

# *Speleo Spiel*

## EARLY PUBLICATIONS OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

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Greg Middleton Sandy Bay Jan-Feb. 2001, expanded March 2004

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#### 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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Tasmanian Caverneering Club  
[Nov. 1947]

Programme

- Nov. 29-30th Exploration of caves on Mt. Faulkner  
A cave at least 80 ft. 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
<u>Hastings Area</u>			
in King George	Skeleton Pool		<u>Lynds Cave</u>
In Newdegate	Pop Hole	The Y	Copper Walls
	Wee Three Crack		Porcelain Pagoda
	Ogilvie Hall		Ivory Tower
Hole Discovered by J. Luckman			Corkscrews
	Erebus		Altar Candle
			Deception Pool
Near <u>Lynds Cave</u>	Soda Creek		Porthole
		<u>Kubla Khan</u>	
		<u>Croesus Cave</u>	
			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

FAMOUS LAST WORDS.  
That talus is perfectly safe

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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 coincide 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
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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 Molle Creek area. Several new caves need

4th January: 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	Bunning.
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!

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We are very sorry to say that Roy Skinner, chief guide at Hastings is in St. Vincents Hospital, Melbourne, critically ill. Roy and his wife have been members of the Club and good friends to all who visited Hastings for some years; and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

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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:

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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 Marakooa 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.  
"There is a big Tree." [Q]

Famous Last Words.

## TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING

CLUB.

[Feb, 1957]

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!  
B5729

F. Brown

15 Harrington Street

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:

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. & 3.30p.m.
13th December.	Hobart Walking Club Xmas Social. C.W.A. Rooms, Criterion Street.
26th December.	Mole Creek. Contact Secretary before 21st December.  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.
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"	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:

President	D.F. Turner.
Vice-President	D.M. Elliott.
Secretary	M.H. De Vries.
Treasurer.	R.L. Dowden.
Assistant Secretary.	E. Widdicombe.
Social Secretary	E. Widdicombe.
Keeper of Archives	F. Peterson.
Quarter Master	J. Poynter.
Committee	F.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:

Chairman.	F.R. Brown.
Secretary.	M.H. De Vries.
Treasurer	J. Green.
Publications Officer	D.M. Elliott.
Quarter Master.	D.F. Turner.
O.I.C. Hastings & Ida Bay	M.H. De Vries.
O.I.C. Junee & Florentine	F.R. Brown.
O.I.C. Mole Creek	G.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. Howe	Mole 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 offsidiers 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. F. Peterson.  
 15a Deviation, 8 Swanston St.  
 Battery Point. New Town.  
 (B4826) (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- Hon. Secretary  
F. Brown, F. Peterson  
15a Deviation, 8 Swanston St.  
Battery Point. New Town.  
(2 4826) (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.

Trip Secretary - Hon. Secretary-

F. Brown, 15a Deviation, F. Peterson, 8 Swanston St.

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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 (Karenfuyurudo 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.

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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.

Amdmt to Clause 20- After "Entrance fees, subscriptions, equipment fees" add "trip fees, hut fees and other fees.

Amdmt 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. "

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(a) any person not entitled to vote.

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

Trip Secretary- Hon. Secretary-

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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.

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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 through-out Australia to be selected for a post-graduate G.M.H. scholarship. Since our last circular John R. Fairhall, 54 Berriedale Road, Berriedale has become a prospective member, John Chick a full member, and Joh Hasenkam has been made an Honorary Associate of the Club.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

June 25/26 - Hastings, leader F. Brown.  
July 9/10 - Entrance Cave, leader A. Goede.  
General Meeting - Friday 1st. July, Geology Department, Sandy Bay. Bring a supper contribution.  
Mr. M.R. Banks will give an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to the United States.

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

18th August, 1960.

Dear Member,

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

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

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

The main function of the meeting is to critically examine





- 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.

TRIP SECRETARY.

Mr.

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 t

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  
September 17-18th, - Junee area, leader A. Goede.  
October 1-2nd. - Hastings,

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.

Trip Secretary

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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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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. Congratulations 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.)

## *Speleo Spiel*

### CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB

BOX 641 G, December 1960  
 G.P.O. Hobart. 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.

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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 ! ! !

# 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 cant 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 & possed (?).

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 Proramme.

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, MAY 1961.  
G.P.O. Hobart. 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. Turner	Hon. President.
F.R. Brown	Vice-Pres.
M.H. de Vries £ £ £ £ £ £	Hon. Treasurer.
I Chick	Hon. Secretary
A. Goede	Keeper of Archives.
B. James	Quartermaster.
C. Clayton	Trip 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.

Hooray: SANOTROG IS HERE!!!! SANOTROG IS HERE!!!!

Now for the first time in Australia, we are proud to offer this remarkable product to our readers. No one need ever be embarrassed again faeceswise. Sanotrog is dynamic, potent. Sanotrog contains 780 billion busy bacteria, each one pledged to a lifetime of service in the interests of hygienic caving. Mountains of evidence amassed by venal biochemists clearly illustrates the efficacy of Sanotrog in reducing the incidence of certain pernicious diseases. And small wonder!! Sanotrog is a veritable army of specially domesticated, highly trained, sternly disciplined, assiduous, diligent, efficient and effective microbes: lovable little guardians of our health who spell curtains for any unwary enemies of good wholesome trogging. Easy to follow instructions are included in each packet of Sanotrog. Put a deposit on one today. Only one to a customer, except in exceptional circumstances. Sanotrog! SANOTROG!! SANOTROG!!! SANOTROG!!!!

\*This advertisement originally appeared in a S.U.S.S. circular, and appears here with permission. [FF]

#### 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.

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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 Runneymeade 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  
No. 3.

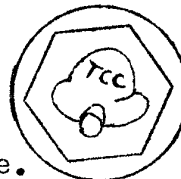
## the BADGE is here



Get yours NOW!

For years we've waited, and now they're here!  
Now, for only 7/6, you can have one!

Full, assoc- This is (nearly)  
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members only. hat" is black and  
the headlamp white.



Get yours from  
the Hon. Sec.,  
John Chick, or  
send 7/6 to Box  
641 G.

If an "X" appears below, you are unfinancial! This is  
a matter of concern to you, so



PAY UP, it will ease

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the treasury too! Financial members  
get a pretty pink membership card, so comfortably  
wallet-fitting. Be wise, clever, suave, distinguished,  
brilliant, cultured, irresistible—and financial.

£££ Hon. Treas. M.H. de Vries, 78 Lord St., Sandy Bay.

### 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 £££££ 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.

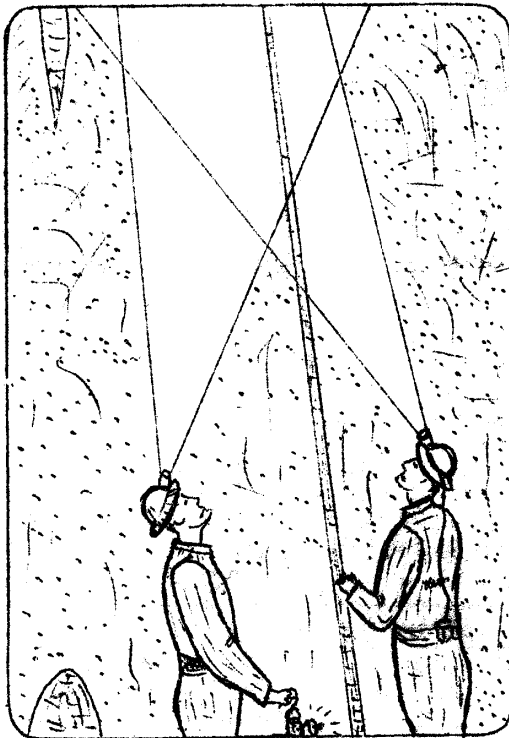
Thanks to the generosity of one of our newest members the Club is to make arrangements to purchase or erect a hut in the Mole Creek area. Thank you Mrs.James.

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  
 Augusta Rd. Lenah Vly.  
 B&H 82266

*Smiles Smiles*

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

Hon Pres. Doug Turner, 79 Riawena, Rd., Lind, B.33721, H29443

Vice-Pres. Frank Brown, 308 Lenah Vly. Rd., B.31424

Hon.Sec. John Chick, 5 Kirksway Pl. Hobt. B.79445.

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.

[FF]

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.

[duplicated, 1 p., F]

## *Speleo Spiel*

CIRCULAR OF THE TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB  
G.P.O. BOX 641 G  
December 1961.  
Hobart

No.5.

### EDITORIAL, an apology.

It appears that every copy of the "Spiel" manages to come out late. I can only say that I have had to leave the editor's chair un-warmed by my ponderous person's posterior due to pressure of other duties. However, here it is, the last copy for this year --- No.5. of which four were issued this year and one in 1960. As good a reason as any to press for making this publication a quarterly - as I only seem to manage that number anyway. (Asks hopefully, "Anyone want the job?"). Well on with the motley and first things first:

### FORWARD PROGRAMME:

GENERAL MEETING ..... Geol. Dept. Uni. Tas. 8 p.m.  
December 13th. (NEXT WEDNESDAY)

16th. 17th. Dec. .... Photography Trip. Hastings. Party  
Leader: Frank Brown.

GORDON RIVER TRIP. .... There will be two parties leaving  
for this fascinating area, one on the 23rd. Dec.,  
and the other on the 26th. Dec. Full particulars  
of this trip are available from Frank Brown.  
(Phone (B) 31424)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: .. Wednesday March 21st. (Unless  
notified of a change) at Geol Dept. Uni.

During February it is proposed to have a trip on the 16th.  
and 17th., and further particulars of this, and  
any other trips is available from Doug Turner (Ph.  
B 33721 H 29443) or John Chick (79445 bet. 12 and  
1 p.m.)

March is ????? at present, but if you are interested in a  
trip ring up and ask.

### SEARCH AND RESCUE:

The recent misadventure at Exit Cave, although not serious in as much as no danger actually existed for anyone, was serious in as much as an emergency did arise and the Club moved swiftly to take all necessary steps to effect a search and rescue. The Club in this instance was inconvenienced by lack of information from the party (none of whom are financial members). This, and the possibility of other occurrences in the future, together with the desire to have closer cooperation with the Police search and

rescue organisation, has led to a revision of the Club's policy in such circumstances. Club members involved in the reorganised scheme will be notified of what position they are to play if any future occasion arises.

ALLEY OOP'S PIFFLE PAGE:

Congrats to Rene on his engagement. But where has the moustache gone? Start thinking about next year's subscriptions and get them in.

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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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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. ....

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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.

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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.

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CAVING TRIPS.

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

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ADDRESS. ....  
PHONE BUS. .... HOME. ....

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HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.

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No. 7

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

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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.	Junee. (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.

Congratulations 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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#### T A S M A N I A N C A V E R N E E R I N G C L U B 1964

##### MOLE CREEK

During the year the Southern section has conducted official trips to this area. As always this area tends to receive more than its fair share of trips. Between August and November several diving trips were conducted with Peter Smithies as diver. Four siphons were penetrated in the Sassafras Ck. caves, leaving only a few feet unexplored of this system. A survey of Marakoopa 2 has been begun but heavy rain provided the excuse for its abandonment. Herbert's Pot was explored to a final depth of 350 ft. Several combined trips have been held with Northern members.

Through the generosity of Mr. Glen Howe the club has obtained the use of an excellent hut at the mill near Sassafras. This hut, with water and power laid on, has made Mole Creek into a caver's heaven.

During the year the club was able to render service to the Hydro-Electric Commission by checking possible damage to Croesus due to road making operations. The proximity of the new road makes the opening of this cave more probable than previously.

### HASTINGS

Several training trips were conducted at Hastings, and proved most successful. Parties taken included Scouts, Rangers, and several other interested groups. For those interested, the tunnel, which started last Easter, came to an abrupt end after several weeks of hard labour, thanks to all who participated.

### FLORENTINE

Little field work has been carried out during the past year, however, renewed interest in the major problems can be expected when further ladders are acquired and now access is becoming easier with new A.N.M. roads being built into caving areas.

### GOVT. GRANT

It is anticipated that a further grant will be made to the club in the near future our thanks to Mr. A. Atkins, Mr. D. Cashion, in particular and the Tas. Government for their generous support.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

The club continues to enjoy good public relations, with the Tas. Gov. Tourist Bureau, Police, Press, Radio and T.V.

### SOCIAL

The social activities have been many and varied ranging from Births, Marriage, Dinners, Cabaret, farewells, celebrations of New Year at Lumberts Crotto etc - we said farewell to Albert Goede who has given stirring service to the club for over ten years who is now living in Canberra, also to Rolly and Pat Webb who left their brand on Tas Caving and Harry De Vries and Peter Smithies also headed for the mainland, the club's loss is others gain - to these members we say a very big thanks and we look forward to caving with them soon.

### Caveman's Dinner

These continue to be extremely popular and it is very pleasing to see so many members from the North and South attending each others

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dinners - to the Northern branch go our thanks for the excellent dinner, barbecue held in November.

### SEARCH & RESCUE

The first full scale search and Rescue occurred in November when three of the Northern Branch were cut off behind the fire place at Maracoopa the operation proved a very valuable exercise and showed the excellent team work and spirit of the club. In closing I would like to thank the

committee and the club for its loyal support during the year.

F. R. Brown  
President

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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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TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB.

BOX 641-G,

G.P.O.

CIRCULAR MAY - AUGUST [1964]

HOBART.

#### 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
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Barry James	139 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley	Ph. - 82266
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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 far 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, 29Mildura 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 anyones 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.

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 Sienneke 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.
	Battery Point - Leader D. Seymour
Sat Evening May 22nd.	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.

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Prospective Members.

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

Miss Sally Salier	14 Lord Street Sandy Bay.
Robert Mann	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.

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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.

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In Appreciation.

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

Joan Halton Sec.

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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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#### S T O P P R E S S

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 1 3/4" 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 1 1/2 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 2 1/2 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 overseas 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.

June - 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 Honeycomb. 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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### Tasmanian Caverneering Club. Annual Report.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the V.T.G.D. on the 1st April, 8 p.m.. This will be followed with a weekend at Ida Bay.

1965 has been a very inactive year. It is perhaps time that T.C.C. took a good look at itself. Perhaps the image will not be quite so satisfactory. The answer, dear members, lies not in our club but in ourselves.

However, let us look at the credit side first. Track cutting was high on our list, we have cut a new track to Lynds Cave, started a low level track to Exit cave and re-discovered Growling Swallet. On the cave diving an attempt was made by the Underwater Explorer's Club to penetrate the Junee siphon. The divers penetrated 550 ft. reaching a depth of 55 ft. Although there have been longer dives in Australian caves, this is probably a record for a single siphon. A little surveying was done but not enough to warrant any boasting.

On the debit side however, we have lost good members to the new club, although relations have improved due to an inter-club get-together. Financially we stand fairly well although the lack of subscriptions hampers any major expenditure.

We cannot end this report without mention of "Mike Jagoe's boys" - the Duke of Edinburgh award boys from New Town High. These boys have made quite an impression on caving, they are eager boys who are making good cavers.

Well members, there it is, we don't like it so its up to you to do something about! What about some young blood?

(F. BROWN  
President.

Hatched Matched, No Despatches

Rein and Ailsa have a son at last, Welcome Andrew.  
Sally Salier and Clive Morris are Engaged.  
Joan Halton married Peter Brabon.  
Stella Price intends to do the same with Ian Farley on  
Easter Saturday, that takes care of all the females in the  
Club.

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SPELEO - SPIEL.

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Your new committee:

In the Annual Report, the past President called for young  
blood and that is what he has got, the youngest committee  
for years.

President: Albert Goede, 54 St.George's Terr., Battery  
Point.

Home: Ph. 2 1406(messages) Bus:2 7741  
ext.415)

Vice-Pres: Mike Jagoe, Springvale Hostel, New Town.

Secretary: Joan Brabon, 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley.

Treasurer: Peter Brabon, 122 Augusta Rd. , Lenah  
Valley. or W.& G. Genders. (Tool Dept.)

Quartermaster: Bill Hodge, 5 Bayley St., Glebe.

Committee: Sally Salier(Miss), 272 Bathurst St.,  
Hobart.

Rodney Hughes, 79 Poets Rd., West Hobart.

John Plaister, 4 Central Avenue, Moonah.

We thank the members for electing us and hope we will be  
able to give you good service in the coming year.

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TRIP REPORTS

Easter Trip to Mole Creek.

A party of eight, some of who seem to wish to remain  
anonymous left for Mole Creek on Friday. Honeycomb was  
visited on Friday night and Maracoopa the next morning. A  
slight accident foiled an attempt to visit Cow Cave. It  
being evening and dark the wrong depression was found, and  
anxious party member, while looking for cave that was not  
there, fell down 20 feet over cliff, into the blackberries.  
Fortunately these saved him from falling lots further!  
Northern cavers were met and the Hobart party split up. On

Sunday Hodge and Hughes went with Nth. bods to Execution, and Long Drop where Hodge managed to put one of the Northerners ladders out of use without too much effort. Meanwhile the remainder of the party visited Baldocks and managed to find and view Cow Cave. The Brabons arrived on Sunday and also visited Baldocks. Monday was spent wading through Lynds Cave and cleaning out the hut. Party returned to Hobart late on Monday

(Trip report by Rodney Hughes)

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#### CHRISTMAS TRIP

We have started planning the next Christmas trip at this stage to ensure a good attendance. Inter-state visitors from other clubs are invited to join the trip and should contact the secretary. The committee has suggested a trip to the West Coast areas, (Bubbs Hill - Nelson River - Kelly Basin), but other suggestions are welcome at the next meeting.

#### TRIP FEES

Trip fees have been reduced to 10 cents per day, this amount should not be very hard to part with. If paid regularly the quartermaster will be able to supply carbide for club trips. Also an emergency supply of carbide will be left in Hastings and Mole Creek huts. This must only be used for a caving emergency!

#### FUTURE TRIPS.

23 - 25 April (Anzac Long Weekend) - Ida Bay - Leader: A. Goede.

7 - 8 May - Mole Creek (KUBLA KHAN) - Leader: Peter Brabon.

21 - 22 May - Florentine - Mike Jagoe leading all volunteers.

7 June - General Meeting, University of Tasmania, Geology Dept. at 8pm. promptly.

#### Item of Particular Interest.

On Tuesday, 3rd May, a lecture will be given by Dr. D. Megirian, on the causes of death due to exposure etc. and how to prevent them. Lecture commences at 8pm. in the Arts Lecture Theatre University of Tasmania.

#### REJOINING A.S.F.

The committee is strongly in favour of rejoining A.S.F. (Australian Speleological Federation) and we want to discuss this at the next General Meeting. A.S.F. is now a well established and organised body. Our objections on the Penman affair which caused us to resign have since been fully supported by the A.S.F. committee and C.E.G.S.A. (Cave Exploration Group, South Australia) which resigned at the same time has long since rejoined. Let us come out of isolation and put Tasmania back on the map with mainland cavers.

#### Subscriptions

Subs. are now due and it will help us greatly if these are paid in the very near future. Full membership \$2.00

Junior membership \$1.00 Associate membership \$1.00 Amount  
owing -- PLENTY  
Subs. may be sent to Mr P. Brabon, Box 641G, GP>O> Hobart,  
or 122 Augusta Road, Lenah Valley.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

These will be held on the first Tuesday of every month,  
in the Geology Department of the University at 8 pm. with  
the exception of [3] next month. This meeting will be held  
on the second Tuesday, 10th May. Members please bring  
latest slides and anything else of interest + friend as  
admittance fee.

#### FOR SALE

Two carbide helmet lights "Butterfly Brand". Apply 54  
St. George's Terrace, Battery Point, Hobart or Ph. 2 1406  
(message only)\

#### FAMOUS LAST WORDS - The Spiel must go on!

Following thought borrowed from C.S.S. and Vergil's Aeneid.  
The descent to Hell is easy; the gates stand open day  
and night;  
But to reascend the slope and escape to the outer air,  
This indeed is a task.

#### Daffy-nit-tions:-

Trogloxenes: an organism that accidentally wanders or is  
carried (forcibly or otherwise) into a cave (ie.  
novice caver or tourist).  
abseil: a rather rapellant method of descending a  
single rope.  
guano: an end product (found only in mainland caves -  
fortunate).  
eccentric: any caver whose formation is of unusual  
shape.  
cave helmet: room for thoughts?

#### VIVE LES TROUS.

Bats and rats inhabit caves,  
And so do speleological knaves,  
And once in a while their female slaves,  
Go underground - surrounded by rats, bats and knaves.  
A. Spate.

Quote: "the speleologist is an ideal blend of scientist and  
adventurer, and speleologists in general form a tight little  
group completely detached from the outside world. When they  
celebrate they do so in a cave ..... Perhaps the potholers  
are the greatest romantics of all." Karl Lukan  
"The Alps".

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 10th May, 8pm. Geology Department,  
University.

..... a final word

YOUR CAVING CAREER WILL LAST A LIFETIME -  
IF YOU ARE CARELESS.

(Apologies to C.S.S. You'll realise why.)

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Valley, Hobart.

The last general meeting was held at the Geology Department on the 10th of May. About 15 members and prospectives attended. The main topics of discussion were the rejoining of the Australian Speleological Federation and the joining of the South West Committee - a committee formed to try to preserve the south west in its natural state. We hope that this will not prevent us from finishing the new track to Exit Cave. An animated debate followed on the best method of completing the track and as a result a new aerial reconnaissance is planned soon to locate the end of our track in relation to the cave. Smokebombs and volunteers are needed. ANY TAKERS! The meeting decided unanimously that we should rejoin A.S.F. and also that we join the South West Committee. The vice - president was appointed as delegate to the S.W. Committee.

#### Subscriptions:

Subs are trickling in slowly, these are needed and should be paid before the next issue of Speleo - Spiel if you wish to receive further copies of same. A membership list will be included with the next issue. Don't let your name be conspicuous by its absence.

Treasurer, Mr Peter Brabon, 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley, Hobart.

#### New Members

A hearty welcome is extended to the following not so innocents Bill Hodge - 5 Bayley Street, Glebe.  
David Fampton - 20 Paradette Avenue, Mt. Stuart.  
Kenneth Ford - 30 Rosehill Crescent, Lenah Valley.  
Gregory Rowberry - 26 Charles Street, Moonah.  
Peter Harrold - 5-7 Colville Street, Battery Point, Hobart.  
Michael Swanton - 311 Lenah Valley Rd., Lenah Valley.  
Brian Sparkes - 86 Windsor Court, Harrington Street

### Prospective Members

Brendon Moore - 7A Stoke Street, New Town  
Anthony Moore - 112 Ring Street, Dynnyrne.  
Rodney Nichols - Barclay Coffee Lounge, Elizabeth St.,  
(if you can't beat 'em join 'em.)  
Mike and Kerin Hall c/o B.H.P. Office, 2 Patrick St.,  
Hobart.  
Brian Collin - 11 Bedford Street, New Town, Ph. 8 1956.

Wednesday Natter Nites are still held at the Barclay from  
7p.m. to 9 p.m. every week. So if you wish to go caving  
come and make arrangements.

TRIP REPORTS See over.

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Hastings - 24 - 25 April.

1p.m. Party of five left Hobart for Hastings. Party  
consisted of R. Hughes, B. Hodge, P. Harrold plus two  
prospectives - R. Nichols, and R. Pfeifer. Arrived hut late  
Sunday: had meal, prepared gear, Slept?  
Mon. 25th. 9.30a.m. Party left for Newdegate Cave. Checked  
with Guide. Entered Cave 10.30a.m. Took new bods through  
Binney intending ladder climb to Mystery Corner. Upon  
reaching top of ladder pitch discovered thirty foot shortage  
of ladder. Hughes breaks all records for out and back in  
with extra ladder. 50 minutes after leaving, 2 bods and  
Hughes are inspecting P.P. and other formations in Mystery  
Corner. 3.30 p.m. left cave for hut. New bods very pleased  
with trip, highly possible will apply for membership soon.  
3.45p.m. Back at hut packed gear, had light meal, cleaned  
up, left Chalet at 4.20 p.m.

Fortunately there were no accidents on trip apart from a  
few skirmishes with leeches. The party suffered the usual  
Hastings weather but a good time was had all round. The  
three members were greatly surprised to find the active part  
of T.C.C. at the caves after the cancellation of the trip.  
Great minds etc.

Ida Bay. - 25th April.

Brian Collin and A. Goede made a grand tour of Entrance Cave  
and roamed from the upper level to the final siphon. The  
glow-worm display in the first part of the cave was  
particularly impressive - one of the best ever seen. Another  
look at the final siphon suggests that it should be possible  
to climb up above the siphon with suitable equipment. This  
should be tried as it may lead to a high level passage.  
A. Goede.

Mole Creek - 7-8th May.

Arrived at Mole Creek hut 12p.m. to find most of the party  
around a roaring fire. The trip on the 7th was to have been  
to Kubla Khan but unfortunately the car carrying the gear  
did not arrive. A trip to Croesus was the next best thing so  
the party entered this beautiful cave at 11 a.m. and had a



general look at everything they could find. The water was a bit lower than usual and the Golden Stairway was dry. Party continued up through the talus as far as possible before returning to the entrance at 2.30p.m. The party consisted of P. Brabon (leader) followed by J. Brabon, M. Jagoe, M. Swanton, B. Collin, M. and K. Hall, J. Plaister, and D. Reid.

Saturday night was spent at the hut playing cards and reading. All retired at 10.30p.m. to enable a good start in the morning. Slumbers however were disturbed by the very noisy arrival some time after midnight of three Northern bods. Let us hope that it will be the last of that kind of behaviour.

Mon.8th. - Caveside - Party: Leader - P. Brabon followers - M. Jagoe, M. Swanton, B. Collin, M. and K. Hall, D. Reid, J. Plaister. Entered Cow Cave at 10.30a.m. Had a look at Cow Cave then pushed party through the Letter Box and out through Pyramid reaching daylight at 1.30p.m. Five of the party had not been in this cave before and were quite impressed. P. Brabon

#### Forward programme

May 21,22. - Florentine Valley, leader Mike Jagoe.

May 25. - (Wed.) Committee meeting, 122 Augusta Road, Lenah Valley.

May 28,29. - Track cutting to Exit Cave. Leader A. Goede.

June 7. - (Wed. ) GENERAL MEETING. Geography Department, University of Tasmania. 8.00p.m.

June 11,12,13. - Long weekend to Mole Creek. On this trip we would like as many cavers as possible to come along as we are acting as hosts to the Geology Dept. Students Club, and will probably have to split the party. Some have never been caving before and who knows, we may get some new members.

#### Courtesy in a Tourist Cave.

We know you are cold, wet and fed up, but please stand back if a tourist party is approaching. Those extra few minutes may save trouble later.

#### CALL FOR HELP

Your quartermaster needs willing hands to help clean the gear. Who is going to volunteer?

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#### Central Australian Tour 1967.

Three sun drenched weeks, camping tour of Central Australia. Departing for Melbourne on the P.O.T. mid July, travel to Bourke, Mary Kathleen, Mt. Isa, Darwin. Back through Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart. Approx. 3 1/2 - 4,000 miles in 21 days. Equipment needed - own car - camping gear, etc. This tour, carefully planned can be inexpensive. Anyone interested contact Joan and Peter Brabon.

#### NEWS FLASHES

Clive Morris is reported to be heading this way soon. Let's hope he stays. Best of luck to brother Graeme on his recent engagement. Edith Smith is recovering up north after a recent illness. Hurry up and get better Edith. Cave digging is at a standstill!

Our local press reports. "Cave dwellers shock crusaders in England. Two hundred student Christian Crusaders battling the invasion of "The Troggs" in the cave-riddled peak district of Derbyshire, have found 12 year old girls living as "mock wives" of some of the hundreds of men hiding away permanently in the deep caverns. The hidden life of the ostracised "Troggs", who have fled from society, was told yesterday by the director of the Evangelical Crusade Centre in Matlock, Derbyshire. A special Easter infiltration by the young crusaders into the dark hideouts of the Troggs found drug addicts, prostitutes, and young girls living with the men. The Troggs - an abbreviation for troglodytes (cave dwellers) - had a strict moral code, he said. They held mock marriages with the girls before living with them. Few people know what conditions are like in the caves, because the Troggs will not let strangers enter. They are generally outlawed in the towns where cafes have signs "No Troggs Allowed", and these youngsters beg food from the cafe kitchens at night and resort to confidence tricks to get money".

Editors comment. Dear reader. Let us observe a minute's silence for these trogs. who according to the latest press reports are to be blasted out of their happy homes by the local council. Anyone who can live a life of sin in caves considerably colder than our own has our respect and admiration. What, no Tasmanian effect?

STOP PRESS: A report has just reached us that an undetermined number of members of the dreaded Mushawurdry Society (a code name for SMERSH?) have entered Tasmania undetected as a result of a failure in our early warning system (codenamed Box 641 G, G.P.O.) The object of the invasion is the infiltration of our mountains and cave systems. A former vice-president of our society (U.N.C.L.E). is believed to be in league with the infiltrators as he has managed by devious means to retain one of the keys to our early warning system. The leader of this band of intruders is one George Hardingham, and he is a school teacher (unusual) from Wollongong. Any caverneer meeting this man should bring him in for questioning. Will Tasmania become a second Vietnam? Will our defences of bauera, horizontal, tea-tree, etc. repel the invaders? Will our numerous members in the C.M.F. "Intelligence" rally to the cause? Order your next copy of speleo-spiel now by paying your subs.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Let's have another working bee!!!!!!!

All contributions for the next Speleo-Spiel - stories, poetry, handy hints etc. may be handed to the editors before or at the next general meeting.

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#### Subscriptions

Attached to this Spiel is a membership list. About 2 members are unfinancial. They will know, and we hope do something about it, as soon as possible. Thanks to all the members who have paid so promptly, it is the first time for years that we have had so many financial members in the first 2 months of the year.

#### Club Library

Albert has the Club library at the University and anyone wishing to browse through or borrow some of the books or articles may do so at the general meetings. A small charge is made for articles and books borrowed.

#### Correspondence

Our correspondence has increased immensely over the past 2 months with material coming in from many other clubs in Australia. Two letters were received from our own boys. One from Clive Morris who will be back with us about November and another from Harry de Vries who will be returning at Christmas or New Year. They have both been missed.

#### News from T.C.C.(Northern Branch)

The Northern Branch have put "Troglodyte" on the market. This journal is a must for every conscientious caverneer. It contains a wealth of information on the Mole Creek area as well as many other interesting items. "Trog." is published monthly and can be purchased for 20 cents. Why not apply for a 6 months subscription? Send 1 dollar 20 to The Secretary, P.O. Box 315 G.P.O. Launceston and your copy will be forwarded to you with all possible speed. The Northern Branch is holding its annual dinner on 25th June, at the Mole Creek Hotel, at a cost of \$2.00 per head plus 50c. for Bar-B-Q on Sunday. To top it off you can do some ladder practice at Honeycombe (3). Notify our secretary before the 17th June, using our box number (641 G.) if you intend going.

### Queenstown News.

The West Coast Outdoor Club is holding its second birthday dinner on the 25th June, quite a few T.C.C. members will be trying to make the trip (weather permitting). If any member is interested in joining this lively club, the membership fee is a nominal 50c. You will then find plenty to do on your visit to Queenstown.

### A.S.F. News

Letters have been received from the President (Roly Webb) and the Secretary (John Dunkley) of A.S.F. welcoming our decision to rejoin. However our application has to be approved at the Melbourne conference in December. Any club members wishing to attend the Sixth Biennial A.S.F. Conference will be most welcome. The conference starts on December the 27th, 1966 at Mirboo North, Gippsland, Victoria. Field trips are scheduled to Buchan, Limestone Creek (a virgin area in the mountains) and to the lava caves of Western Victoria. Contact your President for further details. Those who wish to subscribe to the A.S.F. newsletter can pay their 20c. annual subscription to our Treasurer. The list of names and addresses will then be forwarded to the A.S.F. Secretary. The A.S.F. newsletter is published quarterly and posted direct to every subscriber. ORDER YOURS NOW!!!!!!!

### Exit Cave Reports

Much of the club's activity has been concentrated on the construction of the new track to Exit Cave. On Saturday May 28 a ground party led by Frank and Peter lit two fires to indicate the position of our track from the air while another party consisting of Albert, Therese and the two Mikes made an aerial reconnaissance.

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While the trip was an undoubted success there are people who would not care to repeat the performance. The president and vice-president had a competition to see who could use the most paper bags, while Mike Hall took the bearing for the new track and then picked the highest tree around into which to drop a message for the ground party. Its still there 150 feet up in the air if anyone wants to read it.

The next weekend a party led by Brian Collin added another 550 yards to the track. A major engineering feat which included tunnelling through bauera. On Sunday June 12, Albert and Brian with the assistance of Andrew Skinner and four unsuspecting boys from Tarooma High added another 350 yards and reached a point only 150 yards from the button-grass plain. Track cutting stopped abruptly when Brian slashed at a vicious mass of bauera and found his leg in the middle of it. The track is now 1,300 yards long and two more weekends of hard work should see us at Exit Cave. A suggested name for the track is the "Brooker Highway". It is straight (more or less) with a low gradient and a few roundabouts and is suitable only for one way traffic. For

further information consult our "director of works" Brian Collin.

Either Albert or Brian would appreciate rags suitable for marking the track preferably bright colours.

A day trip was held to the Florentine on May 21 and Growling Swallet was visited, while another party spent the weekend of June 11,12 in the Mole Creek area. Trip reports will be published in the next Speleo-Spiel.

#### Forward Programme.

June 25 - Annual dinner Mole Creek and Queenstown.

July 2,3 - Weekend track cutting at Exit Cave. Leader A. Goede.

July 5 General Meeting, Uni. of Tas. Geology Department. 8 pm. Bring unsuspecting friends!

July 9, 10th - Mole Creek, Leader Mike Jagoe.

July 13th - Committee Meeting, 54 St.George's Terrace.

July 17th - Day trip to Florentine. Leader: Peter Brabon. Come and help celebrate his birthday!

July 23 - 24 Hastings - Ida Pay Leader: Rodney Hughes.

August 2 - General Meeting Uni. of Tas. Geology Department.

August 6 - 7th Florentine. Leader A. Goede.

Remember that your general meeting is on the first Tuesday of every month!!! !!! !!

### FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Giants please walk on tippy toe.

As widespread bookmarks are causing concern.

See you ALL at the next General Meeting !!

(Penalty for absence:- You will be enlisted for the next track-cutting trip to Exit Cave!)

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#### FINANCIAL MEMBERS.

Grade of membership.

Full Membership (F), Junior (J), Associate (A) Honorary Associate (H.A.), Life Member (L.M.).

Brabon, Joan (Mrs.)	- 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley. (F)
Brabon, Peter	- 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley. (F)
Brown, Frank. R.	- 308 Lenah Valley Rd., Lenah Valley. (F)
Carey, Prof. S.W.	- 24 Richardsons Ave. , Dynnyrne. (F)
Farley, Ian. .	- Boat Harbour, Tasmania. (F)
Farley, Stella (Mrs)	- Boat Harbour, Tasmania (F)
Ferris, John	- East Risdon Rd., Lindisfarne. (F)
Ford, Kenneth J.	- Rosehill Cres., Lenah Valley. (H)
Fampton, David J.	- 20 Paradette Ave., Mt. Stuart. (J)
Geeves, Robert H.	- Judd's Hill Rd., Geeveston. (F)
Goede, Albert (LM)	- 54 St.George's Terrace, Battery Point.
Goede, Therese (Mrs) (F)	- 54 St.George's Terrace, Battery Point.
Hughes, Rodney T.	- 79 Poets Rd., West Hobart. (F)
Hall, D. Mike	- Box 1352, G.P.O., Hobart. (F)

Hall, Kerin N. (Mrs)	- Box 1352, G.P.O., Hobart. (F)
Harrold, Peter	- 5 Colville St., Battery Point. (J)
Hodge, William A.	- 5 Bayley St., Glebe. (J)
Jagoe, Michael C.	- Springvale Hostel, New Town. (F)
Kent, Ron	- 33 Driffield St., Queenstown. (F)
Kent, Bruce	- 33 Driffield St., Queenstown. (J)
Latham, Del R.	- 35 Balaka St., Rosny. (F)
Lighton, S.R.	- Box 788 H., G.P.O., Hobart. (A)
Meerding, Henk	- Gourlay Avenue, Blackmans Bay. (F)
Morris, Clive	- 4 Somerdale Rd., Claremont. (F)
Morris, Graeme	- 4 Somerdale Rd., Claremont. (F)
Peterson, William	- 43 Augusta Rd., New Town. (A)
Reid, Denis J.	- 47 Barossa Rd., Lenah Valley. (J)
Plaister, John. S.	- 4 Central Avenue, Moonah. (J)
Rowberry, Gregory	- 26 Charles St., Moonah. (J)
Salier, Sally (Miss)	- 272 Bathurst St., Hobart. (F)
Seymour, Dennis	- 4 Clarke Ave., Battery Point. (F)
Shipway, Jim	- 11 Sunways Ave., Seven Mile Beach. (F)
Skinner, Emily (Mrs)	- Chalet, Hastings. (HA)
Skinner, Roy	- Chalet, Hastings. (HA)
Smith, Edith (Miss)	- 89 Lansdowne Cres., West Hobart. (LM)
Sparks, Brian	- 86 Windsor Court, Harrington St., (J)
Surtees, William J.	- 2 Denison St., Queenstown. (F)
Swanton, Michael J.	- 311 Lenah Valley Rd., Lenah Valley. (J)
Turner, Douglas F.	- 79 Riawena Rd., Lindisfarne. (F)
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de Vries, Marines, H.	- P.O. Box 145, New Norfolk. (A)
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Valley, Hobart.

#### Next General Meeting.

Tuesday, August 2nd, at 8p.m. in the Geology Department,  
University of Tasmania. You would like to see YOU there next  
month.

#### Twentieth Birthday Dinner.

The club will be celebrating its twentieth birthday in  
September. The dinner will be held on Saturday night,  
September 17th. This is a very special occasion and we  
expect a record attendance. Make it a date. Further details  
will appear in the next circular.

#### A.S.F. News.

We are still searching for a club member who wants to go  
to the next A.S.F. conference and act as our delegate.  
Doesn't anyone want to see some caves in the North Island of  
Australia? For de- tails see your last Speleo-Spiel. (No.3.)  
So far only seven members have subscribed to the A.S.F.  
Newsletter. Four issues a year are well worth your 20c. A  
subscription drive will be launched at the next general

meeting.

Queenstown Dinner.

The secretary reports: "A good time was had by all at the W.C.O.C, dinner. It was attended by T.C.C. members Joan and Peter Brabon, Sally Salier, Doug Turner and Del Latham. On Sunday morning we were taken on a tour of the Open Cut and smelters. The brisk wind blew away most of the hangovers. I was very attached to mine so I brought it home with me." Joan Brabon.

Apologies.

Our apologies to T.C.C.(Northern Branch) for our absence at the Mole Creek dinner. A party was planning to go there but arrangements fell through at the last minute. We hope you didn't mind too much. Just think, you would have had to share all those pretty nurses with the Hobart mob!!!!

National Fitness Reunion.

The Adventure Camp Committee is holding the second Camp Reunion of Adventure Campers on July 30 and any of our members either connected with or interested in the movement are invited to attend and meet the boys. The reunion is being held at 8p.m. in the C.W.A. Centre, 16 Criterion Street, Hobart. Anyone who wants to attend should let the Adventure Camp Committee know by July 25. The address is G.P.O., Box 440 E, Hobart.

Ladder Making.

Our ladder making programme is off to a good start. One 30 ft. length has already been made and we hope to produce at least another four lengths soon. Thanks are due to Peter Brabon, Denis Seymour, Bill Hodge and Rodney Hughes who did all the hard work. More volunteers are always welcome.

Caving Visitors Come to Tasmania.

August 10 - 24, David Heap and Jim Coulton. David is an English caver at present in Adelaide who has had most of his caving experience in the wet and deep holes of Yorkshire while Jim is a member of the Canberra Speleological Society. They would like to hear from anyone who wants to join them. Contact Albert if interested.

October 10 - 24, Neil and Carol Anderson also from the Canberra Speleos. Neil is the secretary of C.S.S. and they are both very active cavers.

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October-November, Dr Aola Richards from the University of New South Wales will be coming over to have a look at our glow-worms. She is also very interested in other cave life and has described and named two species of Tasmanian cave wetas.

January, 1967, A caving and walking party from S.U.S.S., led by A.S.F. secretary John Dunkley.

March 4 - 25, 1967, A caving party from S.S.S. led by Brian Garrington will visit Tasmania for three weeks.

A New Theory of Cave Formation

S.U.S.S. in a review of an American caving magazine reports that "caves in the Arctic Circle are thought to have

been formed when the lad lay under an ice sheet". Quite a lad! He must have been a cool customer!!

### Trip Reports

Track cutting to Exit Cave, Sunday, July 3.

Allan Russell (a "former" friend of Brian Collin) and Albert Goede left Hobart at 6.30 a.m. arriving at Hastings at 8.45 a.m. in pouring rain. We were met by Bill Hodge who had taken rather drastic measures to stay out of the track cutting party. He had tripped and damaged his leg on Friday afternoon. Brian Collin, Andrew Skinner and Rodney Hodge had already left. Allan and Albert set out in pursuit encouraged by the fact that it had almost stopped raining. They did not catch up with Brian and party until 11.45 a.m. Brian had already reached our so called "buttongrass" plain - no doubt it was the tallest buttongrass in Tasmania - consisting mostly of 8-10 foot high tea tree with a generous sprinkling of lesser pests. Slow but steady progress was made cutting a track through the stuff. We were encouraged by the sight of the Exit Cave ridge up ahead. The first time we were able to cut without using a compass. Another 250 yards was added to the track making it nearly a mile long. Peter's sword proved itself a mighty weapon when cutting tea tree. Allan said that only a bunch of madmen could have cut a track where we did. Pat Wessing has given us a large supply of rags for the next track cutting trip. Any volunteers?

A. Goede.

Mole Creek, July 9 - 10th.

The New Town High contingent consisting of Mike Jagoe, John Plaister, Denis Reid plus two prospective members Rex Sargeant and Kim Nicholas arrived at the hut around 10.45 p.m. Friday, to find the West Coast division consisting of Ron and Kate Kent, Kent junior (Bruce) and Sue Banefield, well intrenched. The Hobart group was soon reinforced by a blue VW containing our Secretary and Treasurer, Joan and Peter. "Early" on Saturday the group dragged themselves out of bed and then waited until 10 a.m. for the arrival of Bill Surtees and friends Anthony and Yvonne Crosswell. When they didn't turn up the party departed to examine some new holes on Ken Miles' property near the Alum Cliffs - passing Bill Surtees' yellow VW enroute. The entire party located the farmer and holes, one of which was descended by the Vice-Pres. who reported 100' of broken bottles and tin cans plus one very dead animal - believed to have once been a cow. The hole ended blind at 100'. The party then moved to Pyramid Cave where an interesting couple of hours was spent. Bill Surtees and party then departed and the rest of the party returned to the hut.

On Sunday the Kents moved out to visit friends in the area, while Peter led the N.T.H. mob through Little Trimmer Cave spending 1 1/2 hours caving and returning to the hut for an early lunch. After lunch Peter and Joan returned to Hobart and just as the N.T.H. group was leaving the Secretary of the Northern Branch arrived on a motorbike to inform us they had rented a farm house about a mile away, so a detour via



the farm was arranged.

The Northern boys have made an excellent job of the farm;  
stove, frig and bar now installed.

Mike Jagoe.

July 17th. Track cutting - Exit Cave. WASH OUT!!!!

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#### Forward Programme.

July 23, 24 - Hastings - Ida Bay. Leader Rodney Hughes.

August 2 - General Meeting. Uni. of Tas., Geology Dept. 8  
p.m.

August 6 - 7 - Florentine. Leader: A. Goede.

August 20 - 21 - Mole Creek. Leader: P. Brabon.

September 3 - 4 Official opening of the Brooker Highway to  
Exit Cave. Leader: A. Goede. (Bring your own  
ribbon, scissors and champagne.)

September 17 - Annual Dinner.

September 6 - General Meeting. Uni. of Tas., Geology Dept.

#### Famous Last Words

We've nearly reached the buttongrass!!!

STOP PRESS. 17 July, 4:30 p.m.

Brian Collin has just returned from Hastings and reports  
that he and a friend Reg Williams managed to cut another 830  
yards and have nearly reached the cave. After cutting 330  
yards through the tea tree they found themselves in fairly  
open tree country with a few fallen logs but no undergrowth.  
Soon after Reg found the creek and followed it up approx.  
200 yards. It's easy going now so all you chicken hearted  
anti-track bashers come along for a grand tour of Exit Cave  
next trip.

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Valley, Hobart.

#### Twentieth Birthday - Annual Dinner.

The dinner will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, September  
17th at the Marquis of Hastings, Cnr. Hill and Brisbane  
Streets, West Hobart. A 4 course dinner will be served at a  
cost of only 2 dollar 20 cents per head. If you intend  
coming your acceptance slip at the bottom of this circular  
should be returned to the secretary not later than September

10. Your contribution can either be included with your acceptance or can be made immediately on your arrival at the hotel. This is a very special occasion and we are hoping that all members will be able to attend. Members of other caving and walking clubs are invited. The hotel has a late licence and a cabaret starting at 8 p.m. so dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

#### Equipment for Hire.

The quartermaster now has a number of helmets and carbide lamps for hire at the very reasonable rate of 15c. per weekend. The money will be used to supply free carbide on club trips.

#### Carbide lamps.

A carbide lamp is a caver's best friend and should be treated as such even if they are club property. The club has just spent several pounds purchasing missing parts for club lamps. Here are a few don'ts.

DON'T - forget to empty water and carbide from your lamp at the end of a trip. Spent carbide left in the lamp sets almost as hard as concrete and is very difficult to remove.

DON'T - tip out the water director and perforated tube when you empty out the carbide. Although a lamp will work without them it burns better and lasts longer with them because they prevent clogging up of the needle valve and gas outlet and allow water to get at all the carbide.

DON'T - drop your carbide lamp down a shaft. It doesn't improve the reflectors and can be very unhealthy for anyone standing underneath. Before tackling any ladder pitch make sure that the lamp is safely secured.

DON'T - carry a burning carbide lamp on your belt while climbing a ladder. A fire is difficult to distinguish when you are spinning around in the middle of a shaft.

DON'T - dump carbide in caves or paddocks. Cows have a curious liking for spent carbide but it doesn't improve their health nor does it improve relations with the beast's owner.

DON'T - use any other fluid than water to fill your carbide lamp except in the direst emergency. Underground friends can be more important than a burning lamp.

A carbide lamp is like the female of the species. She is temperamental and easily ignited but can give you many years of faithful service if treated with respect.

#### New Battery Cases.

Bill Peterson has just produced the prototype of a new battery case designed to replace the 6-volt lantern battery. Lantern batteries frequently fall to bits when wet and muddy and are awkward to carry. The new case is a steel tube which takes four torch batteries - considerably cheaper than one lantern battery. The new case can easily be water-proofed and is almost indestructible. Editors comment: Guaranteed to last a life-time and comes in attractive rust-proof baked enamel finish. Large parties can join their battery cases together to make a climbing pole. Cases could be supplied in six attractive colours.

pitch black - to blend with your surroundings.  
twilight grey - for those who intend coming on a trip soon but never do. Cardboard replica available at half price.

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stalactite white - for the pure of heart.

dragon's blood red - a must for the daring and foolish.

virgin's blue - for innocent girls who get talked into caving. Can be traded in without extra charge for twilight grey at your wedding!!

Hasting's brown - a particularly striking colour specially designed for those who go caving at Hastings to harmonise with the muddy surroundings. End Comment.

BUY ONE NOW. TODAY. IMMEDIATELY!!!

NO TRADE - IN                      NO DISCOUNT                      NO CASH       -   NO CASE.

#### New Members:

Andrew Skinner - Chalet, Hastings. (J)

Ted Todd - "Kenham", 174 Rokeby Road. (A)

Pat Wessing (Mrs.) - 89 Lansdowne Cres., West Hobart (A) rejoined.

Roland Wallace - 18 Cheverton Parade, Sandy Bay.  
(Prospective)

Donald Fraser - 1 Woolton Place, Sandy Bay. (Prospective)

#### New Club Badges.

Metal club badges will be on sale in the near future at 75c each. Please wear one to the club dinner so that you may be identified after the party.

#### Warning to Smokers

Did you know that in October, 1965 a 15 year old boy in Medina (Ohio) was trapped for 26 hours after he went into a cave to sneak a smoke. "I feel fine" he told rescuers, when he was pulled out after having been wedged in a crevice head-down since the previous afternoon. He said that he was not giving up smoking but did not plan to visit any caves again "at least for a long time."

#### Trip Reports

Sunday 24th July.

Party consisted of Albert Goede, Brian Collin, Reg Williams, Donald Fraser and Roland Wallace.

The party left Hobart at approximately 7 a.m. after some delay while Reg looked for a lost wallet, and Albert discovered that he had left his boots behind. We finally arrived at our parking spot at about 9.30. The Catamaran road is as bad as ever and very slippery and muddy as the Forestry Dept. have now started work on the new road. There had been heavy rain the day before and water on the track was almost ankle-deep in places. Perhaps we should have named it the Panama Canal instead of the Brooker Highway. After crossing the "button grass plain" we followed Reg's blazes until we reached Exit Cave Creek. The creek was flowing strongly - the flow being estimated at about 60 cusecs. We followed the bank of the stream until we came to an old tramway bridge which is in a state of collapse. Here we made a precarious crossing of the stream. After some beating about the bush we reached the cave at 12.40 p.m. It was decided to have lunch first and then make a quick trip

into the cave. Donald spoiled everybody's appetite by attempting to eat a tin of cold meat and vegetables. When we reached the cave entrance we found ourselves standing on the edge of a 10 foot deep lake which effectively blocked further progress. It appears that the dam which blocks off the lower part of the cave entrance only has a small outlet at the base and as soon as the flow increases past a certain point the water builds up in the entrance chamber until it spills out over the top of the barrier. The party retreated and spent some time cutting a track from the cave back to the end of the track. The route was shortened by following the old tramway for some distance. We completed the Brooker Highway but there is still plenty of scope for improvement to make it a better walking track. The party reached the cars at 5.30 p.m. and dropped in on the Skinners before returning to Hobart. A. Goede.

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Weekend, 6,7th August.

Brian Collin and Reg Williams made a weekend trip to Exit Cave. Nine hours were spent underground, two of which were spent rigging up a "flying fox" to bypass deep water in the entrance chamber. Stream was lower than on previous trip but still difficult to cross. The party "lost" the main stream and followed up a tributary system. Some good formation was found. On the track on the way out two members of the lonely hearts club were met.

Sunday, 14th August.

This trip was arranged as a final trip for the two prospective members so that we could make them junior members at the next general meeting. However, permission to enter the Florentine Valley could not be granted as the only people who could give permission were away (in the valley). Result was a trip to Junee. It was discovered with great delight that the area above Junee was completely burnt out and this made looking for holes extremely easy. One hole worth further investigation was found, but a big "search party" is needed. Party then had lunch and retired to Lake Dobson where the two pros. managed to drown themselves in the snow. Warning: Someone has fouled up the Junee road.

Forward Programme.

August 20,21 - Exploration weekend at Exit Cave. Camp at the Cave. Leader Albert Goede.  
August 24 - Committee Meeting, 122 Augusta Rd, Lenah Valley.  
September 3,4,- Official opening of the Brooker Highway to Exit Cave. Leader Albert Goede.  
September 6 - General Meeting. University of Tasmania, Geology Dept. 8 p.m.  
September 17 - Annual Dinner. Marquis of Hastings. 6.30 p.m.  
September 24,25 - Mole Creek. Leader - Peter Brabon.  
Marquis of Hastings September 17. 6.30 p.m.  
20th BIRTHDAY - ANNUAL DINNER.

Name; - . . . . .  
No. of persons. (self included) . . . . .  
Dress informal. Contributions \$ 2.20 per head.  
R.S.V.P. - September 10. [F]

SPELEO - SPIEL

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Secretary Mrs. J. Brabon, 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley.

Next General Meeting.

Tuesday, 4th October at 8p.m. in the Geology Department,  
University of Tasmania.

Lost, Stolen or Strayed.

One almost new survey tape in leather case. So turn out your  
garages car boots etc. and return post haste to the  
quartermaster as surveying time is here.

Also Lost.

A delightful little poem from one of our regular readers at  
Boat Harbour about the "Loss of Virginity" - So if Mrs. F.  
could send us another copy it will be included in the next  
Spiel.

Life Membership.

The committee has decided to offer honorary life membership  
to Professor S.W. Carey, professor of geology at the  
University of Tasmania. We felt that the occasion of our  
20th Birthday would be a suitable opportunity to honour the  
founder of our club and of speleology in Australia.  
Professor Carey first became interested in caves during the  
war when training commandoes to be dropped behind enemy  
lines because caves provided useful bases for small scale  
operations. When he came to Tasmania after the war he gave a  
series of lectures to outdoor clubs on cave exploration.  
Interest was aroused and the Tasmanian Caverneering Club was  
formed in September 1946 with professor Carey as its founder  
and first President. Pressure of work has kept him away from  
caves in recent years but others have carried on the work of  
adding to the knowledge of the Tasmanian "underworld".

Members return.

Welcome back to Clive Morris who has returned to us from  
Melbourne and also to Mike and Kerin Hall who have just come  
back after spending several months in sunny Rockhampton.

Why Pillingers Creek.

The reason why P.C.C. features on the forward programme is a  
letter from Paul Rose. Paul is a well known Australian caver  
who is now in Britain. In 1958-59 he came to the A.S.F.  
conference in Hobart and as a member of Bob Sexton's survey

team helped to produce some very fine maps including one of Pillingers Creek Cave. This is what he has to say:

"On our visit to that cave in 1959 I entered an extension leading off the low level passage but a small scale rock-fall during this investigation prevented us pushing this. We mentioned the extension to T.C.C. members and I have often wondered if it had been investigated at a later date.

Briefly the story is as follows: We had entered the low level passage from a point below the Devil's Spear and as I expect everybody else does we trundled along to the small cavern with the sandy squeeze. While some of the others played moles in the sand Dave Lanyon and myself returned to a point where I had noticed it was apparent that the stream had originally run down through loose boulders in the passage floor. We managed to remove some of these and I was able to squeeze down between the stable wall and the loose rocks into a small room. The rocks above my head were very loose and there was a large, rectangular chockstone wedged across an aven up on the left (more by faith than friction). Straight ahead a tube in solid rock led to a slot and progress here was halted by loose chockstone. Rather than tackle this alone I decided to get someone to back me up. Returning up the wall I noticed that some of the chockstones were very precariously balanced and later when Dave was climbing down there was one hell of a crash and the (page 2) lot fell in.

I am convinced that with a bit of effort the blockage could be cleared and the extension pushed. It is evident that this tube has been a conduit for water at a much later date than the sand squeeze and the possibility of extending the cave deeper would seem to be quite good."

### Trip Reports.

Weekend 20th, 21st August.

The party consisted of A. Goede (leader), B. Collin, P. Brabon, R. Hughes P. Harrold, David Heap and Jim Coulton (both visitors from the mainland) and Roy and Andrew Skinner came on Saturday for one day only.

Most of the party spent Friday night at the Hastings Hut while three of us left Hobart at 6.30 on Saturday morning. By sheer coincidence the two parties met on the Catamaran Road. We left the cars at 9.15 and most of us reached Exit Cave at 11.30 a.m. It was a pleasant day and the track was quite dry. Exit Creek was quite low and what had been a raging torrent a few weeks earlier was now a pleasant stream. Tents were pitched and while we were having lunch and discussing rescue plans for the two missing members of the party they miraculously appeared.

Some of us went underground at 12.30 p.m. to take Roy and Andrew on a quick tour of the more accessible parts of Exit Cave to give Roy an idea of the tourist potential of the cave. We also followed up a side passage where most of the water came from. At 2p.m. Brian took Roy and Andrew back

to the entrance while Jim, David and Albert went ahead to find a way through the talus at the "wind tunnel". Jim and David found a way to the creek while Albert went back to meet the rest of the party. After some fancy talus climbing we found a way back to the creek (no longer flowing) and Brian suddenly discovered that he and Reg Williams had explored the same section a fortnight earlier. We had a good look at this section which extends for some distance in the form of a high and in places rather narrow passage. A number of side passages were explored without much success. At the far end Brian discovered three initials scratched in the clay floor (J.F., E.M. (Sib) and M.D. 1961). the first sign that we were not in new territory and that this section had been explored by a party of university students who visited Exit Cave in 1961.

The party headed back to the main cave. Albert went back to camp with a budding 'flu while the rest of the party further explored the side passage carrying most of the water until they came to a siphon. They also explored another high level side passage and discovered some new territory. The main party returned to the camp at about 7.30p.m.

The night was made uncomfortable by enough rain to make the bush really wet and since Albert's 'flu was getting worse the party broke camp at ten a.m. and returned to the cars.

Sunday 4th September.

Albert and Therese Goede paid a short visit to Flowery Gully on Sunday morning. It was discovered that the entrance to the main Flowery Gully Caves had been completely blocked by quarrying operations. No quarrying has been carried out in the past five years in the other quarry where Vanishing Cave is situated. It was good to see the cave is no longer vanishing and still contains some fine formation including the very unusual eggshells, fragile hollow shells of calcite up to several inches in diameter. The eggshells occur as incrustations on the walls of the cave. Two cave spiders were collected in Vanishing Cave and a third specimen from a small cave in a quarry diagonally opposite Beams' house. We saw Mrs. Beams who told us that her husband intends to reopen the entrance to Flowery Gully Caves now that the quarrying operations have almost ceased.

#### Forward Programme.

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| September 17 -     | Twentieth Birthday Dinner. (Where are all those replies?)                     |
| September 24, 25 - | Mole Creek, including a visit to Kubla Khan. Leader: probably P. Brabon.      |
| October 4 -        | General Meeting, University Geology Department. Tuesday at 8 p.m.<br>(page 3) |
| October 8, 9, -    | Maydena area. Trip to Pillingers Creek Cave. One or two days depending on the |

weather. Leader. A. Goede.  
October 15,16 - Trip to Exit Cave. Camp underground if  
weather favourable. Leader. B. Collin.

A Sick Little Verse.

by Patient Nurse.

Poor Albert surely was a wreck,  
When he swooned over Virus X,  
And Peter being rather shy,  
Turned a blind conjunctive eye,  
But after a week of being "Oh so brave!"  
These two little lads are ready to cave.

The following is reproduced with humble apologies and  
certain modifications from the circular of the Cave  
Exploration Group (South Australia).

THE CAVEMANS DREAM.

The caveman sat and took his ease  
Among the stalagmites,  
And gnawed a mighty mammoth bone,  
And dreamt of hunts and fights.

His cave wife knelt and stocked the fire  
Which burned beside the door,  
His cave kids romped and yelled and fought  
And tumbled round the floor.

Now in the corner of the cave  
There was a narrow crack,  
The firelight could not reach its depths  
So menacing and black.

The caveman idly looked that way -  
And saw a vision weird,  
Two bleary eyes, a big red nose,  
A very muddy beard,

A helmet with a light on top,  
Enormous boots below,  
A trog lamp in its skinny hand  
Gave forth an eerie glow.

This horrid form, this vision weird,  
The caveman did accost.  
"Excuse me, mate", it hoarsely said,  
"I rather think I'm lost.

I'm looking for the Exit Cave,  
Where all my mates are still,  
Trying to find away down under  
Instead of over the hill.

Two dozen bottles beer we'll get,



If we can find the way,  
A promise made some time ago,  
And Seymour's going to pay."

The caveman turned a ghastly white,  
"The devil's come" he said.  
"I'll never touch the mead again  
Oh, take my wife instead!"

The trog looked at the cavemans wife -  
Then turned and disappeared.  
The caveman howled and tore his hair  
And pulled lumps from his beard.

His cave wife said "Don't be a nong,  
Your mind is playing tricks.  
You know T.C.C. won't be formed  
Till nineteen forty six".

#### FAMOUS LAST WORDS

What does not kill you - makes yob stronger!

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QuickTime™ and a  
None decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

President A. Goede, 54 St. George's Terrace, Battery Point,  
Hobart  
Secretary Mrs. J. Brabon, 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley, Hobart

#### Next General Meeting.

Tuesday, November 1, at 8p.m. in the Geology Department,  
University of Tasmania.

#### Birthday Dinner.

Our 20th Birthday was an outstanding success and everyone enjoyed themselves. The highlight of the evening was a display of intricate dance steps demonstrated by Frank Brown. Our thanks once again go to Jean and Del Latham for taking us to their home for supper and drinks. Next year it is hoped to hold the dinner at Laetare Gardens unless anyone has a better idea.

#### MOLE CREEK HUT.

The Mole Creek hut is no longer available to us as it is to be turned into a shearing shed, so until we find another hut in the area we will be using tents and enjoy life in the raw.

#### Kelly Basin.

A caving trip to Kelly Basin has been arranged by Ron Kent on Sat. and Sun., 19-20th November. Drive to Queenstown on Friday night, o/night at the Kents; on to Strahan Sat. morning, back to Hobart Sunday night. The launch trip across Macquarie Harbour will cost between 3 and 4 dollars depending on how many are coming. This area has been little explored. Be sure to come along and let the secretary know by November 1.

#### Queenstown.

The West Coast Outdoors Club Christmas Dinner will be held at the Empire Hotel on the 26th November. Any member wishing to go please contact the T.C.C. sec. early November. Cost approx. 3.00 dollars. Yes, Bill and Rodney we know you'll be there. Accommodation at the Kents.

#### Club Bulletins and Handbooks.

Club bulletins Nos. 1 (35c.) 3 and 4(50c.) are still available from Albert as well as copies of the handbook (50cents.) Only 2 copies each are left of bulletins 1 and 3 so get yours before they become collectors items. The handbook is a MUST for every member and contains articles on such useful topics as equipment, dangers underground, first aid, cave photography, techniques and the structure and origin of caves.

#### Trip Reports.

3 - 4th September - Exit Cave. Surveying started but no trip report received.

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24 - 25th September - Mole Creek.

The party consisted of P. Brabon (leader), J. Brabon, B. Collin, B. Hodge, R. Hughes, S. Vince, A. Goede, T. Goede, D. Fraser and R. Wallace from Hobart with a West Coast contingent consisting of Ron, Kathy and Bruce Kent, Bev ? and Wendy?

The Hobart mob reached the hut in the early hours of Saturday morning to find the West Coasters already in possession. After some social natter a short nights sleep was had.

Next morning most of the party went to Little Trimmer and made a tour of the cave. The creek was running but water inside the cave was no problem except to Roland Wallace who fell in while chimneying across a deep pool. Ron found himself in tight embrace with one of the Queenstown lasses. Ten feet of space below added to the excitement. Albert found numerous small shrimps swimming around in the creek and with Steve's help quite a number were collected. They were not Anaspides and may be a new species.

After emerging from Little Trimmer lunch was had on the banks of the Mersey and two members went for a swim to show off the latest fashions in swimming gear. In the afternoon a visit to Lynds was made. Because of lack of time; and the high level of the creek the party did not go through the

talus.

On Saturday night some of the younger members walked from the hut to Mole Creek and back in the record time of more than five hours. On Sunday Kubla Khan was visited. As the creek was flowing strongly everybody took the climbing route. Donald wore gumboots to keep the water in. Brian and Albert headed back to the creek a little too early and Albert went for an involuntary swim at the Narrows but managed to keep his carbide lamp alight. The Pleasure Dome was visited and Brian had a look at the 30 ft. high flowstone wall at the far side of the large chamber with an unexplored passage leading off at the top. With suitable climbing gear this could be climbed. On the way back Brian dropped his carbide lamp in the creek and did a lucky dip act to find it again. Everybody emerged wet into pouring rain.

#### Forward Programme.

- October 15,16 - A combined trip to Exit Cave with the Tasmanian Climbers Club and the West Coast Outdoors Club. Camp underground if weather favourable. Aim is further exploration. Leader: B. Collin.
- October 19 - Committee meeting at 8p.m. at 54 St.George's Terrace, Battery Point.
- October 29,30 - Mole Creek. An attempt to scale the flowstone wall at the far end of Kubla Khan and explore passage above if suitable equipment available. Leader: P. Brabon.
- November 1 - General Meeting, 8 p.m. Geology Department, Uni. of Tas.
- November 5,6 - Exit Cave. Surveying and inspection of potholes on Cave Hill. Leader: A. Goede.
- November 19,20 - Kelly Basin. For details see page 1. Leader: Ron Kent.
- Christmas Trip - West Coast. Areas to be visited: Bubbs Hill, Nelson River, Kelly Basin, Leader: M. Jagoe or B. Collin.

#### A LOSS OF VIRGINITY.

(without permission) (from Kings Cross Whisper.)

He took me by my slender neck,  
I could not call or scream,  
He took me to his dingy tent,  
Where we could not be seen,  
He took me from my flimsy wrap,  
And gazed upon my form,  
I felt so cold and damp.  
And he was oh so warm.  
His fervent lips he pressed to mine,  
I gave him every drop,  
He took from me my very soul,  
I could not make him stop,  
He made me what I am today,

That's why you'll find me here  
A broken bottle thrown away,  
That once was full of beer.

TASMANIAN CAVERNEERING CLUB. (Revised  
Sept.1966.)  
SEARCH AND RESCUE.

Controller:

D.F. Turner Home: 79 Riawena Rd. , Rose Bay 29443.  
Business: C'wealth Employment Service 33721.

If not available,

A. Goede Home: 54 St.George's Terrace, Battery Point 2  
1406. Business: Geography Dept., Uni. of Tas., 2  
7741 or  
F.R. Brown Home: 308 Lenah Valley Rd., or 15 Harrington St.  
Business: Eliz. St. Highschool. 3 1424. or  
M.C. Jagoe Home: Springvale Hostel, 2 Midwood St. New Town  
Business: New Town Highschool 80257.

O.I.C.

A. Goede see above.

Party Leader.

F.R. Brown see above.

Members on Call.

P. Brabon Home: 122 Augusta Rd. , Lenah Valley.  
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Business: Phone Q'town 63  
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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 cave 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 preference should be given to one with some caving experience if readily available. On reaching the rescue area the doctor should immediately report to the Officer-In-Charge for latest information and to be equipped with personal caving gear.
  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 1. 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 1 to collect.

4. The driver of Car 1, 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 remaining persons on list, following previous routine, these will constitute Car 2. Car 2 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 2 proceeds to the area and reports to O.I.C. for further details.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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#### 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 Station 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 - T.C.C. EQUIPMENT.

The ONLY persons allowed to request special equipment are:- Police H.Q., Controller, O.I.C. or his deputy.

#### FIELD ORGANISATION.

In control of all rescue work is the T.C.C. 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 T.C.C. 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 T.C.C. Party Leader will direct actual rescue work underground. Rescue work will be carried out in shifts - two parties each working up to six hours depending on nature of work. As one party works, the other party rests at base camp. 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 1 is to take the following:-

Medical Kit.

2 - 100' 1 1/4" nylon ropes.

60' cable ladder.

Axe, pinch bar, Army trenching tool.

Emergency rations.

Car 2 takes:-

Communications equipment.

Camping gear required for base camp, i.e. Large marquee, smaller tents, cooking utensils, primus stoves, etc.

Rescue stretcher - Neill Robertson type.

All remaining T.C.C. equipment.

Food - quantity depending on type of work.

Extra ropes - new hemp.

T.C.C. 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.

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Mobile generators and extra lights, oxygen, masks, hoses, air compressors, etc.

REMEMBER

In underground injuries - TIME KILLS.  
UTMOST SPEED IS ESSENTIAL.

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SPELEO - SPIEL

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Next General Meeting.

Tuesday, December 6, at 8p.m. in the Geology Department, University of Tasmania.

Hastings Hut.

Some energetic lads from Dover have asked permission (!!!!?!!) to clean up the hut and build a new fireplace (under Roy's supervision). All they need is the material, so if anyone has spare bricks, paint or sheets of iron, hardboard etc. taking up space, contact Albert or Joan and it will be collected. Ron Kent has kindly donated a stove which will be installed as soon as the power point is fixed.

Bar - B - Q.

A barbecue will be held at Marion Bay on Saturday, 10 December to cater for the junior members who missed out on

the annual dinner. Everyone invited, bring the family and make a great day of it. Supply your own food and refreshments. Come when you like and leave when you like.

#### Coming Events.

Early in the New Year we lose our last single cave girl, Sally Salier to cave man Clive Morris. There should be a pre-wedding celebration early in January so keep tuned to the Spiel.

We commiserate with quartermaster Bill Hodge who took the news so much to heart that on the last trip to Mole Creek he camped in splendid isolation on an island in the middle of Sassafras Creek. A certain insurance company is investigating the possibility that he tried to commit suicide by rocking Peter Harrold's car on a sharp corner.

The Farleys have moved to Savage River and Ian is busy building a landing strip out the back. The stork is expected to make the first of many landings in mid-May. Rumour has it that Ron Kent might have something to do with the stork. Congratulations to both couples and - RON.

We can also blame Ron for a sudden lack of interest in caving from Bill and Rodney. It seems that under his misguiding influence they have discovered girls but it had to be in Queenstown of all places. You'd better come back to Hobart, Ron.

#### Last General Meeting.

Members were given a look at the designs submitted for the A.S.F. badge and expressed a low opinion of most of the designs. Anyone who thinks he or she can submit a better design is welcome to have a go. Leave your artistic efforts with Albert before Christmas. The night's entertainment was provided by Bill and Mike. Bill proudly showed his first "colour" film of the last trip to Exit Cave. He is now seriously thinking of mounting a jar full of glow-worms on his camera to get better illumination. Mike gave an illustrated lecture on the breaking strain of camels' legs in front of the pyramids before passing on to his main topic "The change of the seasons in a Canadian Town."

#### "North Island" Visitors.

Last week we welcomed Neil and Carol Anderson from C.S.S. Canberra. So far they are impressed with our caves but do not like the climate. Neil has already earned himself the nickname "Twinkle-toes" Anderson for his exploits at Mole Creek.

John (Dick) Marshall from S.S.S. made a quick trip to Tassie and dropped in on Albert. John, who is a Tasmanian by birth but migrated to Sydney, is coming to work here next year and hopes to do some caving with us.

#### Lucky Escape - (or - Button Grass Plain The Hard Way.)

Mike Hall had a close shave when a helicopter in which he was a passenger made a crash landing on a buttongrass plain somewhere in the south-west (not on the way to Exit.) Glad you are still with us Mike. You could have fallen into one of those large sink holes on Mount Anne.



### Resurrection of a possum.

The papers recently reported that a live Burramys pigmy possum had been found in a ski hut on Mount Hotham in the Victorian Alps. Quite a find when you consider that the animal had been thought to have been extinct for about 20,000 years and was known only from remains of a skull and jaw bones from the Wombeyan Caves in New South Wales and the Buchan Caves in Victoria.

### TRIP REPORTS.

#### Exit Cave - 3,4 Sept.

Party - Brian Collin (leader), Bill and Rodney Hodge, Rodney Hughes, Peter Harrold and Allen Johnson.

Entered cave about 2 p.m. after setting up camp at the usual site. Considerable difficulty experienced with lights both electric and carbide, however survey started from entrance, through by-pass and across creek to first scree slope, at this stage the creek was noticed to be rising rapidly and survey work was suspended. Bill and Brian returned to entrance and fixed emergency exit rope with loxin and eyebolt whilst remainder of party explored the cave. At 6 p.m. water still rising although no rain falling and an early camp was made. Allen encouraged some of the party into singing foreign (N.S.W.) uncensored, songs on the usual subjects for a considerable part of the night. Rodney Hughes again tried and again failed to light a fire. Sunday occupied with a quick trip into the high level passages of the cave and return to Hobart.

Survey stations marked by numbers stamped into aluminium tags fixed by gutter bolts driven into 5/32" holes drilled in the limestone.

Instruments used, 100' fibre glass tape, oil damped interior lighted hard held prismatic compass, abney level. B. Collin.

#### Pillingers Creek - 8 October.

Party - A. Goede (leader), M. Jagoe, B. Collin, B. Hodge, A. Johnson, P. Harrold, R. Wallace, R. Hughes, J. Plaister, S. Vince, and some of Mike's boys from New Town High.

The trip to Maydena was uneventful until we arrived at the barrier and discovered that Peter Harrold was missing although last seen at Maydena. He was eventually found firmly bogged on the road to Junee with no oil in his sump as the plug had fallen out. After his rescue we pushed on but were stopped on the Styx Road by a four foot deep and three foot wide trench where the new P.W.D. road crossing is being built. Mike bravely jumped into the trench discovering too late a 1' thick layer of oozy mud in the bottom. Vagrantly perfumed he, and the rest, moved on. We returned to the barrier and after consultation with the gatekeeper were given the key to another barrier and eventually we made the old Pillinger's Road. The collapsed bridge has been bypassed and it is now possible to drive the cars right to the beginning of the track. The cave was located and the party

soon reached the chute below the chockstone. Those who went down first were greeted by a hail of rocks as the others came down. Brian and Albert collided head on when they dived for shelter under the same rock. Brian, Albert, Steve and Peter pushed on ahead and poked around in the sand of the terminal chamber. They then headed back to try and locate the place where P. Rose reported an extension in 1959 which was blocked by a collapse as they tried to explore it. Since the whole cave is one big collapse we could not locate the right spot. As we climbed around we were greeted by much abuse and a hail of stones as Mike and the rest of the party descended through the ceiling down an improbable looking chimney having been unable to find the "easy" way down.

On the way back Brian, Steve and Albert had a quick look at the side passage shown on the A.S.F. map but were eventually stopped by a vertical shaft. The cave is well worth another visit for those who are tired of living. It has the best collection of talus of any cave in Tassie.

A. Goede

#### Exit Cave - 15-16 October

Party - Brian Collin (leader), Bill Hodge, Rodney Hughes, Bill Peterson, Clive and Sally.

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West Coasters - Ron Kent, Bill Surtees, Janet Goyne, Wendy Reid, Peter Reid.

T.C.C. Sunday Only - Albert Goede, Peter Brabon, and Hank Meerding.

Ex.: Hobart 7.45a.m., left cars 10.45a.m. entered cave 4.00 p.m.

The main purpose of the trip was to establish the practicability of using a base camp inside the cave as an aid to exploration in lieu of camping outside with its obvious disadvantages.

The camp site chosen was: approx. 1,000 feet (20 mins.) inside the cave on a large sand bank adjacent to and about 10 feet above the creek. The cavern at the camp site being approx. 70' high and 100' wide. After a shadow display and a game of naming the formations the majority retired to sleeping bags about 9 p.m. some glow-worms giving the effect of a starry night.

The party rose about 7 a.m. with difficulty, maybe due to the "cave" effect, or to inherent personal characteristics. After breakfast all visited the "colonnade of columns" and then the west coasters retired and the weekend T.C.C.'s continued on to the known end of the cave (Sib's signature.) and on returning to the high level system met Albert, Peter and Hank. After lunch at the sand bank left cave at 4p.m. and returned to Hobart via a welcome tea and coffee break at Roy's.

Conclusion: Camping inside the cave is practical but of doubtful benefit to exploration, possibly a smaller cavern would be better suited for a camp site.

Observation: The creek had risen some time in September to

within 12" of covering the camp sand bank, i.e. about 9' above normal level.

On The Side: The west coasters were full of admiration and expressed great joy (in admirably phrased four letter words) at being given the opportunity to walk along the Brooker Highway; however they will no doubt express their full appreciation of the T.C.C. in the next West Coast Outdoor Club circular. Apart from their over exuberance about the track they proved to be a great bunch to cave with.

B. Collin.

#### THE TRUTH??!!

Exit Cave - 15-16 October (+ 14th & 17th).

(Special edition to convey the Truth, before the T.C.C. fabricate a dastardly pack of Lies!)

Five members of the W.C.O.C. have completed a trip that will go down into living History - Not for us the dry pages of history books - our trip will be a legend - told about the camp fires for ever - the names of the great shall be forever our companions; for compared with the trip to "Exit", Bourke and Wills went out on a Sunday School Picnic.

Lured on by T.C.C. propaganda (their circular claimed they had cut the track), we headed for Hobart on Friday night and billeted with Clive Morris - an evening that was spent in comfort and gave no hint of the sinister schemes that lay before us.

Saturday found us dragged into the land of the living at the ungodly hour of 6 a.m. By 11 a.m. we were finally awake and standing by the cars on the Catamaran Road, with some repulsively heavy looking packs beside us. Our leader Brian Collin (T.C.C) backed up by five other typical Caverneers, boasted that the record times for the track were 1 hour 50 mins. the shortest and three hours thirty mins. the longest. It was like a red flag to a bull - That record was going to topple - and a steely look came into Bill Surtees eye, Wendy Reid slung her pack on as though it contained feathers (something that was not a fact as the shape of the kitchen sink could be clearly seen) and Peter Reid and Janet ? paired off up the road in fine style, while the leader cast a jaundiced eye on the Forestry track ahead and mentally composed letters to the Minister for Forests. Half an hour and one mile later, some deranged individuals with warped and twisted sense of humour, pointed to a solid, unbroken, impenetrable, tangled mess of scrub, and said "That-a-way!" Bill's steely look turned to jelly, Wendy wished she had left the kitchen sink, Peter was visibly shaken, at this stage it was evident that no minister this side of the pearly gates had a show of helping, and Janet - where the ---- was Janet?!

Four hours and 1 1/2 miles later, we emerged. Perhaps the less said the better. Wendy proved a saviour on the last bit by coming (page 4) to the assistance of a great hulking Caverneer. Seems his pack was pulling him over backwards, and she graciously hitched her pack on in front

of him and PRESTO - perfect balance. Unfortunately, no one else suffered from this unbalanced condition, for by this time I'd have given mine to my Grandmother to tote. Bill sat still while a snake wandered round him, but the snake wouldn't co-operate and bite. So he had to go on! And leaches! Cutting grass! Tea Tree! Bauera! Horizontal rotten logs! all added their subtle touch to that Saturday stroll.

The cave was inspiring, to those who were capable of being inspired, the glow-worms delightful and Sally's (T.C.C.) mushroom soup tea delicious. Bill Hodge (T.C.C.) took the absence of a certain curly haired W.C.O.C. member hard and settled for tea spiked with rum, just enough that it took a mug of cold water in his sleeping bag to wake him the next morning. The sunrise was fantastic as one trog lamp after another was lit.

The trip out was enough to make a strong man cry - (it must have been the onions they left behind. Ed.) - the heroism that was displayed. I was all for staying there to die in a certain amount of comfort, but my party was strong, determined and courageous as they crawled on their hands and knees to the bush. If it wasn't for a certain bottle Janet produced the leeches would have had the last of our blood - as it was, one bite and they fell off hic-coughing!

Our thanks goes out to T.C.C. for a grand weekend and we look forward to being their hosts on the Kelly Basin trip. Also, we are duly grateful to the army for the use of their Land Mines, Booby Traps and Poison Spikes on the forthcoming Kelly Basin trip; but it is feared they will prove second rate to that ++?!+&f+?!@+?! track.

Anyone for Exit!!!

#### Mole Creek - 29 - 30 October.

Wrecker Harrold does it again. (for the last time) While driving to Kubla Khan Peter H. decided the road was not quite for him so he rolled his car three times and went over the bank. The Gods were smiling on Peter and his companion Bill Hodge as they walked from the wreck with-out a scratch (to themselves! - you should have seen the car). Their first remarks were (Peter) "Dad will hit the roof this time." and (Bill) "Aw, me eggs got broken!." The little Hillman Jinx is in its resting place at our beloved Mole Creek.

Sunday. After lending as much assistance as possible to the 2 boys, Joan drove out to collect the Hubby who was caving at Maracoopa, on pulling up at the cave she discovered a flat tyre so in pouring rain decided to surprise Peter by changing it, so donning boots, overalls, gloves etc. she opened the bonnet and took out spare wheel, when 5 carloads of strapping young men arrived and rushed to her aid not bothering with the jack. They used brute force and lifted the little beetle off the ground and changed the wheel. The whole operation taking three minutes. Peter was very grateful as it was still pouring when he arrived back from the cave.

All round it was an eventful weekend.

P.

Brabon.

Mole Creek - 29-30 October.

The party consisted of Peter Brabon (leader), Brian Collin, Albert Goede, and two visitors from C.S.S. - Neil (Twinkletoes) and Carol Anderson.

The object of the trip was to visit Devils Earhole and (time permitting) too put in loxins to reach the high level passage at the far end.

Arriving at Maracoopa we were lucky enough to meet a party of the northern cavers led by Bob Woolhouse who were taking through some members of the Young Liberals (What a way to treat your political opponents!!) We teamed up to make a lucky 13 and passed through Maracoopa 1 and 2. Bob made short work of finding Devils Earhole, which looked a most impressive sight even on a rainy day. The party quickly made its way down to the bottom and Brian started hammering in loxins while most of the others scouted around. Some of the northerners found a way up to the high level passage but on the wrong side of the large hole in the floor. However, they could look across from a piece of false floor to the other side and decided that the passage did not appear to go on so operation "loxin" was abandoned. Meanwhile Neil Anderson had discovered a small hole about 12 feet up on the opposite side of the chamber. After considerable acrobatics

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he almost got through but the wet suit he was wearing was in the way. Up above appeared to be a small but promising passage leading on through the cave fill in the right direction. Due to lack of time no further attempts were made and the party retreated to the surface. Finally a quick sight seeing trip was made to Devils Pot before heading downhill back to the cars. The northern mob have descended Devils Pot to a depth of 300'-350' and are still going. A trip is planned for the first weekend in December and our members have been invited. A. Goede.

Forward Programme.

November 16 - Committee Meeting at 8p.m. at 122 Augusta

Road. November 19,20 - Kelly Basin, Leader - Ron Kent.

December 3,4,- Mole Creek, Leader P. Brabon.

December 6 - General Meeting, 8p.m. in Uni. of Tas. Geology Dept.

December 10 - Marion Bay - Barbecue.

December 17, 18 - Growling Swallet, Leader - ?

Christmas trip - West coast. Areas to be visited: Bubbs Hill, Nelson River, Kelly Basin. Leader: M. Jagoe or B. Collin.

BEST WISHES

Our congratulations go to Kay and Barry James on the birth of their daughter, Sharon Lee, on Nov.3. A future caverneer perhaps.

### SQUEEZE ME PLEASE.

(This article for the benefit of new and junior members - you old hands should know this.)

The most important facts for a beginner to remember when faced with a squeeze are that his chances of becoming stuck are small, and that many people have been both through and back before him. When tackling a squeeze it is important to inspect it first and note its general shape. Then consider which parts of the body are widest - the hips and shoulders, for example - and enter the squeeze in such a way that the broadest parts of the body fit into the widest parts of the passage. In some cases it is possible to adopt any one of a number of positions, and where choice exists, that which will best aid movement should be adopted. Generally it is easier to move on one's front than one's back, and to go head first rather than feet first. When the squeeze is roughly circular with a flat floor, it is best to go head first on one's stomach. In the case of squeezes shaped like a slot the widest axis of the body should be parallel to the broadest axis of the tunnel. This may of course mean going forwards on one's side, and if so, then it may be best to adopt a somewhat different posture to the extent that the upper arm is trailed behind and used to push instead of pull. It is also important to think about the side on which it will be better to lie. This choice must, in turn, be based on careful observation of the squeeze or passage, and especially of the direction of any bends it may contain. The human body bends forward and sideways easily, but hardly at all backward, and the aim should be to go round bends so that the curve is a forward bend for the caver. This may mean that part way through a narrow bit it is necessary to turn round and, face the other way for the next corner. While this manoeuvre requires a certain amount of space, few squeezes are so tight throughout their entire length as to prevent turning over at any point. More usually long squeezes consist of narrow bits interspersed with wider parts, and it is often possible to adjust one's position in the wider parts before attempting the succeeding tight section. Where the squeeze slopes downward it is best to go feet first because in so doing proper control of one's movements may be had by bracing against the sides and the roof of the passage. In this way any tendency towards an uncontrolled slide can be checked. Unknown squeezes which slope should always be tackled in this way, and unless the leader specifically directs it no sloping squeeze should be tackled head first. It is sometimes necessary to depart from this rule where extreme tightness or some other overriding consideration demands it. However in these cases there will always be a level platform on the far side, so that no harm

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will come if the caver does lose control as he emerges from the squeeze.

(Next month - Movement in squeezes.)

This article was taken from the book "Cave-Craft" by David Cons. Apart from the article on Squeezes, there are articles on Climbing for Cavers, Caving Techniques, Cave Rescue etc. The book may be purchased from Fullers Book Shop for 28/-.

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#### STOP PRESS

Nov. 5-6 - A party of 7 went to Exit Cave and finally found a way through the talus. The cave is huge and the stream has been followed up for another half mile. Many side passages including one sixty feet high have not yet been explored. A full report will be published in the next Speleo-Spiel. Come on the next trip and win those bottles of beer. Anderson seems to be bringing us luck!

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#### Next General Meeting.

Tuesday, February 7th, at 8p.m., at 8 Bath Street, Battery Point

Please bring your own cushions, cake and liquid refreshments.

#### EDITORIAL

It couldn't happen TWICE - not in two consecutive weekends and in two different areas - BUT IT DID !!!!!

On the 30th October a party of six made a big breakthrough in Kubla Khan by scaling the flowstone wall at the far end of Cairn Hall and exploring a series of passages beyond until time and failing lights forced them to turn back at the edge of a thirty foot hole which occupied the floor of the passage.

Then the following weekend (5-6 November) a party of seven made a big breakthrough in Exit Cave by finding a way through the talus at the far end of the cave. Another half mile of stream passage was explored and further progress is possible through talus. There are also a number of promising side passages that have not yet been explored. The total length of explored passages in Exit Cave is at least 1 1/2 miles and it would seem that we are now no more than 1200' away from the far end of Mystery Creek Cave (Entrance Cave). (It also seems that Dennis will soon have to buy those 2 dozen bottles of beer.) The chances of linking the two caves now appear to be very bright. We are concentrating on finishing a survey through the cave in order to find out exactly where we are in relation to Mystery Creek Cave. Survey teams have already put in sixty permanent stations and another 40 stations will be needed to reach the far end of the cave. The new discovery has made Exit Cave the largest cave in Tasmania. If Exit and M.C. Cave can be linked the resulting system would probably be the second

largest in Australia after Mullamullang Cave on the Nullarbor Plains.

But more excitement was to follow. On Saturday, 3 december, a party of four followed up the earlier discovery in Kubla Khan. They chimneyed across the hole in the floor and, discovered a chamber which in size ranks second only to Exit Cave, being at least 600 feet long, 100 feet wide and 80 - 100 feet high. It contained one column at least 40' high and 10' in diameter. Behind this a passage led down to a maze of meandering passages filled with the most incredible helictites - the "Helictite Dungeons". From this maze we found a way back to the main chamber. On the opposite side of this chamber is a large stalagmite at least 30' high and 20' in diameter. We christened this formation "Kubla Khan". Beyond

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it extended another series of chambers, including a row of stalagmites which we decided to call the Khan's army. What else did we find? Chamber after chamber choked with formation - huge columns - flowstone - the most defying helictites and ----- well, why don't YOU come and have a look. We are not very good at describing this sort of scenery. But you can be sure of one thing. It is one of the biggest discoveries we have ever made - if not the biggest.

#### TRIP REPORTS.

Exit Cave - 5-6 November, 66.

The party consisted of Albert Goede (leader) Brian Collin, Peter Harrold, two visitors from C.S.S. - Neil (Twinkletoes) and Carol Anderson and two prospective members David Blake and Janette MacLaine. The party left Hobart at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Janette was met in Dover and we then drove on to Hastings for a rendezvous with the Andersons. (Neil claims that the extra pack which Albert had saved his marriage.) However we met them going back to Dover to recharge their batteries and dropped in on Pam and Roy at Hastings. Finally we all met at the Hastings turn off and drove on down the Catamaran Ra. We left the cars at 10.45a.m. and reached the cave at 1 p.m. After a busy hour pitching tents and preparing lunch we entered the cave at 2 p.m. We made a tour of the formation chambers for the benefit of the visitors & then started to investigate upstream along the small tributary coming in from the right (facing upstream). Neil climbed up through a hole in the ceiling to investigate a higher level and was later joined by Albert. They explored a very interesting system of meandering passages quite different from the main cave. One of the meanders was so tight that it was difficult to get through and on the way back Neil came out standing on his head. They also found their way into a small stream passage carrying a trickle of water and containing some formation, but it was blocked in both directions. Some very nice formation including helictites was found in another passage. Peter stayed down below trying to maintain contact with both



parties as the other four led by Brian pushed further upstream along the creek. A junction was reached and the two small streams were followed up. One ended in a high aven while the other was found to be blocked by talus after a wet crawl. Finally the two parties reunited and followed the creek downstream to where it joins the main stream at the beginning of the talus. We then started on another of many attempts to find a way through the talus that blocks the main stream passage. There were cavers climbing around everywhere trying to find a way through without getting anywhere at all. We were just discussing going back and trying the mud passage near the entrance when Albert decided to have another look at a 15' deep rift reached by a narrow passage which he had discovered on a previous trip. He called over Brian who had a look and chimneyed across to another passage to the right which did not go. Next came Neil who decided to chimney down the rift and at the bottom found a narrow passage leading off at right angles. He was soon joined by Brian. Neil went down the narrow passage and suddenly found himself suspended 10' above a deep pool of water. A rope was needed and duly passed down but due to lack of room Brian soon found himself entangled and we finally belayed it from the top. Neil followed by Brian went down the 10' drop where they found themselves in more talus. They reported that the cave went on and that they were having a look around after which their voices faded into the distance. Some time later we heard muffled shouts and curses as the pair tried unsuccessfully to find back the opening through which they had entered. After a lot of shouting on both sides contact was established and the two reported that they had discovered a large cave with the stream running through it and with clear going in the upstream direction. Great excitement followed. Meanwhile Neil had found an easier way through the talus and after some spectacular climbing and talus hopping the whole party entered the new extension. This was the moment we had anticipated for years. We raced upstream along banks of sand and gravel but were soon slowed down where the roof descended to near the water with a large passage leading off to the right. Ignoring the inviting side passage we found a way through talus back to the stream. Here the cave really opened out. It was enormous and the roof was so high that we could barely pick out the ceiling. Upstream we went almost running at times. Brian, Neil and Albert separated to form

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an advance party and moved along at a fast rate. In places we were running rather than walking, in others we had to find our way through talus but the cave kept going. Side passage after side passage was seen and we jokingly said, that we were not interested in anything less than thirty feet in diameter, as we kept going. In one place a huge side passage cut across the main passage. It was 60' high and at least 40' wide and disappeared into the gloom on both sides. Finally almost 1 1/2 hours after our big breakthrough during

which we covered about half a mile we ran into another pile of talus and lost the stream. We scouted around in different directions until we heard Brian shouting that his light had gone out. We found him in a narrow horizontal slit overhanging a 10' drop down which the top of his torch had disappeared leaving him in a difficult spot. The missing part was soon found and on looking around we discovered that we had found the way through the talus upstream. We progressed a little further but ran into more talus. We then decided it was time to retreat as our lamps were beginning to dim. As we retraced our steps we soon met up with the other four and then began the weary track back to the entrance. We finally emerged into the night at 10.30 p.m. after 8 1/2 hours underground. After a quick meal we made a beeline for our sleeping bags.

On Sunday a trip up Cave Hill was planned to locate Big Tree Pot and Machete Pot but since everyone was very weary, and we also felt that the walk would have been an anticlimax after the previous day's caving, we declared a day of rest. The party broke camp at 10.30 a.m. and by 1.00 p.m. we were back at the cars.

Saturday's caving yielded another 1/2 mile of stream passage some of it very large and the end has not yet been reached. At least 8 major side passages were seen but we had no time to explore any of them. The new discoveries bring the total length of known passages close to 2? miles and there is obviously a lot more to be discovered. A link up with Mystery Creek Cave is now a distinct possibility.

A. Goede.

Kelly Basin - 19 - 20 November, 1966.

A very pleasant combined trip with the West Coast Outdoor Club with no less than 16 members from Hobart. They were Brian Collin, Rodney Hughes, Alan Johnson, Keith Illingworth, Albert and Therese Goede, Bill Hodge, Roland Wallace, Clive Morris, Sally Sallier, Bernie ?, Denis Reid, John Plaister, Steve Vince, Allan Lee and Brian Sparks. Including the West Coasters the party numbered 38. The trip was a great success as the weather could not have been better. However, we only saw one cave, about 200' long with the general dimensions of a sewer and that after a two hour walk from our camp site on the shores of Kelly Basin. The only one pleased with the cave was Albert who collected a large number of cave-cricket and some spiders.

The trip was ably led by Ron Kent who had to endure a lot of ribbing from the cavers on the size and quality of West Coast caves. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ron and Katy for their hospitality. It was much appreciated.

A. Goede.

Exit Cave - 26-27 November, 1966.

The party consisted of Brian Collin (leader), Janette MacLaine and Kerin Hall. They departed Hobart 6.30 a.m. on Saturday morning and arrived at the camp site at 12.30 p.m.

Entered the cave at 2.00 p.m. and came out at midnight.  
Departed camp site 10.00 a.m. on Sunday and dropped in  
briefly at Roy's for some coffee.

The Exit Cave area was very dry, the pool on the  
Catamaran Road being only a few inches deep and Exit Creek  
flowing at under 5 cusecs.

Survey: Permanent stations fixed 10 to 62 and  
descriptions of these stations recorded. Compass and tape  
survey of stations 50 to 62. The surveying was technically  
easy except in the talus area between the main cavern and  
the new section; however any survey party should anticipate  
10 hours underground and it would be advisable to provide  
for a good meal and hot drinks. A further one or two  
weekends will be required to finish the traverse.

By-the-way: time in 2.20 hours - out 2.30 hours plus 10  
hours underground, add to this the well known beauty of our  
local girls, DEAR Bill and Rodney WHY ROAM?

B.R. (Romeo?) Collin.

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We had, a record attendance at the last meeting  
including some of our older members. How about showing your  
face at the next meeting. Henk Meerding showed the film he  
had made of the track to Exit Cave, starring P. Brabon and  
A. Goede as the heroes and he also showed a film on  
miscellaneous subjects including the sort of country on the  
way to Mt. Anne. Thanks very much Henk.

#### New Members.

Welcome to the following bods who have joined our ranks.  
Roland Wallace - 18 Cheverton Parade, Sandy Bay (J).  
Donald Frazer - 1 Woolton Place, Sandy Bay (J).  
Fr. Leon Dowden - P.O. Box 8, New Norfolk. (P).  
Stephen Vince - 90 Montague Street, New Town (F).  
Janette MacLaine - Dover Area School (P).

#### Change of Address.

Stella and Ian Farley - Savage River, Tasmania.  
Peter Harrold - The Galleon, Bicheno, Tasmania.

#### Thank You.

Our thanks go to Dennis Seymour for the use of his  
workshop to make our ladders, thanks also to Mrs. Seymour  
for the suppers she provided for our hungry workers.

#### BADGES.

Badges have arrived and can be purchased from the  
Secretary for 75c. each.

#### Forward Programme.

December 17,18 -	Growling Swallet. Leader - Brian Collin.(B.C.)
Dec.26 - Jan.1 -	Christmas trip. Reconnaissance of Mt. Anne area. Leader. B.C.
January 2-5	Surveying and exploration in Exit Cave. Leader - A. Goede.
January 8 Sunday -	Ladder and abseil practice at Rocky Tarn. Leader. B.C.
January 14,15 -	Kubla Khan. Leader - P. Brabon.

January 26                      Committee Meeting. 54 St.George's  
Terrace.  
January 28,30 -              Long weekend. Water tracing and  
exploration in Exit Cave. Leader - A.  
Goede.  
February 7                      General Meeting. 8 Bath Street, Battery  
Point, at 8p.m. Please NOTE change of  
address.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

There are 2,000 million females in the world but only one  
Exit. - B.C.  
All I want for Christmas is a climbing pole, a climbing  
pole, a climbing pole, all I want for Christmas is etc. . . .  
Anon.  
Bill shops PURITY ?? !! - Anon.  
Australia's a hard country - - especially for sleeping on.  
Anon.  
Somebody would swop all the men in the club for the women. -  
Anon.  
Bauera's impenetrable - so is ?? B.H.  
We're going to retire and take up bowls - - - Albert, Brian  
and Sib, after discovery of new section in Kubla Khan.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS  
OPPURTUNITY TO WISH ALL MEMBERS AND OTHER CAVERNEERING CLUBS  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A CAVERNICULOUS NEW YEAR.

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A full report of what took place at the A.S.F. Conference  
will be published in the February edition of Speleo-Spiel.  
Also report on Mt. Anne and the possibility of a large  
expedition there.

KEEP READING THE SPIEL.

Any contributions welcomed - Ed.

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Hobart

Next General Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7 March at 8 p.m.  
at 8 Bath Street, Battery Point. Bring your own liquid  
refreshments. Eats will be provided at a cost of 10 cents  
per person.

Editorial.

The editors of Speleo Spiel are back on the job after a well

earned rest - the reason why there was no January issue. As you will see by trip reports in this issue more exciting things have happened since the publication of the last Spiel. The Mt. Anne reconnaissance expedition was highly successful thanks mainly to the near perfect weather experienced during the trip and plans are being made for a larger expedition next Christmas.

A trip to Exit Cave early in the New Year resulted in the discovery of 1,500ft. of new passage and another 4,000' was added during the Australia Day weekend making the total length of explored passages nearly three miles. The base survey was also completed and a rough plot shows a distance of only 1,500 ft. between the far end of Exit and Mystery Creek Cave.

Perhaps the most exciting discovery was made near the underground campsite where the base of a vertical shaft was found with a 15' long log at the bottom. Lights could shine up at least 100' and two of the three club members who explored it claimed they could see a glimmer of light. The intriguing thing is that the survey shows this spot to be some 700' below the surface in the vicinity of Machete and Big Tree Pot. Any volunteers?

#### Preservation of Exit Cave.

We have become concerned at the sudden influx of local people visiting Exit Cave as a result of the publicity given to the track by local officers of the Forestry Dept. who recently completed a survey of it. The Club has contacted members of the Scenery Preservation Board and will be submitting a written report on the importance of preserving the cave both for its own sake and as a future tourist asset. Ways in which the cave may be protected are to declare the area a scenic preserve and to place a gate in the narrow mouth of the tunnel by-passing the deep water just inside the entrance.

#### Prospective Member.

Allan Keller, c/o B.H.P. Office, 2 Patrick Street,  
Hobart. Phone 3 1063.

#### A.S.F. Conference.

Albert attended the A.S.F. conference at Mirboo North as the only representative of the South Island of Australia. We were accepted as a member of the Federation by a unanimous vote. Delegates showed keen interest in the work we are doing at Exit Cave, Kubla Khan and Mount Anne and many would like to come and look at some of our caves next summer. The conference was well worth the trip with scientific papers as well as some dealing with cave photography, caving techniques and cave preservation. Despite many arguments and conflicting views there was a strong desire shown by nearly all the clubs to make the federation really work. A capitation fee of 50 cents per annum for full members only was finally agreed to. Under this system full members only receive the A.S.F. newsletter. Other grades of Club membership who wish to subscribe can do so by paying an additional 50 cents.

The highlight of the conference was the talks given on Mullahmullang, which with 6 miles of surveyed passages is by far Australia's longest cave. The Cave Exploration Group of South Australia published a printed booklet on the cave. This can be obtained at a cost of 1 dollar. Anyone interested should contact Albert.

Old cavers never die .....?

From time to time we ask "old" members to come on trips, here are some of the excuses we get, see if you can pick yours.

"I'm in the middle of cementing the yard." or "We are having visitors."

"I'll try and make it but I am busy with the boat."

"I'm too old to crawl, I need a cave I can walk in."

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"I've got papers to mark."

"I'm not taking my car on that blasted road."

"I'm hitching to Queenstown."

"We're getting married."

It's not that we are complaining, it is just that we are disappointed to see the same old faces on every trip, so how about making the effort, and do at least two trips this year. Of course none of these excuses apply to the "Exit Cave Cassa- nova", he goes on every trip and certainly likes caving. Or is it that blonde school teacher who seems to be his constant companion? He thinks we haven't noticed!!!!

#### TRIP REPORTS.

Entrance and Newdegate Caves. 10 - 11 Dec.1966.

Party: Brian Collin, Bill Hodge, Rodney Hughes, Jeanette MacClaine.

Saturday: Entrance Cave was explored for approx. three hours and numerous routes to the same spot were found. The syphon at the end of the cave was not located which was understandable as Rodney had only been to the cave three times previously, however the day being warm and sunny a pleasant lunch was enjoyed at Southport beach followed by a swim at Hastings and a Christmas drink at Roy's.

Sunday: Roy showed the party a new cave some 1/2 mile from Newdegate. It was only possible to descend into the cave some 20 feet before progress was blocked by a chockstone, a current of air passes this blockage and some effort in removing the obstacle would be worthwhile. Newdegate Cave was entered about 11.00 a.m. for a quick look at the "Binny" tunnel and Hell's Half Acre, and return via the creek. The exit via the creek was not to be found and Rodney saved the leaders reputation by a bit of fine climbing. The cave was left rather later than expected by a very muddy group of cavers. No great discoveries but a good weekend.

B. Collin.

Growling Swallet & Pillingers Ck. Cave Outlet Area. 17 - 18 Dec. 1966.

Party: Brian Collin (leader), Rodney Hughes, Jeanette MacClaine. Departed Hobart 8.00 a.m. arrived cave 2 p.m.

Entered cave at 3.00 out at 6.00, flow about 2 cusecs, weather overcast. The cave was entered to near the bottom where a 30' ladder would be required and as the weather was overcast and as the 'superb' formations did not appear to be improving it was decided not to push providence too far and the cave was vacated. A very good display of glow-worms was observed on the roof of the cave.

The party camped the night adjacent to the cave at an excellent camp-site and left for the Pillingers Creek Cave area about 10.00 a.m. on Sunday. Our worthy President had marked the Pillingers Ck. Cave outlet boldly in red on an aerial photo but I suspect, then wisely refrained from participating in the reconnaissance, some sink holes were found in the creek but the outlet was not sited. At least a full day would be required to prove whether this cave is 'fact' or 'fiction'. ~~By-the-way.~~ A.N.M. road '6' and not '9' as was intimated by certain club members is the road to Growling Swallet. B. Collin.

Mount Anne. 26th - 30th Dec. 1966.

Party: Brian Collin (leader), Jeanette MacClaine, Keith Corbett, Elizabeth (Sib) McIntyre, Allan Keller.

Purpose of the trip: Reconnaissance of the dolomite outcrop on the N.E. ridge of Mt. Anne and to investigate a shorter route to this area.

Camping: 26th Huon Crossing - good.

27th Plateau between Eliza and Anne, good in fine weather but very exposed if windy. Tent poles carried up and left on site.

28 & 29th On the eastern side and about 300 ft. below ridge immediately north of Anne. Good.

Times:

Frodshams pass to Huon crossing - 9 hours.

Huon crossing to Eliza camp - 8 hours.

Eliza camp to camp north of Anne including ascent of Anne - 4 hours.

Camp north of Anne to Frodshams pass - 11 hours.

From camp north of Anne to dolomite ridge (beginning of) - about 20mins.

Reconnaissance of the dolomite ridge: - 1 1/2 days.

The first sink hole (No. 1) on the dolomite ridge has one side of conglomerate and other non-dolomitic rocks and is approx. 300' deep and a 120 feet rope is desirable.

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The cave at the bottom was entered only for a short distance, no torches, by Kieth Corbett and Allan. Two extensions were found and out of one there was movement of air.

A short distance north of No.1. is a prominent lookout rock which overlooks a series of sinkholes, the deepest No.3 being some 500' below this point.

The route taken from the lookout rock was immediately to the east down a steep gully to a sinkhole (No.2) in which a hole

60 to 80 ft. deep was found with air movement out. The deep sink hole (No.3) was also entered from the steep gully by deviating slightly west on the way down, 60' of rope desirable on both routes.

Sink hole (No.3) can also be reached from (No.2) by climbing out of the northern side. No outlet was found in the bottom of the deep Sink hole (No.3).

From No.3 sink hole No.4 was reached by climbing a steep slope to the west, No.4 being some 150 to 200 ft. above No.3. In No.4 a crevasse type hole some 200 to 300 ft. deep (4 1/2 - 5 secs. for a rock to drop free) was found.

To continue further N.E. along the top of the dolomite ridge was very difficult due to vegetation, sink holes and the dissected nature of the rocks and a route some 100' down the western slope was taken. The top of the ridge was next encountered some 1/4 mile distant amidst numerous sinkholes without outlet, thick vegetation and extremely rough terrain. The remaining 1/2 mile of ridge was not explored. It was noticed that the dolomite contained more quartz veins the further N.E. one continued and appeared less likely to contain caves of any size.

#### General.

All indications pointed to our party being the first into this area the scenery and vegetation was spectacular. Large cave systems appear doubtful however interesting exploration is assured in the deep holes found.

#### New Route To Anne.

The new route from Anne to Frodshams pass is shown on the aerial photo kept in the archives. The descent is steep but reasonably open until near the button grass plain where some inconvenient horizontal and other vegetation is encountered. Time 3 1/2 hours from camp to button grass. B. Collin.

Exit Cave. 1 - 5th Jan. 1967.

Party: Albert Goede (leader), Brian Collin, Jeanette MacClaine, Alan Keller (Jan.1-2.)

Sun. 1st. Brian, Jeanette and Alan spent 10 1/2 hours underground. They attempted to push the scree at the far end of the cave but gained only fifty feet. The creek divides and there is little hope of penetrating further. Next they explored the large rift near the end of the cave. To the west approx. 1000' of passage was explored, initially in a high cavern. Then the roof lowers gradually until crawling is necessary. A small creek is followed all the way. To the east the rift extended for 500' with some good formations and ended in a cavern with very fresh and unstable rock fall. It may be possible to penetrate further with danger. The day's work convinced Allan that caving has its attractions for a climber.

Mon.2nd. Albert reached camp at 11.40 a.m. while Allan departed. Underground departure was delayed by Albert dropping the abney level and tape down a hole in the talus at the entrance. Abney was quickly recovered but all attempts to get the tape failed. Party went underground at



3.30 p.m. and emerged at 1 a.m. (9 1/2 hours). Abney level readings were taken from stations 0 to 62 with lunch at the usual spot. Then compass bearings were taken from station 62 back to 34. A strenuous but profitable day.

Tues.3rd. In the afternoon party followed the Kokoda trail up Cave Hill and located Machete and Big Tree Pots as well as a number of others in the vicinity. While doing some surface exploration Brian found a large rift a short distance uphill and to the east of Big Tree Pot and the track. It was a very impressive sight with two pots at the bottom going down at least 40'. On the way back Jeanette very nearly disappeared down Machete Pot by stepping into a small hole leading into the main pot but rescue was close at hand.

Wed. 4th. Party spent nearly 13 hours underground! from 9.45a.m. to 8.35 p.m. Permanent stations 62 to 107 were fixed and described taking the survey to the end of the cave, then on the way back abney level readings were taken of the same stations. After a good but

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unorthodox meal we spent 1 1/2 hours building a bridge of boulders at "the leap" then took compass readings from stations 34 to 10.

Thurs.5th. A leisurely trip back to the cars where we arrived, just in time to save them from incineration in a bushfire. Altogether an eventful and successful trip.

Rocky Tom. 8-1-'67.

Party: Brian Collin (leader), Peter and Joan Brabon, Rodney Hughes.

Times: Left Franklin Square 2.00 p.m. returned 7.00 p.m.

Purpose of Trip: Abseil, belay, ladder practice and sling manufacture.

Rocky Tom is an excellent place for ladder and abseil practice and also for a bit of climbing for those interested. The success of this trip has shown clearly the desirability of similar training trips to ensure the safety, efficiency and quickness required in negotiating drops.

Rocky Tom involves about a four mile drive and a twenty minute walk, the scenery itself is well worth the effort.

B. Collin.

Kubla Khan. 14-1-67.

For further exploration and photography in the new section found 3rd December, 1966.

Party: Peter Brabon (leader), Rodney Hughes, Brian Collin, Jeanette MacClaine, Sib McIntyre, Allan ?, Brom Canoup, Dave ?, Frank Brown!! and Bob Woolhouse, Frank Brown Jnr. from the Northern Branch.

Time underground approx. 14 hours.

After leaving Hobart at about 9 p.m. Friday night a little later than usual, I won't go into the details why, we arrived at Mole Creek and camp site at 1.30 a.m. to find everyone asleep of course, and one chap who was sleeping

under the stars, as it was rather warm. Everyone awoke to a warm and humid morning at 8 a.m. with the usual. Billies on the fire, frying pans, tins of food etc everyone got stuck into breakfast. After sorting out the gear, who was taking what etc. off we went, with packs, ropes etc. ----- and cameras.

About a 15-30 min. walk from camp and at about 10 a.m. most of us were ready to descend into Kubla. Brian had set up the ladder pitch and some of us abseiled down approx. 60' while the rest of the party went via the ladder. Myself, Frank Brown Jnr., and Bob Woolhouse took to the high level route while the rest of the party went via the river, with plastic bags containing dry clothes, Frank Brown with wet suit and "Albatross" - a handy gadget for keeping cameras dry but rather awkward to carry. We had the ladders and rope to set up for the rest of the party, about 2 hours later we came to the flowstone wall which needed the eyebolts to scale it. After screwing these in I climbed up and attached the ladder No.1. After we all climbed this we proceeded to ladder pitch No.2 about 15' and still further to Sally's Folley then to the Chimney and up to a higher section. Up and over a large hole in the floor and then into the new chamber. The three of us waited here for the rest of the party. After their arrival a small snack was eaten, Brian and party went up into the section which we had not fully explored last trip. Frank Brown Jnr., Bob Woolhouse, and myself then went down into the Helictite Dungeons. After having a tour through these we went back to the main chamber, to the far end of the chamber, and a general look at the formations. The Northern chaps were rather impressed by this time but more to come, we went back up the chamber past "the Khan" to join the rest of the party whom we hadn't seen for 3 hours. After meeting them and some more talk plus more exploring, we were now getting rather hungry so out came the primus stoves, stew, etc. After our meal, which went down really well, the 2 Northern chaps left us for the entrance at about 5 p.m. Peter, Frank, Sib, Rodney, Brian and party went back to the Helictite Dungeons for some photography. After setting up cameras, flashes etc. plus models we got to it. Brian and party left us now and we arranged to be back to meet them at 7.30 p.m. so after taking some more photos we found the time had slipped away and I had no time to show Frank the far end of the chamber. So after coming back we all met at the formation known as "the Khan" then after some talk and packing up we left the cave. After making a good trip out and a long story short we all emerged tired at 12 p.m. Sat. evening. After a glass or mug full of the well known amber fluid we all hit our sleeping bags. The End ??? Peter Brabon.

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Exit Cave. 28 - 30 Jan.1967.

Inside Party: Brian Collin, Jeanette MacClaine, Allan Keller, Donald Fraser.

Purpose of trip - (a) water tracing, (b) traversing, (c) exploration.

Ex. Hobart 7.00 p.m., start track 9.30 p.m., camped 1,000' in cave at 12.30. Constant watch on creek for flouricene involving 2 hour watches until 10 a.m. Saturday. Base camp 3,000' in reached at 3.30 p.m., heavy packs can be taken from the entrance to base camp in 2 hours. The traverse was finished some 4,000' of side passages explored and a constant watch kept on the creek for flouricene.

Traverse: The main traverse is now finished and comprises 107 permanent stations and is some 7,000' in length.

Exploration: Some 4,000' of new passages were explored, two outstanding features were observed, (1) logs up to 15' in length at the bottom of a vertical hole over 100' high. (2) approx. 200 yds. along one of the side passages a pool of water, swimming required, prevented further progress, however running water could be heard on the other side. This may be a separate creek or possibly the noise of running water may be from the main creek.

Water Tracing: No sign of flouricene was observed.

By the way:

- (1) 11 pounds of carbide was used by the inside party in 2 1/2 days underground.
- (2) 1 1/2 pints of petrol and 1/2 lb. liquid gas used.
- (3) Underground camping is very practical for further exploration and survey of Exit Cave.
- (4) Jeanette's 20th birthday party was very successful especially as it coincided with the 13th anniversary of Albert's first visit to Exit and Brian's first anniversary in Tasmania.
- (5) The country was very dry and Exit Creek was flowing at 1-2 cusecs.

B. Collin.

Report of fluorescein party: See next Spiel. They were rather shaken (Albert's car didn't like the Lune River bridge!) and need time to recover before making a report (and thinking of an excuse.) A. Goede.

Forward Programme.

- February 26th. - Climbing practice at Rocky Tom. Meet 2 p.m. Franklin Square.
- March 4-6 (long weekend.) Surface exploration on Kubla Khan Hill. Leaders - P. Brabon and B. Collin.
- March 7th (Tues.) - General Meeting, 8 Bath Street, Battery Point. Bring own cushions, food and liquids.

March 14th(Tues) - Committee Meeting, 122 Augusta Road,  
Lenah Valley.  
March 24th - 27th(Easter.) - Surveying and exploration at  
Exit Cave. Leader. B. Collin.  
March 29th(Wed.) - Annual General Meeting, 8 Bath Street,  
Battery Point.(Vote 1 - FRED.)

STOP PRESS.

As this goes to the press Hobart is still recovering from one of the most disastrous bushfires in Tasmanian history. At least one club member - Rodney Hughes - lost all his possessions and several others just managed to save their homes.

For those going on the above trips please remember that there is a STRICT BAN on ANY FIRE in the open until March 31st.

Famous Last Words.

"Where's everybody going?" - Frank B.  
According to a certain member Mt. Wellington (on top) was like the rock of Gibraltar during the recent fire. All he has left is his sense of humour!

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