



NEWS

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This is the trial issue of a new caving publication. Its purpose is to provide up to date information about recent trips and advance notice of future expeditions. It will contain, also, any and all such news that could be of interest to our members.

Unlike our other publication, the "Southern Caver", the continuance of "SCS News" is dependant directly on the interest shown in it by members. At a general meeting in the near future the society will be asked for the decision whether July, August, etc. issues should be attempted or the publication ceases with the present issue.

When you judge the "SCS News", do not pay too much attention to the format for this need not be static; the contributors certainly will be different. Only the subject matter will, in a broad sense, be the same! There will be trip reports, notice of future trips, some personal parts and exchange of member information such as disposal of caving equipment. To this end, members will be solicited to provide items for inclusion in the "News".

Meetings.

The Society continues to come together on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at the Lenah Valley RSL Club Hall, 188 Lenah Valley Rd. There is a general meeting each alternate Wednesday (eg. the first one in July will be on the 14th.). The other Wednesdays serve for discussing plans for trips in the coming weekend and for hashing out experiences in previous trips.

The members of the committee can be contacted at work and at home and will usually be only too glad to assist members with any caving problem that will not wait until a Wednesday.

Personal.

The activities of the president and treasurer are becoming rather apparent. Joan Terauds (wife of the prez) has a lot in front of her and our wish for Angie Cockerill (the treasurer's better half), too, is that everything comes out well.

One of our strongest cavers for many years, Geof Fry, is in hospital. As members will know Geof was involved in a serious motor-bike accident last year. He has borne the long hospitalisation with remarkable fortitude. Members are reminded that they may visit Geof as he is interested in the Society's activities. Geof is in the mens ward at Wingfield.

Cavers outside the State, temporarily, include:

Gray Wilson	-----Victoria.
Rob Horner	-----Papua and New Guinea.
Steve Vince	-----Solomon Is.
John Morley	-----Victoria.

If past experience is any judge our prodigals will return with a hunger for caving. So, please drop them a line, now and again, to let them know that we are still active cavers. The executive has the addresses.

June Trips.

12 - 14th June. An interesting trip on the long weekend, it will be remembered by many. The area was Mole Creek, the cave Khubla Khan.

The party consisted of John Morley (leader), Steve Street, Greg Blake, Chris Harris, Leonie Smith, Graeme Watt and two visitors. John was called upon to display his leadership qualities during an incident that had the potentialities of turning into something really bad. Fortunately, the party consisted of really able cavers and the two visitors were no handicap either. The incident, an injury to a SCS member, could thus be turned to advantage in that experience in rescue technique was gained by the members of the party.

19 - 20th June. Three separate groups of cavers met at Hastings over the weekend in a trip planned by Mike Cole. The participants were: Dave Elliott and Kevin Kiernan; Mike Cole, Neil James and visit or (↑); and Aleks Terauds, Chris Harris and Graeme Watt. The purpose of the trip was to do a surface survey and general scrub bash. Both aims were achieved and a number of cave-s were found (or ? re - discovered) and they as well as some old friends were numbered. Some caving was done as well.

27th June. Mike Cole again led a trip to Hastings. His team was Kevin Kiernan, Chris Harris and Graeme Watt. The Sunday was spent digging. According to Mike one half ton of rock was removed from a choked entrance of a hole "above" Beattie Cave but more work is required before the full possibilities can be assessed.

Future Trips.

4th July. Aleks Terauds is planning to continue the survey of Welcome Stranger. At the moment his fellow starters appear to include Dave Elliott, John McCormack, and Mike Cole. More bods are required both for the survey group and the photographic tour planned by Paul Schupp while the surveys in progress.

Unknown Date. Dave Elliott and Ron Mann intend to go to Mole Creek one weekend in July. Any other starters?

Unknown Dates. Mike Cole, Area Officer for Hastings, will grab anybody who even thinks of caving for trips to Hastings. A number of day and weekend trips and anything else you can think of, are envisaged.

Cave Numbering.

In the very near future, details of a cave numbering system embracing the allocated cave numbers already applied to csve entrances throughout Tasmania, by the three clubs, will be published.

Following the article published in Speleo-Spiel by Albert Goede, on the proposed system of cave numbering, discussions between Frank Brown TCC-NB, Albert Goede TCC and Bob Cockerill SCS, a standard form has been designed. These forms will be required to be completed in triplicate for interchange between clubs, thus enabling complete records of each cave and cave entrance to be kept by each club.

Full details, explanations and guiding notes, with a specimen form will be published in the Southern Caver and shall also be separately circulated to the relevant officers of the various clubs.

---- reference: Bob Cockerill.

Cave Nomenclature Committee.

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