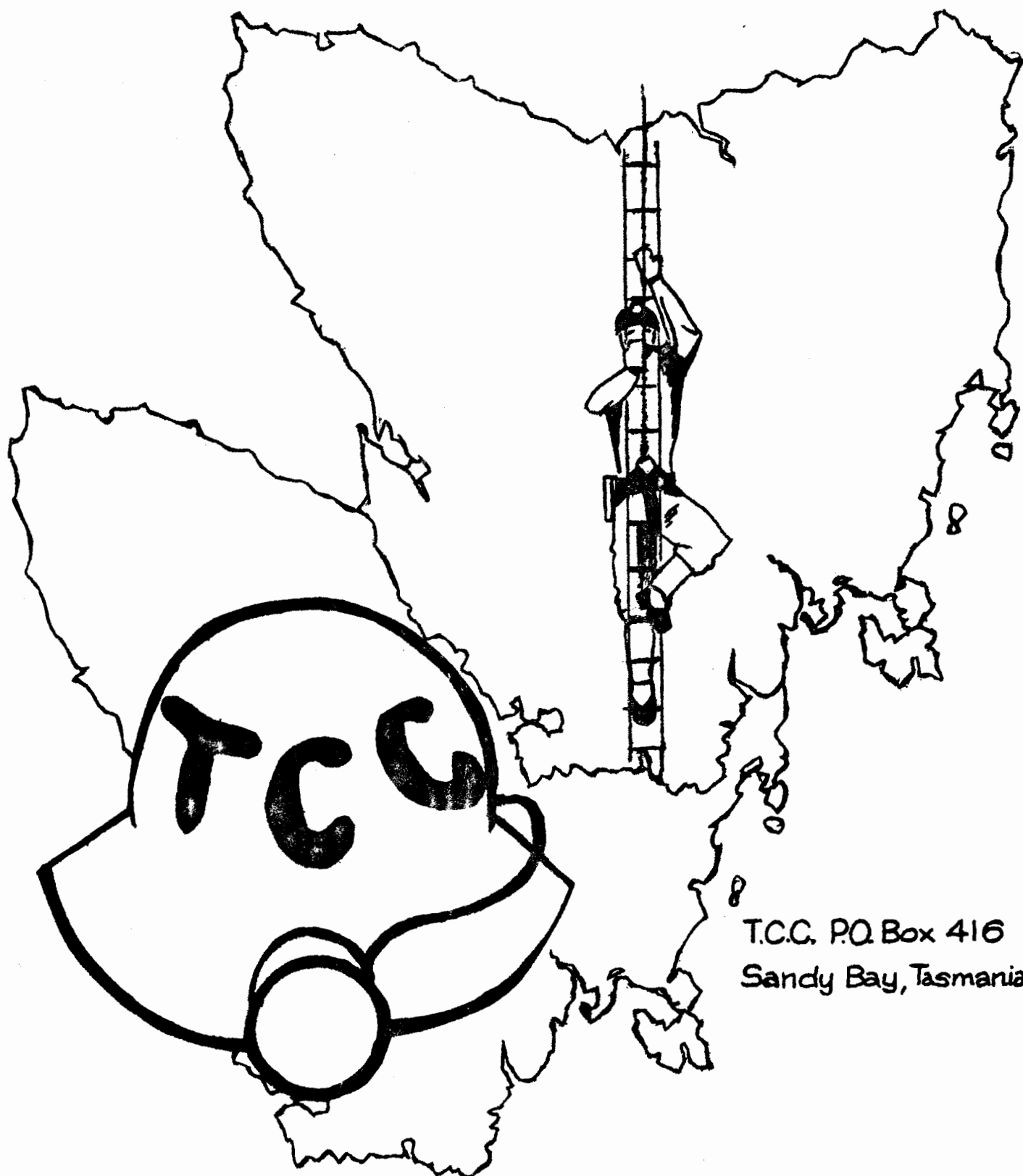


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FORWARD PROGRAMME.

- February 11,12 - WEEKEND. Leave Friday night. Surveying to Exit Cave, Ida Bay to survey in Western Passage area. Leader: Peter Shaw.
- February 18,19 - WEEKEND. Mole Creek. Visits to Genghis Khan on Saturday and possibly Lynds Cave on Sunday. Acting-Leader: Therese Goede. Lynds Cave party will be led by Roy Skinner.
- February 20-24 - Sometime during this week there will be a rope and ladder practice at Hobart Matriculation College. Contact Bruce McIntosh for details.
- March 1 - WEDNESDAY: 8 p.m. General Meeting at the Meeting Room of the Wheatsheaf Hotel, 314 Macquarie Street.
- MARCH 29 - WEDNESDAY: 8 p.m. Annual General Meeting. Election of Office Bearers. We would like to see as many members as possible. Meeting Room, Wheatsheaf Hotel.
- The Chairman(JF 99), Junee Area - Two weekend trips are planned to go to this fascinating cave in the near future. No dates fixed yet but keep in touch with Stuart Nicholas for details.
- Mt. Anne, Eaglehawk Neck, possibly Khazad-Dum - single rope trips to these areas will be made in the next few weeks if enough interest is shown. Contact Stuart for further information.

EDITORIAL.

The last two months have been very active ones for the club. The highlight has undoubtedly been the further exploration of The Chairman in the Junee area which is rapidly developing into one of the state's major cave systems. Due to the tyrannies of time, distance and difficult access exploration is far from complete with unexplored passages 'going off in all directions'!. So far the surveyed depth of this system is 183 metres while 785 metres of passage length has been surveyed with another estimated 400 metres explored. The cave, which only has a small stream in it, is still going in the downstream direction and trends south-east so that a link-up with the underground course of the Junee River does not seem likely at present. White Anaspides shrimps have been collected from the streamway and have been submitted to the University zoology department.

A successful three day trip to Cracroft was held on which Matchlight Cavern and Judds Cavern were visited.

Our most dramatic experience was undoubtedly the Precipitous Bluff trip which for some participants stretched into a fortnight rather than the planned maximum of nine days. From a caving point of view it was not a success as only four people reached the limestone area. No new exploration was achieved but the editor was successful in carrying out his scientific collection programme in Damper Cave. Eight of us spent five days at Deadmans Bay waiting for a fishing boat which never came. Then made a two and a half day walk back to civilization on short rations. We are very grateful to fisherman Ken Pedder who ferried home our caving equipment, to Phil Geeves of South West Tours who provided additional food and to those wonderful club members who came to meet us as we staggered

across the buttongrass towards Cockle Creek !!

In retrospect we learnt a lot from this trip. Even though little caving was done a good time was had by all even though there were some who lost more weight than they bargained for. We also discovered that Tasmanian seafood is not particularly appetizing and that 'Dogwood' leaves make a poor substitute for tobacco. The magnificent coastal and mountain scenery and the good company made up for it all.

Albert Goede.

CLUB NEWS.

* The following prospective members have indicated their intention to join the ranks:

John Briggs, 11 Addison Street, Rosetta, 7010.

John has been a member of N.U.C.C. (Canberra) during the last year and divides his time between Hobart and Canberra.

Tom Middleton, 1/136 Davey Street, Hobart, 7000. (Bus: Dept. of Construction, Ph. 30 6430).

Tom's first trip was to the South West so he is already well known to many of us. Despite being deprived of booze and tobacco (not to mention his waterbed) he never lost his good humour and even managed to become remarkably fit.

Welcome to the mob!

* Thanks to fellow member and Wheatsheaf proprietor Dave Cooke the club has been given the opportunity to earn a considerable amount of money from beer tickets in the future. It was agreed at the last general meeting that the club should go into the venture with Bruce McIntosh appointed as general organizer and keeper of the special purse. If successful we may be able to run future expeditions to remote places in style.

* Therese Goede has for sale a number of copies of the Chinese book "KARST IN CHINA", a truly beautiful photographic exposition of the karst and caves of Communist China. The book has an English text which contains an interesting mixture of karst description and communist ideology. These books are excellent VALUE at \$ 12 each !! For each copy sold \$4 goes to the club funds.

TRIP REPORTS.

Cracroft Area, 16-18 January, 1978.

Party: Albert Goede (leader), and interstate visitors Ray and Ros Hart (W.A.S.G.)

We left Hobart at about 9 a.m. on Monday and did not reach the end of the Picton River Road until about noon having been delayed by a flat tyre near Geeveston. The day was cool with occasional patches of sunshine. Ideal weather for walking but unfortunately also ideal for snakes. The rope crossing at Farmhouse Creek proved only just possible with the stream still running a banker after heavy rain the previous weekend. The leader slipped and managed to get wet to the waist. Some ten snakes were seen walking up Farmhouse Ck. Valley, probably an all time record. The track is beginning to be difficult to find in places especially between the second Farmhouse Creek crossing and the Saddle where it is badly overgrown with bauera. We reached Judds Cavern at 7 p.m. just in time to set up camp and cook a meal before dark.

The next morning we taped the route to Matchlight Cavern. The "Red Track" now also has blue markers. One section had been wiped out by the fall of a large eucalypt. The turn-off to Matchlight Cavern is now marked by one red and three blue tapes on a branch on the right hand side of the "Red Track". The cave was found without difficulty. Ray and Ros spent their time taking photographs while I collected some samples of stalagmitic material for dating purposes. A quick search for cave fauna yielded a single specimen of a cave harvestman, (Monoxylum) in the entrance chamber. This is only the third specimen from the area. The other two were collected near the King Billy entrance of Judds Cavern

three years ago. Unfortunately no further specimens could be found.

In the afternoon we made a tourist trip to Judds Cavern as by now the water had fallen sufficiently. Our visitors were much impressed by the size of the cave and the temperature of the water - it was freezing as usual. A single pigmented specimen of the shrimp Anaspides was observed in the underground stream.

That night we had a visit from a native rat who woke us up by rattling our pots and pans then startled the leader by getting into his tent at 1 a.m. resulting in a merry chase around the inside of said tent.

The next morning we rose early and left the site at 8 a.m. Low cloud dispersed to give mostly sunnt conditions once we had crossed the Saddle. Lunch was a pleasant affair on the banks of the stream. We had nearly reached the rope crossing and were relieved by the apparent lack of snakes when Ray was startled by the close proximity of a 4 ft. tiger snake. The rope crossing was easy as the water had fallen considerably and we reached the car a little after 3 p.m. Back in Hobart at 5.30 p.m. after a pleasant, if somewhat strenuous, three days in the south-west.

Albert Goode.

Junee Ridge - Thursday, December 8th, 1977.

Party: Stuart Nicholas, Bill Lark, John Parker and Tim(dog).

During the last six months or so Bill Lark, a surveying student at the T.C.A.E. has expressed interest in surveying the Junee Ridge area both for his own interest and for the Club's. This will be a very worthwhile project as it will enable the location of The Chairman and nearby holes to be determined in relation to Junee Cave. Ultimately a three dimensional matrix model may be established to relate all surveyed caves in the area and thereby perhaps understand the total underground system a little better. It may even lead to new discoveries!

Anyway, having recovered from post-exam celebrations (wakes?) we decided to wander up the ridge for a preliminary look. While enjoying a cuppa' at the Annan's prior to leaving, John arrived and promptly decided to join us on our "ridge tour". Discovering how unfit I was, we struggled up the Junee Quarry Road having left the cars at the Homestead, and crossed onto the western end of the 'Kokoda Trail'. John showed us Rift Cave and a number of his other discoveries on the way to The Chairman. I am still not convinced that this approach to The Chairman is any easier than that from John Bull Rd.

Bill was suitably impressed and much discussion of the project took place on the drive home. When Bill and his wife Lyn return home from an eight week holiday in Europe, the project should get underway. A lot of time will be required but in the end a first class surface traverse of the area will be produced as well as the establishment of locale origins on the ridge itself.

Stuart Nicholas.

Growling Swallet - Saturday, December 10th, 1977.

Party: Stuart Nicholas, John Briggs(N.U.C.C.)

Showing typical enthusiasm, everyone who said they would come on this trip didn't, so John(a Taswegian studying at the A.N.U.) and I were left to look at G.S. while the Maydena mob attempted mass suicide in the Florentine River.

After a rather slow walk along the wet and muddy track, we found the stream going into G.S. to be too high. It would have been O.K. for 3 or 4 with wet suits, in fact a good sporting trip, but with only 2 of us we opted out. Having consumed lunch we headed off in an easterly direction to re-discover all the holes that everyone else has found although we did locate a couple of small holes up on the ridge behind G.S. which had certainly not been entered previously. We wandered back down the gully which joins the main stream a few hundred metres upstream from G.S. and had brief looks at JF 37 & surrounding holes.

Flapping our way back along the track(my right boot was busily detaching itself from its sole) a quick look was had into the hole at the big tree fall,

not far from the road. All in all quite an interesting day.

Stuart Nicholas.

June Area - Tuesday, December 13, 1977.

Party: Stuart Nicholas, Ian Gothard and Steve Smillie.

Once again numbers dwindled from an expected five or six to three which ruled out the original plan for the day which was to do a "tourist trip" into K.D. as far as the end of the horizontal streamway.

Nevertheless, enthusiasm was still high so with untrained boots we managed to lose the K.D. track for ten minutes or so in the scrub just up from the road. Leaving our packs on the track, a quick OCH - AH type excursion across to Cauldron Pot revealed that the waterfall was flowing quite strongly and was very spectacular.

Tripping on up the track (those new boots need a lot of training)! we eventually reached JF 10 (Splash Pot) which was briefly investigated as far as the main pitch.

Last on the list was the Serpentine Passage in K.D. as far as the first pitch which provided a gentle introduction to aqueous caving for Ian and Steve since the stream was up a little.

Twenty five minutes later we were back at the car after a rather slack but quite enjoyable day's caving.

Stuart Nicholas.

June-Florentine - Cauldron Pot - 31st December, 1977.

Party: Stuart Nicholas, Bill Nicholson, Mike March and Pavel Ruzicka.

Fresh from an assault on Sphinx Rock we decided to tackle Cauldron Pot as a dry (?) run for the Chairman next week. Also I wished to check on the condition of the rock bolts on the traverse pitch.

After some random meanderings in the bush the hole was located and rigged. While getting ready ourselves, Bill won first prize for the most colourful waterproofs. Eventually all was ready and we descended into the spray of a larger than usual creek. The descent to the top of the traverse pitch proceeded smoothly and the brew chamber was reached a couple of hours after leaving the surface. Since time was of the essence (the A.N.M. gate closes at 7 p.m.) we soon headed out, getting thoroughly wet in the process. The usual torture in Bill's Bypass and some drama on the entrance pitch provided the finale to a good day's caving.

A very welcome brew was provided by Pavel as we emerged. His assistance in carrying the gear was also very much appreciated.

Notes: 1. Bill's Bypass still is.

2. The 5/8 inch bolt hanger specified in the gear list published in the Spiel (April 1973, No.78) should read 5/16" for the fourth pitch (eleven metre pitch).

3. From the condition of the bolt mentioned above, it may be assumed that the traverse bolts are still O.K.

4. Who belongs to the shirt in the brew chamber and the remains of a header back from the top of the eleven metre pitch? ?

Stuart Nicholas.

The Chairman - 7,8 January, 1978.

Party: (Advance) Stuart Nicholas, Phil Robinson, Mike March, Asahel Bush, Ross Mansfield and Bill Nicholson.

(Support) Ray and Ros Hart(WASG) Bruce McIntosh(TCC) and Anita?(VSA).

Many weeks planning and training culminated in what must surely be the trip of the year as far as T.C.C. is concerned. By a stroke of luck a bypass was found around the low crawls through the rock pile, and surveyed passage length now stands at 785 m. with plenty more to be explored and surveyed! Read on for more details

After much persuasion Phil Robinson was dragged out of 'retirement' for this trip and he in turn dragged Ross Mansfield(fresh from the European Mountaineering scene) and Asahel Bush(another climber) along to make up a very strong party.

A fairly slack start had everyone(except Bruce McIntosh, who managed to come up later) at the entrance before 11 a.m. and Ross, Bill and Stuart had rigged and descended the entrance pitch by 12 noon.

Minor hassles encountered when rigging the handline pitch and the next two pitches were sorted out and everyone, including one smashed accumulator arrived at the stream after three hours or so. The survey being carried out by Phil and Mike was terminated at this point pending further exploration.

Ross and Asahel had a brief look up-stream but did not find anything very exciting although a good push would no doubt reveal more passage. Down-stream we messed around in the rockpile and some of the side passages. Bill found the 5 m. straws mentioned by Alan Warild (see Spiel No.122, April 1977), and some giant(5 cm.) shrimps after crawling along a low damp passage into a formation chamber.

Meanwhile, back where the action was. !

Phil and Mike had poked their heads up through a small hole off to the right of the stream passage and before them lay vast open spaces(well, they were big anyway). Some time later we could see their lights high up to the left of the stream passage - they had crossed over the top and were busily surveying a large chamber. Ross then climbed up a narrow rift to meet them.

Meanwhile Asahel and myself waited for Bill to return from the formation chamber. When he appeared we made our way back to the chamber below the bottom pitch where a brew was had. Asahel then started on his way out.

About three hours after Ross left us to join Mike and Phil, the three of them returned with news that every caver likes to hear - they had run out of time, not cave !! Apparently the passage ranges from narrow sloping rifts to wide open walking type passages with a number of high level side passages being observed also. A couple of hundred metres of the main passage was surveyed but time had run out and most was left to a later date. The decision to leave all the gear rigged for next week was made after a brief conference and soup drinking session.

Three hours after leaving the stream and about twelve hours after leaving the surface, half a dozen sweaty bodies hauled themselves back onto the surface to be greeted by a log fire, hot soup and heavy "blues" music thanks to Bruce and Anita.

Arriving at the Homestead about 4 a.m. still in a semi-dehydrated state (there is virtually no water to drink between the stream and the surface) we were promptly handed a mug of soup by Therese which, to say the least, was greatly appreciated.

Stuart Nicholas.

JF 99 - The Chairman - 14,15th January, 1978.

Advance Party: Stuart Nicholas, Phil Robinson, Bill Nicholson, Mike March.

Support Party: Ken Lance & Graeme Roberts(WASG), Julie Marsh and Pavel Ruzicka (TCC).

After the previous week's victorious trip everyone managed to reach the entrance at a respectable hour and in fact the advance group were all underground well before midday. Having left the pitches rigged the previous week enabled the four of us to reach the stream in around forty minutes. This put us two or three hours ahead of the previous trip.

Mike and Bill were sent off along the new section for further exploration while Phil and Stuart aimed to finish the survey and then meet up with the others. The survey took longer than expected, nearly six hours in fact, and we had only just reached the previous limit of exploration when Mike and Bill could be heard approaching along a low rocky crawl.

The cave apparently continues for some distance via crawls and passages and finally a large chamber partly filled with boulders is reached. A way through and over this rock pile was found but ended in an estimated 12 m. pitch. An obvious continuation was evident at the foot of the pitch. Further exploration may enable a low level route through the rock pile to be found and hence effectively negate the pitch.

Following the re-union we made our way back towards the bottom pitch, exploring a very large and extensive high level side passage on the way. This

passage contained some excellent formation and a small streamway.

De-rigging the cave took a considerable time with the last man reaching the surface around 3.m. after a fifteen hour trip. A lack of water in the area around The Chairman made for a rather thirsty walk out although Phil came to the rescue with a small quantity of water from the depths of his pack.

Notes - The surveyed length of the main passage from the surface to the first week's exploration limit is 785 m.

- The depth to the same limit is 187 m.
- Known so far there would easily be another 250 m. of passage bringing the total length to over 1 km.
- Depth so far does not increase a great deal from the survey limit.
- On both of these trips the new canvas (fire-hose) rope protectors with Velcro fastening were used and proved to be extremely successful.
- Two ropes had sulphuric acid spilt on them on the January 7th trip when a gear bag was dropped and the spare lamp it contained was smashed. These ropes have been removed from general usage pending further investigation into the reactions, if any.

Stuart Nicholas.

Growling Swallet, Florentine Valley - 26/1/78.

Party: Stuart Nicholas and Mike March (TCC), Eveline Tulp and Rawleigh Webb (WASG).

Question: When is a sump not a sump?

Answer: When there is no water in it!

To make this short story slightly longer, it seems that Maydena has had little rain during January. That is not to say that heavy rain has not fallen recently - green leaves stuck to the wall above eyelevel in the Mud Passage made for some interesting speculation.

Anyway, on with the story. After an incredibly slow start we managed to reach the entrance to G.S. sometime after lunch. Following the putting-on-of-caving-gear ceremony, some time was spent in the entrance section looking for the dry(?) bypass around the waterfall. Eventually this was found and after much splashing in the rather deep pools of the stream the short pitch was reached and descended. Brief inspection of the Mud Passage revealed the previously mentioned green leaves and twigs stuck to the wall close to 2 m. above floor level and some changes to the shape of the mud coated sand floor.

Crawling down the stream towards the sump it was observed that the giant flush the system has obviously recently received has had the effect of diverting the stream to the left into a low side passage - exactly what I had planned to do with a sheet of plastic and some rocks! Hence the way on through the sump was clear!!

The way on was up a rocky, sandy floored crawl to a "T" junction as described in Speleo Spiel No.111, April 1976. More rocks and sand have been washed into this passage since the trip of that report, but it can still be negotiated fairly easily and to the right leads to a still, quiet pool. To the left there is a possibility of a dig through to the far end of the Mud Passage.

Having suitably impressed our Western Australian friends we then exited from the system, having a look at a few side passages on the way, and reached the surface after about four hours underground.

Stuart Nicholas.

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Precipitous Bluff Expedition - January 21 to February 3, 1978.

Party: Albert Goede, Bruce McIntosh, Bill Nicholson (leaders), Judy Goede, Strato Anagnostis, Steve Smillie, Julie Marsh, Ian Gothard, Tom Middleton and Alex Tubb. From Victoria: Anita Wilson. From Western Australia: Ken Lance and Graeme Roberts. Also ranger Geoff Marsh from N.P.W.S.

SAT. 21st Jan. Party left Southport in Geoff Lyden's fishing boat 'Rita James' at 11.50 a.m. after arriving early for an 8 a.m. start. A mountain of gear also came along. We spent some time collecting cray pots near Sterile Island before heading for the south coast. A strong SW swell made life uncomfortable for some. Rough seas made landing at Rocky Boat Harbour and Prion Beach impossible. We were put ashore at 7 p.m. at Deadmans Bay just before a weak westerly change brought low cloud and some rain.

SUN. 22nd Jan. A pleasant sunny day which was spoilt for most of us by having to porter two heavy loads from Deadmans Bay to the camp near New River boat crossing. Strato discovered that two packs and a guitar are awkward to carry along a muddy walking track. Tom found that cartons of beer, while easy to drink, are difficult to carry under one arm for any distance, particularly when you have a couple of inflatable dinghys under the other arm. However, apart from some club gear (ladders, rope, carbide and lamps) everything was shifted to the new camp.

MON. 23rd Jan. Lethargy set in. Geoff Marsh, Ken Lance and Graeme Roberts left at 9 a.m. to walk out to Cockle Creek and were rowed down river by Anita and Julie.

At 11.15 a.m. Albert and Judy left in one of the boats to go up to the cave camp with Anita coming along in the second boat. Some difficulty was experienced in locating the site. We went too far up the lagoon and finally reached camp at 3 p.m. The tent was put up just in time to beat the rain.

TUES. 24th Jan. A late morning start to locate Damper Cave and mark a route back to camp with blazes and blue tape. After lunch we returned to Damper Cave and explored the cave as far as the rock fall. Fauna collecting was carried out and was very successful. Idacarus beetles were abundant and 20 specimens were collected, three spiders and two Monoxymma harvestmen were also found. Returned to camp in time to meet Strato who reported an unsuccessful attempt by some of the others to reach our camp. The party had "borrowed" our boat to return to camp.

WED. 25th Jan. The morning was spent in Damper Cave collecting stalagmitic material for dating in the well decorated side passages not far from the entrance. Two additional specimens of Monoxymma harvestmen were also collected. Back to camp for lunch where we found Anita and Strato had arrived. After lunch we showed them the entrance to Damper Cave. They spent the afternoon exploring it as far as the deep water while Judy and Albert relocated PB 2 and PB 3 (Quetzalcoatl Conduit) by the most circuitous and difficult route possible. The number on PB 3 is no longer legible and on a future visit it should be re-numbered.

THURS. 26th Jan. The morning was spent by the four of us breaking camp followed by a row across the lagoon to visit the beach on the western side which provides an excellent view of Precipitous Bluff. In the afternoon we headed back to the coast with Anita and Strato wading along the edge of the lagoon and Jude and Albert rowing the boat with gear against a strong southerly. Arrived at the coast camp to find that a party of four Victorians led by Brian Frantz had arrived.

FRI. 27th Jan. A walk back to Deadmans Bay with heavy packs and wet tents. Anita and two of the Victorians came along to help carry some of the gear and return surplus VSA food. By mid-afternoon the remaining eight members of the party had assembled to wait for the fishing boat.

SAT. 28th Jan. to WED. 1st Feb. Five frustrating days spent waiting for a boat which never came. Time was spent sunbaking when weather allowed, building strange structures out of shingle on the beach and sampling various kinds

of seafood as food began to run short. Three frustrated smokers were frantically searching for a tobacco substitute, finally supplied by Tom in the form of dogwood leaves quick-cured in a frying pan.

Bill and Julie alleviated boredom by surveying and plotting a nearby seacave. The only cave mapping done on the trip.

Our food problem was solved firstly by eating surplus V.S.A. food and later by Phil Geeves of South West Tours who came through with a small party of tourists and who supplied badly needed basic food supplies from his air-drop store. His blood was worth bottling.

On Wednesday afternoon we finally managed to attract the attention of an abalone fisherman, Ken Pedder, who called Geoff Lyden for us on the radio to discover that Geoff was fishing on the west coast and would not be back our way until the following week. Ken was kind enough to be persuaded to take all our heavy gear to enable us to walk back to Cockle Creek with the remaining goods and chattels. After packing hurriedly we left Deadmans Bay at 5 p.m. A beautiful evening to walk to New River Lagoon where we spent the night.

THURS. 2nd Feb. - FRI. 3rd Feb. A reasonably early start for all. Two dinghies were used to row the party to the eastern end of Prion Beach. The boats were taken back by Steve and Albert who then returned along the spit and swam across the river. A long day of walking as low cloud cleared to a fine sunny day. Party spread out with Strato and Steve reaching South Coast Rivulet that night; Albert, Judy and Tom camping at Black Hole Creek; Bruce, Bill and Julie camping with Phil Geeves' party on the western side of the South Coast Range. On Friday Strato and Steve reached Cockle Creek about midday to be met by a party of waiting cavers. They were followed by Tom. Albert and Judy reached Cockle Creek about 4 p.m. and were very pleased to meet a welcoming party walking towards them and relieving them of their loads when still some distance from Cockle Creek. The remaining three reached civilization close to midnight.

A very eventful trip which was enjoyed by all, especially in retrospect. We were fortunate in having such good weather conditions on the way out. I'm sure we all learnt a lot from it!

Albert Goede.

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CAVE NUMBERING - Junee Florentine Area.

by John Parker.

Description of previously numbered caves but not previously published:

- JF-114: Entrance adjacent to old Adamsfield Track. Narrow entrance leads to 18 metre pitch to ledge, followed by a 9 metre pitch leading into narrow passage that passes into a large low-roofed chamber. Strong draught at the entrance. Possibilities for further exploration.
- JF 115: Entrance 15 m. from JF 114. Explored by Alan Warild of Sydney. Cave fully explored to depth of 48 m. Very muddy, foul smell, no further prospects. Cave consists of a series of pitches ending in a very muddy sump.
- JF 116: Small cave located at end of Leo Thorne Road. Nine metre entrance pitch, small crawling passages leading off from pitch. After some nasty squeezes one leads into a very low-roofed stream passage. The stream is not seen in any of the other passages and appears to flow under them.
- JF 117: Cave located near end of Settlement Road. Fully explored to depth of 18 m. Two entrances join at base in a muddy sump. No further prospects.
- JF 118: One of the first caves encountered in a line of pots off to the right of the Wherret's landslip. Not known whether it has been explored. Appears from surface to have considerable depth.
- JF 119: Cave on the left of Eleven Road, approximately 400 m. past the Florentine River bridge. One hundred metres of well decorated passages. Fully explored.

Descriptions of newly numbered caves:

- JF 140: Cave with small entrance. Located in the ridge on from JF 99(The Chairman) towards JF 34(Rift Cave). Cave is cluttered with loose rock. It has not been explored but appears to have some depth.
- JF 141: Cave on Wherrets Lookout 400 m. up from old Adamsfield Track overlooking the 'Gap' area of the Florentine Road. Low, wide entrance slopes back into hill. Very narrow passage extends for approximately 60 m. before becoming too tight for further exploration.
- JF 142: Pothole SE of Rift Cave(JF 34) located 15 m. from JF 128. Explored to depth of 27 metres ending in a narrow squeeze blocked by rocks. A stream can be seen beyond this point and the passage continues.
- JF 143, 144, 145 - Numbers not yet assigned.
- JF 146: Unexplored pothole very close to JF 142. Small trickle of water flows in. Appears to be at least 20 metres deep.
- JF 147: Pothole near JF 142. Small entrance in side of deep solution trench. Small passage with some mouldy formations. Cave explored to depth of 27 metres. Another drop of 20 metres can be seen. Promising prospect for further exploration. Small stream inside cave is fed by small unexplored swallet above cave.
- JF 148: Entrance adjacent to JF 147. Narrow entrance leads to small passage ending in unexplored drop estimated to be 20 metres deep.
- JF 149: Pothole about 150 m. SW of Rift Cave(JF 34) consisting of two holes in a limestone face. Winding passage drops about 15 m. to end in a sandy sump. Probably fully explored.

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REMEMBER: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday, MARCH 29.

Venue: Wheatsheaf Hotel Meeting Room. Time: 8 p.m.

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KHAZAD - DUM ! !

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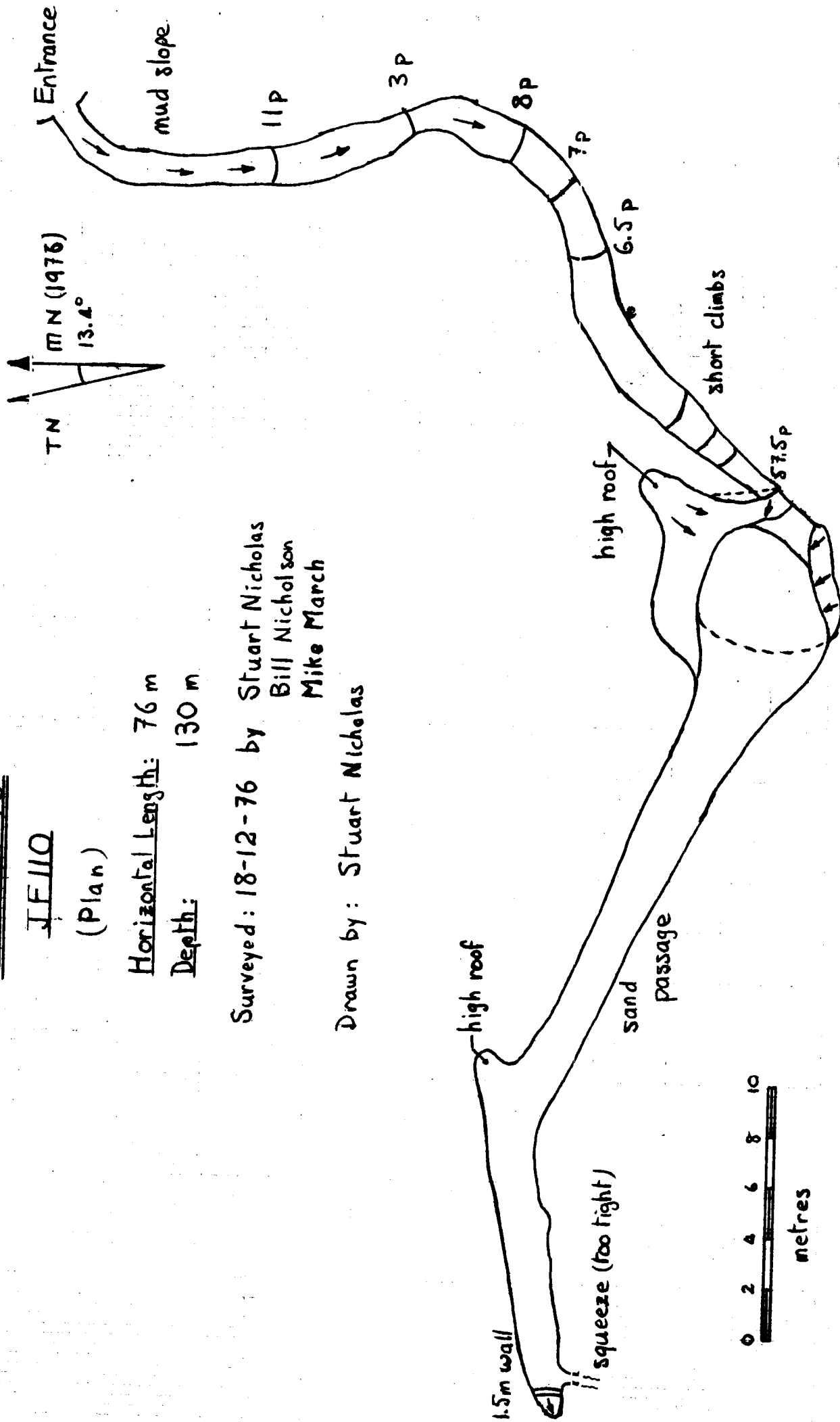
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