TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB CIRCULAR

May, 1960

HON. PATRON

We are pleased that His Excellency the Governor, Lord Rowallan, K.T., K.B.E., M.C. has accepted the office of Patron. OFFICE-BEARERS

The following office-bearers were elected at the Annual General Meeting - President M. De Vries, Vice-President D.F. Turner, six committee members K. Burns, F. Hasler, F. Brown, D. Lyons, A. Goede, and F. Peterson. D. Lyons was appointed ASF delegate and Brian Duhig TFN delegate. Since the Annual General Meeting K. Burns has been re-appointed treasurer, F. Hasler quartermaster, F. Peterson secretary and John Chick has been co-opted as assistant secretary.

TRIP SECRETARY

David Elliott has kindly consented to take names for forth-coming trips provided that members ring 4 1335 between 10 a.m. and 3.30p.m. up to and including the Wednesday prior to any trip.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due for the financial year 1960/61. the amount owing by you is \pounds / .

BULLETIN

Your article for the next Bulletin would be greatly appreciated. Our latest issue is now with the printer.

AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION CONFERENCE

The Third Biennial ASF Conference will be held in Canberra, A.C.T., from December 27th, 1960 to December 30th, 1960. Field trips over a period of three weeks are being planned and the following areas will probably be visited, - Yarrangobilly, Bungonia and Bendethera. The Tasmanian contingent will be departing via the 'Princess' on December 24th and the present estimated total cost is £50. If you wish to attend please forward a deposit of £5 to the Secretary by 30th. June. So don't delay - be in it!

PUBLIC SLIDE EVENING

If you have any slides suitable for a slide show Des Lyons would appreciate your help.

PERSONAL

Congratulations to Kerry and Mary Burns on the birth of a daughter and an extra good wish to Kerry on being one of 25 through-out Australia to be selected for a post-graduate G.M.H. scholarship. Since our last circular John R. Fairhall, 54 Berriedale Road, Berriedale has become a prospective member, John Chick a full member, and Joh Hasenkam has been made an Honorary Associate of the Club.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

June 25/26 - Hastings, leader F. Brown.

July 9/10 - Entrance Cave, leader A. Goede.

General Meeting - Friday 1st. July, Geology Department, Sandy Bay.
Bring a supper contribution.

Mr. M.R. Banks will give an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to the United States.

Trip Secretary — Hon. Secretary—
D. Elliott, E.S.& A. Bank, F. Peterson, 8 Swanston St.
Bellerive. (4 1335) [F] New Town. (8 1263)

Dear Member,

Enclosed is the notice of an Extra-ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Geology Department, University of Tasmania, on the 3rd of September at 8.00 p.m.

The function of this Club is primarily that of exploring and investigating caves. However, of recent months, our endeavours in this direction have come to a complete standstill due to the inability of our committee to function harmoniously. Whilst this lack of harmonious accord cannot be attributed to any member of the club or committee, the cumulative effect has been to reduce the activities of the club from that of a happy unit to the despicable standard of a South American banana republic. Whilst this state of affairs may be entertained in any other form of society it cannot in the very nature of things be tolerated in a caving club. The need for harmony and accord in any group of people indulging in a hazardous sport such as caving must be complete or the unit will cease to function.

Whilst this measure is not a counsel of despair, we feel that extreme action must be taken to re-establish the cooperative spirit which we have maintained in the preceding fourteen years.

The main function of the meeting is to critically examine the position which the club finds itself in. We feel that the committee, hedged about by the constitution as they are, and encumbered by vast numbers of redundant sub-committees, could not possibly transact club business satisfactorily. Furthermore, we feel that the committee has not been attempting to overcome the difficulties that it faces and that the existing committee must be dissolved and a new executive, based on a new approach, established.

This is a crucial period in the club's history. Without the support of all club members, active or inactive, we greatly fear that the club could founder.

We therefore demand your support. We consider it vital that you attend personally. If you cannot attend, please send your written proxy to one of the undersigned.

SIGNED

D. F. Turner F. R. Brown, M. H. De Vries, F, L. Hasler H. O. de Vries

Please note the following:-

The scheduled club trip to Mole Creek for the weekend, 3rd-4th September has been cancelled, due to receipt of the notice calling for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting for the 3rd of September. Please assist the organisers by contributing something towards the supper.

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