

Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

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Circular.

27th January, 1958.

The last two months have been a period of great activity for the Club. The last weekend in November, a party discovered a new cave in the Florentine Valley near the end of the forestry road. It was reported to contain some good formation.

Another party went to Hastings in December and made some unsuccessful digging attempts to find a new cave.

The Christmas holidays saw party of six at Mole Creek. Here a great discovery was made. Using two rubber dinghies, members explored the downstream section of the underground river in Kubla Khan. They found white fish, an enormous river chamber, and some fabulous formation. This new discovery received considerable publicity in the press and over the air and has aroused a lot of interest in caving. The party also found an interesting new passage in Howe's Cave with some good formation. Two new caves were explored by the Club and were christened Elsie's Cave and Wombat Cave respectively. Elsie's Cave yielded an interesting collection of fossil bones, while Wombat Cave brought the party face to face with a life wombat.

Two members spent more than three weeks in the West Coast area. No caves were found near the Jane River, but some promising potholes were discovered in Bubb's Hill. The deepest one is an estimated 150 ft. vertical drop followed by a steep slope of unknown length. The limestone area was found to be more extensive than had been thought and is close to the Lyell Highway.

Two other members spent a few days in Gunn's Plains but reported no new discoveries.

Club membership is increasing and several prospective members are on the list.

A. Goede has resigned as Hon. Treasurer as he will be leaving soon for Europe and R. Dowden has taken over the post. Several members have still not paid their subscription for 1957-'58 and a cross here () means you!!!

New Member. B. Duhig. c/- E.S.A. Bank, Elizabeth St.

Prospective Member. J. C. Green. c/- E.S.A. Bank, Elizabeth St.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

8-9 February. Field Day at Kingston Beach (North). Members inexperienced in rope and ladder work are specially requested to attend. The field day will be followed by a barbecue. (Bring your own supplies including drinks)
Visitors 2/- a couple. Please notify R. Kent - J 1673 or F. Brown - B 4826.

15-16 February. Weekend trip - Hastings - Ida Bay.

22-23 February. Combined trip with the Launceston Walking Club to Kubla Khan - Mole Creek.

1,2-3 March. Potholing - Bubb's Hill - Lyell Highway. Leave on Friday night - 28th February.

Marines H. De Vries, Hon. Secretary. B 5247.

Famous Last Words.

I'll catch that fish yet SPLASH!!!