was fitted to the bore water line to enable later connection to the house (showers for Eddie?)

We did partake in one nocturnal trip to into False Wall Cave to feed the snake and our appetites for underground sights.

A long trip back saw us arriving home just prior to sunrise and work for those of us still fit for work!

In summing up " a Herculean effort by all those involved " and I would like the group the dangerous and tiring conditions under which we worked next time any of you descend into the depths of the beloved Mairs Cave. The cave gate structure now has a "2 Sherman Tank" strength rating.

Stan FLAVEL

FLINDERS RANGES

August 1992

Party; Stan Flavel

Features; 5F3, 5F4

A solo one day trip was organized to coincide with a Paul Harper CEGSA trip to Mairs 5F3 and Clara St Dora Caves 5F4 and to introduce the new landowner Mr. Peter Rasheed and his sons Nick and John to the delights of the best known two caves on their property. The result of this most useful meeting was to establish a link with Peter and talk about use of the unused Bagalowie Homestead as a campsite and meeting point for caving activities in the surrounding area as well as establishing the necessary ground rules for caving access and control to those caves on Minburra Station.

Stan FLAVEL

NORTHERN FLINDERS RANGES

Easter 1993

Party; The Families Flavel, Reardon and Chapman, Cathy and Dean

Features; 5F11, 5F65, 5F104, 5F105

The lure of the Flinders dragged me from my slumber once again, and this time to the Narrina Station area north of Blinman.

The object of the this trip was to avoid the hordes of cavers at Bagalowie and to enjoy the peace of a more sublime caving area.

We stayed at the hut on the western side of the property in weather conditions no less than perfect (swimming in the nearby springs was enjoyed by all of the eight children on this expedition)

As caving and Bat catching were the main adult activities planned the youngsters leisure time consisted of eating, swimming, walking and Easter egg hunting. Several small cave features 5F104, 5F105 were found and one and one other cave 5F65 was bottomed to 20 metres. Many kilometres were covered on foot searching and the elusive caverns have not yet revealed themselves.

Apart from deforming chassis and exhausts on Nugget's wagon the trip was most successful and enjoyable. A quick trip into Woodendinna Cave 5F11 on the home journey was appreciated by all.

The overwhelming impression I have is that there still is a huge amount of Limestone on Narrina Station that warrants further looking at and I don't need much arm twisting to venture back and explore. The Irelands are quite cooperative and supportive in our ventures and with an all weather hut with water it is another good base to explore from (however the remoteness and track condition warrants four wheel drive access).

Stan FLAVEL

FLINDERS RANGES

BUCKALOWIE CREEK AREA

Easter 1993

Party Macdonalds (Mac, Julie, Christopher, Tristan), Hales (Chris, Sandy, Mack, Ryan), Charlesworths (Ian, Suzanne), Athol Jackson & family, John Meikle (by himself), Gary (Crash) Woodcock, Jeanette (Goldilocks), Tim and Michelle (visitors).

Features 5F3, 5F4, 5F6, 5F7, 5F35.

A leisurely trip, staying in Bagalowie Homestead, electricity, water, toilet, hot showers on the front verandah, BBQ at the back - there are now seven real beds with mattresses and a spare double mattress.

Friday

One team went to Mairs cave 5F3 to clean debris from the fixed ladder and installed spacers on it to keep it away from the wall a bit, they also set up a separate lock for the SRT pitch - the two gates now require separate keys. The other party had an easy day mostly in Clara St. Dora cave 5F4 with some also taking a quick trip into Mairs cave 5F3.

Saturday

Gary's birthday, We all went to Mairs cave 5F3, some abseiling down the small cliff face above the cave.

Sunday

We headed to the Mt. Simms area, meeting members of FUSS on the way. The gate to Mt. Simms cave 5F7 has been forced open and will be a difficult repair job. We found Good Friday cave 5F7 with no trouble at all, but nobody thought it would be so easy and so went searching for it anyway - noted fairly damp inside compared to dry dusty conditions on previous visits. Returned to Bagalowie with minor detour to inspect small cave/mine with a dig atop a hill near Arcoota creek cave 5F5.

Monday

After a brief visit to False Wall cave 5F35 (the snake was gone) we went home via the Orroroo rubbish dump.

Mac MacDONALD

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From the Border Watch - February 19, 1935 (Tuesday)

PENOLA MAN AND TWO GIRLS LOST IN MONBULLA CAVES FOR SEVEN HOURS.

Penola, February 18.

Dog Attracts Attention, Search by 60 Men, Lights of explorers give out

Lost in the Monbulla Caves after their lights had given out, a well known Penola resident and two young girls had an unenviable experience on Sunday.

Sixty men gathered at the caves to assist in the search, and it was 11.30 p.m. before the missing party was found.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. Jas. Hill and Misses Dennis and G Whittle with Miss Lottie McKay, motored to the caves, and after partaking of afternoon tea Mr. Hill and the two young girls set out to explore about 4.30. The girls each took a half candle and Mr. Hill a torch.

They explored what is known as the old cave and then entered the new cave and wandered on and on until they noticed that the candles were almost used. Mr. Hill then extinguished one candle and they turned to retrace their steps. The candles were soon used, and the torch proved of little use, as the battery was almost run down.

Miss McKay was reading in the car and had not noticed the lateness of the afternoon until her attention was attracted by Mr. Hill's cocker spaniel, which would run to the mouth of the cave and bark, and then run to the car.

Five mile walk.

Miss McKay could see no sign of the party and became alarmed. Mr. Hill had the keys of the car in his pocket so that she had to walk for assistance, the nearest phone being at Yallum House, five miles away.

Miss McKay fortunately found Mr. Clifford at home at 8.50, and she rang M.C. Provis to bring men who were familiar with the caves. Mr. Clifford drove Miss McKay back and there was still no sign of the missing party.

There were soon 60 men at the caves, provided with torches and coils of twine.

Messrs. G. Clark and T. Kidman too (sic) one direction, and Messrs. T. Malcolm and M. Kidman another. Messrs. C. Black and J. Tregenza entered the new cave and found the party about 11.30 p.m.

Mr. Hill was familiar with the caves, but did not wish to leave them alone in the intense dark while he found the way out. Their clothing was badly torn, and Miss Dennis severely cut and bruised.

The men lit a fire and provided the party with tea. Dr. Bourke was waiting, but fortunately the party was not in need of medical attention.

The Monbulla Caves extend for miles and are little known.

As a great area has never been explored, the anxiety of waiting relatives and friends was intense.

*From the Border Watch - 6 November, 1925***New Cave Discovered****SUBTERRANEAN WONDERS OF NARACOOORTE**

Naracoorte, November 2.

It is the opinion of many local residents that many more caves exist in the caves range to the south-east of the township, where there are already a number of beautiful caves open, which attract tourists from all parts of the Commonwealth. Mr. R. Leitch, the energetic caretaker of the Caves, has been carrying on a search for new caves for some time, being a strong believer that many more caves await opening up in the vicinity of the present underground caverns. He has been successful within the last few months in discovering a cave, some two miles nearer the town than the present caves, which, when properly opened and sufficiently lighted, should rival the Alexandra Cave in natural beauty and magnitude. The cave at present consists of three main chambers, which lead through a maze of stalactites and stalagmites, shawl work, cord work and curious and striking formations. It is entered at a depth of about 60 feet from the top of the surface. The three main channels of the cave are easily accessible, but a good deal of work will have to be done before entrances can be effected into the many mysterious passages and inlets off the main compartments.

The new cave is said to exceed in natural beauty any of the other caves, and to contain many new formations and colourings. The caretaker of the Caves (Mr. R. Leitch) has expended much time and hard work in discovering this cave, and has had good assistance from Messrs. Len Gartner and R. Hazlett, who have worked with him night after night, and often into the hours of the morning, in finding out a way into the cave. It is hoped that the work of these men will receive recognition from the Government to whom the cave will be handed over. The Caves are under the control of the Tourist Bureau Department, and an early visit from the director (Mr. V.H. Ryan) and representatives of the Government is anticipated to inspect the new discovery and arrange for having it opened up.

*From the Border Watch - 12 June, 1869***DISCOVERY OF A CAVE**

While the Council workmen were engaged yesterday in getting up the boats off the Blue Lake, they discovered an opening in the rock, which on entering proved to be an extensive cave. They explored it for about 20 yards, without getting to the end of it; but were forced to desist as they had no lights with them. Foreman Blackmore brought out a number of specimens with him, a few of which he has left at our office. They are somewhat dingy in color (sic) and resemble lumps of coral.

*From the Border Watch - 29 April, 1891***GUANO**

From the Compton Caves; rich in ammonia and phosphates; splendid fertilizer;
4 per ton at cave, 4 5s on trucks at Mount Gambier.

A. KAUFFMAN & SON, Adelaide;
C. HOLLOWAY, Compton Downs, Gambier.

Analysis of Compton Guano proves the richest deposit in Australia.

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