

# SCS NEWS

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The "SCS News" was launched last month with all the excitement that accompanies the first issue of almost every new publication. The heading designed by the editor had not been produced by the artist when the issue was put on the presses on the night of June 29. Late in the afternoon of June 30 (the "SCS news" was to be distributed at 8p.m. this night) the 'printer' rang the editor to say that the heading was still not available. Things looked grim. But the editor of the "Southern Caver", John McCormack, came to the rescue. Between 6p.m. and 8p.m. on the night of June 30, John designed a new heading, drew it on a stencil and "printed" it on the 50 copies of the "SCS News".

The original heading was finally prepared by the editor, himself and it is hoped to place it on this issue of the "SCS News". Hoped is the key word.

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## Meetings.

General meetings of the Society during August will fall on the following days: 11th and 25th. On the remaining Wednesdays members will meet to plan future trips and to check caving gear.

## Equipment.

The Society has purchased 600 feet of new rope. It is 1 - 3/8" nylon guaranteed climbing rope and will be used primarily for belays. It is envisaged that originally two 120 foot lengths will be prepared, the remaining 360 ft. being kept in reserve as one length. The purchase of the new rope has been in line with the safety consciousness of the Society in providing members with dependable equipment.

The Society is about to acquire two sets of cloggers. They will be available to members as required.

Ten pounds of fluorescein have also been ordered. This material will be available for use in any situation where its use is considered to be warranted by the Society.

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## Personal.

SCS Secretary, Michael (Tich) Cole was 21 on 26th July. Many members of the Society were present at the surprise party in Mike's honour at 66 Carlton St. The Society extends to Mike its sincere congratulations and wishes him many more years of successful caving.

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## July Trips.

4th July. Day trip to Welcome Stranger (J.F. 229).

A party consisting of Aleks Terauds, John McCormack, Mike Cole, Paul Schupp, Kevin Kiernan, Chris Harris and Graeme Watt made the trip. Aleks, John and Graeme replaced the former survey markers with more durable plastic ones; Mike placed about 1 lb of fluorescein into a swallet (discovered New Years Day, 1970) about 1/2 mile east of the entrance at 12.20p.m. Paul and Kevin saw the first colour in the W.S. sump at 12.53p.m. At 1p.m. the water 25 yards down stream from the sump



was a strong green colour.

It was unfortunate that at least one visiting TCC bod, present in the cave during the tracing, got his white feet green. His complaints can be read elsewhere. It is truly sad that some scientific theories will not stand up to facts.

17th July. Steve Harris led a party of nine members of the University Geology Students' Club to Welcome Stranger and Pigmy Cave. An enjoyable trip by all.

21st July. A Wednesday evening and night trip, led by Steve Harris and urged on by Kevin Kiernan and Chris Harris made an exciting break through at Hastings. A 150 ft. extension in Trafalgar Pot was linked up with Erebus (Waterloo Swallet). The former cave was given the number, H 207. Kevin has prepared a Grade 2 survey map of the caves and fuller details will be published in the Southern Caver. The break-through party returned to Hobart at 4a.m. the next morning, not completely convinced of the desirability of future mid-week trips during the winter.

24th July. A party led by Aleks Terauds and consisting of Chris Harris, Steve Street, Graeme Watt and Kevin Kiernan laddered J.F. 251. The cave disappointed all by choking out at 35 feet. J.F. 251 was next looked at. In the previous weeks a strong creek had been flowing into this cave making it inaccessible. On this day no water entered the cave and a descent was made to the first chamber (25ft. ladder pitch). The next drop was not attempted because of lack of time.

25th July. Kevin Kiernan and Dave Elliott surveyed up Chesterman's Road and Adamsons Fall Track from Wolf Hole track to within about 1000ft. of a Swallet on the other side of the hill - the swallet is believed to contain Hell's Half Acre Creek.

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#### Caving News.

Kevin Kiernan, putting to good use his caving experience, discovered a high aven near Hell's Half Acre during a trip with TCC. This finding further improves the possibilities for the Newdegate System. Kevin has incorporated this and many other recent discoveries in a survey map of the Hastings area.

Cavers note that the wooden ladder has been removed from King George V Cave at Hastings.

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#### Future Trips.

1st August. Dave Elliott, Ron Mann and Steve Steeet are going on a photographic expedition to Welcome Stranger.

8th August. Aleks Terauds - Maydena.

1st Weekend September. Mike Cole is planning a trip to Adamson's Peak. He envisages a camp in the scrub, possibly Friday and Saturday nights, and is confident of new caving discoveries.

2nd Weekend September. Kevin Kiernan intends to do a water tracing at Hastings and requires the help of six cavers..

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#### Advertisement

Kevin, Chris and Steve have Lake Pedder postcards for sale. Anybody interested may contact the above.

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I consider it most interesting that a few of our younger members can enjoy friendly trips with the TCC. I personally would like to see much more of this as I would like to see more TCC members on our trips. It is only by getting to know one another better that the two Southern clubs will avoid such misunderstandings occurred in Khubla recently.

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