

THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB CIRCULAR
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Editorial

It all started 10 years ago in Correll's Cave, and from a small group of keen Rover Scouts it has developed into a closely-knit and flourishing organisation of 60-odd members. These original members have in the main left the Group, and with them has gone some of the original spirit gained through exploring an almost new horizon. Stories are still told of the early days, and of the many incidents that have moulded and shaped the existing club. Take the rules and constitution and find one of the few original members. Instead of the rules being just things to break, the pages become alive with the fun and comradeship that was very much alive in the early days. These, older members, the 'armchair trogs' have guided the Group [through] the highest and brightest times of its existence, such as last year when membership was at its peak, and through dull periods, for example three years ago when through the rallying of one man, an armchair trog now, the group was saved from disbandment.

Whatever is a fool in the Group, no matter how hair-brained or how sensible, there is always somebody from the armchair group who is willing to listen and to advise. Too many of the younger members only condemn, for to these hot-heads actual caving is everything. Remember, these people also went through the growing phases, but we are more fortunate, we have advisors who know how, and are willing to help us. In the early days mistakes made were steps backward, and lost ground is not readily and rapidly recovered in a developing organization.

Don't think that active caving is everything. If there were only active cavers in the Group, what kind of organization would we have? It takes both types, the 'thinkers' and the 'workers' to make a functional group. With caving family responsibilities gradually take precedence over weekends-away and exploration underground, and eventually, as years go by, 'workers' are forced by society to become 'thinkers'. These people are not finished, they would enjoy a caving trip more than most of the active trogs, but they just can't. Don't condemn them, more than likely they are better cavers than you will ever be. Be tolerant - remember everybody in the Group has his place, and without armchair as well as active trogs the Group would not have been there for you when you were interested.

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Subscriptions

At the end of March most members will be unfinancial. Think back! Were you financial this year and last, if not, howl about bringing those subs up to date. We would be very pleased to receive them and see you on trips again.

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Annual General Meeting

All members are asked to make the effort to come along and bring a friend. This promises to be a good meeting, and we will be showing two new films, one of particular interest is the rescue of an injured caver.

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Cave Names

New names submitted for A.G.M.

Shish Kabub	-	Formerly Top Hole
Old Jamaica Corner	-	Feature resurgence at back of gours next to large flowstone
Dangerous Hole	-	Just below Shish Kabub
Georgies Hole	-	Cave on Lingers Property

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Forward Programme

Feb. 13th-14th	? ? ? ? ? ?
Feb. 27th-28th and 1st March	Mole Creek
Feb.25th	Committee Meeting
March 25th	A.G.M. U.T.G.D. 8 p.m.

If you wish to make a trip come to the Barclay any Wednesday night and make the necessary plans.

Long Weekend

This was spent at Mole Creek and we were very pleased to welcome 5 1/2 West Coasters who enjoyed themselves very much. Ron Kent took us to a cave he had found while paddling up the Mersey River. This turned out to be Lynds, so at last we have seen it! The Northern Group did a good job of linking Cow Cave with Pyramid, and some Southern Members went diving in Kubla Khan. All round, it was a successful weekend. The Queenstown Branch will be going to Mole Creek for Easter so we will be able to join them there.

Change of Address

If you have changed your address or will be doing so in the near future please notify the Secretary to insure delivery of circulars.

Engagement

Joan Halton recently announced her engagement to fellow caverneer Peter Brabon.

News Headlines

Albert has written thanking us for looking after his friends at Xmas.

Michael is on his way to Japan and then maybe Australia.

Harry deVries may be back for a holiday in June, and Rene expects to be a daddy sometime this year.

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