

Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

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6th May, 1957.

During the last two or three months the Club has held some very successful trips. First - our record-breaking descent into Growling Swallet at Florentine Valley reaching a depth of 560 feet, breaking the previous record by about 40 feet. Second - the discovery of a new small cave near Entrance Cave - Ida Bay - and several others at Hastings. Third - exploration of several new caves in Mole Creek. Also a visit was paid to the Wet Caves which still has many possibilities. Let's keep up this fine work.

New Members:            T. Adams.            J. Poynter. (Jun.)  
                              J. Shipway.          J. Wanless.

The Committee wishes to draw your attention to Rule 1, Clause 2). Preserve the caverns from damage or disfigurement by such acts as souvenir collecting or marking of names or initials. Further the Committee has accepted the following rule. (This will be General Rule 10 as from 28th April, 1957 onwards):

II. That visitors be permitted on Club trips only

- a). if they are financial members of a recognised Caverneering Club visiting Tasmania, or
- b). with the consent of the Party Leader if they reside outside a twenty mile radius of the G.P.O., Hobart, or
- c). with the authority of the Committee.

II. That failing a direction from the Committee, visitors be charged equipment and/or insurance fees at the discretion of the Party Leader.

Forward Program:

11th May. Practice in Rock Climbing and Rope Work. Chauncy Vale. Leave G.P.O. at 9.00 a.m.

18-19th May. Hastings. Investigation of new entrances and digging in new Cave. There are six possibilities - who knows, one of them might prove to be a second Newdegate Cave?

20th May. Quarterly Meeting at the home of D. Seymour, 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point. Slides will be shown at end of meeting, if you have any bring them.

1st, 2nd June. Florentine. Exploration of Bone Pit and if time available, exploration of lower entrances to Pillinger's Creek Cave. Camp at Maydena.

15, 16, 17 June. Mole Creek. Further exploration of two new caves, plus a trip to Lynd's Cave and see the new cave beyond the Talus. One of our members has wormed his way through this talus and admired the scenes of many beautiful formations so far unseen by the other members of the Club.

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Famous last words:

After echoing noise of falling rock has subsided -  
"Don't panick, it is only soft stuff." [Q]