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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

[Nov. 1947]

PROGRAMME.

- Nov. 1-2-3 Probably to Hastings. Will any starters contact K.S. Iredale as soon as possible.
- Nov 15th. Ladder Work at the Sphinx Rock. Leader P. Allnutt 9.30 a.m. Ferntree Bus.
- Nov. 29-30 Weekend Camp on Mt. Faulkner and exploration of Limestone area. Leader P. Allnutt Catch 9-10 a.m. train to Granton. Return Saturday evening if you dont want to camp. It will be possible to join the party on Sunday by catching the 6.15 a.m. train to Granton.
- Dec. 10th. Card Evening at John de Bavay's Home, Woodstock Cascades. Trolley Bus to terminous 8.p.m. Bridge and Solo for the serious and for the others Table games in a separate sound proofed room. Expenses 2/- per head i.e. 8/- per table. Ladies bring a basket please. Book your table with K.S. Iredale before Dec. 1st.
- Dec. 22nd BOOK THIS DATE NOW. Christmas Social at the 7H.T Theatrette. We are combining with the Hobart Walking Club for this event and it will be something to remember. Further details later.

Party Leaders

If you want too be a party leader it will be necessary to pass the set tests. On and after 1st April 1948 only those members who have passed the tests will be party leaders.

If you want to be examined approach the examiner. A list of the essentials for First Aid by F. Brown is enclosed. It is hoped to print a similar sheet on Cavern dangers at an early date.

Hastings Caves.

Two recent parties to Hastings have continued excavations at the end of the Cathedral and there is now a tunnel some 15ft. long. We don't know where we're going but we are getting there.

The new steel rope ladder should be completed soon, and an attempt will be made to descend the deep hole discovered above the Newdegate creek.

A four sheet map of Newdegate has been printed and is available for inspection or purchase at 18 Elizabeth st.

A single sheet small scale map is also available and a four sheet map of Gunn's Plains. Maps. 2/- per sheet

K. S. Iredale
Hon. Secretary
18 Elizabeth St.

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Programme

- Nov. 29-30th Exploration of caves on Mt. Faulkner
 A cave at least 80 ft.¹ deep is guaranteed, so do not miss this pioneer trip in local country. Full camping gear is required for Saturday night, but the gear need only be carried three miles each way. Limited tent accomodation can be provided for those who want it if they contact the secretary or leader before Nov. 26th. Catch the 9.35 a.m. train to Claremont. Camp will be made at the fork of the two head branches of the Abbotsfield Rivulet. For those coming later than the main party: Walk 1.25 miles up Abbotsfield Rd to the first road on left past Abbotsfield poultry farm and enquire at Mr. S. Barwick's house (the third on the right along this branch road and just before a small bridge) for directions for reaching the camp sight. Please let the leader Mr. P. Allnutt (W2230) know if you are coming. A day trip either Sat or Sunday can be arranged for those not wanting to camp.
- Dec. 10th. Card and Games Evening at Mr. J. de Bavay's home. Woodstock Cascades. Take trolley bus to terminus. Expenses 2/- each. Would ladies bring a basket. Names to K. Iredale or J. de Bavay by Dec. 1st
- Dec. 16th. General Meeting. Tasmanian Museum 8.p.m.
 Business. To discuss a recommendation from the committee that an insurance policy be taken out to cover members on all official trips.
 To adopt new names for caves and features in accordance with the constitution.
 Followed by a talk by D. Lyons on Knots Made Easy (Meeting will adjourn at 10 p.m. but Des does not have to be at work until 9a.m. Hangman's not definately not included)
- Dec. 22nd Christmas Party joint with the Walking Club. at 7 HT Theatrette. Keep this date free
- Dec. 26 to Jan4 Gunn's Plains. Names of members wanting to spend Christmas - New year caverneering to the secretary as soon as possible please. Transport available for twelve.
Hastings. It may be possible to arrange two four day trips to Hastings over Christmas and New Year holidays. Would anyone wanting to join these parties get in touch with the secretary.

New Names The following names have been approved by the committee and will be placed before the next General Meeting for adoption.

At <u>June</u>	The Little Dipper	<u>Marakoopa</u>	LimeTree
<u>Ida Bay Area</u>	Mystery Creek Cave		Hanging Walls
	Bradley Chesterman Cave		Long Creek
	Spider Cave Exit Cave		Short Creek

¹ 48' is handwritten above.

Hastings Area

in King George Skeleton Pool
In Newdegate Pop Hole
 Wee Three Crack
 Ogilvie Hall
Hole Discovered by J. Luckman
 Erebus

Near Lynds Cave Soda Creek

Lynds Cave

The Y Copper Walls
 Porcelain Pagoda
 Ivory Tower
 Corkscrews
 Altar Candle
 Deception Pool
 Porthole

Kubla Khan

Croesus Cave

Frosted Icing
Golden Stairway
Terraced Creek
Candlestick
Candlestick Chamber

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB. [2 Aug 1949]

Office Bearers for 1949-50

Patron	Sir Hugh Binney K.C.B. D.S.O.
President	S.R.Lighton
vice President	Miss. E. Smith
Hon. Secretary	K.S. Iredale 18 Elizabeth St
Hon. Treasurer	D. Elliott 70 Tasma St. Nth Hobart
Hon. Social Sec.	Miss J. Bashfield c/o Geology Dept
Keeper of Archives	M.Banks c/o Geology Dept.
Quartermaster	F.Brown 15 Harrington St. Dev.
Committee Members	S.W.Carey
Hon. Auditor	Miss I.R.Stephensen

Forward Programme

13-14th. August Newdegate Cave More digging subject to
transport being available. Leader D.Elliott.
The tunnel has now been extended about 30 feet North
from the Cathedral. Who will be in the party that
breaks through?

August University Vacation. A trip to the Divide beyond A.N.M
timber camp at Risby's Basin will be arranged with
prospects of caves in new country. (Weekend Trip)
Leader F. Brown

August 10th. Wednesday Evening 8.p.m.
Social Evening at K.Iredale's home, 49 Montagu St. New
Town. Photographs of Nullarbor Caves by Capt. J.
Maitland Thompson which arrived just too late for the
Annual Meeting, will be on display. If you have any
more cave photographs bring them too.

K. S. Iredale
(Hon. Secretary)

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Tasmanian Caverneering Club. [Dec 1950]

XMAS PARTY. FRIDAY 15th. December at 7HT THEATRETTE 8p.m.
Joint with HOBART WALKING CLUB.
Ladies are requested to provide supper; Men a
donation to cover expenses.

Xmas No trip has been arranged but D. Lyons would be
interested to hear from anyone interested in
spending a week cave hunting with him.
It is likely that the secretary will spend New
year at the Lynds' at Liena. If any other members
could be there he would like to hear from them.
Members of the Sydney Speleological Soc. also hope
to be in the locality.

General Meeting will be held at the secretary's home 49,
Montagu St. New Town on Thursday the 25th. January at 8p.m.

Business will be followed by Kodachrome slides - coffee and
biscuits. Friends welcome, but let the secretary know numbers
in advance if possible.

NO FURTHER NOTICE will be given, so make a note of the date
now.

It is hoped to hold similar meetings monthly. The committee
will be glad to hear from members willing to lend their home
for an evening, and even more welcome will be offers of papers
etc. on any subject akin to caverneering.

K.S.Iredale, (Hon. Soc.)
18 Elizabeth St.

P.S. See 'Wild Life' December for Tasmanian Cave Article &
Photos.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

9th Sept. 1952.

RECENT ACTIVITIES.

The weekend trip of ten to Hastings proved to be an excellent one in every respect, and the several new members were well initiated in the ways of the underground, where recordings were taken. After emerging from this tedious work, and covered in wet, yellow mud, they were heard to remark with zest, "When are we coming again?" The party returned to Hobart without mishap, except for one damaged mudguard, and one damaged mandible!

The dozen or so people who attended the Social Evening at Ken Iredale's home enjoyed kodachromes of mainland and Tasmanian caves, followed by the natter-chatter which accompanies such bright gatherings.

Now to strike a sadder note. On hearing the news last month, members of the Committee sent a cable to La Societe Speliologique de Paris, France: Sincere regrets death Marcel Loubens. Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

FORWARD PROGRAMME

Sept. 11th, Thurs. 8p.m. General Meeting at the Peterson's home at 8, Swanston St. New Town. Business will be followed by an informal talk. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Peterson for making their house available.

Sept. 13th. Sat. Rock Climbing at Blackman's Bay, 9.00 a.m. W.R.A. bus from Collins St. Leader D. Elliott. David would like to see as many faces as possible (and not only faces), as outdoor climbing is excellent practice, especially for the proposed Junee trip.

Oct 4th-5th., Weekend. Junee Caves These caves are somewhat different to those at Hastings, there being more climbing, with fewer formations. We will be staying at Crisp's Hut, some distance through bush from the cave entrance. Names to leader, D. Elliott, or to Sanne Sargison as soon as possible.

Oct. 7th. Tue. Social Evening at Ray Lighton's Fern Tree home. Movie films etc. If you cannot arrange your own transport let me know and we will arrange it for you.

Oct. 18th. Sat. Rock Climbing at the Sphynx Rock, Springs. 8.50a.m. bus from Franklin Square. Leader F. Brown.

Dec. 4th. General Meeting.

A reminder about your subscriptions. Is it due? Is it overdue? A warm welcome is waiting for it at 21 Elizabeth St.

Susanne B. Sargison.
(Hon. Sec.)

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

18th. Nov. 1953.

A report was received that the area surrounding Croesus cave at Liena was to be leased for the purpose of calcite mining, this caused considerable stir and action has been taken to draw the attention of tourist bodies to this cave, while nothing definite is known we are hoping for the best and we ask for the support of members in preserving the best cave yet discovered in Tasmania.

At Trowutta the three members of the advance party discovered plenty of mud and rain forest but no caves. As a result the Xmas trip will be to Mole Creek in conjunction with the S.U.S.S.

At Hastings members had an opportunity to try out the new nylon rope and Karabiners recently obtained from England. They reported that the rope made pot-holing much easier, although the elasticity of the nylon caused one member a certain amount of embarrassment!

Why are there not more people present at practice rock climbs? The committee would like to point out that knowing how to handle ropes and ladders is the surest insurance against accidents. So far most of us have been lucky, lets keep it up.

We hate to mention annual subs so close to Xmas; but an X here means you.

Forward programme :

Dec. 5th.-6th. Florentine valley, camping out, tents will be available and we hope to do some good pot-holing, names to Secretary in advance please.

Dec. 11th. Xmas social with the walking club at Lenah Valley Hall - same place as last year.

Dec. 25th. to Jan. 4th. Open camp at Liena; come when you can and go when you must, best caving in Tasmania, names to Secretary who will try and arrange transport.

Jan. 23rd. to 25th. Long weekend. Exit cave at Ida Bay, we have waited for this for five years, 'what about a big party?

FAMOUS LAST WORDS I must have a photograph of this.

F. BROWN
Hon. Secretary

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TASMANIAN CAVENEERING CLUB

24th. FEBRUARY 1954

Since the last circular trips have been conducted to the Florentine area, Liena, Ida Bay and Hastings. Good parties have succeeded in doing some excellent new work for the club in increasing our knowledge of caves in this area. Of particular interest is the trip to Exit Cave Ida Bay where a party penetrated 1/3 mile and believe themselves almost through to a point in the entrance cave, a trip has been arranged to try and finally link up these two caves. In the Florentine Valley a party descended an estimated 500 ft. into Growling Swallet only to be stopped by lack of equipment at the top of a large waterfall, the cave was voted the noisiest yet but it gave a good opportunity to test the new nylon rope.

Library. The club library, consisting of many books, magazines and journals of interest to speleologists, will in future be in the charge of D. Seymour 67 Macquarie St.

New Members: We are very pleased to welcome the following members and prospective members to our ranks.

Full Members

Albert Yoede
C/- Mercury Compositors Rm.

Y. Jones,
8 Byron St.
J. Cartwright,
C/- Barrenger & Lansdell
Eliz. St.
J. Kohl,
C/- Botany Dept,
University

Prospective Members.

D. Bulmer
C/- Royal Society,
Museum.
J. Quonn,
C/ Marine Board
Hobart.

Forward Programme.

27th. 28th March Hastings - exploration of the Wolf Hole above King George V.

8th. April General Meeting at D. Turner's home, Riawena Ave. Lindisfarne - just get off at the first stop over the bridge, or the Hon. Sec will try and organise transport, purpose, films and talking, donations towards the nylon rope will be accepted.

16th. - 19th April - Liena - further investigation of proposed caves reserve and also exploration of side passages discovered recently in Croesus.

7th. 8th May Entrance Cave Ida Bay to try and link up with Exit Cave, leave Friday night.

F. Brown,
Hon. Secretary,
15 Deviation,
Battery Point.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

21st. May 1954.

Since the last circular club trips have been held to Hastings, Ida Bay and Liena. At Hastings the Wolf Hole has claimed our attention and a new lake with a small stream flowing from it was discovered, about twelve people visited this cave on two occasions. At Ida Bay the trip failed to penetrate to Exit Cave, but possibilities in this fascinating system are far from exhausted. The Easter trip to Liena had a very pleasant trip but no new discoveries were made.

In general the attendance at Club functions has been most pleasing; the number of new and prospective members has risen gratifyingly but the committee would like to see more of the experienced members present.

The Annual general meeting will be held earlier this year on the 10th. June at D. Seymour's home, 4 Clarke Ave. Battery Point, there is a lot of business to transact and a large turn-up will be appreciated; nominations for President and six committee members should be in the Secretary's hands by the 9th June. If you don't know where the place is, contact the Secretary or Dennis. Good entertainment provided! And Supper!

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

June 5th: Working bee on new ladder, bring soldering iron and lots of patience to D. Seymour's home, time? anything between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. - this is urgent, we want more ladder!

June 10th: Annual General Meeting, D. Seymour's home (see above).

June 12th - 13th - 14th: Long-week-end trip to Hastings, Final exploration at Wolf Hole, and further trips to Newdegate. A good ladder team essential for the Wolf Hole.

F. Brown,
Hon. Sec. Phone - B5729

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

12th. July 1954.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1954:

President:	M. Banks,
Vice-President:	E. Smith,
Secretary:	F. Brown,
Treasurer:	E. Smith,
Quartermaster:	D. Seymour,
Keeper of Archives:	M. Banks.

The new Committee has an active and interesting year planned for all members. We plan to concentrate on Hastings during the Winter, and June next summer as an exploration project. We also want to commence the development of Croesus by making a map and report. A history and report on Hastings will be published later this year.

Since the Annual General Meeting no trips have been conducted. The forward programme is as follows:

July 18th: Rock Climb. Meet at G.P.O. 10.00 a.m.
July 31st: (afternoon) Ladder working party. D. Seymour's home, 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point.
Aug. 7th & 8th: Hastings, Wolf hole, names to Secretary or leader E. Smith by 1st. August.

F.BROWN.
Hon. Secretary.

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TASMANIAN CAVENEERING CLUB

20th August 1954.

Since the last circular only one cave trip has been held, however since the Raminea bridge is now open we hope to resume normal activities.

The trip to the Wolf Hole on the 7th, 8th August found much to be done in the way of surveying and a great deal of this interesting system was mapped. Also the party reported that the heavy rain in June had flooded the Newdigate [sic] cave to an unprecedented [sic] level, doing a small amount of damage in the tourist section and almost filling the tunnel to the Binney caves, this has opened up several interesting new possibilities for investigations as soon as possible.

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

28th August: Ladder-making day at home of D. Seymour, 4 Clarke Ave., why werent you there last time?

22nd September: Quarterly General meeting at home of K. Iredale, films and discussion, contact Secretary about transport.

2nd, 3rd October: Hastings, if tne weather is fine no caving will be done (we promise) the party will have an idyllic week-end looking for more surface openings.

F.BROWN,
Hon.Secretary.

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20th. October 1954.

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

Only one caverneering trip has been held since the last circular. Another hole was discovered in the vicinity of the Wolf Hole which is thought to connect with the lake cavern, further investigation will be conducted on the next trip. Our quarterly general meeting was held at the home of Mr. K. Iredale and was well attended, those who were present had the opportunity to view Mr. Lighton's films of his visit to England.

We have much pleasure in reporting the formation of a Caverneering Club in South Australia, there are now five Caverneering Clubs in Australia.

Forward Programme:

29th-30th-31st, October: Ida Bay on Saturday, we hope the floods this year have opened up new possibilities here. The Wolf Hole will be visited on Sunday. Names to leader E. Smith or secretary.

20th-21st November: Florentine area, we can well boast one new cave per trip in this area, we won't disappoint members this time. Leader D. Seymour.

Xmas Trip: two possibilities:

(1) Jane river track, many excellent holes are to be seen on the Aerial photos this area would be well worth a trip.

(2) Molle creek: We have two new exploration jobs here both of which are extremely promising. Those who know this area know the standard of caves, those who don't should come and see, Contact Secretary for transport arrangement, trip be for any period between Xmas and New Year.

Xmas Social: Again in conjunction with the Walking Club, contact Secretary later about date.

F. Brown,
Hon. Secretary.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

[n.d. Jan 1955?]

Since our last circular, several trips and functions have been held by the Club, An excellently attended trip to Ida Bay and Hastings in October, when 14 members and visitors were present, the combined Xmas Social on the 10th December, where members of both clubs had a most enjoyable time and the Xmas trip to Molle Creek, when those present enjoyed the pleasures of caving at its best

We have also to inform you that the S.U.S.S. are trying to form a National, Council of Spaeleology to collect and correlate information on all known Australian Caves. Since there are now six caving clubs, this idea will meet with our full support.

FORWARD PROGRAMME: Two very interesting trips are scheduled.

29th-30th-31st January Florentine - Growling Swallet is a deep cave, which presents much varied activity to interest everyone, so far we are down 500 ft., what about some more? Names to Secretary.

4th to 8th February Tyenna Peak - We want to reach a large hole on Tyenna Peak and we propose doing it via Lake Dobson, this trip will ooincide with Regatta, so if you can spend the extra time, we can promise the cave; if you only have the two days, it should be an interesting walking trip. Leave on Friday night, back on Sunday or Tuesday, names to Secretary early please.

F. BROWN, B5729.
Hon, Secretary.

Famous Last Words:

You people go that way,
I'll wade and carry the lamp this way

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CIRCULAR:

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

21st February 1955

Since our last circular there have been three club trips organised. The Christmas trip to Molle Creek was well attended with seven members and friends engaged in caverneering in the perfect setting supplied by the Lind's property. Two new pieces of exploration were undertaken -the "Hole in the Wall" was investigated but unfortunately turned out to have no possibilities whatsoever; the party also descended about 40 feet in a crack in King Solomon's Caves and this has very definite possibilities.

We are very pleased to offer our congratulations to Bob Geeves and Susanne Sargison on their wedding, and trust that matrimony will not interfere with caverneering. The club has a standing invitation to visit the Geeves at Geeveston on our trips - thank you Bob and Zanne!

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

- 26-7th February .. Hastings Digging at the Wolfe Hole and exploration in Hell's Half Acre.
- 5-6-7th March .. Tyenna Peak Investigate a large hole on Tyenna Peak, go via Lake Dobson, leave on Friday night.
- 17th March .. Quarterly General Meeting, D. Turner's home, Riawena Avenue, Lindisfarne. We hear the C.A.D.S. are coming out into the open again!
- 19th March .. LADDER MAKING at the home of D. Seymour, 4 Clarke Avenue, Battery Point. Let's get this thing finished!
- 8-11th April .. Molle Creek, Kubla Khan caves and King Solomon caves. Two good prospects for exploration.

F. BROWN, Hon. Secretary.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

[May 1955]

Since our last circular, three trips to Hastings and one to the Florentine Valley have been held. At Hastings further digging has been carried out at the Cub Hole and a new lead was also attempted in the Binney caves. Two chimneys in the Binney Caves were climbed for a short distance on the last trip and we believe that there may be another cave beyond the sheets of flowstone that blocks them. In the Florentine a party of Club Members spent a wet weekend searching for the elusive Timm's Cave. However, only two minor pot-holes were discovered one of which contained an interesting collection of animal bones.

Miss Smith has reported the discovery of a new resurgence near the Lune River tram line at Ida Bay. At the moment this has not been investigated but if any member has any information on this cave it would be welcomed by the Committee.

Members of the Club attended the Quarterly General Meeting held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. Turner on the 17th March. We are very grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Turner for their never-failing hospitality (and for their suppers which are becoming famous).

We are still attempting to have the area at Liena, surrounding Lind's and Croesus caves declared a reserve; but there have been no further developments to date. However, the Club intends to persevere until some action has been taken to protect these two magnificent caves.

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

21st, 22nd. May. Hastings, digging at the Cub Hole, exploration in the Binney Caves, or if the weather is fine, surface exploration around the Newdegate-Erebus-King George area.

11th 12th & 13th June. Hastings, detailed itinerary will depend on what the 21st. 22nd. trip discovers; but we can assure all of an interesting week-end.

F. BROWN,
Hon. Secretary.
('phone B5729).

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

6th July - 1955.

Since our last circular only one caving trip has been made, members spent a weekend at Hastings digging at the cub hole. At the conclusion of the weekend the party leader reported that the dig had reached a small natural cavity which may lead down into the Wolff Hole system.

The Club has received a letter from Norbert Casteret extending his greetings and thanking us for the Kodachromes we sent him. At the first opportunity a copy of this letter will be forwarded to members.

The Club has received Journals from the following Associations in the past two months, Sydney University Speleological Society, Cave Research Organisation and Italian Speleological Society. (That is if you read Italian).

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

14th JULY, 1955 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Held at the Geology Department, University of Tasmania, (Sandy Bay) at 8.00 p.m.

Nominations are open for a president and six committee members.

Notice is given of a motion to associate with a federation of Field Naturalists and other bodies to help preserve Tasmania's scenic beauties.

As the Speaker for the evening, we have asked Prof. S.W. Carey to talk to members. As many newer members have not had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Carey we ask all members to make a special effort to attend.

After the meeting supper will be served and slides shown if time allows.

Annual subscriptions are due at the meeting.

23rd, 24th JULY IDA BAY. To investigate a new surface near Ida Bay caves - leave Friday night.

13th, 14th AUGUST IDA BAY or HASTINGS, depending on the results of the previous trip.

F. BROWN, Hon. Secretary.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

12th August, 1955.

Since the last circular two Club Functions have been held; the Annual General Meeting was held on the 14th July, at the Geology Department, University and a trip was held on the 23rd, 24th July to Ida Bay.

The Annual General Meeting was one of the best attended in recent years with twenty-five members and guests present. After the formal business was concluded, Professor Carey gave a lecture on the uses of limestone caves in wartime which members found most interesting and instructive.

At Ida Bay the party investigated a new cave near the quarry, the cave proved to be most interesting being about 200 yards long and carrying good formation for most of its length, the entrance had been used as a site for a pumping station, but very little of the cave had been investigated previous to our visit; on the same trip the party investigated a pot hole near the tram line and descended about 98 feet, but further progress was barred by heavy formation.

At the last Committee Meeting the Committee passed a recommendation that Miss E. Smith be nominated as Honorary Life Member of this Club, in recognition of her services during the past seven years. In accordance with the Club's Constitution this will have to be passed at the next General Meeting.

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

13th 14th. August	TRIP CANCELLED.
20th. 21st. August	Combined Walking and Caverneering Clubs trip to Hastings area, Newdegate, King George.
10th. 11th. Sept.	Hastings, Cub Hole and surface exploration.
24th. 25th. Sept.	Climbing and Training in Lost World, Mt. Arthur.

F. BROWN, Hon. Secretary.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

21st September, 1955.

Two good Caving trips have been conducted since the last circular was issued. The first was to Ida Bay where a new cave was explored for about 200 yards; some sections containing good formations, suggested name for this cave is "Avenue Junction Cave".

A combined trip was held with the Walking Club on the 21st - 22nd August. All told about 26 members of both Clubs attended.

On the 12th of September, members were privileged to see a collection of Kodachromes from New Zealand Caves; although few members turned up those that did were well rewarded as the shots shown were excellent.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the sudden death of Mr. H. Cornelius, "The Chalet", Hastings. Harry had been guide at Hastings for many years and a Club Member since our first visit to the area. His death was a great shock to everyone and we would like to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Cornelius.

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

24th Sept	(Saturday) Practice day at the Lost World, Mt. Arthur. It is most desirable that members attend these practices as a safety precaution. Rope and ladder work will be dealt with and all those attending are asked to bring lights. See the Secretary about transport. Leave G.P.O. 9.00 a.m.
15th, 16th October.	Hastings, Dig in the Cub Hole or try and investigate the up river section of the Newdegate.
29th, 30th. October	Florentine Valley. ie are still looking for the elusive Timm's Cave. This time we have some new leads.

F. BROWN.
Hon. Secretary.
Telephone: B5729

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

18.11.55.

The highlight of caving activity since our last circular was doubtless the combined trip with the Walking Club. About 30 people attended and an excellent time was had by all except perhaps the man who had to clean the bus out on Monday morning.

A party have started tunnelling operations from the Central Hall to by-pass the upstream siphon in the Mystery Creek ,a rather superior tunnel of about twenty feet has been dug and volunteers will be most acceptable.

Subscriptions: If there is an X in the margin alongside this paragraph the Secretary or any member of the Committee will be most glad to relieve you of 5/- or more!

Library: The Club Librarian would be glad to know the whereabouts of most of the Club's Library!

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

26th-27th November:	Hastings, digging in the new tunnel and exploring part of Hell's Half Acre.
16th December:	Xmas Social in conjunction with the Walking Club; the C.A.D.S. are devoid of ideas!
26th December to 4th January:	Molle Creek area. Several new caves need investigation here and a different programme is planned. What about a big party this year?

F. BROWN,
Hon. Secretary.

'Phone B5729.

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

[Jan. 1956]

The only large trip since the last circular was the Xmas trip to Mole Creek where five members spent a week fretting at the rain with a little caverneering in between. No new work was attempted except the hole in the wall and King Solomon's cave; neither attempt was particularly successful. Honeycomb Caves and the Wet Caves were also visited but the height of water prevented any new work.

A new book, by Norbert Casteret, "The Descent of the Piere St. Martin" is now available, Casteret's high standards of authorship and caving are maintained.

We have had flying visits from speleologists from Canberra, Sydney and Western Australia in the past few weeks.

It is the desire of the committee to build up active membership this year as the Club is approaching its tenth birthday and we would like to see membership approach our old standards. To this end, we are arranging evenings with other bodies in an attempt to spread knowledge of caverneering as much as possible. Will you help?

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

- 27th, 28th, 29th January: Long Weekend trip to Tyenna Peak from National Park to investigate caves on the flanks of the peak. Leader, D. Seymour. Leave 8.00 p.m. Saturday G.P.O.
- 11th Feb: Saturday evening to meet Rovers, Scouters and Seniors of the Scouting Movement with the view of gaining recruits.
- 18th, 19th Feb: Hastings - further investigation of the Wolf Hole.
- 3rd to 5th March: Exit cave at Ida Bay - Bush walking and Caving both
- 10th March Day trip to Lost World on Mount Wellington training.
- 30th Mar. to 4th April Easter trip - We have an excellent prospect at Nietta near Ulverstone. Details later but take our advice and keep this period free for some good caving in a new area.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

26th March, 1956.

Since our last circular the most important trip the club has conducted was the long week-end trip scheduled for Exit Cave. Owing to bad weather, Exit Cave was abandoned and the party revisited Entrance Cave; at the furthest part of the known system the level of the creek was noticed to be about twenty feet lower than on previous visits, exploration was pushed forward until very deep water held the party up. This is the most promising find in this area for several years. We believe the drop in level will be permanent and we would like to take a much larger than usual party there on the April trip.

We have received a circular from the South Australian Cave Exploration Group concerning an Australian meet of Cavers on the Nullarbor plain at Xmas. The trip to be of two, three, or four weeks duration, all materials, equipment, transport and food provided, cost estimated at about £25 from Adelaide; sounds like a good trip if anyone can make it.

We have also received a letter from the S.U.S.S. & the S.S.S concerning the formation of a National Speleological Federation which will be discussed at the next General Meeting.

The Easter trip is likely to prove a very interesting one, we have a new area close to Gunn's Plains and Mole Creek to investigate. Several caves are known in this area and one of the locals says he can show us more. There are still a few seats going, what about it ?

FORWARD PROGRAMME:

Easter: 30th Mar., 2nd April, Nietta Black Bluff area. See above; leave Thursday night and camp near Perth, proceed on Friday.

21st, 22nd April. Ida Bay. To press exploration of the River section as far as possible, leave Friday night, good camp, but a wet job, bring plenty of clothes and anything that will float!

F. Brown.
HON. SECRETARY.
'Phone B5729.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

[May, 1956]

Since the last circular two trips have been conducted, at Easter six members visited a new area at Loongana to investigate caves reported by Frank Long; the area was not investigated completely owing to bad weather but one cave in particular was seen which has excellent possibilities for a future trip.

A party of four went to Ida Bay on the 21st.-22nd. April with a patent (very) raft to try and force the new length of creek discovered on the previous trip; however the creek turned out to flow in the opposite direction and to be nothing more than a new tributary to the main creek, the continuation of which still eludes us after nine years of effort - please will some genius tell us where to look now ?

LIBRARY.

Following is a list of books and magazines missing from our Library; now we don't want to cast any aspersions but will you look on your bookshelves now - Yes you !

Adventures of a Mountaineer Smythe.
Rock Climbing and Mountaineering Brunning.
Climbing in Britain Barford.
Cave Men Old and New Casteret.
Darkness under the Earth Casteret.
First Aid in Civil Defence Dept. Civ. Def.
Subterranean Climbers.
Science News 5 (Cave Science).
New Biology (Animal Life in Caves).

NEW MEMBERS.

P. Hull (Junior).	9 Lord St.
R. Fox	38a Risdon Rd.

FORWARD PROGRAM.

8th.May.	Kodachrome evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. IFerris, 38a Risdon Rd., Newtown. Please notify the Secretary or Mr. Ferris to facilitate catering. Bring your slides.
12th.-13th.May.	Hastings Survey of Hell's Half Acre <u>Will</u> be started.
22nd.May.	Quarterly General Meeting - Come along and air your grouches. Films by Ray Lighton.
26th.-27th.May.	Hastings; Digging in the new tunnel and exploring the new hole in the wall noticed in the Tourist Cave.

F. R. Brown, (Hon. Sec.)

FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

"I don't think this pool is more than three feet deep."

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

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[June? 1956]

Since the last circular two social functions and two trips have been held, response of members to both social and active functions was rather poor! It appears that we see the same faces each time, and a lot of the people we would very much like to see on trips are conspicuous by their absence, so what about a mud bath occasionally? So good for the complexion!

There are two things that the Committee would like to call members attention to this month, firstly the annual combined trip with the Hobart Walking Club is to be held on the 14th.-15th. of this month and we would like a few experienced members to come along and hold the walking club ladies hands at critical moments (we mean by "experienced "members"" those who are experienced in caverneering of course), the second thing of importance is the Club's annual general meeting, for the past two or three years this has been poorly attended and, although we know these things are quite boring, come along and we will see what we can do to entertain you: perhaps the committee will dance the Can-can.

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FORWARD PROGRAM.

- 14th. - 15th, July. Combined trip with H.W.C. to Ida Bay and Hastings, names to D. Seymour at once.
- 31st. July. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at the home of D. Seymour - bring something for supper. We hope to have a French Caving movie to show.
- 28th. - 29th. July. Photographic trip to Hastings - all you need is patience and a camera, in that order.

F. R. Brown,
(Hon. Sec.)

FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

"I'm sure we entered the chamber from over there."

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July, 1956

Tasmanian Caverneering Club

SECRETARY:
F. BROWN
15 DEVIATION, BATTERY POINT, HOBART

TELEPHONE
B 5729

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

5th September, 1956.

Since the last circular three Club Functions have been held, the Annual General Meeting was held on the 31st of July, at the home of Mr. D. Seymour and trips were held on the 14th-15th July to Ida Bay with the Hobart Walking Club and on the 1st-2nd of September to Mole Creek.

The Tenth Annual General Meeting was attended by nine members. This is one of the lowest attendances we have had for a considerable time. These Annual Meetings are held for all members, not only for the Committee.

The combined Walking and Caverneering Clubs trip to Hastings and Ida Bay proved to be quite a success for the Walking Club. The Caverneers spent the Sunday by exploring, photographing and sketch mapping the Wulff Hole System. It is hoped that an easier access can be gained to this system by carrying out blasting operations in the Cub Hole.

For the first time after three years the noble art of surveying has been practiced. During the last trip to Mole Creek the Club has surveyed some 300' of Long Creek and carried the survey across the Canyon from the Tourist track to Nymph's Bath, a total of approx. 80'. Whilst in Mole Creek the Club investigated certain rumours regarding the opening of Scott's Cave for tourists. Details of this will be given later. The cave was explored to some extent, photographed and surveyed for some 500 feet. Further progress is barred by a syphon. In comparison to the other caves in this area, the quality of the formations in Scott's Cave is of a poor standard.

FORWARD PROGRAM.

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| 14th September. | Friday night. Dinner at Beach House. All members and Foundation members invited. Applications to be handed in to Mr. F. Brown as soon as possible. |
| 29 - 30th September. | Blasting operations at the Cub Hole and surface exploration on the other side of the Hill. |
| 15 - 14th October. | Mole Creek. Finish surveying and extending explorations in Marakoopa Cave. |
| 24 - 25th November. | Junee and Florentine. Re-visit the Bone Pit for surveying and explorations. Camp at Churchill's Spur. |

M. H. de Vries,
Hon. Ass. Secretary.

"Don't worry, the water won't come much higher."

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

21st October, 1956.

Since the last circular two Club Functions have been held. On the 14th of September the Club celebrated its tenth anniversary. Only ten members showed up at Beach House. After the Dinner the celebration was continued at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Lighton whose hospitality was greatly appreciated. We are considering to make this an annual feature - Do you agree?

A day trip to Hastings was held on the 30th of September. This was well attended. The party split up into two groups, the larger group enjoyed themselves with surveying the last section of King George V Cave, whilst the other party once again proved that there are no caves in between Erebus and King George V Cave.

At the last Committee meeting approval was given for the publication of a Tasmanian Caverneering Club Bulletin. We hope to have the first copy available before the end of this year. To make this publication a lasting success your help would be greatly appreciated.

Several members of the Committee have been appointed to organise a major Expedition to Hastings to be held next year. The general feeling is that members of the C.M.F. Signals be invited to attend the Expedition and to provide communication between the Advance Party, underground Base Camp and the Field Headquarters on the surface. The aim of this Expedition is to complete the exploration of the downstream section beyond Hell's Half Acre and attempt to bypass the sump under Ogilvie Hall. Details of this combined operation will be published in the coming Bulletin.

Annual Subscription Fees.

X	Means you.
XX	Means you twice.
XXX	Well, How about it?

Forward Program:

3 - 4 November. Preliminary investigation in Hell's Half Acre and Mystery Corner. We need a large party for this weekend. How about a mudbath for a change?

24 - 25 November. Junee and Florentine. Re-visit Bone Pit for surveying and explorations. Base Camp at Churchill's Spur.

8 - 9 December. Hastings or Ida Bay. We might attempt the "Hole-in-the-Wall" in Central Chamber, Newdegate Caves.

26 December-4 January. Combined Christmas Camp at Liena with Field Naturalists.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

"We will get up early tomorrow morning."

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

11th. December, 1956.

At the coming Congress of the Federation of Australian Speleo-logists to be held at Adelaide, our Club will be represented by Mr. F. Brown, who will be our spokesman, and Mr. A. Goede. Being the Senior Caving Club in Australia we may expect the next Congress to be held in Tasmania. Only time will tell.

Trip Reports.

3 - 4th. November: On Saturday photographs were taken in the Tourist cave at Hastings for a new photographic display in the Chalet. On Sunday Mystery Corner was inspected. The Committee has since decided that Mystery Corner is not to be opened for public inspection as a memorial to the late Harry Cornelius.

24 - 25th. November: A party of 11 visited Pillinger's Creek Cave. Apparently the talus in this cave is far from being stable. Numerous talus slides seem to have taken place since the last trip held eight years ago. Maximum depth reached was 124 feet, estimated depth reached eight years ago was 250 feet.

8 - 9th. December: A party of 14 visited Hastings. On Saturday a small party (4) went scrub-bashing near the new road and investigated a new cave reported to be under the new road. This cave, approx. 12' x 2' x 5' high is about three feet underneath the surface of the road. It contained a certain amount of water. Surface investigations resulted in the discovery of several promising surface features. Anyone capable of swinging a pick and sledge is invited to attend the next trip to Hastings. The same four people then played Tarzan and went looking for a "huge" cave reported to be near a "big" tree on Chesterman's timber lease on the other side of the hill. As a result a few hundred trees have been blazed but no cave has been discovered. On Sunday the party visited Hells Half Acre. The position for next year's underground Base Camp was then fixed.

New Members:

D.R. Latham 189 Liverpool Street, Hobart.

Peter Hall (Junior) c/o Mr. G. Hall, Mt. Lyell Co. Queenstown.

FORWARD PROGRAM:

Friday, 14th. December: Combined Walking and Caverneering Club Social. Contact Mr. D. Seymour, 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point.

Friday, 21st. December: Caverneering Club Social to be held at Mr. Kent's home, Howrah. Names to Secretary in advance.

26 December - 4 January: X-mas trip to Mole Creek. Names to Secretary in advance.

Long Weekend - January: Scrub-bashing. contact Mr. D. Seymour.

M. H. de Vries,
Hon. Secretary. 'Phone B 5247.

Famous Last Words. "There is a big Tree."

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The club is entering a new phase of growth, our membership is growing steadily and the new members, by their enthusiasm, are stirring the old die-hards of the club into action. The formation of the new National Speleological Federation has also helped us along by making us feel we are allied to a large organisation with the result that we can look forward to a burst of renewed activity in the coming months.

Two members of the club, A. Goede and F. Brown, attended the first Federation meeting in Adelaide and the subsequent Nullarbor Expedition. They returned impressed mentally by the conference and physically by the rigours of the Nullarbor! The National Federation has plans to coordinate the activities, research and communications of the fourteen clubs in existence as well as speaking for the whole of Australia on Caving matters. The next meeting of the Federation will be in Tasmania in 1958-9, so we must be prepared to show these mainlanders a thing or two!

On the 2nd., 3rd. & 4th. of March we are conducting a three day camp underground in Hell's Half Acre to explore and map this difficult little system. We need volunteers both for the underground party and as relief party, telephonists etc., this is the biggest job the club has tackled for some years, so will you all turn up and help, names to the secretary as soon as possible! We have also had enquiries from a group of Rovers in Launceston who wish to join the club, there is a trip to Flowery Gully to meet them and act as a training trip, so want want some of the older hands to come along.

Due to agitatin by this club and the Federation of Field Naturalists, the entrance to Croesus is to be protected by a gate and grille which will, we hope, stop vandalism in this cave.

Prior to Xmas two social functions were held, the usual social with the walking club was attended by several members and in addition about 16 members and prospectives attended a party at Ron Kent's home. The Xmas trip to Mole Creek was attended spasmodically by six members, several visitors and others; the Field Nats. Camp was visited and Ron Kent organised an empty house for a camp on future trips. An unofficial trip was held to Hastings and Ida Bay on the 16th. 17th. Jan. and was attended by 13 people, quite a record for this club!

FORWARD PROGRAM:

- 9th. 10th. Feb. Florentine Valley. We have a guide who can take us to Timm's Cave, come prepared for bushwalking. 8.00 A.M. G.P.O., names to secretary.
- 11th. Feb. General Meeting and Slide Evening at the home of D. Latham, Rosny Point, see the Secretary who will provide a guide
- 2nd. 3rd. 4th. March Hell's Half Acre - SEE ABOVE.
- 30th. 31st March. Flowery Gully, SEE ABOVE leave Friday night.
- 19th. - 22nd. March Easter trip to Mole Creek, we expect several mainland visitors!

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

It needs a little digging!

F. Brown

15 Harrington Street B5729

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.

M. H. de Vries.
'Phone B 5247.

Famous last words:

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

Tasmanian Caverneering Club.
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24th June, 1957.

Since our last circular we have, unfortunately, only been able to hold one trip. On the 15, 16, 17th of this month a party visited Kubla Khan Cave at Mole Creek. Early on Sunday morning fluorescein was put into the creek going underground just in front of How's Cave - this creek does not flow through How's Cave. By Monday there was still no trace of fluorescein in the underground river in Kubla Khan. According to local reports this could not be possible as sawdust, put into the surface creek, showed up some time later in Sassafras Creek. Unfortunately it is impossible to follow this creek underground as the water seems to disappear down some very small cracks. Here is an excellent chance for someone to practice himself in the use of explosives.

A survey was made of the entrance and main chamber of Kubla Khan and several altimeter readings were taken at important points outside the cave. These showed that the underground river in Kubla Khan is about two hundred feet below the valley bottom. Very soon we hope to go back to this interesting cave and continue our scientific investigations.

FORWARD PROGRAM:
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- 29 - 30 June: Tim Shea. Investigations of caves reported to be under the Western side of this mountain. These caves have not been visited by members for quite some time.
- 13 - 14 July: National Park. A walking trip only. Good photography.
- 27 - 28 July: Mole Creek. Investigation of new cave discovered beyond the talus in Lynd's Cave. Also, a visit to Mersey River Cave - time permitting.
- 29th. July. Annual Meeting at home of D. Seymour, 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point.
- This meeting we will mainly concentrate on the next Congress of the Federation of Speleos to be held in Tasmania in eighteen months time. Your presence at this meeting will be greatly appreciated.

M. H. de Vries.
Hon. Secretary.
'Phone B 5247.

Famous Last Words.

"I'm sure the creek was flowing the other way
last time we were here." [Q]

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

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7th August, 1957.

Since the last circular three Club Functions have been held. The 11th Annual General Meeting was held on the 29th July, at the home of Mr. D. Seymour. This meeting was attended by 14 members.

Committee for this year: Mr. D. Seymour was re-elected to the position of President.

Vice President....	D. Elliott.	Quarter Master..	D. Latham.
Executive Officer...	F. Brown.	Committee...	D. Turner.
Secretary...	M. de Vries.	Co-opted...	R. Dowden.
Social Secretary....	I. Wallace (co-opted)		J. Ferris.
Treasurer....	A. Goede. (co-opted).	Committee...	R. Kent.
Keeper of Archives...	F. Peterson.		

Mr. R. Dowden was accepted by the Meeting as a member of the Club. Mr. Dowden was a member of the S.U.S.S. before he came to Tasmania.

The last week-end of June, a party went to the Florentyne Valley. A visit was paid to Pillinger's Creek Cave where a descent was made to a depth of 400 feet, some 200 feet further than the previous trip. During the last two trips to this cave, members have used the new passage discovered on the 24th of November; 1956. There is still a lot to investigate in this cave.

On the 27-28th July, a party visited Lynd's Cave and Marakoopa Cave. An attempt was made to force the talus in Lynd's, but due to the high level of Lynd's Creek this proved to be out of the question. On this trip members discovered that a gate had been built in front of Croesus Cave. The main point of interest is - Who has the KEYS ?

New Members:

Mr. R. Dowden.	Box 801 H, G.P.O.
Mr. B. Duhig (Prospective)	Launceston.

New Names:

The following New Names were accepted at the last General Meeting:

Flower Pot.	Mole Creek	Echo Hall. - Wet Caves.
Prohibition Cave.	Area.	Crystal Table. " "

Forward Program:

15th August. Slide Evening at the home of D. Latham, Rosny Point. Mr. Dowden will show his slides of Macquary Island. Ladies - please bring a plate of supper. Members requiring transport: contact Secretary before midday Monday -12th.

17 - 18th August. Hastings Area.

20th August. First lecture of a series for present Party Leaders and members wishing to become a Party Leader. To be held at the home of D. Latham. Applications close with the Secretary on the 18th of August.

31 - 1st September. Ida Bay. Exploration of Cephalopod Creek.

14th September. Field Day. Practice in rope work. Leave 9.0 a.m. G.P.O.

Saturday - 28th September. ANNUAL DINNER. Beltana Hotel. Starts 7.0 p.m. Contact the Secretary before the 14th of September.

M.H. de Vries,
Hon. Secretary.
'Phone B 5247.
Business W 1111 Ext. 543.

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Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

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28th September, 1957.

During our last trip to Ida Bay we have discovered yet another creek in the Mystery Creek Cave System. The important point about this discovery is that this creek is about fifty feet or so above the main cave.

Unlike the typical Ida Bay caves, this high-level cave is richly endowed with first class formations. (Photographers please note - the mud in this cave closely resembles that of Binney Tunnel, Newdegate Cave System, both in quality and quantity!)

During the next two or three months the Club hopes to start the building of a Club Hut at Hastings. Members are asked to submit plans for a hut capable of holding 12 people (double-tier bunks.) The hut will most probably be built behind the Chalet.

Correction of previous circular:
Vice-President for the year 1957 - 1958 is Mr. D. Turner.

FORWARD PROGRAM.

Thursday night - 3rd. October.	Slide Evening at the C.W.A. Rooms, Criterion Street. Starts at 8.00 p.m. Admission:- 5/- Donation. Tickets will be sold at the door. Bring your friends along. Subject: Macquarie Island. Some cave slides will be shown - time permitting. Supper will be served.
12-13th October.	Ida Bay. Survey of high-level cave.
2-3rd. November.	Hastings. Working Bee. Axemen, bricklayers, carpenters -everyone is welcome.
23-24th November.	Florentine Valley. Pillingers Creek or Bone Pit - depending on weather.

M. H. De Vries,
Hon. Secretary.
'Phone B 5247.
Business W 1111 Ext. 345.

Famous Last Words.

" Don't bother going up there. It doesn't go anywhere."

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Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

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20th November, 1957.

Due to adverse weather conditions the proposed trip to Ida Bay on the 12-13th October was cancelled and a trip to Hastings was held instead. (According to local reports, Mystery Creek had overflowed its banks for more than twenty feet on either side.)

On the 12th, three members of the party carried out some experiments with 2 No.38 Walkie-Talkie sets in the tourist cave. A full report on this will be published in the next Bulletin. The remainder of the party visited Hell's Half Acre where they discovered another passage just past Devil's Elbow. It is thought that the end of this passage is very close to the surface. How about some volunteers to survey this part of the cave?

On the 13th, the three resurgences downstream of Beattie Cave were investigated. We are now quite sure that Mystery Creek (if this is the correct creek) joins another underground stream before reaching the resurgences. As there are still a few entrances to investigate near Beattie Cave, it is possible that some of these form part of the suspected cave system.

During the Xmas-New Year season, the Club will hold three different trips. Firstly, there will be a trip to Mole Creek where we hope to meet some members of the Victorian Cave Exploration Society.

The following should interest some of our walking enthusiasts. There will be a small party going out to the Gordon and Franklin Rivers and possibly as far as Jane River. Leave Hobart 26th December and return on the 16th January or thereabouts.

As well, another party will leave Hobart on the 2nd January and visit the area to the west of Precipitous Bluff. Return on the 11th January (probably). Those members interested are asked to contact the Secretary well in advance.

Forward Program:

7th December.	Half Annual Meeting and Xmas Social at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Latham, Rosny. Members are asked to contact the Social Secretary, Miss I. Wallace, before December 4th. c/- Commonwealth Bank, B 0531, Ext. 255. Between 9.0 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.
13th December.	Hobart Walking Club Xmas Social. C.W.A. Rooms, Criterion Street.
26th December.	Mole Creek. Contact Secretary before 21st Dec. Kelly Basin-Gordon River-Franklin River-Jane River. Contact Secretary before 11th December.
2nd January.	Precipitous Bluff. Contact Secretary before 18th December.
17th January.	Barbeque. Particulars will be published later.
January 25,26,27th.	Loongana - Gunn's Plains.
15,16th February	Hastings. Further investigation of entrances near Beattie.
22,23rd February.	Combined trip with Launceston Walking Club to Kubla Khan.
March Long Week End. 1st, 2nd, 3rd	Mole Creek.

M. H. De Vries,
Hon. Secretary.
'Phone B 5247.

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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!!!

Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

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Circular.

12th March, 1958.

Unfortunately, no cave discoveries of great importance have been made since the last circular.

At Ida Bay, a small party found a few minor caves near the present limestone quarry. One of these caves was found near the top of the quarry and will at some later stage be destroyed as the quarry face recedes further up the hill. This cave was packed with small formations, including some very interesting examples of the Botryoidal type.

One member of the party descended the pothole found in the dolina behind the rail-terminus. This pot was blocked with mud about 50 feet below the entrance and seemed to connect with the other pothole - about ten feet away from the entrance - discovered earlier by members of the Club.

At Mole Creek, the combined party - Launceston Walking Club and T.C.C. - found another way of reaching the new chamber in Kubla Khan. This involves a great deal of rock climbing, leaving only one stretch where the use of a boat is necessary. Apparently this new route is relatively easy and saves a lot of time, specially when a big party is involved.

During the March Long Week End a party descended some of the Bubb Hill potholes. Unfortunately, these pots proved to be no exception to the general rule "Nine out of the ten don't go." However, we still have two river caves to explore in this area plus a few more "possibles".

Honorary Life Membership:

At the last Committee Meeting it was proposed to make Mr. A. Goede an Honorary Life Member of the Club. In accordance with the Constitution, the election will be held at the next General Meeting, 28th March.

New Members: Miss E. Widdicombe 50 Mawhera Ave. Sandy Bay.
Mr. L. De Mouilpied 52 Basin Rd., Launceston.

Prospective Members: Mr. T. Shadbolt 42 Elwick Rd., Glenorchy.
Miss M. Hitchcock 25 Mulgrave St., Launceston.
Mr. C.W. Morris.(Jun.) 4 Somerdale Rd. Claremont.

FORWARD PROGRAM:

28th March: A General Meeting, followed by a Social Evening, will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. Latham, Rosny. Members are asked to bring their own drinks; Ladies - A basket. Please contact the Secretary before the 25th March.

Easter-4,5,6,7 April: Mole Creek.

15th April: Slide Evening at the home of Mr. Seymour, 4 Clark Ave., Battery Point. At this meeting slides will be selected for the forthcoming

Slide Evening, 22nd. April. Members are asked to bring their own collection of slides (plus a bottle)

22nd April: Slide Evening - C.W.A. Rooms, Criterion St.
Admission: 2/6.

19-20 April: Florentine Valley - Tim Shea - Westfield Caves.

5-4 May: Ida Bay. Exploration of High level chambers in Entrance Cave.

17-18 May: Mole Creek.

14,15,16 June: Potholing - Gunn's Plains.

M. H. De Vries, Hon. Secretary. 'Phone B 5247.

Famous Last Words.

Caverneer looking down a narrow 40 ft. pot:
"Aw - Heck. I'll get out of there without a rope!"
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Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

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Circular.

21st May, 1958.

The 12th Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Board Room of the State Fruit Board, 86 Murray Street, Hobart, on Tuesday night the 24th of June, 1958.

Main items of Business at this Meeting shall be:

1. Amendments of the Constitution:

a. Notice of Motion.

R. Dowden has proposed the following Constitutional Amendment:

"That age limit for junior membership be changed to 16 years of age."

Seconded by D. Latham.

b. Notice of Motion.

M. De Vries has proposed a Constitutional Amendment as follows:

"Honorary Memberships.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint as Honorary Members certain persons who are rendering service to the Club but who are prevented by circumstances from becoming Full Members of the Club. The list of Honorary Members is to be amended once every twelve months." Seconded by D. Turner.

c. Notice of Motion.

R. Dowden has proposed the following Constitutional Amendment:

Duties of Office Bearers - Secretary. Delete: "act as executive officer of the Committee." Seconded by M. De Vries.

2. Report on the organisation of the 2nd Congress of the Australian Speleological Federation to be held in Tasmania during the Christmas holidays.

3. Honorary Life Membership. F. Brown gave notice of Motion that A. Goede be elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Seconded by M. De Vries.

4. Nomenclature: Tasmanian caves and cave formations

Election of Office Bearers: -

1. Nominations are called from Financial Members for the positions of President, Vice-President, and six Committee Members. All nominations for Office Bearers shall be made in writing to the Secretary before the Meeting, with the nominee's consent in writing. If insufficient nominations are received, nominations may be taken at the General Meeting.

2. The Committee has suggested that a Federation Committee be elected consisting of Committee Members at present responsible for the organisation of the 2nd Congress of the Australian Speleological Federation. The Committee will consist of the following Office Bearers:

Chairman . . . to be elected.
Secretary. . . F. Brown.
Treasurer. . . R. Dowden.

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District Liaison Officers . Hastings & Ida Bay . M. De Vries.
" " " Junee & Florentine . . F. Brown.
" " " Mole Creek D. Lyons.
Quarter Master . . . D. Turner.
Publications Officer . . . to be elected.

Nominations are called for the positions of Chairman and Publications Officer.

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Items of Interest.

1. Traces of fluorescein have been found in an effluent cave on Mr. Byard's property, Mayberry. This cave is probably the exit of Kubla Khan. The fluorescein was added to the creek on Mr. A. How's property on the 15th June, 1957.
2. Survey work in the Kubla Khan System is progressing steadily. We may be able to have the maps completed by the end of this year.
3. The higher level in Entrance Cave - Ida Bay was surveyed on the 10th May. The return trip from the quarry to the huts was made on the "flat-top" in the dark. The use of a brake was thought to be unnecessary!
4. The Secretary and/or Party Leader has the power to cancel an official Club trip if no applications from Members to attend such trip have been received three days prior to such trip taking place.

New Members.

Mr. A. Hewer.

Mr. N. Poynter. 66 Mt. Stuart Rd., Hobart.

Mr. I Green. c/- E.S.A. Bank, Macquarie St., Hobart.

Prospective Members.

Dr. Chapman (Ex-S.U.S.S.) c/- Royal Hobart Hospital.

Mr. H. De Vries (jnr.) 46 Jordon Hill Rd., Hobart.

Dr. Knolle c/- Technical College, Hobart.

Mr. R. Leighton c/- H.E.C., Harrington St., Hobart.

Mr. I Peterson 43 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley, Hobart.

Miss. M. Thodey Jane Franklin Hall, 308 Davey St. Hobart.

Forward Program.:

14,15,16th June. Gunn's Plains. Party Leader and Trip
Organiser: F. Brown.

24th June. Annual General Meeting - Board Room, State
Fruit Board, 86 Murray St. (Richardson's
Building), Hobart. Your presence at this
Meeting will be greatly appreciated.

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5, 6th July. Track blazing to Exit Cave - Ida Bay,
weather permitting.

 Hastings. Working Bee - Hut, or
tunnelling. P.L. & T.O. D. Seymour.

19, 20th July. Hastings. Digging the new tunnel. P.L. &
T.O. M. De Vries.

9, 10th August. Ida Bay. Exploration beyond the Canyon.
P.L. & T.O. F. Brown.

23rd August. Rock Climbing Exercises - Lost World, Mt.
Arthur. All Prospective Members are
specially invited to attend. P.L. & T.O.
D. Seymour.

M. H. De Vries
Hon. Secretary
46 Jorden Hill Rd.,
Hobart.
'Phone B 5247.

Famous Last Words.

"Aw - Heck. You don't need a brake on this thing! Where's the
grease gun?"

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.
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CIRCULAR.

18th August, 1958.

The 12th. Annual General Meeting was held in the Board Room of the State Fruit Board, 86 Murray Street, Hobart, on Tuesday 24th. June, 1958, at 8 p.m.

Election of Office Bearers for 1958- 59.

General Committee:

PresidentD.F. Turner.
Vice-PresidentD.M. Elliott.
SecretaryM.H. De Vries.
TreasurerR.L. Dowden.
Assistant SecretaryE. Widdicombe.
Social SecretaryE. Widdicombe.
Keeper of ArchivesF. Peterson.
Quarter MasterJ. Poynter.
CommitteeF.R. Brown, J. Green,
D.R. Latham, D.W. Seymour.

Editorial Committee:

Convenor:M.H. De Vries.
Committee:F.R. Brown, R.L. Dowden, E.
Widdicombe, F. Peterson.

Federation Committee:

ChairmanF.R. Brown.
SecretaryM.H. De Vries.
TreasurerJ. Green.
Publications OfficerD.M. Elliott.
Quarter MasterD.F. Turner.
O.I.C. Hastings & Ida Bay .M.H. De Vries.
O.I.C. Junee & Florentine .F.R. Brown.
O.I.C. Mole CreekG.D. Lyons.

Amendments to General Committee:

At a Committee Meeting held on 6th. August, it was decided that Miss E. Widdicombe would be Acting Honorary Secretary until February 1st, 1959. This decision was made because the pressure of personal affairs of the Honorary Secretary, M.H. de Vries, was too great for him to carry out the necessary duties to his satisfaction.

Constitutional Amendments.

1. That the age limit for Junior Membership be changed to 16 years of age.
2. The Committee shall have the power to appoint as Honorary Associates certain persons who are rendering service to the Club, but, who are prevented by circumstances from becoming full Members of the Club. The list of Honorary Associates to be amended once every twelve months.

Honorary Life Membership.

Mr. Albert Goede has been elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

Honorary Associates.

The following people have been made Honorary Associates of the Club:

Mr and Mrs A. HoweMole Creek
Mr. Clark.....Mole Creek.
Mr. Donnelly.....Ida Bay.

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Items of Interest.

1. Work has been progressing steadily on improvements to the Hut at Hastings. Two successful weekend working bees have been held but more help will be needed to complete the hut to our satisfaction.
2. Long newsy letter from Albert Goede in Holland. He finds Holland flat, uninteresting, and caveless. We cannot understand why he suggests Political Asylum in Holland for other Tasmanian Caverneers.
3. In case you are wondering Federation is still on. Enquiries and Entries are slow coming in.

Social Programme.

Annual Dinner.

To be held at Beach House, Sandy Bay. Saturday 13th September. Tables will be booked, some idea of numbers will therefore be necessary. Closing date for bookings Friday 5th. September.

Forward Programme.

Saturday 23rd. August: Field Day, Lost World, Mt. Arthur. Come and demonstrate your prowess on rope and ladder usage, or learn if you don't know. Party Leader: D. Seymour.

Weekend 6-7th. Sept.: Working Bee. Ida Bay and Hastings. Preparations for Federation. Party Leader - M.H. De Vries.

Weekend 20-21st. Sept.: Working Bee. Mole Creek, More Federation Preparations ... A great deal to be done. Party Leader - F. Brown.

Weekend 4-5th. Oct.: Working Bee. Hastings and Ida Bay. Party Leader: F. Peterson.

Weekend 25-26th Oct.: Florentine Valley. Federation Preparations. Party Leader - F. Brown.

Weekend 15-16th. Nov.: Mole Creek. Party Leader -M.H. De Vries.
E. Widdicombe,
Acting Hon. Secretary. 50 Mawhera Avenue,
Sandy Bay, HOBART.

Famous Last Words.

"You don't need a hole more than two feet deep for an
18 foot telegraph pole, even in clay." [F]

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

CIRCULAR

9th. Dec. '58

Now that the Federation Conference is only two weeks ahead of us we would like to mention the following details:

During the whole conference including field trips, transport will be done by private cars. Due to the lower number of applications received this system will be cheaper, faster and more reliable.

Members intending to attend the conference are once again, and for the last time, asked to contact F. BROWN or M. de VRIES so that final arrangements can be made. During the three weeks that parties will be on field trips cars may be leaving Hobart to visit each of the parties for a few days or for the weekends. Hence members who wish to make use of these opportunities to do some caving with the visitors are asked to contact the secretary for further details.

DONT LEAVE IT TILL THE LAST MINUTE, WE ARE BUSY EVEN IF YOUR NOT!

CAVE RESCUE.

During the Federation meet David Elliott, 305 Strickland Ave., phone. 2-0234 (home), J 1335 (bus) will be Organiser and all messages from parties in the field will be sent to him. If the occasion should arise members will be called upon to fill vacancies in the rescue parties. Rescue work is organised on a three car basis; the first car, leaving Hobart within one hour will take a medical officer and a small party of experienced cavers, the second car will wait to collect such equipment as may be needed and the third car will stand-by until called. All field parties will be equipped with the best medical kit available. We hope neither the kit nor the rescue will be needed.

The club will hold its Christmas party on Friday the 19th. December at the home of Mr. & Mrs Dell. Latham, Rosny. Members must contact the secretary before the 17th. so that we know how many are coming. (We dont want to waste the beer !)

The Saturday and Sunday following a small party will go to Ida Bay. Probably leave on Saturday afternoon for obvious reasons !

M.R.de VRIES

CONFERENCE ORGANISER'S BLAST.

We have a membership list of 40 persons. So far, and there is only a fortnight to go, the response from this club has not been bad, not by any means bad, thats the wrong word its been SHOCKING!! Were is everybody ? We have had two years notice of this affair and still only the same old stalwarts turn up at meetings and working bees, we still need YOUR assistance either at the conference or in the field trips or in transport or somewhere. Application forms were sent out to all of you and I blush to say that I have only received TWO (2) replies although

I know more people intend coming, Let us have something definite please.

Up to now we have arranged a home for the conference, catering and entertainment are also in hand. We have organised three good field trips. We have an area officer for each area but no offsiders to help him and to show off our caves to the visitors. We need 2 or 3 more cars to take people to and from areas even if the cars do not stay with the parties we need them on "moving days"

There will be a brief meeting at the Christmas party on the 19th. and even if you havent been caving for some time you are still part of the club. What about attending or at least getting in touch to see what you can do ?

CONFERENCE OPENS ON 27th DECEMBER AND THATS NOT FAR OFF !

F.R.BROWN
15 Harrington St.,
HOBART.
Phone 2-4826

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Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

11th February, 1959.

CIRCULAR.

During the Federation period the Club has entertained about 50 Members from various Clubs. Some notable discoveries have been made in the field and numerous caves visited. Of special note is the Honeycomb Caves survey which took about 12 days to complete. The rough copy of the map should be ready by the end of April.

On Friday the 13th February a General Meeting will be held at the State Fruit Board, Richardsen's Buildings, Murray Street. Nominations are called for the position of Hon. Secretary and should be presented to the Secretary before the G.M. At the conclusion of the Business Session a brief report will be given on the Conference and slides will be shown.

Full Members: The following prospective Members have been appointed as Full Members of the Club. Mr. Jim Peterson, Mr. J. Madden, Mr. Brian Duhig, Mr. Harry de Vries, Miss Margaret Thodey, Miss Mary Murdoch.

Visitors: During the Hobart Regatta Weekend the Club had a trip to Hastings and Ida Bay. Lt. Cdr. T. R. Shaw attended the trip and subsequent Club functions. Trevor Shaw is a Member of C.R.G. and the Bristol Speleological Society and has been in touch with our Club for many years by correspondence. We were very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet Trevor whilst he was visiting Hobart on board H.M.S. Albion and hope that we shall meet again in years to come.

Forward Programme:

21-22nd February: Track cutting to Exit Cave. Further details at the G.M. Party Leader: M. De Vries.

28-1-2 March Long Weekend:- Mole Creek. Party Leader: F. Brown.

14-15 March: Florentine. Bone Pit.

Easter: Gordon River or Mole Creek. Further details at a later date.

11-12 April: Exit Cave. A comfortable walk along the new track.

Marines H. De Vries,
Hon. Secretary.
'Phone 2 5247

MOTTO.

"Caverneers are the same the world over."

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

[March? 1959]

1. BULLETIN. - Articles are required for Volume 1 No.IV. A contribution from you for inclusion in this issue would really be appreciated !
2. OUR ALBERT - We are glad to have Albert Goede back again and hope he doesn't think he's still in Holland after this sleety wintry spell!
3. CAVE DIVING- Are you interested in cave diving? If so come up to Mole Creek in June. There are good prospects of new discoveries being made.
4. SECRETARY- Due to pressure of work Marines de Vries has resigned the position of Hon. Secretary. The Club thanks him for a job well done over several years. The new secretary is Fay Peterson. Frank Brown is Trip Secretary.
5. EASTER TRIP- Where was everyone at Easter ? The proposed trip to the Gordon River was cancelled because of insufficient starters. Some members went to Mole Creek. Disappointing just the same. !
6. A.S.F. - The third A.S.F. Conference will be held in Canberra in '60-'61. As it is essential that ferry bookings for cars should be made now, please let us know if you intend coming without delay - you can cancel but late bookings will not be possible. So far there are five members interested and two cars have been booked. There are many good prospects around Canberra and a cheap three week holiday can be enjoyed.

7. FORWARD PROGRAMME

- 11/12 April - Junee, Bone pit. Saturday morning start. please notify Frank Brown. Leader - M. de Vries.
- 25/26 April - Ida Bay, track cutting and Entrance Cave. Notify Frank.
- 9/10 May - Mole Creek -further exploration near Honeycomb Cave. Notify Frank.
- 23/24 May - Hastings - Forestry Hut Working Bee. Have you done your bit yet ?
- 13/14/15 June Cave Diving in Kubla Khan, Mole Creek. Put this in your diary.

8. NEW ADDRESSES

K.& M. Burns - 12 Knocklofty Terrace, West Hobart.
Mr. Wilfred Taylor - Lot 109 Continental Rd. Glenorchy.
Mr. Kieth Ball - 421 Dandenong Rd. North Clayton, Vic.
M. de Vries)
H. de Vries - 78 Lord Street, Sandy Bay, Hobart.
A. Goede)

F. Brown.
15a Deviation,
Battery Point.
(B4826)

F. Peterson.
8 Swanston St.
New Town.
(81263)

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB
CIRCULAR.

June, 1959

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The thirteenth Annual General Meeting will be held in the Board Room of the State Fruit Board, Richardson's Building, 86 Murray Street, Hobart at 8 p.m. 27th. June, 1959.

Nominations are called from Financial Members for the positions of President, Vice-President, and six Committee members. All nominations for Office Bearers should be made in writing to the Secretary before the meeting, with the nominee's consent in writing. If insufficient nominations are received, nominations may be taken at the Annual General Meeting.

Items of interest to be discussed at this meeting include report on the Second Congress of the Australian Speleological Association which was held in Tasmania last Christmas; revision of the Club Constitution; adoption of a Club Badge; and means by which the club can participate more actively in the Federation of Field Naturalists' Clubs of Tasmania to which it is affiliated.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Club extends a welcome to the following new members and we hope to see them joining in club activities -

Mr. John Elliott, Mr. Tony Le Fevre, Mr. B.W. Wray, Mr. C. Morris.

FORWARD PROGRAMME

11/12 July- Track cutting Ida Bay or working Bee at Hastings depending on weather conditions. No caving gear will be taken !

25/26 July- As previous trip. Please notify Frank Brown by Wednesday of previous week if you intend going so that transport may be arranged.

If you have any bright ideas on places where you think a trip is warranted in the near future or on any other matter relevant to Club affairs we would like to hear them at the Annual General Meeting.

Extract from NSS NEWS.

Speleological Postage Stamp -

Of considerable interest is the recent appearance of a Romanian postage stamp commemorating Dr. Emile G. Racovitza, the great European biospeleologist. Attractively printed in olive-green and purple, the stamp is decorated with a portrait of Racovitza and a background of stalactites and tall, slender stalagmites. The legend reads (in Romanian) "E. Racovitza, Founder of Biospeleology, 1868-1947.

Trip Secretary-
F. Brown,
15a Deviation,
Battery Point.
(2 4826)

Hon. Secretary
F. Peterson
8 Swanston St.
New Town.
(8 1263)

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB CIRCULAR.

July, 1959

RESULTS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The office-bearers for the coming year are as follows -

President..... Marines H. De Vries.
Vice-President..... Douglas F. Turner.
Secretary..... Fay Peterson.
Treasurer..... Kerry Burns.
Trip & Asst. Secretary..... Frank Brown.
Quartermaster..... Frank Hasler.
Keeper of Archives..... Albert Goede.
Committee Members..... Mary Burns

Des. Lyons (Social Sec.) (A.S.F. Delegate)

It was decided that junior members would be accepted from the age of 16, full membership rights being granted to those over the age of 18 years.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due. If there is a red mark and an amount in the margin of your circular this means that you are unfinancial for the current year and the amount is owing as arrears. The subscription has been raised to £1.0.0 for full members, 10/- for junior and associate members, and the entrance fee is now 10/-.

BULLETINS.

You will be sorry to hear that Bulletin Number 4 will not be published. Instead, it will be Volume 2 Number 1. But it really won't be published if you are all backward in coming forward with your contributions. We are fortunate to have Des. Lyons, previously Editor of "Skyline", as convenor of the Editorial Committee. With your co-operation, his energy, experience and initiative will ensure that the next Bulletin will be our best ever. Don't let him down - do your bit! (No responsibility is taken for the above item, which was contributed by Des Lyons - Sec.)

ANNUAL DINNER - 12th. September. Put this in your diary. Further details of this function and the next general meeting on September 25th. will be in our next circular.

WORKING BEES.

Track clearing on the Exit Cave Kokoda Trail advanced into the myrtle forest on a recent trip and it is hoped to complete this work if possible on the w/End of 25/26th July. The hut at Hastings will also receive attention.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

August 15/16th. - Mole Creek .

August 29/30th. - W/E or week party.(not Weak either!) Exit Cave. Please notify Frank Brown by the Wednesday of previous week if you intend going on either of these trips so transport may be arranged.

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Hon. Secretary-

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB
CIRCULAR.

September, 1959.

ANNUAL DINNER

This year's annual dinner is to be held on Saturday, 12th. September at the Travellers' Rest Hotel, Sandy Bay. We shall have a private dining room and go on to one of our member's homes afterwards. The cost will be 30/- per head (including table wines).

If you intend coming please let either F. Brown or Hon. Sec. know by 8th. September so that the necessary booking can be made. On the night we shall meet at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

DISCOVERY OF NEW CAVE AT FLOWERY GULLY.

Recently a new cave was found within a hundred yards of the one already known to the club. A contractor carrying out blasting operations in the quarry discovered the new cave and efforts have been made to stop further blasting in the immediate vicinity until further investigations have been made. Although only small in size there are some very interesting and colourful formations and it is hoped that some can be salvaged for research work at the University. Mr. Ramsay Ford, mineralogist at the University will carry out this work.

BULLETIN

Have you prepared your article for Volume 2 Number 1 yet? Please let Des Lyons know if you have one underway.

FUTURE PROGRAMME.

September 19/20th. Mole Creek. Leader Kerry Burns.
September 25th. - General Meeting, State Fruit Board
Richardson's Building, Murray Street.
October 3/4th. - Mole Creek. Leader F. Brown.

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[TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB]

Circular

October 1959

The Annual Dinner has come and gone once again. Eighteen members enjoyed dinner at the Travellers Rest and supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Latham. It was good to have Mrs. Howe and Elsie with us on this occasion.

Several trips to Mole Creek have been held recently and some survey work done in Croesus where the farthest passage was explored until progress was prevented through lack of equipment. A new hole has been found behind Howe's farm and this has yet to be fully investigated. Baldocks Cave was also visited and fully surveyed.

NEW MEMBERS Leon Shaw

PROSPECTIVES Gill Murdoch, E. ("Sib", pronounced "Zib") McIntyre, Henk (pronounced "Hank") Meerding, Steven Stokes.

So far their experience with the club has not induced a withdrawal of application for membership.

Mailing List If your address or phone number has recently changed it would be much appreciated if you would advise the Secretary at once.

Christmas Trip Up the Gordon - 26th December to 1st January. Launch as transport from Strahan and headquarters. At least one cave guaranteed - others highly probable. Magnificent scenery. Companionship of fellow maniacs. Inclusive cost of £10 return to Hobart. Possibly lower cost if sufficient in the party. Don't miss this. Book early with Frank Brown - go on, get busy!

FORWARD PROGRAMME

31st Oct.-1st Nov. Flowery Gully. Leader, F. Brown.
14th/15th Nov. Working Bee, Hastings. Leader, D. Latham.
28th/29th Nov. Track cutting, Ida Bay. Leader, M. de Vries.
12th/13th Dec. Bone Pit. Leader, F. Brown.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

8th Dec. General Meeting at Fay Peterson's home, 8 Swanston St., New Town.
18th Dec. Christmas Party at home of Ron Kent, Tranmere Rd., Howrah.

Extracts from N.S.S. News

More Cave Stamps: Two new 10 yen Japanese stamps depict formations of the Akiyoshi area. The stamps are multicoloured. One shows the great column called Ohgonbashire (Golden Pillar) of Akiyoshi Cave and the other is a view of Karrenfelder (Karenfuyero in Japanese) on the surface of the Akiyoshi Plateau. Helps the tourist trade without a doubt.

Atomic Project "Gnome" in New Mexico: Much interest has been aroused by the proposed detonation of a nuclear device at a depth of 1200 ft. beneath the salt flats 25 miles south east of Carlsbad. The effect of the explosion at the Carlsbad Caverns 25 miles away is not expected to be perceptible, though equivalent to 10,000 tons of TNT. An earthquake in 1932 in West Texas was felt by cavern visitors, but no damage was caused.

INACTIVE MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE Members desiring to become Associate Members are requested to sign the enclosed application form and return it to the Secretary, Fay Peterson, together with relevant subscriptions. Associate members will receive circulars and Annual reports, but not Bulletins and similar publications, which, however, may be purchased separately. An Associate member is entitled to attend two trips a year. You are reminded that 3 years full membership is required for eligibility. [F]

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

CIRCULAR.

November, 1959

General Meeting, Tuesday 8th. December, 8 Swanston St.

Notice of Motion. —

The following amendments have been proposed by D. Lyons, seconded F. Brown and will be discussed at the General Meeting.

Amendment to Clause 20 - After "Entrance fees, subscriptions, equipment fees" add "trip fees, hut fees" .

Amendment to Clause 24 - After "The Committee may co-opt not more than two additional members" add "who may by resolution of the committee be given a vote"

Amendment to Rule 7 - After "underground parties" (line 9), insert "or, alternatively, if the applicant is a former member of the Club".

Addition of Rule 12 - NOTICES.

No meeting or resolution shall be invalidated by reason only of failure only to give notice to or late receipt of notice by

(a) any person not entitled to vote.

(b) any person residing more than 20 miles from GPO Hobart.

New Member

Miss E. McIntyre, Rowella, West Tamar or Jane Franklin Hall, 308 Davey Street, Hobart during term.

Revised List of Recognised Party Leaders —

M. Banks, F. Brown, Professor Carey, M. De Vries, D. Elliott, B. Geeves, A. Goede, K. Iredale, D. Latham, L. Luckman, R. Lighton, D. Lyons, F. Peterson, D. Seymour, E. Smith, D. Turner.

Forward Programme —

Long Weekend, January 1960 Exit Cave, Leader D. Latham.
Names in at least a week before please.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB
CIRCULAR.

February, 1960

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting will be held in the Geology Department, University, Sandy Bay, at 8 p.m. Saturday, the 26th. March. It isn't a year since the last AGM but to co-ordinate clubs' financial years A.S.F. has decreed that all AGMs should be held in the month of March. Members are asked to bring a food contribution for supper.

A President, Vice-President, and six other Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The consent in writing of nominees not present at the meeting is required.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

LWE 5-7 March -	Mole Creek.
19/20 March -	Bone Pit, leader A. Goede.
Sat. 9 April -	Field Day, Rock climbing expedition, barbecue Details F. Brown
15-18 April, Easter-	Mole Creek and/or Exit Cave.
23-25 April, Anzac LWE -	Loongana.
7/8 May -	Florentine
21/22 May -	Hastings
Queen's Bthday LWE June-	Mole Creek.

SLIDE NIGHT

Keen photographers please sort out your best cave pictures and bring them to D. Turners on 10th March. It is hoped that if sufficient interest is shown that a public slide show can be arranged. A supper contribution would also be appreciated. See you there !

CHRISTMAS TRIPS

A party of seven went caving up the Gordon and despite numerous punctures en route and some excitement when one member was caught in an S-bend all seem to have enjoyed the trip and some really good photos should be forthcoming. Another party of five went to Mole Creek.

BEST WISHES TO

Bob Geeves who is at present recovering from an appendix operation.

Dick Dowden and Eleanor Widdicombe who were recently married.

Jim Green who was married in Adelaide not long ago.

VISITORS

We have been pleased to see Sth. Aust. Bob Sexton back here on a months holiday, and also two S.U.S.S. members who came on a caving trip.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS

The following amendments were passed at the General Meeting held on 8/12/59.

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NOTE WELL - special exercise to be held April 2nd. Saturday. -
see next page.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB
CIRCULAR(cont.)

CAVE SEARCH & RESCUE.

On Saturday, 2nd. April the Club will stage a search and rescue tryout. We expect 100% co-operation in this matter, in fact as much co-operation as we would receive if the call was genuine - THIS IS SERIOUS , THE FIRST MAN LOST MAY BE YOU.

Our main idea at this stage is to determine just how quickly we can get two car loads of cavers away from Hobart in an emergency but to do so we must have your help. The procedure has been outlined before but in case you have forgotten this is the procedure -

1. If you are called for car number 1, just grab personal caving gear, (lamps, batteries, clothes and boots) and wait where the co-ordinator tells you until M. de Vries picks you up.

2. If you are called for car number 2 pack as quickly as possible camping gear and any food which is handy - it is intended that car number 2 should arrive equipped for a stay of up to several days. You will be picked up within an hour by F. Brown.

3. If you are called for car number 3 just stand by and await further instructions. This particular exercise will rendezvous at a spot to be selected by the co-ordinator where we will be met by an umpire who will inspect each car and the equipment and personnel carried. If you haven't got some essential item or you have delayed the departure of your car - NO BEER.

Please remember this date 2nd. April and take this practice as seriously as if it were genuine until we get to the end of the exercise - after which it should be a good party.

CAVE DEVELOPMENT FUND -

Any donations to the above fund would be much appreciated to assist in the future development of the caves in this state.

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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 forthcoming 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 £ / / .

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 throughout 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 -
D. Elliott, E.S. & A. Bank,
Bellerive. (4 1335)

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

18th August, 1960.

Notice of Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

We, the undersigned, hereby call for an Extra-ordinary General Meeting, to be held at the Geology Dept., University of Tasmania, on the 3rd September, at 8.00 p.m., to be chaired by Mr. Turner or his nominee, to consider the motions hereunder stated, and any other general business deemed to be desirable.
Signed:

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

1. Notice of Motion - Moved by D.F. Turner.
"That the Committee (that is Mr. G.D. Lyons and Mr. K.L. Burns) be dissolved." (Sgd.) D.F. Turner.
2. Notice of Motion - Moved by M.H. De Vries.
"That the Constitution be suspended." (Sgd.) M.H. D Vries.
3. Notice of Motion.- Moved by F.L. Hasler. (Sgd.) F.L. Hasler
"That a new Committee be elected, consisting of:
a). President; and;
b). Such other Committee members as the meeting deems desirable."

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.
CIRCULAR.

August 1960

NEW OFFICE-BEARERS

M. de Vries resigned from the position of President and as committee member through pressure of work and extra studies. Our vice-president, Mr. D. Turner is the new president and Mr. A. Goede has been elected vice-president. K. Burns has resigned as treasurer but not as committee member. Mr John Elliott has accepted the position of treasurer and Mr. John Chick has been co-opted as assistant secretary of the club.

TRIP SECRETARY.

Mr. David Elliott is unable to carry on this work due to circumstances beyond his control and our new trip secretary is Mr. Frank Hasler. Anyone wishing to attend a trip should advise Frank by the Wednesday prior to the trip and if no more than three names are received the trip will be cancelled. Phone calls should be made in the evenings preferably.

Recent Trips

In mid-July a record number of 23, including 10 visitors went to Ida Bay and Hastings. While the party was at Hastings, assistance was given to the guides in the installation of some improved lights and fittings in a section of the cave which is rather difficult of access.

New Members.

We welcome the following new members to the club - Gillian Murdock, John Fairhall and Ola David Howe.

Wire cable for intending ladder makers:

If you are contemplating or at present constructing a ladder you should discuss specifications with Kerry Burns who has been making extensive enquires with rather startling results as to the safety requirements recommended by experts.

CANBERRA FEDERATION CONFERENCE

If you intend going to Canberra at Christmas please advise Frank Brown immediately. The more the merrier - so be in it!

Christmas trip

If you haven't the time or money to go to Canberra have you any bright ideas for a caving trip nearer home. Please advise any member of the committee so that arrangements can be proceeded with.

FORWARD PROGRAMME

August 20-21st. - Mole Creek, Leader M. de Vries.
September 3-4th, - Survey Weekend Croesus. Leader F. Brown.
September th. - Club Dinner Traveller's Rest Hotel.
September 17-18th, - Junee area, leader A. Goede.
October 1-2nd. - Hastings, leader F. Brown. Party leaders' training trip.

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER

Names to be given to the secretary by Monday, 5th. Sept. so that a booking can be made, The cost will be 30/- per head, we shall meet in the Lounge at 6.38 p.m.

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

1. To be held at Geology Department University on Friday 14th October, 1960.
2. Convention of Meeting: Explanation.
3. Minutes of last Meeting:
4. Methods of Constitutional Amendment:
 - (a) That 1959 constitution be revoked, and constitution A adopted
 - (b) That 1959 constitution be revoked, and constitution B adopted.
 - (c) That 1959 Constitution be revoked, and constitution C adopted.
 - (d) That the words "Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in the constitution" be inserted before the words "The Club" in paragraph 3 of the 1959 Constitution.
 - (e) That the rules of 1959 Constitution be revoked.
5. Delegates: That a member of the committee be appointed Club Delegate to the A.S.F. Conference in Canberra.

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and 1 p. Q "Constitution D", not reproduced here]

N E W S L E T T E R
Tasmanian Cavernerring Club [sic]

22nd November, 1960.

There always seems to be a strange pause in our activities about this time of the year. Perhaps the University authorities could explain this! However, we are back again.

NOTICES:

1. Committee meeting Monday 28th November, Rein de Vries house.
2. General meeting 14th December, Geology Department - short meeting followed by more films.
3. Trip Florentine area, 3rd and 4th December. One large hole 1/2 hour from road - we can't miss it!
4. Christmas party. Barbecue party Saturday 17th December. Mystery location - assemble at Salamanca place 6.00 p.m. for the caverneers car trial.
5. Christmas trips - if you cannot go on one of the big trips contact the committee and see what can be arranged.

PERSONAL

1. Congratuations to Max and Doris Banks and Dick and Eleanor Dowden who have taken rather drastic steps to increase club membership. Of course Del Latham, Bob Geeves and David Elliott have been increasing our membership this way for several years!
2. Congratulations to Fay Peterson on her engagement. Another drastic way of increasing membership!
3. Mr. S.R. Lighton, a foundation member of the club and a good caver, is standing for election to the Hobart City Council. We urge all members to support him - the council chambers will make an excellent room for T.C.C. parties.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

We need some new members to swell our ranks. What are you doing towards our recruiting campaign? (See above).

CAVE FEVER

I must go down to the caves again, to the muddy caves, or the dry,
And all I ask is a carbide lamp and a match to light her by,
And the muddy kick of the trog ahead, and the pale teeth shaking,
And the grey grit in the dark face, and the lunch bag breaking.
I must go down to the caves again, for an entrance mean or wide,
Is a mute but an insistent call that may not be denied,
And all I ask is a deep hole with all noise dying,
Save relentless crunch of hob-nailed boot, and black bat flying.
I must go down to the caves again, to the spele-illogical life,
To the worm's way and the ant's way, - with the earth in endless strife
And all I ask is a cool drink, and some dehydrated clover,
And a long sleep and a sweet dream when the night-mare's over.
(Apologies have been graciously accepted from John Masefield.)

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CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

BOX 641 G,
G.P.O. Hobart.

December 1960
No.1.

As a result of the Extraordinary General Meeting of 14th. October, and the Committee Meeting of 28th. November, the following are the office-bearers of the club.

Hon. Pres., Head of State

and Drinkswaiter - - - - - D.F. Turner.

Hon. Vice-Pres. (Motto- "Advice,
Service") - - - - -

F.R. Brown.

Hon. Treasurer £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ M.H.de Vries.

Hon. Secretary - - - - - J. Chick.

Quartermaster & Archivist- - - - - A. Goede.

Trip Secretary- - - - - E.C. Clayton

Other Committee Members - - R.L. Dowden. D.R.Latham.

J. Poynter, J. Shipway.

New Name & Format.

Once upon a time someone thought that they'd like to change the shape of things, so he did, and it is. As for the name it means "Cave Talk", which I think is appropriate. Any comments? If so, the Hon. Sec. will listen to (and probably ignore) them.

New Address.

All correspondence with the club shall be addressed to our new box , G.P.O. Box 641G. (I spell: Sex For One-----GEE!). Any club mail you receive should be re-addressed to this number, or handed immediately to the Hon. Sec.

Overheard in a cave.

"I hear Carl has presented the Club with six pitons"

"Carl! In which cave are they permanently stuck?" (Reprinted without permission, but with modifications from the Bulletin of the South African Spelaeological Association.)

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Forward Programme

We will be running our activities on a monthly basis in the new year. The proposed arrangements are:

2nd. Tuesday. Committee Meeting.

2nd. Week-end. Trip.*

4th. Tuesday. General Meeting.

4th. Week-end Trip.*

* The trips will usually be arranged so that the trip after the Committee Mtg. will be a more difficult one than the one after the General Mtg.

This will be changed to some extent to allow for long week-ends, Easter, earthquakes and sundry revolutions. Details for trips etc. until the end of March will be found on page four.

Christmas trips total four in all, and a few brief details are given below:

1. Canberra, A.S.F. The "Ten Little Cavers" tale is sadly true. Now there are only four on this trip. Des Lyons, our

delegate, and Frank Hasler are both flying over, and Frank is making his a one-way-flight, as he is "going into smoke" for a year or two. Carl Clayton and John Chick are taking the POT on Dec. 27th. and after a week's caving, will use the thumb to see parts of N.S.W., Vic. and S.Aus.

2. Precipitous Bluff. Albert Goede & Co. are flying from Ida Bay to New River Lagoon, and plan to assault the Bluff, charges will no doubt be preferred.

3. Nelson River. Rene de Vries & Co. will be serving time on a stretch up the river and may even look for some caves which are believed to be there.

4. Exit Cave. Dick Dowden being of sound mind (?) does hereby call for volunteers to join him on a trip to Exit Cave. Further particulars may be had from Dick at 5 Quorn St. Sandy Bay, Ph. 51571, or at work at 23373.

N.B. New box no. G.P.O. Box 641G.

3.

Alley Oop's Piffle Page.

Our vice-president took some of his own advice on one of his favourite vices and achieved one of his lifelong ambitions, viz.: watching the sunrise while drinking gin from a bucket ! !
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The residents of Lenah Valley are still wondering about a vague form seen tearing around minus shoes and sox.

These two notable events occurred at a party held at the home of the v.p. recently, where ties too were taboo.

Florentine Trip. 3rd. & 4th. December.

After a few preliminary difficulties, (why can't Phil Lake live in an easily found residence, why can't John Chick wake up on time?), we all arrived at Springfield Ave. Corner. One puncture later we met again at the A.N.M. barrier at Maydena, and Don Frankcombe showed us a short route to Growling Swallet (at 560ft., Australia's deepest).

Then, amid a loud fanfare of trumpets the intrepid, caverneers attempted to plummet deep into the Gordon Limestone. But first, the impassable, impossible & impenetrable rain-forest had to be passed, penetrated & possessed (?).

Sounds impressive, doesn't it.? Well in a way it was. After scrub-bashing through "horizontal" and the rest of the mullock we hunted in the rain for "D4" (or at least Albert looked while we took shelter under a Man-fern humpy around a fire, and when Albert found the pot, we refused to budge, until, much later, we were moved by his entreaties (and by orders of Party-Leader Frank Brown) and crashed on up the hill to Albert.

Three ladders were tossed down the pot & Albert went down. Albert came up and another ladder was added and Wilf Taylor went down. Wilf came up & reported that yet another ladder was needed, but, as it was getting dark, the assault party screamed off through the scrub down to the road and then back to Maydena.

The next day, Frank Brown, Doug Turner, Frank Hasler, Clive Morris, Albert Goede and John Chick returned to D4 while the others went sight-seeing. On the way up, another pot was

found, and named E3 (some of our names are really classy), this appeared to be about 100ft. deep from the noise of falling stones. (Continued on page four.)

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Florentine Trip (cont.)

The fifth ladder was added, and Albert went down to the bottom, returning from a depth of 130 ft with the news that the hole did not "go". John then went down for the practice to a depth of 60ft., then we pulled up the ladders, packed-up and headed out. We made record time out and got back to camp at Maydena to find some cold greasy saveloys staring at us out of some red-tinted water.

Back then to Hobart without a record, but with a good weekend's caving behind us.

Welcome to Gray Wilson, who made the Florentine his first trip.

Congratulations to caving Alderman S.R.Lighton, who we hope will add depth of thought to the proceedings of the H.C.C.

Forward Programme.

Jan. 28-29-30. Ida Bay, Exit Cave. Party Leader: Rene de Vries. Names to Rene by Wed. 25th. Jan., (Ph. H 25247, B 22421)

Feb. 14th. Committee Meeting at D.F. Turner's. 18-19 Florentine, Growling Swallet. Party Leader: Albert Goede. Names to Albert by Wed. 15th. Feb. (Ph. H 31742)

28th. General Meeting at Geology Dept. Uni. of Tasmania at 8 p.m.

Mar. 4-5-6 Mole Creek. Party Leader: Frank Brown. Names to Carl Clayton by Wed. 1st. Mar. (Ph. H 26240, B 79445)

14th. Committee Meeting at D.F.Turner's.

18-19 Hastings Party Leader D.F.Turner., Names to Carl by Wed. 15th. Mar.

28th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Uni. Tas. Geol. Dept.

#*+! If a X appears here(), you are unfinancial.

Length of time..... Amount.... £ s d.

Remember Rene is Treasurer, 78 Lord St. Sandy Bay Ph. H 25247 B 22421 or G.P.O. Box 641G Hobart.

Good caving and a Merry Christmas.

John Chick Hon. Sec.

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CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

BOX 641 G,
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MAY 1961.
No.2.

EDITORIAL -- An apology.

Of course this should have been out months ago, but, one thing or another, I haven't managed to do so. Here it is though, and to bring things up to date, the office-bearers and committee.

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting, held on 28th. March, brought little change to the office bearers of the club. Here they are, together with one co-opted member who has been dragged in since.

D.F. TurnerHon. President.
F.R. BrownVice-Pres.
M.H. de Vries £ £ £ £ £ £ Hon. Treasurer.
I ChickHon. Secretary
A. GoedeKeeper of Archives.
B. JamesQuartermaster.
C. ClaytonTrip Secretary.
D. Latham) "Ministers-Without-Portfolios"
R.L. Dowden)

MONEY MATTERS)()()(This means YOU!

Rene in aching to get his hands on your money, or more exactly the money that you owe the club. If you are in the red, clubwise, then "X" will mark the spot.

() Yes You! _____ Years, Total £

Rene de Vries is at 78 Lord St. Sand Bay.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Membership Cards are now being printed, and will be given only to those members who are financial.

2.

NEW CAVE AT WAITOMO (New Zealand)

The October 1960 issue of the "New Zealand Travel News" reports that the Lands and Survey Department has purchased 71 acres of land above the Hollow Hill caves to ensure that the bush cover, essential to the continued existence of the formations below, will be preserved. It is good to see that such measures are being taken, even before the cave is developed as a tourist attraction; maybe we should think about putting pressure on about some of our cave areas, it may do some good.

ALLEY OOP'S PIFFLE PAGE

Congratulations and commiserations to Phyllis and John Elliott who celebrated their nuptials recently; John has the right idea on recruiting new members.

Carl Clayton, about to take the "walk" with Sally Davidson, will be the subject of a search and rescue operation to ensure that he "gets to the church on time".

Canberra Speleological Society will think that we are a lot of low-down types who recruit our members from them. Roly Webb defected to us in January when the Army transferred him to Hobart, and we are glad to have the Webb tribe with us. Now Edith Smith, whom they pinched from us in the first place, is returning to the Uni. here and we hope to see her caving with us again.

Also from Canberra, but for a short visit only, we will have the bearded wonder (who said on an A.S.F. field trip to Coolamon in January, "It's only up to your knees." with the water still dripping from his beard. That water was cold even by Tasmanian standards.) Joe Jennings, in town. Joe will be a visiting lecturer at the Uni.

While talking about the A.S.F., the four Tasmanians who went to the Conference would like to thank all those concerned for making their trip a really memorable one. Especially to C.S.S. members are we indebted, and also a few S.U.S.S. trogs who were strategically located around in all the caving areas as temporary guides, and who gave us a really hospitable welcome. (We aren't sure how many mothers and wives are still getting over the shock of finding sleeping-bag-cocoons enclosing strange bods strewn around floors and lawns.).

3.

BULLETINS

There are still large numbers of the last bulletin, as well as copies of numbers 1 and 3; all are available from Albert Goede, the price of No.1 is 3/6, and No.s 3 and 4 are 5/- each. He has also a single copy of No.2, the rarity, and this also is 3/6, first in first served.

NEW MEMBERS, MORE NEEDED.

Our membership is growing, but we still need more, especially active cavers who wish to see more and more caves and on more trips. A list of club members and prospective members is included as a supplement to this circular, and we would like to see it doubled. If your name should be on the list and is not then notify the secretary, John Chick at a meeting or at Box 641 G, as soon as possible as we want you on our mailing list. Changes of address should be notified in the same way.

FORWARD PROGRAMME

This forward programme is not finalized yet, and some alterations may be made. If you are interested in any of the trips ring the Trip Secretary, Carl Clayton, (Phone H. 26240, B. 79445) well in advance.

May 10th. Committee Meeting at Frank Brown's.

14-21 ? Exit Cave ? Mole Creek ? This trip is "Up in the air" about where we will go down in the ground, but should be finalized at the committee meeting.

24th. General meeting. This meeting is on a Wednesday, and will be at 8 p.m. at the University of Tasmania Geology Department. 27-28 ?This trip will be to Hastings, and the general idea is to show newer members the Binney Tunnel and other features.

June 7th. Committee Meeting.

THE NEXT BULLETIN

If you have any article or paper, some verse or any such items suitable for inclusion in the next bulletin they could be given to the secretary or any committee- member for perusal by the publication committee.

4.

MISSING BOOKS BUREAU

"My name's Friday, I cover the nightbeat", there are four books missing from the Club's library, and Albert wants to get them back. The titles are:

"British Caving"Cave Research Group.

"Ten Years Under the Earth" ..Norbert Casteret.

"Cave Men New and Old"Norbert Casteret.

"One Thousand Metres Down" ...Jean Cadoux.

These can be returned to Albert as soon as you have ferreted them out of your bookshelf.

ADVERTISEMENT *

"..they shall not under any circumstances leave faeces in caves. They shall prepare themselves beforehand, or, when camping underground, make provision for removal of faeces..."

A.S.F. Code of Ethics (1st. Revision).

"Be Prepared" Boy Scout motto.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

Provisional List of Members, Prospectives etc. As at May 1st. 1961.

N.B. This list is as near as can be determined to the actual facts, however there may be omissions and inaccuracies. If any corrections are necessary notify the Hon. Sec. of the club at Box 641G, G.P.O. Hobart, giving details of names, new addresses etc.

Classes of Membership Key.

F	Full Member of the Club.
P	Prospective Member.
A	Associate Member.
HA	Honorary Associate Member.
V	Valued Customer, Vitally Concerned, or Vaguely Connected.

Mr. M.R. Banks, 116 York St. S. Bay. (F)
Richard Bluett, 36 William St. W. Hobart. (P)
Mr. F.C. Brown, 15a Harrington St. Hobart. (F)
Frank R. Brown, 308 Lenah Valley Rd. Lenah Valley. (F)
Mr. K.L. Burns, C/o Uni. Tas. Geology Dept. (F)
Prof. S.W. Carey, 24 Richardsons Ave. Dynnyrne. (F)
Dr. R. (Bob) Chapman, 20 Beddome St. S. Bay. (F)
John Chick, 5 Kirksway Place, Hobart. (F)
Mr. R.W. Clarke, Mole Creek. (HA)
E. Carl Clay on, 15 Lefroy St N. Hobart. (F)
Mr. M. Donnelly, Lune River. (HA)
Mr. R.L. Dowden, 5 Quorn St. S. Bay. (F)
Miss Louise Dickenson, C/o Jane Franklin Hall, 308 Davey St. (P)
Bryan Duhig, C/o E.S & A. Bank, Launceston. (F)
David M. Elliott, 305 Strickland Ave. S. Hobart. (F)
John Elliott , 163 Augusta Rd. Lenah Valley. (F)
Phyllis Elliott (Mrs.) 163 Augusta Rd. Lenah Valley. (F)
Miss. Barbara Ellis, C/o Jane Franklin Hall, Davey St. (P)
John Fairhall, 54 Berriedale Rd. Berridale. (F)
Greg. Ferris, 117 Tranmere Rd. Howrah. (F)
Mr. T.W. Flowers, Mole Creek. (EA)
Mr. D. Frankcombe, C/o A.N.M. Maydena. (HA)
Mr. G. van der Geer, C/o Uni. Tas. Geography Dept. (P)
Robert H. Geeves, Judd's Hill Rd. Geeveston. (F)
Albert Goede, 6 Cromwell St. Hobart. (F)
Allan Grey, 75 Queen St. S. Bay. (P)
Miss Heather Gulline, 11 Mulunna Rd. Lindisfarne. (F)
Miss Joan Halton, 8 Swan St. N. Hobart . (P)
Brian Harvey, 13 Bowen Ave. Trevallyn, Launceston. (P)
John Hasenkam, Mt. Nelson Rd. Hobart. (HA)
Frank Hasler, 6 Laguna Place, Moonah. (A)
Mrs G.W. Hawley, 15 Quayle St. S. Bay. (F)
Alan Hewer, Fort St. Belerive. (F)
Mr. A. Howe, Liena. (HA)
Mrs. I. Howe, Liena (HA)
Ken S. Iredale, 18 Elizabeth St. Hobart. (F)
Barry James, 139 Augusta Rd. Lenah Valley. (F)
Peter James, 20 Runnymede St. Hobart. (P)
Ron Kent, Tranmere Rd. Howrah. (F)
Mr. D.T. Kitchener, C/o A.N.M. Maydena. (HA)
Phillip Lake, 192 Mt. Nelson Rd. Hobart. (F)

Del. R. Latham, 35 Balaka Rd. Rosny. (F)
 Soy Leckie, C/o Hytton Hall, Uni. of Tas. (P)
 Alan Lester, 4 Dudley Place, Moonah. (F)
 Robert Lidstone, "The Anchorage", Cutten St. Queenstown. (P)
 Ald. S.R. Lighton, 49 Sandy Bay Rd. Hobart. (F)
 Jeffrey Long, 90 Talbot Rd. Launceston. (P)
 Argus Love, 713 Sandy Bay Rd. Hobart. (F)
 Mrs. Jessie Luckman, 36 Clare St. New Town. (F)
 Leo. E. Luckman, 36 Clare St. New Town. (F)
 Desmond E. Lyons, C/o Springvale Boys' Hostel, New Town. (F)
 Miss E. McIntyre, C/o Jane Franklin Hall, Davey St. Hobart. (F)
 Mr G.C. Maxwell, Gunn's Plains. (HA)
 Hank Meerding, Gourlay Ave. Blackman's Bay. (F)
 Miss D.L. Morgan, 53 Clare St. New Town. (P)
 Clive W. Morris, 4 Somerdale Rd. Claremont. (F)

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Miss Gillian Murdock, C/o George Town High School, (F)
 Miss Gillian Paxton, 1 St. Canice Ave. S. Bay. (P)
 Miss Fay Peterson, 8 Swanston St. New Town. (F)
 Jim Peterson, 43 Augusta Rd. Lenah Valley. (F)
 David Redburn, 109 Waterworks Rd. Dynnyrne. (P)
 Vern Ried, 479 Sandy Bay Rd. S. Bay. (P)
 Mr. T.M. Richardson, Mole Creek. (HA)
 Denis W. Seymour, 4 Clarke Ave. Hobart. (F)
 Leon Shawe, C/o Connorville Estate, Cressy. (F)
 Peter Sherrin, C/o Repatriation Dept. Hobart. (P)
 Jim Shipway, 11 Sunways Ave. Seven Mile Beach. (F)
 Abnash Singal, 2 Nixon St. S. Bay. (P)
 Mrs. E. Skinner, Hastings Chalet, Hastings. (F)
 Roy K. Skinner, Hastings Chalet, Hastings. (F)
 Miss Edith Smith, C/o Bureau of Mineral Resources, Canberra. (F)
 Peter Smithies, 16 Wilson St. New Town. (P)
 E. Douglas Snare, 37 Risby St. Ulverstone. (F)
 John Southey, 285 East Risdon Rd. Lindisfarne. (P)
 Douglas F. Turner, 79 Riawena Rd. Lindisfarne. (F)
 Harry O. de Vries, 78 Lord St S. Bay. (F)
 Marines H. de Vries, 78 Lord St. S. Bay. (F)
 Ian Warner, 110 Vermont Rd. Launceston. (P)
 Miss Rhona Warren, c/o Mathers, Carriers, Collins St. Hobart. (F)
 Mrs. Pat Wessing, 89 Lansdowne Cres. W. Hobart. (F)
 Gray Wilson, Riawena Rd. Lindisfarne. (P)
 Bernard W. Wray, 79 Windsor Court, Harrington St. Hobart. (F)

O.K. So I spelt your name wrong! So what! What are you going to do about it? Write a letter and tell me all about it? You are ? Good! That's what I like to hear.

Actually I didn't spell your name wrongly, it is this antique tripewryter that can't spell or for that matter even space the letters evenly. However it does the job, and that's them all finished.

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Speleo Spiel

CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

G.P.O. Box 641 G,
Hobart, Tasmania.

JUNE 1961
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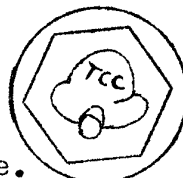
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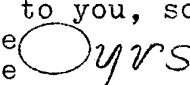
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INSURANCE.

Inquiries are being made at an insurance office regarding
insurance of club members while on club trips. We would like
you to think about this most important matter and as many as
possible avail themselves of this service as soon as details
are finalised.

2.

PATRON.

We have been notified that His Excellency the Governor will be
continuing in the office of Patron to the Club. It is with
pleasure that we look forward to his return to the State.

NEW MEMBERS.

New members of the Club are as follows:

Full Members: Bob Lidstone, Barry James, Gray Wilson, Joan
Halton, Phyllis Elliott, Mrs. G.M. James.

Prospective Members: Brian Harvey, Jeffrey Long, Diana Morgan,
Barbara Ellis, Vern Ried, Louise Dickenson, Jillian
Paxton.

EQUIPMENT FEES - PRIVATE TRIPS

Members using club equipment on private trips will in future be
required to pay a fee of 10/- for a week-end. All equipment
must be returned by the Thursday following or further fee must
be paid.

ALLEY OOP'S PIFFLE PAGE.

* Two members have made the walk down the aisle, at separate ceremonies, and best wishes and congratulations go to Carl Clayton and Fay (née Peterson) Herington.

* We were glad to see Edie Smith at the last meeting, welcome back to Tassie.

* Joe Jennings is in town, and will be going on safari to the wilds of deepest, darkest Mole Creek to capture some fierce water samples. Many bearers will be needed to carry his "portable" laboratory.

* Frank Hasler is still thriving up in the sunshine of Queensland. Will he return at Christmas? Will ffffs change hands? Stay tuned for the next thrilling episode.

CAVEMEN'S DINNER.

This function is to be a buffet-style feast and general merriment-making session, and is to be held at the Waratah Hotel early in July. The date will be announced at the June meeting.

3.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

Owing to circumstances over which we have no control, the Hon. Sec. doesn't always manage to get this out on time every month, for that matter he doesn't get it out each month: That, and the fact that we think that more notice of trips is desirable anyway, has resulted in a very long forward programme. Fuller details will be given each month in Speleo Spiel and at the General Meetings, and the Party leaders will also be able to "give with the gen."

JUNE	10-11-12.	Mole Creek -- (M.H. de Vries)
	21st.	General Meeting -- (Uni.Tas.Geology Dept.)
	24-25.	Florentine/Ida Bay - (Albert Goede)
		Mole Creek -- (Croesus Gate-- Del Latham)
JULY	1-2.	Mole Creek -- {Water Sampling- Joe Jennings)
	??????	Cavemen's Dinner -- (D.F. Turner)
	12th.	Committee Mtg. -- (J. Chick , 5 Kirksway
Place)		
	15-16.	?? Mole Ck. -- (Del Latham)
		?? Florentine/Ida Bay. -- (Albert Goede)
	26th.	General Meeting -- (Uni.Tas.Geology Dept.)
	29-30.	Search and Rescue-- (M.H. de Vries)
AUGUST	9.	Committee Mtg. -- (D.F. Turner's)
	12/13.	Hastings -- (D.F. Turner)
	23rd.	General Mtg. -- (U.T.G.D.)
	26/27.	Mole Creek -- (F.R. Brown)
SEPTEMBER	13th.	Committee Mtg. -- (M.H. de Vries)
	15th.	15th.BIRTHDAY DINNER - (D.F. Turner)
	23/24.	REUNION! -- (Professor S.W. Carey)
	30/1 Oct.	Search & Rescue (for members lost at the
		Reunion -- M.H. deVries)

JAMES' MEMORIAL HUT.

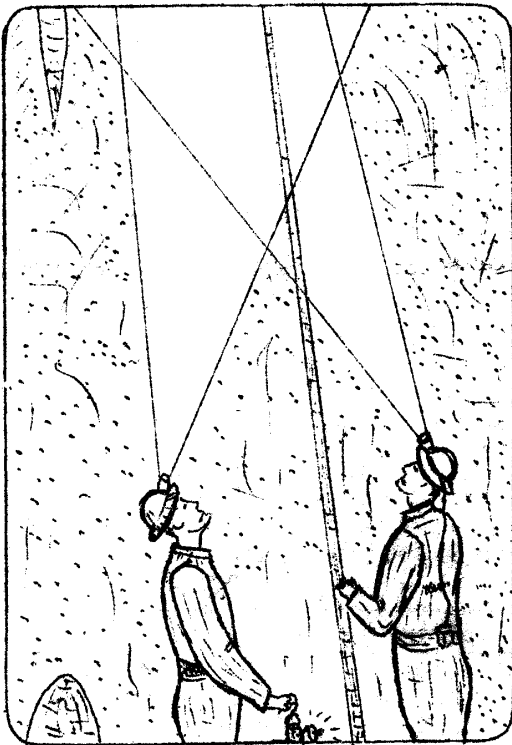
Thanks to the generosity of one of our newest members the Club is to make arrangements to purchase or erect a hut in the Mole Creek area. Thank you Mrs. James.

Buy a Badge, they're only 7/6, buy two and have one for each suit! Send now to Box 641G, G.P.O. Hobart.

4.

RE "SANOTROG"

It is with deep regret that we are forced to announce that Sanotrog was a hoax. We feel obliged to admit this as one of our more keen members, who wished to camp in a cave, spent 8d. on phone calls in attempting to get some. It is an interesting idea, however, and we are going to find out if some such collection of 'lovable little guardians of our health' may not be possible.



"Unorthodox?"

"Yes. He's the one who forgot that climbing poles need ladders."

KEEP CAVE.

Very hush-hush at the moment is the reason why one of our members kept cave at an Outback spot recently. We hope to be informed on his return.

WHO'S WHO & WHERE.

Hon. President: Doug Turner,
79 Riawena Rd. L'farne.
B33721, H29443

Vice-Pres.: Frank Brown, 308
Lenah Valley Rd., B31424.

Hon.Sec.: John Chick, 5
Kirksway Place, B79445.

Hon.Treas.: Rene de Vries,
78 Lord St., Sandy Bay,
B22421, H25247.

Trip Sec.: Carl Clayton, 15
Lefroy St. (at present),
B79445, H26240.

Q.M.: Barry James, 139 August
Rd. Lenah Vly. B&H 82266

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Speleo Spiel

No. 4 The Circular of the Tasmanian Caverneering Club.

G.P.O. BOX 641 G, Hobart.

July/Aug. 1961.

AN APOLOGY? NAY, TWO APOLOGIES.

First and foremost for the cancellation of the meeting which was to have been held on Wednesday 26th, July, but was not. It was impossible for us to notify everyone of the cancellation of this meeting as it was not until the last moment that it was cancelled. The absence of our president, on business at Devonport, and some urgent appointments of most of the rest of the committee made the whole thing an impossibility. Sorry if anyone who was not notified turned up, I haven't heard of anyone yet but some very nearly did. Secondly the late arrival of this copy of Speleo Spiel. This is due to the pressure of work and so I have combined the months of July and August into one issue, this hasn't eased the work any but it does get the notices out.

WARNING — POISONOUS GAS.

This is to notify all club members of the presence of poisonous gas in Kubla Khan cave. Tests will be carried out in December to see if the cave is clear again, and all will be notified of the results of the tests.

Death of Foundation Member.

It is with sincere regret that we note the death of one of the Foundation Members of the club, Mr. F. C. Brown. Mr. Brown joined the club on 18th. October 1946, and his death has reduced to 12 the number of originals who are still current members. A keen caver, Mr. Brown's health prevented him from engaging in the club's activities in recent years.

SLIDES OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA. 16.8.'61.

Dr. Bob Chapman. will be showing some 35mm. colour slides of Central Australia, including Ayer's Rock etc. at the Town Hall next Wednesday, 16th. August, at 8:00p.m. The show will cost you 3/-, and it is in aid of the Miss Tasmania Entrant, Miss Edyth Langham for Handicapped [2.] Children and the National Heart Campaign.

Perhaps if we attend this we might see Bob on a club trip, and even get him underground.

INSURANCE.

After an Australian Insurance firm found itself unable to quote us accident insurance rates, we got in touch with a firm with London connections. They too themselves unable to quote anything apart from a paragraph of a letter from their London Office. This is quoted below:

"Unfortunately, pot-holing, as it is termed in this country, has caused a great deal of publicity to persons who sustain injury, or in fact just never reappear, after carrying out this rather hazardous sport. Under the circumstances London Underwriters are extremely reluctant, and, in fact, will not quote for this class of business."

Reading between the lines is not necessary here, we just aren't "Al" at Lloyd's.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That the following be added to the Rules of the Club:

'CLUB TRIPS

12. Any trip undertaken by club members to caves or cave areas, unless officially organised and under the authority of a properly constituted body outside of the Club, is a Club trip, all members of which are subject to the Rules, Byelaws and other regulations of the Club.' "

14.7.'61 Moved: Richard L. Dowden

Seconded: D. F. Turner.

HAPPY EVENT, WE GIVE BIRTH

We have great pleasure in announcing that the Club has given birth after a gestation period of 15 years. On Sunday 16th. July, at the home of D.F. Turner, the Tasmanian Caving Club (Northern Branch), was created, The N. Branch will be guided by Bob Woolhouse, a new member to this club, but who has had considerable experience in England and in Europe. The Hon. Sec. N. Branch, is Bryan Duhig, and he may be contacted at the E. S. & A. Bank, or at home at 43 Punchbowl Rd., Launceston. (Bob is at Launceston High School, or at home at 2 Canning St., [3] Launceston. We hope to see the Branch grow "big and strong" and look just like its "Dad".

ALLEY OOP'S PIFFLE PAGE.

* On a recent trip Dick Dowden cranked the handle of a field-telephone while Brian Harvey found how good a cave-mud earth-return is. Later Dick screwed up a 10/- note and tossed it into a rubbish tin.

* We have found a live bat! However it only lives in the hut at Mole Creek, and not in a cave.

* Joe Jennings was resident in the Mole Creek hut at the time of the census, and thus is entered as such on his form.

* On the W/E. 15/16 July Albert Goede and party (Joe Jennings, Edith Smith, Peter Smithies, and John Fairhall) at Florentine, visited Junee Cave, Cashion Creek Cave, and Frankcombe Cave. In this last one they discovered a large new section containing good formation.

There is now a telephone cable from the tourist section at Hastings through the Binney Tunnel to Mystery Cave.

* A.B.C. Channel 2 was graced by the presence of 6 club members for 1/2 hr. spot last Thursday, viewers are still complaining.

Forward (Ha!Ha!) Programme.

Aug. 23rd. Gen. Mtg. Uni. Tas. Geol. Dept.

Sept. 15th. Birthday Dinner. (D.F. Turner is C. in C.)

Sept. 23/24th. Reunion Trip! (Prof. S.W. Carey)

Trips are scheduled for Aug. 12/13, & 26/27. For full details ring D.F. Turner H.29443, B33721, C. Clayton or I Chick B.79445 (bet. 12 & 1p.m.). or buy a crystal ball.

BADGES ARE STILL OBTAINABLE AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF 7/6

Get yours at the first opportunity***:!!!....

WHO'S WHO & WHERE

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Vice-Pres. Frank Brown, 308 Lenah Vly. Rd., B.31424
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Hon. Treas. Rene de Vries, 78 Lord St., S.By. B.22421 H25247
Trip Sec. Carl Clayton, C/o Robt. Cosgrove High Sch. B79445
Q.M. Barry James, 139 Augusta Rd., Lenah Vly, B&H 82266.

AGAIN RE "SANOTROG".

The poem below was sent in by a member after we let out the sad news that "Sanotrog" was a hoax.

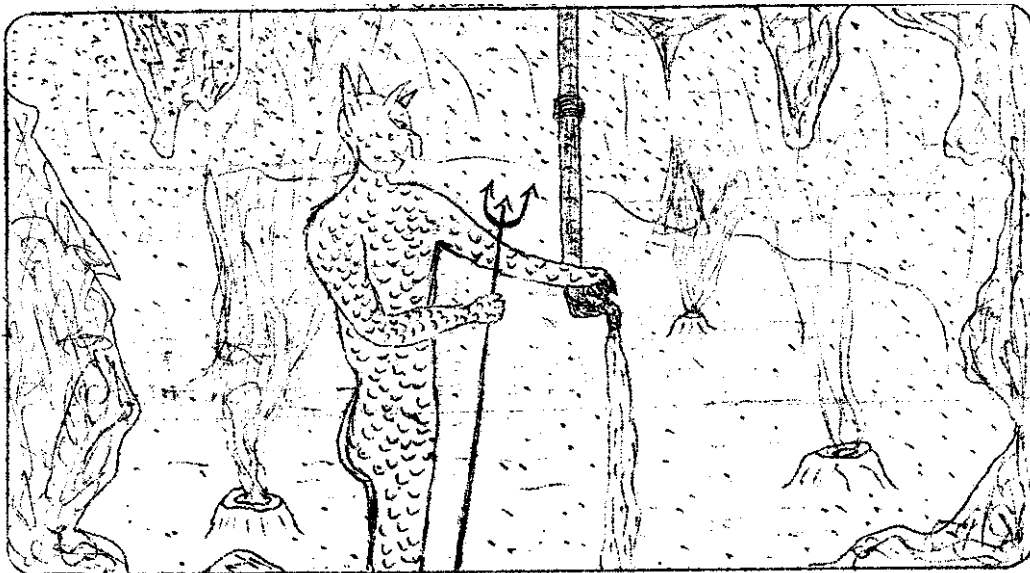
A DINOSAUR'S LAMENT ON SANOTROG.

I hear Sanotrog was a bluff
This really must be pretty tough
To the avid supporter
Who for some reason thought a
Salesmen was selling the stuff.

What a blessing if one of our firms
Could invent this fine army of germs
"Get your Sanotrog here"
Notices would appear
Obtainable on easiest of terms.

Ads. would read "For hygienic caving"
Think of all the trouble you're saving
Buy our tonic for germs
To protect them from worms
And to keep their digestion behaving.

Johann Sebastian Trog.



"More green water! Just wait 'till we get those caverneers."

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TASMANIAN CAVENEERING CLUB
SPECIAL NOTICE

[Sep. 1961]

Anniversary, yes we are celebrating our 15th Birthday with two special treats.

1. Anniversary trip to our original caving area Hastings so shake out your boiler suit or just come for the trip. 30th Sept.-1st Oct. Full weekend or day trip.
2. Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Waratah Hotel on 7th October at 7 o'clock. We would like to see as many of our members, friends etc. along. A wonderful buffet dinner with a slide evening, dancing, fun & games for all.

Prof. Carey our founder and other distinguished guests including it is hoped our patron The Lord Rowallen will also be present.

The cost will be £1.1.0 so come along and make this evening a real celebration.

R.S.V.P. to Pres. D.F. TURNER, 79 Riawena Road, or 29443 or use your box number 641G, G.P.O., Hobart.

FORWARD PROGRAMME

30th September-1st October - Anniversary Trip Hastings -
President, leader.

7th October - Anniversary Dinner. Waratah Hotel.

14th-15th Oct. - Florentine new extension to Frankcomb
Cave. A. Goede, leader.

18th October - Committee Meeting-Barry James' home.

28-29 October - Florentine. To be arranged.

11-12th November - Florentine. To be arranged.

15th November - Committee Meeting Jim Peterson's home.

18th-19th November - Mole Creek. Frank Brown, leader.

2nd-3rd December - To be arranged.

Christmas trip it is suggested Exit Cave or on the West
Coast, H.E.C. Pieman River or?

Any suggestions, inquiries re trips, use the Box 641 G, G.P.O., Hobart or Ring 2.9443, or see any Committee Member.

Badges: The Secretary or any Committee member has a stock of badges 7/6 ea.

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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

CAVE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORGANISATION

The Tasmanian Caverneering Club, founded in 1946, established its own Cave Search and Rescue Organisation early in 1959 which affiliated with the Police Department in August of that year.

This Organisation is on call on a continuous basis. It comes into action whenever the Police Department or other authorities report a party overdue in caves or limestone areas known to contain caves.

The Organisation is staffed by the Club's members and necessarily depends upon the co-operation of the Police Department and other persons. The Club, over a period of years, has collected extensive information including maps of many caves and limestone areas, it has the equipment necessary for the safe exploration of caves, and its members are fully trained in underground work.

DRILL FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

As soon as any Police Officer receives a report to the effect that a party is lost or injured in a cave or limestone area he is to contact Police H.Q., in Hobart without delay and pass on information on:-

1. Which cave,
2. How many in party,
3. How long in cave or overdue,
4. Is party lost or injured or trapped,
5. What equipment, food, lights, clothes, etc. were in party,
6. If injured and/or trapped, how far in cave,
7. Weather conditions for past week.

1. H.Q. to instruct Officer reporting to stand by; then pass on alert and information to Police Officer in Charge of Rescue. He will then contact one of the four persons following who will then come to H.Q. and act as Controller for the Club. (See list at end.)

2. If information indicates that a doctor is required immediately, then Dr. R.J. Chapman should be contacted (See list at end), given the necessary information, told to pack personal caving gear and to report to H.Q. as soon as possible - within 30 minutes.

3. P.O. then to contact the next six people on list. If they have own transport they are to proceed to their own homes to collect caving gear. If they live en route they are to remain for Car I to collect them. If they have no transport then patrol car to pick them up, take them home to collect their gear and take them to H.Q. for Car I to collect.

4. The driver of Car I, being the first to be contacted as he is the O.I.C., will report to H.Q. to pick up personnel and gear, receive information on whereabouts of others, pick them up, proceed to area.

5. H.Q. then contacts next six persons on list, follow previous routine, these will constitute Car II. Car II is to collect all remaining Club equipment, food, telephone gear and wire, camping equipment, and any other equipment they require to establish a base camp and clearing station anywhere in the Island.

6. When ready Car II proceeds to area and reports to O.I.C. for further details.

7 H.Q. alerts the next three to four persons on list and have them on permanent standby ready to leave at 30 minutes notice.

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8. The Club Controller will remain at H.Q. and assist by relaying requests from O.I.C. to necessary authorities and act as general Liaison man.

9. The Police Officer in the area giving the initial alert is to stand by at base camp if so required to assist with organisation/communications.

IF PERSON/PARTY LOST IN AREA — CAVE UNKNOWN

1. Preparations as before - no change.

2. Outside help may be required - large numbers of men to search area and caves. Each small unit will be in charge of a T.C.C. member who knows area and caves. O.I.C. and assistants will remain at temporary base camp e.g. Police Officer if close to area. When contact established they move out and establish base camp on the spot. Unskilled helpers no longer required to be dismissed to avoid confusion.

PUBLICITY

The ONLY persons allowed to make press releases are:-

Police H.Q., Controller, O.I.C. or his deputy.

REQUESTS FOR NON-TCC EQUIPMENT

The ONLY persons allowed to request special equipment are:-

Police H.Q., Controller, O.I.C. or his deputy.

MEDICAL AID

If Club M.O. not immediately available, Police H.Q. to arrange for other suitable M.O. to take his place. In that instance he should be advised that central kit is ready, the nature of injuries likely to be encountered.

FIELD ORGANISATION

In control of all rescue work is the TCC Officer in Charge (O.I.C.). He will remain at base camp and organise rescue operations. He will need two assistants to take care of communications - at least one to be TCC. They will also take care of camp and meals, etc.

The O.I.C. is to remain in contact with the Controller at H.Q. so that up to date reports will go through and requests for special aid can be passed on without delay. To this effect the co-operation of P.M.G. is needed.

A trained TCC Party Leader will direct actual rescue work underground. Rescue work will be carried out in shifts - two parties of six men each working up to six hours depending on nature of work. As one party works, the other party rests at camp base. If cave is large and rescue work in a long distance, more parties may be needed or advance base camp established underground. The O.I.C. and Party Leader will decide on this when they get there.

EQUIPMENT

Car I is to take the following:-

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Medical Kit - to be drawn up by Dr. Chapman.

2 - 100' 1¼" nylon ropes.

60' cable ladder.

Axe, pinch bar, Army trenching tool.

Emergency rations.

Communications equipment.

Car II takes:-

- Camping gear required for base camp, ie. large marquee, smaller tents, cooking utensils, primus stoves, etc.
- Rescue stretcher - Neill Robertson type.
- All remaining TCC equipment.
- Food - quantity depending on type of work.
- Extra ropes - new hemp.
- TCC maps of area and its caves.

Following gear may be needed later:-

- Extra medical supplies.
- Radio equipment.
- Power saws, power pumps, explosives, drills, experts to handle.
- Mobile generators and extra lights, oxygen, masks, hoses, air compressors, etc.

It is suggested that a crash box of all essential equipment be stored at Police H.Q. for instant use. Much of the above equipment could then be left there, thus saving time collecting it from other places.

REMEMBER

In underground injuries - TIME KILLS.

UTMOST SPEED IS ESSENTIAL.

Dr. R.J. Chapman. Home: 20 Beddome St., Sandy Bay. 5-1905.
Bus. C/- Repat. Hospital, Hobart. 2-2821.

Controller:

D.M. Elliott. Home 305 Strickland Ave. 2-0234.
Bus. E.S.&A. Bank, Macquarie St. 2-7921.

If not available,
M.H. de Vries.

Home: 78 Lord St., Sandy Bay. 2-5247.
Bus. Division of Mental Health. 2-2421

or

D.F. Turner. Home: 79 Riawena Rd., Rose Bay. 2-9443.
Bus. C'wlth. Employment. 3-3721.

or

F.R. Brown. Home: 308 Lenah Valley Rd. or 15
Harrington St., 2-5729.
Bus. Eliz. St. Sec. School. 3-1424.

O.I.C.

M.H. de Vries. - see above.

Party Leader

F.R. Brown. - see above.

Members on Call.

R.L. Dowden. Home: 5 Quorn St., Sandy Bay. 5-1571.
Bus. Physics Dept. Uni. of Tas.(IPS) 2-3373.
J. Peterson. Home: 43 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley. 8-2231.
Bus. Hobart Tech. High School. 8-0257.
A. Goede. Home: 6 Cromwell St., Battery Point.
Bus. Uni. Student.
J. Chick. Home: 5 Kirksway Place, Battery Point.
Bus.: Rbt. Cosgrove Sec. School. 7-9445.
W. Peterson. Home: 43 Augusta Rd. 8-2231.
Bus. Geology Dept., Uni. of Tas. 2-7741.
B. James. Home & Bus. 139 Augusta Rd. 8-2266.
J. Elliott. Home: 163 Augusta Rd. Lenah Valley. 8-3193
or 139 Augusta Rd. 8-2266.
Bus. Quon, George. 8-2878 or 7-7105.
D. Latham. Home: 35 Dalaka Rd. Rosny Pt. 4-1672.
Bus. 61 Molle St., Hobart. 2-6407.
C. Clayton. Home:
Bus Rbt. Cosgrove Sec. School. 7-9445.
H.O. de Vries. Home: 78 Lord St. Sandy Bay. 2-5247.
Bus. Chartres. 2-2888.
D. Seymour. Home: 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Pt. 2-5790.
Bus. 67 Macquarie St. 2-5354.
G. Wilson. Home: 101 Riawena Rd. Rose Bay. 2-9247.
Bus. P. Lovet & Co. 10 Bathurst St. 2-3336.
C. Morris. Home: 4 Somerdale Rd. Claremont. 7-1293.
Bus. The Mercury, 2-5001.

<u>South</u>	R. Geeves.	Home/Bus. Judd's Hill Rd. Geeveston.(255)
<u>North</u>	R. Woolhouse.	Home: 2 Canning St. Launceston. Bus. L'ton High School.
	I. Warner.	Home: 110 Vermont Rd., Launceston. Bus. Railways Workshops.
	B. Duhig	Home: 43 Punchbowl Rd., Launceston. Bus. E.S.&A. Bank - Main Office.
	B. Harvey	Home: 13 Bowen Ave., Launceston. 2-5869. Bus. 32 Frederick St., L'ton. 2-1377.
<u>N.West</u>	K.L. Burns	Home/Bus. Mines Dept., Wynyard. 4-1662.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION.

The following is a list of the areas where cave Search and Rescue is most likely to be required:-

(1) Hastings Ida Bay,

Nearest Police Station DOVER

TCC members in the area:-

Mr R.. Skinner,
C/o The Chalet,
Hastings Caves.
'Phone Hastings 3
Mr. M. Donnelly,
Lune River,
'Phone Lune River 1.

(2) Florentine - Junee

Nearest Police Station MAYDENA

TCC members in the area:-

Mr. Kitchener,
C/o A.N.M.
Mr. D. Frankombe,
C/o A.N.M.

(3) Mole Creek.

Nearest Police Station MOLE CREEK

TCC members in area:-

Mr. & Mrs. A. Howe,
'Phone Liena 7.

(4) Gunns Plains.

Nearest Police Station

TCC member in area:-

Mr. G. Maxwell
'Phone Gunns Plains

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(5) West Coast,

Nearest Police Station GORMANSTON

No TCC member SUGGEST

Mr. Cliff Bradshaw,
Surprise Valley,
Princess River.

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THE CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

No. 6

MAR 1962.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Caverneering Club will be held in the Geology Department of the University of Tasmania at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 21st. March.

The main items of business will be the election of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Club, together with six (6) Committee Members. After the conclusion of the formal business there will be a showing of a number of films. Any members who have slides taken on recent trips or of interest to other members should bring them along.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs are now due and may be paid to the Hon. Treasurer at the General Meeting, or posted to G.P.O. Box 641G, Hobart. Any members who have not paid their subs from 1961 may be considered as having resigned under the rules of the Constitution, so anyone with a short memory who cannot remember having paid had better see about doing something. What?

FORWARD PROGRAMME

In the past some difficulty has been encountered in arranging a forward programme. To get the feeling of the members of the Club on this matter it is suggested that those interested in some particular area or research should make their interests and wants known so that the Committee will have some guide to the desires of the Club Members.

VISIT BY TERRITORIAN

During January we were visited by Gordon Bain from the Port Moresby speleos. Although we were unable to organise very much in the way of a reception or trips (most of the club members being back at work after a very successful Gordon River trip), Gordon saw some of Tasmania's caves and then disappeared in the direction of South Australia. Some fellows are lucky in the way they get around.

PAST ACTIVITIES

There have been a few trips since Christmas apart from the Gordon trip. Most of the activities have been connected with a very successful Adventure Camp run at Dover by the National Fitness Council, and the unsuccessful search at Mt. Picton for the missing schoolboy hiker. It is hoped that this year we will continue our activities underground with as much or more vigour as we did in 1961.

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THE CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVENEERING CLUB.

No.7.

March.1962.

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE.

The Annual General Meeting, Held on the 21st. March, resulted in the election of the following.

D.F. Turner.Hon.President.
F. R. Brown.Hon. Vice-Pres.
C. Clayton.Hon. Treasurer.
J. Halton.Hon. Secretary.
B. James.Quartermaster.
B. Peterson.Trip.Secretary.
E. McIntre.
D. Latham.

EQUIPMENT FEES=PRIVATE TRIPS.

Members using club equipment on private trips are required to pay in advance the sum of 10/-, equipment may be taken out on Thursday and if not returned by the following Thursday an additional 10/- will be charged, members who borrow equipment must take full responsibility for same.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

7th-8th.April. Ida. Bay.----- (D. Seymour.)
20th-25th. April. Mole-Creek.--- (F. Brown.)
5th-6th. May. Hastings. (Farewell to Rene)
9th. May. Committee Meeting. D. Latham.
12th. May. Rene's Wedding.

CAVING TRIPS.

All trips are to be reported to the President giving details of number in party, destination and expected time of return.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions are now due if an ('x') appears below you are unfinancial! also to ensure safe delivery of your circulars would all members please complete form below and return it with your subscription to the Hon. Treasurer. C. Clayton. 45 New Town Rd. or Sec. Box 641G. G.P.O.Hobart.

NAME
ADDRESS.
PHONE BUS. HOME.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.

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THE CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVENEERING CLUB.

No. 7 [8?]

May, 1962. Box 641G, G.P.O.

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE.

The Annual General Meeting, held on the 21st March, resulted in the election of the following:-

D.F. Turner Hon. President.
F.R. Brown Hon. Vice-President.
C. Clayton Hon. Treasurer.
J. Halton Hon. Secretary.
B. Peterson Quartermaster.
E. McIntyre.
D. Latham.
R. Webb.

The new committee wish to acknowledge the sterling work of Rein De Vries as Honorary Treasurer, John Chick, Honorary Secretary, Barry James and Dick Dowden, thanks for a job well done.

CAVING TRIPS.

All trips undertaken are to be reported to the President giving details of number in party, destination and time of return. Phone 3-3721(Bus) 29443 (Home)

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

12th-13th May	Rein's Wedding.
19th-20th May.	Francombe Cave. Florentine.
30th May.	General Meeting. U.T.G.D. Members Bring Slides.
2.3.4. June.	Mole Creek. (Survey Pyramid Cave.)
16th-17th June.	June. (Florentine.) A. Goede.
20th June	Committee Meeting. F.R. Brown.

Search and Rescue.

Are you able to assist if so, contact F. Brown or D.F. Turner

Club Equipment.

All club equipment is to be returned immediately, if not sooner, to be tested, and replaced. Several new ropes have been ordered and other club equipment is being planned.

(J . Halton)
Honorary Secretary.

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BULLETIN.

A Bulletin will be published at the end of July. All articles to be published are to be submitted to D.F. Turner. as soon as possible.

Social and Odd Notes.

Congratulatory to Jack and Fay Herington (nee Peterson) on the birth of twins (boys and girl) all doing very well. Believe a certain batchelor recently returned from Queensland is about to lose his - well his freedom - he has been warned. The party Roy and Pam Skinner gave at Hastings last weekend for Rein and Mrs. (to be) was a great success in spite of the power failure and the weather conditions.

Bob and Wendy Chapman who recently returned from a holiday in the big "Smoke" spent some time walking in the Alps - will look forward to seeing the slides.

The Army and the club have always been on the best of terms now they have two units commanded by Caveneers. Signals by Rolly Webb and Field Secretary by Bob Geeves - F.S. has recruited several club members and others are thinking of it so if your interested contact Bob Geeves or D.F. Turner.

New members. Our Membership continues to grow but we need more of the old and more experienced members as party leaders and instructors if we haven't seen you of late what about making the effort.

(J. HALTON)
Honorary Secretary.

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CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB
APRIL 1964. BOX. 641 G.P.O. HOBART.

THE NEW COMMITTEE.

The new Committee sends greetings to all members, and hope they can render good service in the coming year.

President.	D. Seymour.	4 Clarke Ave, Battery Point.	
		Ph. 25790.	
Vice. Pres.	D. Turner.	79 Riawena Rd. Lindisfarne	Ph. 29443.
Secretary.	J. Halton (Miss)	9 Mortimer Ave. New Town.	Ph. 83571.
Treasurer.	J. Ferris.	15 Colville St. Battery Point.	Ph. 25159.
Committee.	D. Latham.	35 Balaka Rd. Rosny.	Ph. 41672.
	S. Price. (Miss.)	Esp. Blackman's Bay.	Ph. 56272.
	S. Koster. (Miss.)	52 St. Georges Terrace. B. Point	Ph. 21406.
	C. Morris.	4 Sommerdale Rd. Claremont.	Ph. 71239.
Quartermaster.	B. Peterson.	43 Augusta Rd. Lenah Valley	Ph. 82231.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The attendance at the meeting was very poor, the next one will be held on a Saturday, and it is hoped that it will be a full house.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

On a recent trip to Gunn's Plains, the southern members were given a very hospitable welcome by Mr. Maxwell, and we would like to thank him very much. While there we discussed the recent trouble in that area, concerning caverneers, and the committee stresses once again that no one may enter the tourist caves free of charge. And on entering same must respect the guide at all times. Also no one Caverneer may take a group, other than caverneers to Hastings, or Mole Creek, Huts, without the permission of either Northern or Southern Committee.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

April 18-19th.	Florentine.
May 2-3rd.	Mole Creek.
May 14th	Committee Meeting, D. Seymour's
May 16-17th	Hastings.
May 17th.	Tuna Trip. (If wanted)
May 23-24th	Florentine.
May 28th.	General Meeting. U.T.G.D. 8pm.
June 4th.	Slide Evening. Hydro Theatre.
June. 13-14-15.	Mole Creek. Nth. and South.

TUNA TRIP.

The Tuna Trip, will be conducted, if enough members are interested, 10 Bods are required, at a cost of £3 per head, bring own food. Anyone wishing to go, must contact Rein de Vries by the 1st May, Deposit will be required.

SLIDE EVENING.

A slide Evening will be held to aid the Hut Fund tickets will be available from the Committee at three shillings each.

HANDBOOKS These are still on sale at 5/- each.

POCKETS Available from the Secretary at 12/6 each.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

These are now due, so relieve your conscience and help your Club by paying as soon as possible, on doing so you will receive an attractive membership card.

We welcome two prospective members, Peter Brabon and Robert Cockerill, both of 9 Mortimer Ave, New Town.

Membership fees £1 Full Member 10/- Junior 5/- Associate.

RECRUITING.

Caving is a personal thing, and our members have been introduced to the sport by friends so if you have any likely bods keep increasing the club membership and help Caving in Tas. grow.

A.S.F.

The question of A.S.F. membership will be fully discussed at the next General meeting 28th. May it is vital we have your advice on this vital matter.

COLLECTORS WANTED.

In a letter to the club Elery Hamilton-Smith President of A.S.F. writes he is interested in any specimens collected under ground especially material from Ida Bay and Hastings, any bods interested contact Vice Pres. Doug Turner.-from material collected several new species have been found and Elery said Tas., offers the best potential collecting areas in Aus. so- Barry James collected a very fine spider, no not in a hankie.

EXPLORATION

Work is proceeding in several new areas and it is expected big things will result from the very hard work of a few.

CROESUS CAVE

It is encouraging that the Minister for Public Works Mr. Cashion, has ordered a survey of Croesus with a view to opening this cave Aus., finest in the near future.

HOBART WALKING CLUB.

The general meeting is to be held on 1st May at the Royal Society Room, Tas. Museum at 8 pm, at which the film "Conquest of Everest" will be shown this commemorates the 11th, Anniversary of tile first ascent. The H.W.C. generously have invited us to attend.

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General Meetings

Due to lack of support, these will now only be held every three months, this way we may get a reasonable attendance.

Party Leaders

Here is a new list of Party Leaders and where they can be reached. No trip, whether Club or Private, should be undertaken without a Party Leader.

Frank Brown	308 Lenah Valley Rd., Lenah Valley.	
Doug Turner	79 Riawena Rd., Lindisfarne.	Ph. — 29443
Del Latham	35 Balaka Rd., Rosny.	Ph. — 26407
M.H. deVries	78 Lord St., Sandy Bay.	Ph. — 25247
Dennis Seymour	4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point	Ph. — 25790
John Ferris	15 Colville St., Battery Point	Ph. — 25159
Bob Geeves	Judd's Hill Rd., Geeveston	Ph. — G'ton 255
Barry James	139 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley	Ph. — 82266

Barry was elected at the Committee Meeting held on the 14th May, Moved D. Seymour, seconded I Ferris.

Party Leaders will be nominated on the Thursday before each trip, who in turn will name the trip secretary to collect equipment fees, 1/- per day, per person.

Transport

Some members are unable to make trips, due to lack of transport, so if you are going caving and have a spare seat, contact Joan on 83571, or come to the Barclay on Thursday nights where these things are sorted out.

Equipment

All active members are advised to carry with them a whistle, as some holes are too deep for voices to carry to the surface. Also enquiries are being made on the mainland for Carabiners, which seem to be unobtainable in Hobart.

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Subscriptions

These are coming in very well, and the Treasurer is just itching to write you a receipt, so send those nice £1 notes and receive your membership card as well.

Public Relations

Public relations are at a very good level, and it would seem that the next generation of cavers will be girls. John and Dianne Chick have just added another one to the list, the Haslers are next, to all six or seven we send our congratulations.

John and Juneen McCorrmack took the long walk last week, best wishes are extended to these two nice people.

Welcome to Prof. Carey, who has returned from overseas.

Also Clive Morris is back after month in sunny Queensland.

The only farewell this time is to Michael Durinch, who is now on his way around the world, we will miss him very much, but we know he will have a wonderful time, he is going to keep us posted on his movements. (No haystacks where he is going.)

Many Happy Returns

Yes we are 18 years old this year, and a celebration dinner will be held on the 12th Sept. Invitations will be sent out

for this auspicious occasion, so get your celebrating suit ready.

Archives

The Secretary has now taken over the archives, books may be borrowed for 3d. per fortnight, publications 1d per fortnight, (when she gets them sorted out)

There is also a number of Bulletins Nos. 3 & 4 which can be purchased. It is hoped to get the trip reports bound in five year periods, so in future all trip leaders are asked to forward a report as soon as possible after their trip.

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New Members

The following have undergone their two trips and are now full members and we welcome them.

Robert Cockerill	9 Mortimer Ave. New Town
Peter Brabon	As above
Colin Adam	54 Forster St. New Town
Michael Jagoe	20 Lewan Ave. Kingston

They are all very active, and that is what we need at the moment.

Forward Programme

As this covers the next three months, please keep your circular handy, and try and make as many trips as possible.

Please note, June 13-15 will now be spent at Ida Bay.

For the benefit of new members, and the old ones who have not been there for some time.

W/End. June 13-15th.	Ida Bay - Exit Cave
Thurs June 25th.	Committee Meeting
W/End. June 27-28th.	Florentine W/End.
July 11-12th.	Mole Creek
Thurs July 23rd.	Committee Meeting
W/End. July 25-26th.	Mole Creek
W/End. Aug. 8-9th	Florentine
W/End. Aug. 22-23rd.	Mole Creek
Thurs. Aug. 27th.	General Meeting U.T.G.D. 8 p.m.

One of these week ends may be changed, to enable the club to go to Queenstown, as the last trip was postponed due to illness, Ron Kent is on to something good around there (we hope), however we will give them time to settle into their new home before invading them.

Club Hut

For the time being, members are asked to use the hut opposite the mill (the first one) and the Nth branch will use the other one. The tent is available for those wishing to camp at Caveside. Contact Bill Peterson. 1/- per day per person sharing the tent will be charged, and tent should be dried before returning it to Q.M.

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Remember

Pockets 12/6
Handbooks 5/-
Bulletins 4/- to 5/-

Subscriptions £1 full 10/- Junior 5/- Ass.
See you at the Barclay Thursday nights. 6-8 p.m.

Committee Members - Where they can be found

President Dennis Seymour 4 Clark Ave., Battery Point
Business Phone 25354 Home Ph.25790
Seymour Scales, Macquarie Street.

Vice Pres. Doug Turner 79 Riawena Rd., Lindisfarne Ph. 29443
Bus, Dept. Labour and Nat. Service Ph.33721

Hon Sec. Archivist Miss Joan Halton 9 Mortimer Ave., New Town
Ph. 83571 Bus. Govt. Printing Office (Messages only)

Treasurer John Ferris 15 Colville St., Battery Point Phone
25159 Bus. Taxation Dept. Collins St. Ph.27071

Del Latham 35 Balaka Road, Rosny Phone 26407 Bus. Cnr. Collins
and Molle Sts. Ph.41672

Miss S. Koster 52 St. Georges Terrace, Battery Point Ph. 21406
Bus. State Library (Messages only)

Mr. Clive Morris 4 Sommerdale Road, Claremont Ph. 71239 Bus.
Mercury Office (Messages only)

Miss Stella Price Esplanade, Blackman's Bay Ph. 56272

Q.M. Bill Peterson 43 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley. Ph.82231 Bus.
Geology Dept. University of Tasmania.

Change of Address

Harry deVries. c/- Remington Rand, Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Rolly and Pat Webb, 29 Mildura Cres. Broadmeadows, Victoria.

J. Halton
Hon Secretary

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CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

Box 641-G, G.P.O. Hobart

September

November [1964]

Birthday Dinner

The dinner held at Wrest Point was an outstanding success, and cavers and guests enjoyed themselves in their usual manner. The only disappointment of the evening was the absence of Prof. Carey, who was too ill to attend. The club sends him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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Mainland News

Letters have been received from Albert, Harry, and Michael. Albert and Therese will be back for Christmas, bringing with them an offspring and two C.S.S. boys. Harry is now in Raboul, and sends his best wishes to all members. Rolly Webb has gone to Vietnam for 12 months, best of luck to you Rolly and a speedy return. Mike was in Germany when last heard from. It's anyone's guess as to his whereabouts now, however he is having the time of his life.

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Equipment

The Quartermaster is now Dennis Seymour, and all gear can be found in his cellar when it is returned to him. The wire has been purchased for the ladders, and as soon as the rungs are available, laddermaking will begin at 4 Clarke Avenue. Idz carabiners are on order and will be available next week from the Q.M. - 17/6d. each.

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Mole Creek Hut

The hut formerly used by southern members has been occupied by a staff member from the mill. However Mr. Howe has kindly given us another hut on the old track leading to Baldocks, - key and directions from Secretary when needed.

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Forward Programme

W/End. Sept. 19th-20th	Mole Creek
Thurs Sept. 24th	Committee Meeting
W/End. Oct. 3rd-4th	Mole Creek
W/End. Oct. 17th-18th	Queenstown
Thurs Oct. 27th	Committee Meeting
W/End. 31st Oct-1st Nov.	Mole Creek North & South
W/End. Nov. 14th-15th	Florentine
Thurs Nov. 26th	General Meeting - D. Seymour
W/End. Nov. 28th-29th	Flowery Gully
W/End. Dec. 12th-13th	Florentine
Christmas trip Dec. 25th-Jan 3rd.	Mole Creek

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H.W.C. Weekend

The Hobart Walking Club expressed their thanks via their Sec. in a letter to us for the caving week they had. However very little caving was done as the weather was at its worst, so we will arrange another trip in the summer for them, that is if there are any starters.

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Slide Evening

A slide evening was given in the Mole Creek Hotel and was enjoyed by many of the friends that we have in that area.

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CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVENEERING CLUB
DECEMBER 1964 — JANUARY 1965

The Committee takes this opportunity in wishing all members and our many friends a very happy christmas, and safe caving in the coming year.

New Members

It is very pleasing to see some new members about to enter our ranks, these come in the form of boys from New Town High. These boys have had a good basic training through the recent Edinburgh Award. Mike Jagoe has done his share with these boys now it is up to members to take them on trips, as our list of active cavers has dwindled in the past year.

Social Notes

After many farewells, John and Juneen McCormack have finally left us for Sydney. It was very disappointing to see them go as John has been a very active member over the past year.

With one gone, another has returned. Welcome home to Jim Peterson who has been in Canada for two years. Hope to see him caving again soon.

The Launceston dinner was held on Saturday 21st November.

Unfortunately only three members from South were able to make the trip. Reports were the dinner went off very well, but the weather couldn't have been worse.

Letters this week included one from Albert would like a trip to Exit cave over christmas. Anyone interested make up a party, he will be here on boxing day. The second letter was from Haystack (I mean Michael) who is in Valencia, on his way to South Georgia. He will be back here in March and would like us to take all his mates to Hastings for the day. Yes Please!

Our congratulations to Sally and Carl Clayton and Kay and Barry James whose troubles are about to be little ones. Also best wishes to Sieneker and Adrian who are getting spliced early in the new year.

Trip Report

On a recent trip up the coast, our hard working Vice Pres. was told of a very deep hole in the St. Mary's area. Also he saw two more holes in the Flowery Gully district close to the former cave which was blasted. These reports have been investigated. A party of three, D. Seymour, C. Morris and Sally Salier, went to Flowery Gully only to find that both caves had been blown through the previous week — so much for that.

The second one was investigated by a party of four on 27th and 28th of November — B. James, P. Braybon, R. Cockerill and I Halton. This turned out to be Bottomless Hole well known to St. Mary's residents. It was a shaft 120 ft. deep with a passage running off for eight to ten feet — does not call for any further investigation. Party then went scrub-bashing for the remainder of Saturday but nothing of interest was found. Party left St. Mary's for Mole Creek at 6 p.m.

Donations for Hut

Any old chairs and tables hanging around your house that you don't need, bring them to Mole Creek, as we have four empty rooms.

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Forward Programme

Weekend Dec. 12th-13th	Mole Creek. This will be a weekend for the New Town High boys, approx. 7 members so please do your best to be there. Transport will be needed.
Thursday Dec. 18th	Committee Meeting.
Christmas Trip - 26th Dec. 3rd Jan.	Mole Creek. Some members will be at Mole Creek for the ten days so if you have a few days to spare drop in, there will be plenty of company and plenty of work.
Weekend Jan 16th-17th	Florentine
Thursday Jan	28th General Meeting
Weekend Jan 30th-31st	Mole Creek

Remember we still meet at the Barclay every Thursday night, come along and bring a friend.

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we inform our members of the sudden death of Miss Elsie Howe, and extend our sincere sympathy to Mr & Ms. Howe and family.

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THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB CIRCULAR
FEB - MARCH 1965.

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.

Extracted from *C.E.G.S.A. Newsletter* without their kind permission.

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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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The circular of - The Tasmanian Caverneering Club.
Box 641 G, G.P.O. Hobart.

April-July 1965.

The A.G.M was held on the 25th March and the following members were elected to the committee.

President.

Mr. Frank Brown A 308 Lenah Valley Road
 B Elizabeth High School Phone 31424

Vice President

Mr. Doug Turner A 97 Riawena Road Lindisfarne Phone 29443
 B Dept Labour & Nat Service Phone 33721

Secretary

Miss Joan Halton A Flat 6, 6 Culloden Ave. Moonah
 B Gov. Printing Office (Messages only)

Treasurer

Mr M. H. deVries A Box 145 New Norfolk
 B Laclan Park Hospital.

Committee

Miss Edith Smith A 89 Lansdowne Cres. Phone 31167
 B Mines Dept Davey Street Phone 24041

Mr. D. Seymour - Quartermaster

A 4 Clarke Ave. Battery Point Phone 25790
B 67 Macquarie Street Phone 25354

Mr. Clive Morris A 4 Sommerdale Road Claremont Phone 71239
 B Mercury Hobart

Mr Mike Jagoe A 20 Lewan Ave. Kingston
 B New Town High Phone 80257

Presidents Notes.

The club has great pleasure in announcing the birth of anew caving club, the Southern Caving Society formed from members of T.C.C. under the President Barry James. For some time Barry and his hard working team have been interested in the Wet Caves area of Molle Creek and have felt that this area must receive most of their attentions, so as not to disrupt the T.C.C. program etc the decision was reluctantly made to form S.C.S. Some of its members will remain members of T.C.C. and vice versa, S.C.S. will also affiliated with T.C.C. and a close liaison on all levels will be the aim of both clubs - our congratulations and best wishes to Barry and his team; and our thanks for all the [?] they have done in T.C.C. We look forward to seeing them in the field and at our club functions during the year.

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Subscriptions

Subs are now due these may be sent directly to the treasurer
Mr. M. deVries Box 145 P.O. New Norfolk.

Full Membership	1. 0. 0	plus 10/-	admission fee
Junior Members under 18 yrs	10. 0	"	10/-
Assoc. Members	10.0	-	

Forward Programme

Projects for the Year.

1. Formation and training of Survey Team
2. Remarking of tracks and refinding caves.
3. Investigate areas opened up by new roads.
4. Collection of specimens
5. First aid course
6. Photographic record of cave features - Slides with commentary by Prof. S. Carey.

Sunday Mar 16th.	Junee Caves Digging. Party Leader E. Smith Phone 31167
Saturday May 22nd	a working bee Ladder making 4 Clarke Ave.
Sat Evening May 22nd.	Battery Point - Leader D. Seymour Infra Dig Tickets to be collected from O.B.M. as soon as possible bookings made in T.C.C. name
W/End May 29th & 30th	Raglan Ranges Leader Ron Kent Explorator
Friday June 11th	General Meeting U.T.G.P 8 pm, Slides, film, guest speaker.
W/End June 12-13-14th	Mole Creek Leader Frank Brown Collecting and Exploration.
W/End June 26-27th	Ida Bay Leader D. Seymour Phone 25790 and 25354 Names to Dennis one week before.

Easter Trip.

A very wet Easter was spent at Mole Creek with a large party from Hobart and Queenstown. Some scrub-bashing was done on Friday afternoon and caves visited on Sat & Sunday included Maracoopa Cow cave and through the letter box to Pyramid The gate at Croesus was inspected, and still is intact. Traffic in this area is vary heavy now as the road is sealed, and Club members as well as cave Guides are eager to see something done about developing Croesus in the near future.

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Raglan Ranges - Queenstown - Leader Ron Kent.

The Queenstown members have arranged a very interesting trip to the Raglan Ranges on the 29-30th May.

Party will leave Queenstown by jeeps on Sat & return on Sunday. Friday night accommodation has been arranged at the home of Kate and Ron Kent. Members intending to go, please notify D. Turner as soon as possible. Transport to Queenstown will be arranged on Wednesday night 26th May at the Barclay.

Prospective Members.

We welcome the following innocents as prospective members and hope they enjoy everything we can offer them.

Miss Sally Salier
Robert Mann

14 Lord Street Sandy Bay.
4 Syme Street West Hobart.

Rodney Hughes	79 Poets Road West Hobart.
John Morley	Berriedale
Stephen Triffit	60 Leonard Ave Moonah
Christopher Michall	27 Chapel Street Glenorchy
Michael Rossiter	New Town High
Mark Geeves	
Peter Gregory	
Chris Comos	
Richard Reid	
John Plaister	New Town High
Ron Oatclay	
Ken Moore	
Paul Warren	130 Alleing Road Chigwell
John Lewis	51 Poets Road West Hobart.

New From C.S.S.

Albert and Theresa Goede are returning to Hobart soon, we look forward to seeing them and also to some good caving in the Florentine area. Also a trip to the Nullarbor Plains is planned for Xmas 1965, anyone interested may contact Bob Ashman.

Canberra Speleological Society,
38 Simpson Street,
Watson Canberra.

The Mole Creek Hut is now locked, the key can be collected from the Secretary at the Barclay, on Wednesday night prior to trip.

In Appreciation.

I would like to thank Clive Morris for his generous help in printing the circular in the past year.

Joan Halton Sec.

Party Leaders.

The following members have been approved by the Committee as Party Leaders.

Mr. Clive Morris -	4 Sommerdale Road Claremont	Phone 71239
Mr. Peter Brabon -	9 Mortimer Ave. New Town	Phone 83571
Mr Mike Jagoe -	20 Lewan Ave. Kingston	

[A handwritten message on the back says

"Dear A & T [Goede] The Editorial will explain what has happened to the Club - also, Des Lyons is with them. J "]

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*[The following was apparently appended to TCC Circular for April-July 1965.
It is reprinted from SSS's Stop Press, June 1965]*

EDITORIAL

DEATH AT BUNGONIA

Elsewhere in this issue is a report of the inquiry Highland Caving Group held into the death of one of their members John Bryant at Bungonia on 22nd May 1965. This inquiry delved into the facts available in an effort to determine the prime cause culminating in the death of this member, however two facts emerge which must arouse every thinking caver to wonder just how well equipped we are as individuals to ensure our own safety and to contribute to the safety of others.

The first of these facts is concerned with how and why the fall took place. Considerations such as fainting fits, foul air, over-fatigue are almost irrelevant when we learn that this man was secured by a safety rope. This rope was of adequate strength and, we believe quite ably handled by the man on belay and yet on one of the rare occasions when the safety line is required to hold a man and save his life it fails - and why? It failed because the knot tied by the member round himself was inadequate considering the type of rope used. The rope was a "Silver" rope made of polythene. It is very slippery and would require special knots to secure it. The manufacturer's specification states that a bowline is a suitable knot, however very minor experiments with the rope show how easily this knot slips undone and it is even more serious still when we conclude that Bryant's death may be directly attributable to this fact. In previous years S.S.S. has always stressed the need of what might be called "rope safety" and this embraces:-

1. Thorough knowledge of knots.
2. When and how to use them and in the case of synthetic ropes - when not to use them.
3. Care of ropes and methods of inspection.
4. The more specialised knowledge required if synthetic ropes are used.

As a result of this accident it is our intention to carry out tests on various types of rope in the next few months to determine types of rope most suitable for caving, and the results of these tests will be made known when completed. Furthermore S.S.S. field days and trip leaders training courses both include the above rope safety points as part of our general training, and every caver in the interests of his own safety should learn all he can about how to preserve himself. These weekends of which more are planned, provide us with an opportunity to refresh our memories and keep up with the latest rope techniques.

The second important fact emerging from the H.C.C. inquiry relates to medical care for injured cavers. It appears that in the case of the Bungonia accident none of the four Goulburn doctors were prepared even to attend the site, let alone descend Drum Cave to provide medical attention on the spot. It is not possible to say whether a doctor could have saved Bryant's life if he had come at the time of the accident, but it is clear that medical help is difficult or impossible to obtain immediately.

Further in cases of accident or serious injury, immediate death may result if victim is moved from the site of the accident by untrained and medically inexperienced people, and thus we are faced with a two-fold problem. The victim of an accident must not be moved and yet we cannot get medical help when most desperately needed.

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Therefore, until a society doctor can be located and brought to the scene, or a local doctor is induced to attend we must provide First Aid ourselves. The limited aid provided by the other trip members in the case of the Bungonia accident prolonged the victim's life by some considerable time - estimated to have been as much as one hour, and the importance of providing this initial life preserving help cannot be over-stressed.

Last year S.S.S. members attended first aid classes run by the St. Johns Ambulance and suitable dates are currently being considered for similar classes again this year. In addition we are investigating the possibility of arranging the special course of instruction relating to mine disasters. However we believe this requires a large attendance (40-50) of members who already hold their first aid certificates, to justify the special arrangements required for the course. A letter has, however, been sent to St. Johns Ambulance requesting details, and later issues of Stop Press will advise the outcome.

In the meantime if there is anything to be learned from John Bryant's death at Bungonia it is that every Speleologist's duty, firstly to himself and secondly to his fellow members, is familiarity with knots and rope care and working knowledge of first aid and later possibly the more specialised knowledge relating to mine rescue.

Martin Foster

The Committee suggests that until the results of tests that the S.S.S. are going to carry out on synthetic ropes are known, that they are not used in this society.

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June 1965.

CAVE DEATH AT BUNGONA, N.S.W.

At Bungonia Cave Reserve situated about 18 miles from Goulburn, John Lawrence Bryant of the Highland Caving Group died from injuries received when he fell about 50 ft whilst ascending the 140 ft. pitch out of the Drum Cave on Saturday 22nd May, 1965. Whilst a coroner's inquest will be held into this death, the Highland Caving Group decided to hold a club enquiry and requested attendance from other Sydney Societies. Below is a report of this meeting and some observations therefrom.

Alf Crawley, Martin Foster and Ben Nurse of S.S.S. attended the meeting held on Sunday 31st May, 1965. Standing orders of the Highland Caving Group were suspended to allow discussion of the various aspects of the death of their member John Bryant.

The report of the death is largely as follows; Seven members of the H.C.G. descended the Drum with Eric Kaye belaying from the top: The ladder used was aluminium rung and wire light weight ladder and the safety line consisted of a new 1½" circumference polythene rope which passed over a log above the Drum drop. All the members of the party descended without mishap. After some time exploring Bryant requested to be allowed to ascend so as to help Kaye belay the rest of the party from the bottom: Bryant started to ascend the drop at about 11.0 a.m. About 50 ft from the bottom, Bryant fell. Bryant suffered serious injury, probably two fractured legs, probably fractured ribs, and injuries to the head and was unconscious. Kaye learning of the extent of the injuries contacted the police via the phone at the second homestead from the reserve and requested a Doctor

and an ambulance. The police arrived about 1½ hours later, one of the Policemen being a member of the Police Cliff Rescue Squad. An ambulance arrived two hours later but no Doctor. Apparently Bryant died about 2½ hours after the fall.

Certain questions were asked of the various members of the trip, and the rope and the boots of Bryant were made available for examination. As a result certain conclusions followed:-

- (1) Bryant was an experienced caver.
- (2) Bryant was conversant with the tying of a bowline knot.
- (3) Bryant tied a bowline and a half hitch on the descent.
- (4) Bryant probably tied a bowline but not a half hitch on the ascent.
- (5) Bryant's tricounies were fixed to a horseshoe. These horseshoes were larger than the leather heel of the boot and could catch on the ladder rungs. One set on one boot was loose. These horseshoes caused some concern and inconvenience to Bryant as he had complained about these. The horseshoes were not a recent addition to the boots.
- (6) Bryant was not subject to fainting fits, nor was he visibly affected nor had he complained about foul air.
- (7) At the time he fell he seemed to have been climbing steadily and when he fell a load of approximately 100 lbs. was felt by Kaye on the rope before the rope became slack.
- (8) Bryant seemed to have called out before hitting the ground, so ruling out a fainting fit.
- (9) The rope examined immediately after the fall showed a single knot near its end.
- (10) The knot on the rope seems to be the one that remains after a bowline has slipped.

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From these facts the following could be deduced:-

- (a) Bryant had probably slipped or was hit by a falling rock and consequently left the ladder.
- (b) The knot in the safety line did not hold.

The reason why the knot did not hold is subjected to some conjecture and it is important first to consider that a bowline had been tied. The rope used was a polythene rope and is probably more slippery than a nylon rope. In caving and rock climbing there have been experiences of bowlines slipping or working loose on nylon rope and it could be assumed that the bowline is more likely to slip on polythene than nylon and certainly more likely than manilla or any other natural fibre ropes.

It was suggested that experiments be carried out on bowlines slipping on polythene ropes and that advice be sought from over-seas groups regarding their experience with this rope.

Ben Nurse.

THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB
Box 641G, G.P.O. Hobart
CIRCULAR JULY-SEPTEMBER 1965

Trip Reports

Several successful trips have been conducted over the last two months.

Junee - The dig in Junee Caves seems promising and plenty of mud has been shifted. Edith reports that it is well worth another day - this should decide whether it will go or not.

Raglan Ranges - A party of 15 from Queenstown and Hobart braved the elements to spend the weekend on the Ranges. Several holes were investigated but these only went a few yards and then closed in. As the weather held, it was also a good chance to get some good photos and explore the countryside. The party woke on Sunday to hear gales of laughter from Dennis in the next tent. We investigated and found that the tent had parted company with the pegs and Dennis was sheltering behind his now famous tea chest, while his two cousins battled to keep from being blown away in the howling wind. In spite of all this they remained in their sleeping bags for another couple of hours until they were forcibly extracted. Party arrived back at Princess River at 4.15. Thanks to the West Coasters for a very enjoyable weekend.

The Long Weekend

The June long weekend was spent at Mole Creek. On Saturday afternoon surveying was conducted in the Caveside area by half the party whilst the remainder went through Honeycombe. Sunday was a mixture of caving and track-cutting. The track has been cleared for approximately 280 yards in the direction of Lynd's, however it was a bit hard for just two bods, so the next trip we would like some more help and the track should be completed in a day.

The final day a small party went on an inspection trip through Croesus. This is probably the last we will see of this cave until it is opened, as all the keys have been handed over to the Public Works Department and Scenic Preservation Board - after all they have paid £143 for them.

Training Day

A much needed training day will be held at Blackmans Bay early in July and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, as it is a long time since a training day has been held. Come along and show us just how fit you are.

Annual Dinner

Make a note on your calender for the Annual Dinner, as last years dinner held at Wrest Point was such a success we will probably go there again. More details later.

New Members

Welcome to the following members who have gained full membership.

Bruce Kent	Queenstown
John Plaister	4 Central Ave. Moonah
Dennis Reid	47 Barossa Road, Lenah Valley

Prospective Member - Bill Surtees, Queenstown.

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Forward Programme

Saturday July 10th	Training Day Leader - Mike Jagoe, New Town High
Sunday July 11th	Digging - Junee Caves. Leader - Edith Smith
Week End July 17th - 18th	Florentine D. Turner
Week End July 31st-1st August	Mole Creek C. Morris.
Slide Evening August 4th	Hydro Theatre.
Week End August 28th-29th	Florentine D. Seymour.
September 2nd	Committee Meeting C. Morris, 4 Sommerdale Road, CLAREMONT
September 11th	Annual Dinner WREST POINT.

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THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB. BOX 641 G., G.P.O.
CIRCULAR SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER. [1965]

Who & Where.

President	Frank Brown	308 Lenah Valley Road.
Vice President	Doug Turner	79 Riawena Road (29443).
Secretary	Joan Halton	6 Culloden Avenue, Moonah.
Treasurer	M de Vries.	Box 145, P.O. New Norfolk.

Annual Dinner.

The dinner has been postponed until November, when it will be a combined annual and Christmas dinner.

Farewell.

It is with regret we will soon be giving Clive Morris a send off. He is taking off to Melbourne to work and then travel around Australia. We hope to see him back for a weekend in February.

News from N.G. Harry de Vries is engaged and may be visiting us soon.

Mike Durinch will not be returning to Tassie. He will stay in England after leaving his ship.

Trip Reports.

Junee Dig is still progressing and another day will be held next week. There are also two holes up behind the cave which will be investigated.

Mole Creek.

The August weekend only lasted one day as Mike Jagoe took ill and had to be returned to Hobart, however Clive and Peter took 8 boys through Cow Cave to Pyramid on Saturday morning, returning home on Saturday night.

Forward Programme.

September 12th	Junee Dig.	Frank Brown, Leader.
September 25th and 26th	Mole Creek.	Peter Brabon. (Tool Dept., Genders).
October 2 & 3rd	Hastings	John Ferris
October 9th and 10th	Frank Brown -	Leader.
October 30th, 31st and 1st November.	Ida Bay, North and South	F. Brown, Leader.
November 13th and 14th	Mole Creek	D. Turner.
November 18th	Committee Meeting.	4 Clarke Ave.
November 20th	Annual Dinner.	

Christmas Trip.

The committee would like your suggestions for Christmas trip.

Beltana Hotel - 20th November, 8. p.m.

Annual Dinner R.S.V.P. - 6th November. Box 641

Name _____

No. of persons self incl. _____

25/- per head

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THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB
CIRCULAR — DECEMBER to MARCH [1966]

F O R W A R D P R O G R A M M E:

W/Ending 11th & 12th December, 1965 - Track Cutting to Exit
Cave. 1 or 2 Days Leader
- A. Goede.

CHRISTMAS

26th. December to 3rd. January - Mole Creek and surrounding
districts.
12th. January, 1966. (Wednesday) - Slide Evening by Harry de
Vries at D, Turners. Bring
a plate of goodies for
supper.
14 & 15 January - Florentine D. Turner
LONG WEEKEND
29th, 30th & 31st January, 1966 - Exit Cave Leader, A.
Goede.
1st. February, 1966 (Tuesday) - Pre-wedding - grog on at
the Waratah from 8 p.m.
5th. February, 1966. (Saturday) Secretary, Peter Brabon takes
the Plunge.
9th. February, 1966. (Wednesday) GENERAL MEETING, U.T.C.D. at 8
p.m.
12th. & 13th February, 1966 - Florentine - Leader-- A.
Goede.
5th. 6th & 7th. March, 1966 - West Coast - Leader - R.
Kent.
23rd. March, 1966 (Wed) - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The S.C.S., the new caverneering group have expressed their
desire for a get-together, so a few members from T.C.C. will
join them at the Waratah Hotel next Wednesday, the 8th. for
general discussions.

As the sad departure of Clive Morris left a vacancy on the
Committee, A. Goede was co-opted, and agreed to take back the
Archives, so any information can be obtained from Albert at 54
St. Georges Terrace, Battery Point.

The Dinner was a great success, and many thanks to Jean and Del
Latham for their hospitality till the small hours of the
morning. At least we cleared out all Del's old bottles; now he
can get some new ones for next time.

The Committee takes this opportunity of wishing all members and
friends a Very Happy Christmas and a successful, safe caving
New Year.

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