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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

- August 24 - Sunday. Day trip to Ida Bay or Florentine. Leader:
A.Goede.
- September 2 - Tuesday - General Meeting at Brian and Jeanette's
place, 66 Wentworth St., South Hobart at 8p.m.
- September 6,7 - Mole Ck. - Including ~~ax~~ a visit to Kubla Khan. Aims:
photography, surveying and sightseeing. Leader
Peter Brabon.
- September 13 - ANNUAL DINNER, to celebrate the clubs 23rd
Birthday. The time: 7p.m. The place: St.Ives
Hotel. The cost: 3 dollars 50. Don't miss out
on the event of the year. For further details
see below.
- September 20,21 - Exit Cave. Surveying and photography. Leader:
Allan Keller.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Saturday 13th September at 7pm. at St.Ives Hotel, Cnr. St.Georges
Terrace and Sandy Bay Rd., Battery Point. A four course dinner will
be served, and music will be provided to aid your digestion.
Please let Joan or Peter Brabon know by 8th September at the very
latest if you are coming. Write a note to 122 Augusta Rd. or contact
Peter at work(Canes, Elizabeth St., Ph. 34 2733).

+ CLUB NEWS +

- + Joan and Peter have just returned from a grand tour of the north
island and have actually managed to get a sun tan - something you
are not likely to get here! They will have some slides to show at
the next general meeting.
- + Wes Carpenter has just returned from far away New Zealand and will
also have some interesting slides to show at the next meeting. He
He visited Waitomo Cave and says the cave is much over-rated. Good
tourist promotion rather than spectacular cave scenery seems to be
its secret.
- + Itchy feet must be catching. Albert is off to South Australia and
hopes to spend a weekend caving at Curramulka(York Peninsula) with
the South Australian mob. The area has two interesting caves and
digging prospects for more(Must be training for that dig at Revela-
tion. Ed.)

Change of Address.

Allan Keller and John Boyle are proud to announce that they have at
last found a permanent resting place(not at Cornelian Bay). They
can be found at 59 Sandy Bay Rd., Hobart, when at home!

New Name.

At the July General Meeting Revelation Cave was officially accepted
for hole No.1 at Ida Bay. A very appropriate name although the re-
velations so far have not been the ones we hoped for.

TRIP REPORTS.

Maydena Area - Saturday 12/7/1969.

Party: Albert and Therese Goede, Terry and Anne Parkes, Wes Carpenter.
The party drove up the Junee Quarry Rd. and followed the left hand
branch until stopped by a large tree. Therese and Anne decided to
light a fire while Albert, Terry and Wes headed north from the end
of the road to do some surface exploration. We soon found an old
logging track heading north which we marked with yellow marking
tape. We crossed a deep dry valley then climbed steeply until the
track turned east more or less following the contours. We finally
lost the track but kept going easterly while marking our route until
we reached another deep valley with a good creek flowing down it.
This looked promising and was followed down until it actually dis-
appeared into a cave. Exploration by Albert revealed a cave ten feet
long ~~xx~~ with a roof of bouldery clay and containing a large popula-
tion of cave crickets. Surface exploration~~s~~ down the dry valley be-
low the entrance revealed no other holes. We followed the same route
back to the cars. Time taken to reach the cave was approx. 2 hours.
The return trip took 1 hour. The dry valley we crossed should be

followed up sometime. The weather was overcast with intermittent heavy showers. Found Therese doing battle with a man-fern she was determined to take home, and a roaring fire in front of which we soon dried out. The rest of the afternoon was spent following up several other spur roads to have a look at new roads being built by A.N.M. We were finally discouraged from further exploration by a heavy down-pour and an overheated car engine. On the way back Albert discovered that roof racks were not meant for the transport of man ferns.

Albert Goede.

Maydena Area - Sunday, 13/7/1969.

Party: Brian and Jeanette Collin, Clive and Sally Morris.

A brief look at the area from the eastern extremity of Crisps Rd., to approx. FD 16 (about 1 mile east of Crisps Rd.) was made. A reasonable length of the old east-west track was found but it is doubtful whether the track is better or worse than just walking through the scrub. A line of blazes painted red was followed in a south-easterly direction from the point marked "good creek in deep gully" on K.S. Iredale's ~~xxxxxx~~ map attached to his report of 1/3/1948. These blazes obviously indicate the location of the thickest and worst scrub and this route is not recommended if one is in a hurry. The blazed line ended at a large tree on which are two blazes painted red. The tree is located in the centre of a limestone spur which I estimate to be directly north of the end of Sunshine Rd.

From the blazed tree we headed approx. north and located the 80 ft. deep pot (described in K.S. Iredale's report). Adjacent to the pot we found the east west track which we followed westwards, compass is needed to keep on the track, until we again arrived at the "good creek in deep gully". We followed down this creek for about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile until it descended Satans Lair then with thoughts of a cup of coffee we headed westwards back to the cars.

An interesting area and well worth more visits.

Brian Collin.

Kubla Khan - Mole Creek - 19, 20/7/1969.

Party: Brian, Jeanette and Peter Collin (making his caving debut), Peter and Carol Helman, Allan Keller, John Boyle.

A very enjoyable trip to this wonderful cave. On the way to the Pleasure Dome we were accompanied by members of the Northern Branch who were actively exploring the first part of the cave.

The highlights of this visit were the scenes lit up by magnesium ribbon that Allan had brought along.

Sunday was occupied by running a surface traverse of about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in a south easterly direction from the cave entrance. It will be interesting to compare this survey with the one already done underground by members of the northern branch.

An interesting area well worth more visits and a cave well worth preservation.

Brian Collin.