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Club Services.

General meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month except January at 8 Bath Street, Battery Point. So even if you have lost your copy of the Spiel you should know when and where. The meeting usually consists of a short business session followed by an informal natter night with slides when available. Supper is provided at ten cents per person and the money collected is used to buy supper for the next general meeting. If you want liquid refreshments please bring your own. Next meeting: Tuesday, 6 June, 8 p.m. at 8 Bath St. Informal meetings are held at the Barclay Coffee Lounge, 17 Elizabeth St., every Wednesday night. Meet any time between 7 and 8 p.m. It is important to come along if you intend going on a trip the following weekend because this is the time and place when transport is arranged and plans are made.

Equipment: The club quartermaster provides equipment for all club trips. Equipment available from the club consists of nylon ropes, ladders, carabiners, wire headers, surveying gear, and first aid kit. Gear required for a trip is collected by the trip leader before each trip and should be returned as soon as possible ~~afterwards~~ afterwards. REMEMBER - it may be needed at any time by our search and rescue organization. Any equipment borrowed is signed for by the party leader in a log book kept by the quartermaster. A limited number of carbide lamps and helmets is for hire at the very low rate of 15 cents per weekend, and has to be paid for when it is borrowed.

Trip fees are charged on all club trips regardless of whether or not equipment is used. The fee is only 10 cents per day - lower than almost any other caving club - and is collected by the trip leader from every person on the trip at the end on the trip. Trip leaders don't like to go around begging for it so don't wait to be asked before you pay. Many members who don't mind spending four dollars for a night's entertainment that leaves them with only a headache the next day become real "scrooges" when they have to pay 20 cents for a weekends caving!

Club Library. - Anyone wishing to borrow from the club library should see Albert. There is quite a collection on almost any aspect of caving.

Club Handbooks. Copies of the club handbook are available from the president at the reasonable price of 50 cents. The handbook is a must for every new member and contains articles on equipment, dangers underground, first aid, cave photography, caving techniques and the structure and origin of caves. Copies of the club bulletin No.4 are still available at 50 cents each. Also



available is one copy each of bulletins No.1(35 cents) and No.3. (50 c.) Get there first - they will soon be collectors items. Club badge. Metal lapel badges can be purchased from the secretary for 75 cents each.

#### BEST WISHES.

Best wishes go to Jeanette MacLaine and Brian Collin on their engagement. The marriage will take place on 17th June at the Princes Street Methodist Church. We hope they will have a very happy future " down under " together.

#### Welcome.

A warm welcome to two "old" members who have rejoined the ranks. John Fairhall has returned from New Zealand after an absence of several years. Sib McIntyre has come back from Melbourne after several months in exile. Also welcome to John Marshall who has temporarily joined the ranks. John hails from S.S.S. and will be here for a few months. He will also be working at Savage River soon so Ian and Stella keep an eye out for him.

#### Prospective members.

Simon Stephens, c/o Geology Department, Uni. of Tas.  
Joe ....., from the late Darwin Speleological Society.  
Hannah ....., from the United States.

#### Subscriptions.

If you haven't paid do so before June if you wish to receive the Spiel and A.S.F. Newsletter. Treasurer: P.Brabon, 122 Augusta Rd., Lenah Valley or Box 641 G, G.P.O.? Hobart.

Subs. are: Full member - 2.50 (inc. A.S.F. Newsletter.)  
Junior Member - 1.35 ( " " " )  
Ass. member - 1.35 ( " " " )

Junior and Ass. members - 1.00 (without A.S.F. Newsletter.)

An address list of all financial members will be included in the July issue of the Spiel.

#### Trip Report.

Ida Bay, 21,22/4/67.

Two separate trips were planned. One party consisting of Frank Brown(leader), P.Brown, B.Hodge, R.Hughes, D.Fraser to stay at Hastings and visit Entrance Cave. Another party of six to walk to Exit Cave on Fridaynight and tackle the pots on Cave Hill on Saturday. Only half the potholing party consisting of A.Goede (leader), J.Fairhall, and John Marshall turned up. The other group didn't appear because Brian Collin was weatherbound at Port Davey. Albert's party sat in John's car at the usual parking spot to wait for Brian and company. When they didn't turn up and since it started raining heavily they decided to go back to Hastings for the night. On the way back John knocked a hole in the sump. The two John's walked 5 miles to the Chalet while Albert had a cold wait in the car. John M. returned with Frank and the car was towed to Lune. At 3a.m. both parties finally settled down for a short night's sleep. After a late start the combined parties reached Entrance Cave at 1p.m. Satday. A search was made of the southern wall of the terminal rift in Entrance Cave to look for a possible extension in the direction of Exit Cave. Two holes were found with a vertical drop leading into a narrow fissure parallel to the main cave. Due to lack of ladders they were not investigated but are well worth another look. It is also possible in one or two places to get down to the creek through the talus. Deep water discouraged further exploration but this could also be tried sometime with suitable means to stay afloat. After 3½ hours underground the party left the cave at 5.30p.m. Sunday was spent in glorious leisure as all the ladders and ropes had been left in John's car which had been towed to Geeveston for repairs. As one older member remarked - it was a real old-fashioned caving trip.  
A.Goede.

#### FORWARD PROGRAMME.

June 6 - Tuesday 7.30p.m. General meeting to be followed by a party to celebrate the engagement of Jeanette and Brian.  
Please note change of time. Bring own liquids.

June 10,11,12 - Mole Creek, leader: P.Brabon.

June 24 - Exit Cave, leader: B.Collin.

June 28 - Committee meeting 122 Augusta Rd., at 8p.m.

July 4 - General meeting, 8p.m. 8 Bath St., Battery Point.

July 8,9 - Mole Creek, leader: R.Hughes.