

**THE
SYDNEY
SPELEOLOGICAL
SOCIETY**



Celebrating

50

Years

Presents

**The Many
Personalities of**

**The Sydney
Speleological
Society**



**BEN
NURSE**

**FOUNDING
PRESIDENT
48 YEARS IN
OFFICE**



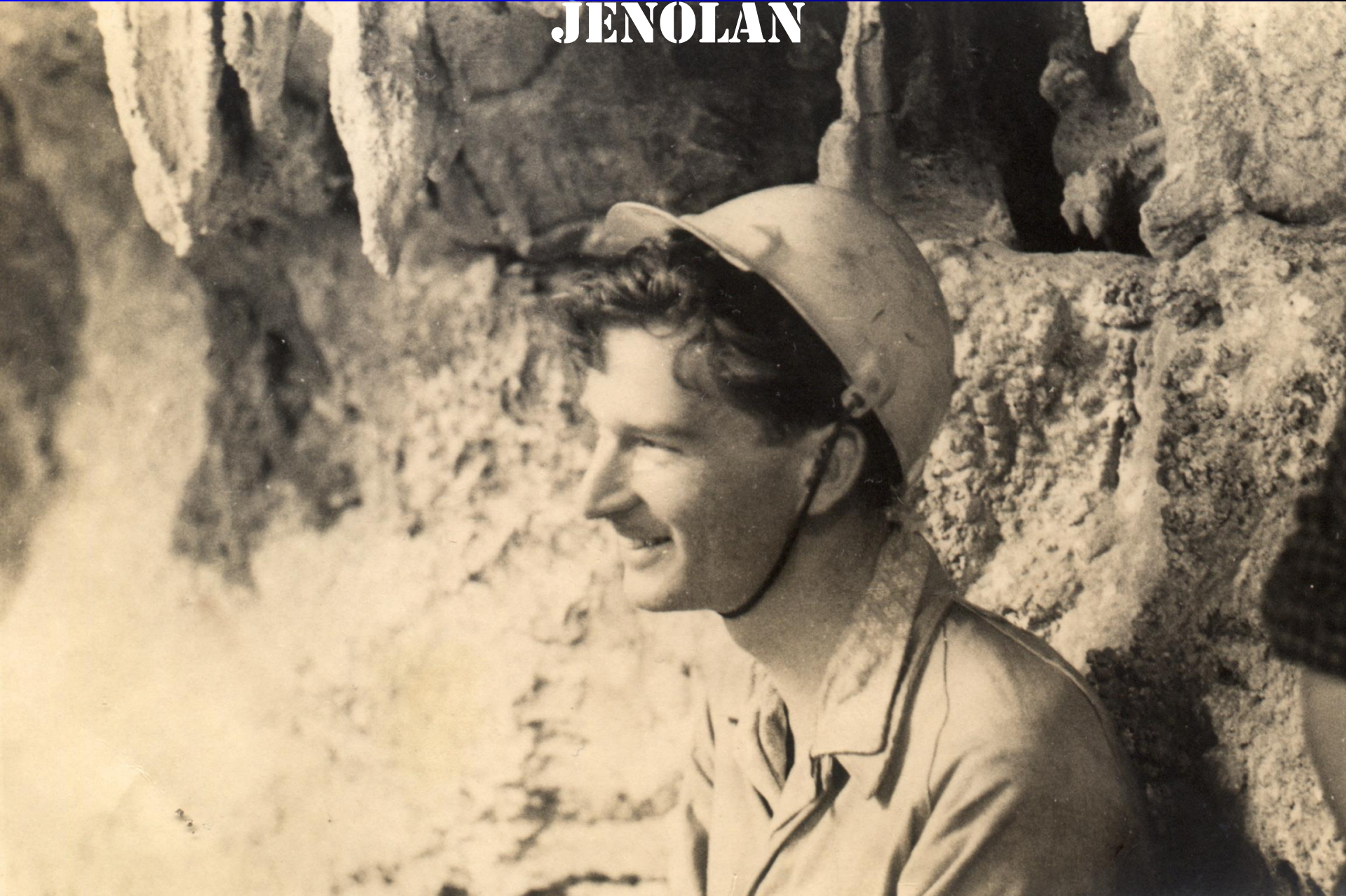
JOHN BONWICK

**SSS'S 2ND
PRESIDENT**

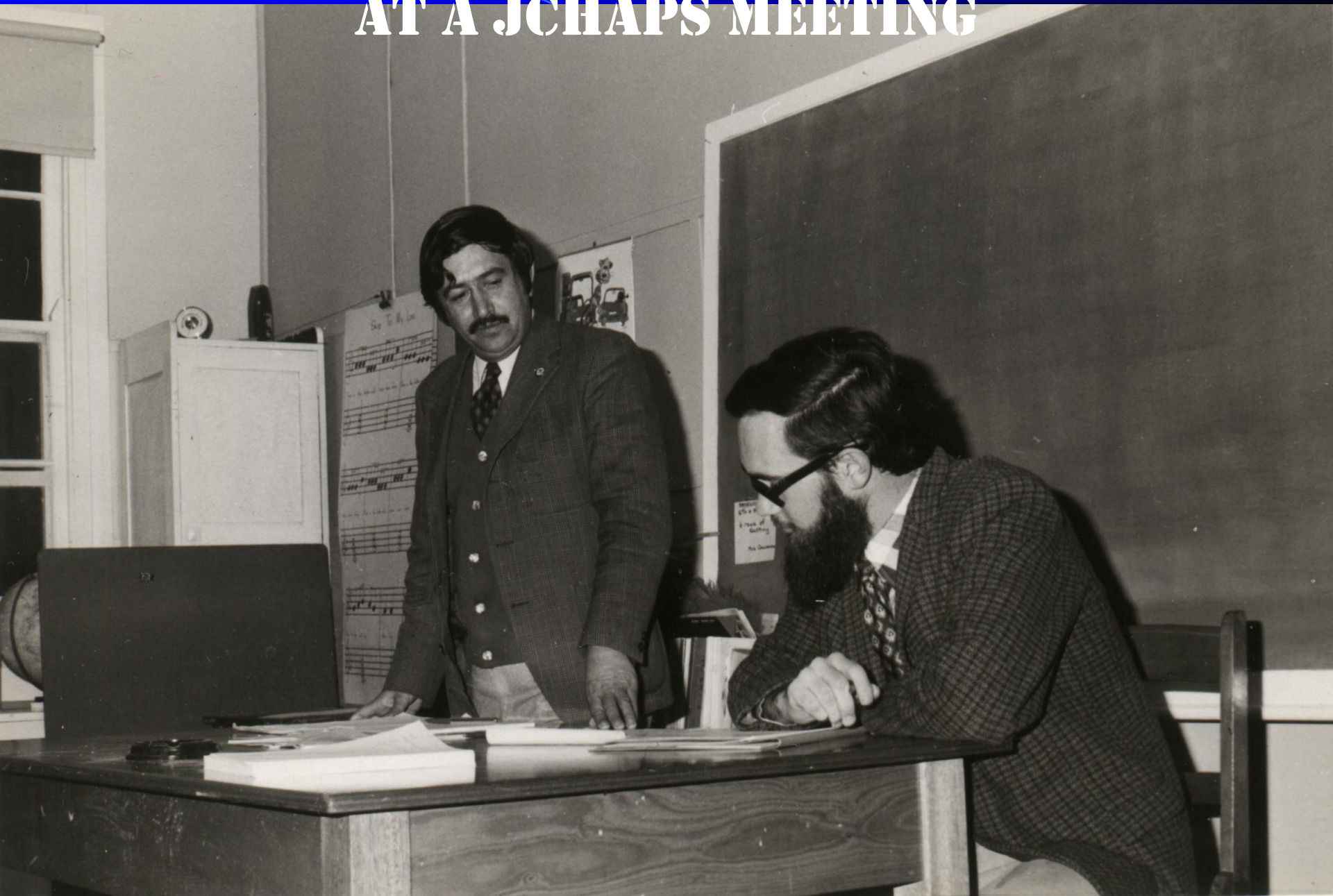
AT

**THE EFFLUX.
BUNGONIA**

**MARTIN FOSTER, SSS'S 3RD PRESIDENT AT
JENOLAN**



BEN NURSE & GREG MIDDLETON AT A JCHAPS MEETING





**BRIAN
WESTON
DIVING AT
JENOLAN**



**BOB
HAWKINS

BEING
RESCUED
FROM A
TREE AND
NOT A CAVE

&

MARK
BONWICK

AT
BUNGONIA**



DARRYL MORGAN

&

BEN NURSE



**HUGH
MYERS**

**HEWING
HIS WAY
INTO THE
BACKGROUND
AND**

**TONY HEALY, RON WARDROP, TOM DRAPER, PAUL PINNOCK &
BOB RICHARDSON. MISHAP ON THE WAY TO KEMPSEY**





**TONY
DOWLING
LOOKING A
LITTLE
CONFUSED**

CAVERS LUNCHING AT BUNGONIA



**WALLY DOVE, DAVE SMITH, ALF LEARMONTH,
NOELENE ROOTS**

& MILLY CHALMERS AT JENOLAN.





**WALLY
REYNOLDS
DIVING AT
JENOLAN**

TONY HEALY & WALLY DOVE



TOM WHAITE
SURVEYING
AT
BUNGONIA

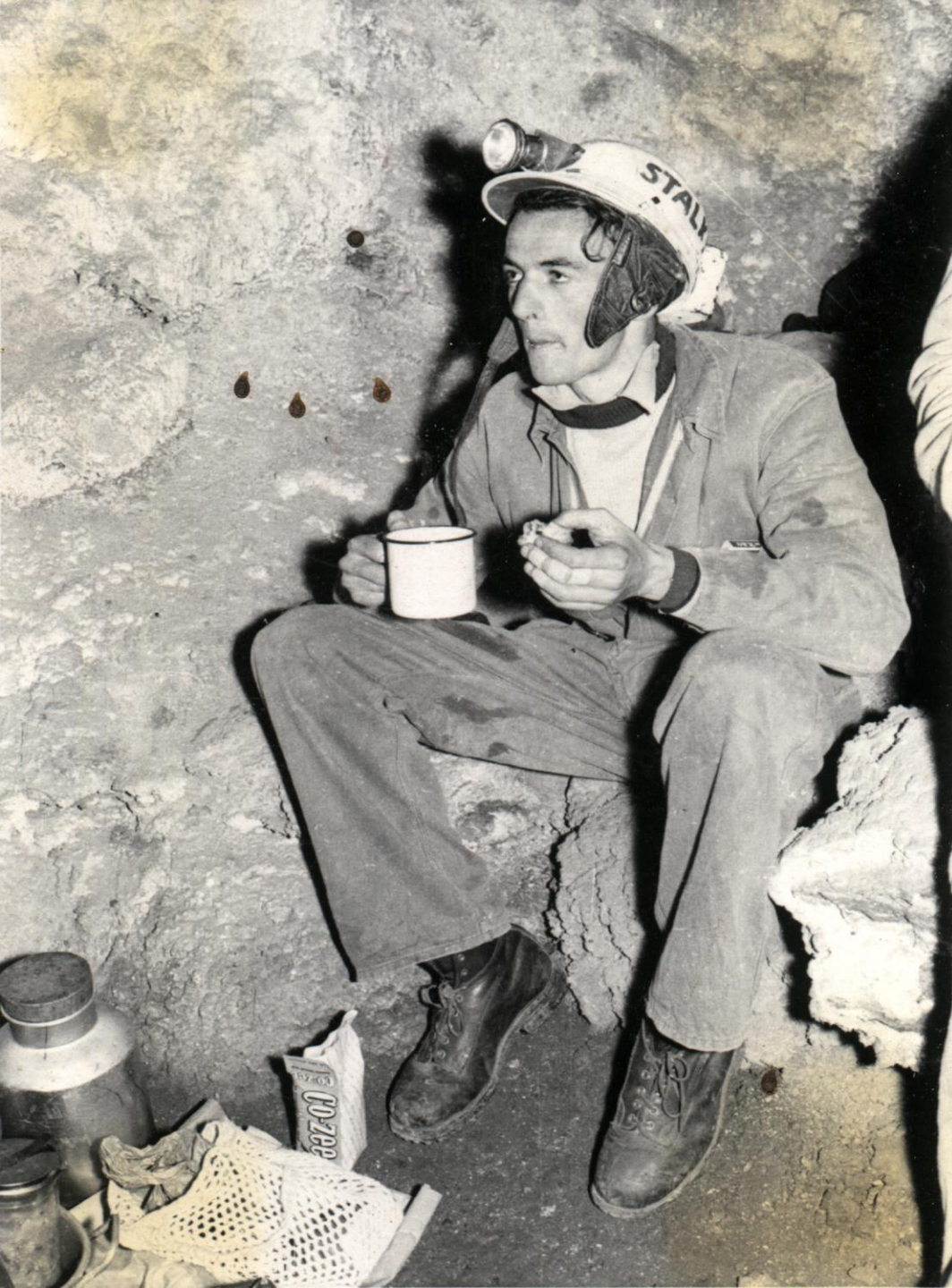




**TOM
HAYLLAR**



**DAVE
ROOTS
DIVING AT
JENOLAN**



**TOM
DRAPER
ENJOYING A
CUPPA**



**TED HARBOUR
&
PEGGY LEAHY**



**A VERY
YOUNG
STEVEN ELLIS**

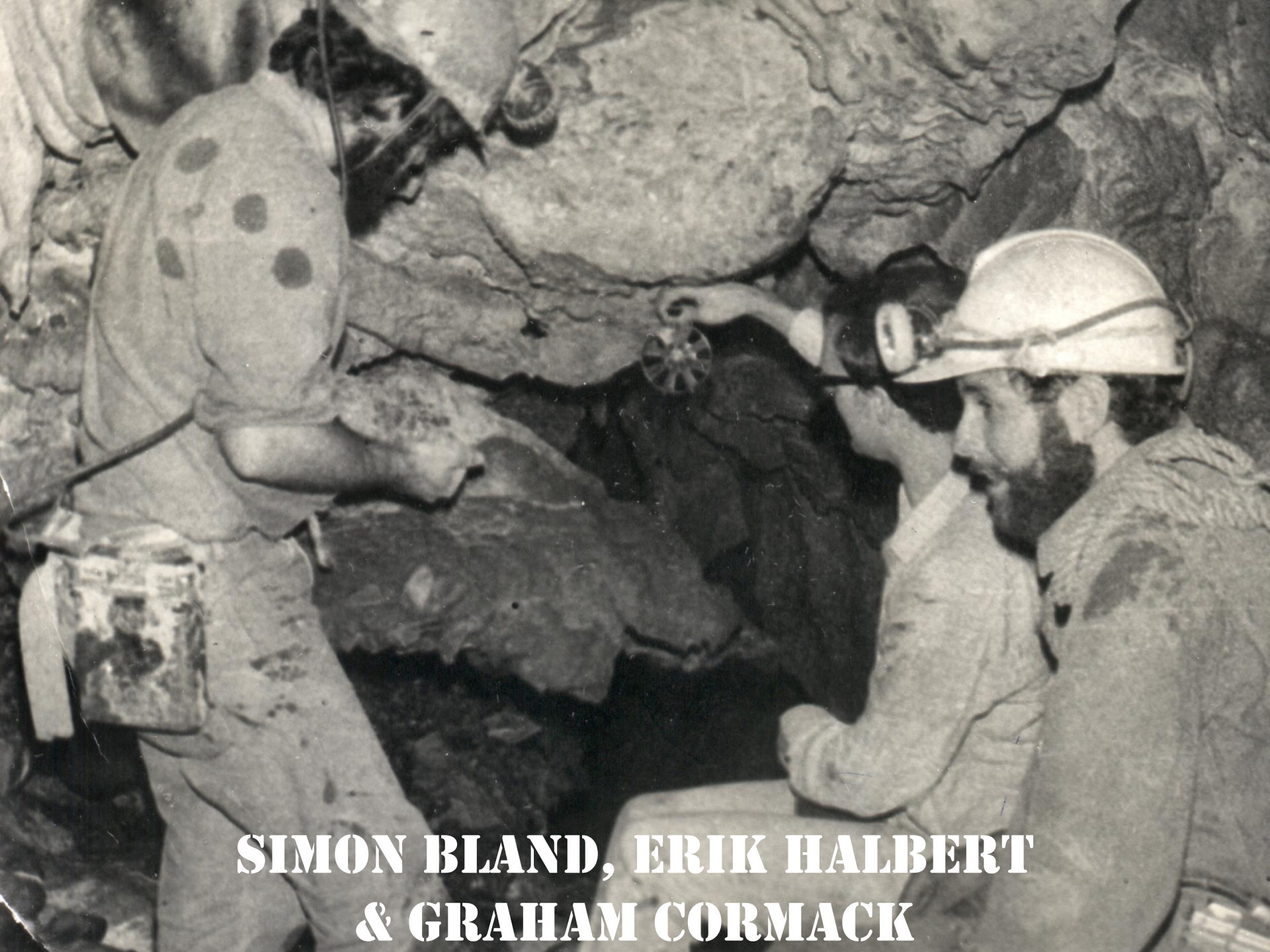


**STEVE
LAMBERT
KNEE DEEP IN
THE EFFLUX
AT
BUNGONIA**

STAN PIERCE AT YARRANGOBILLY

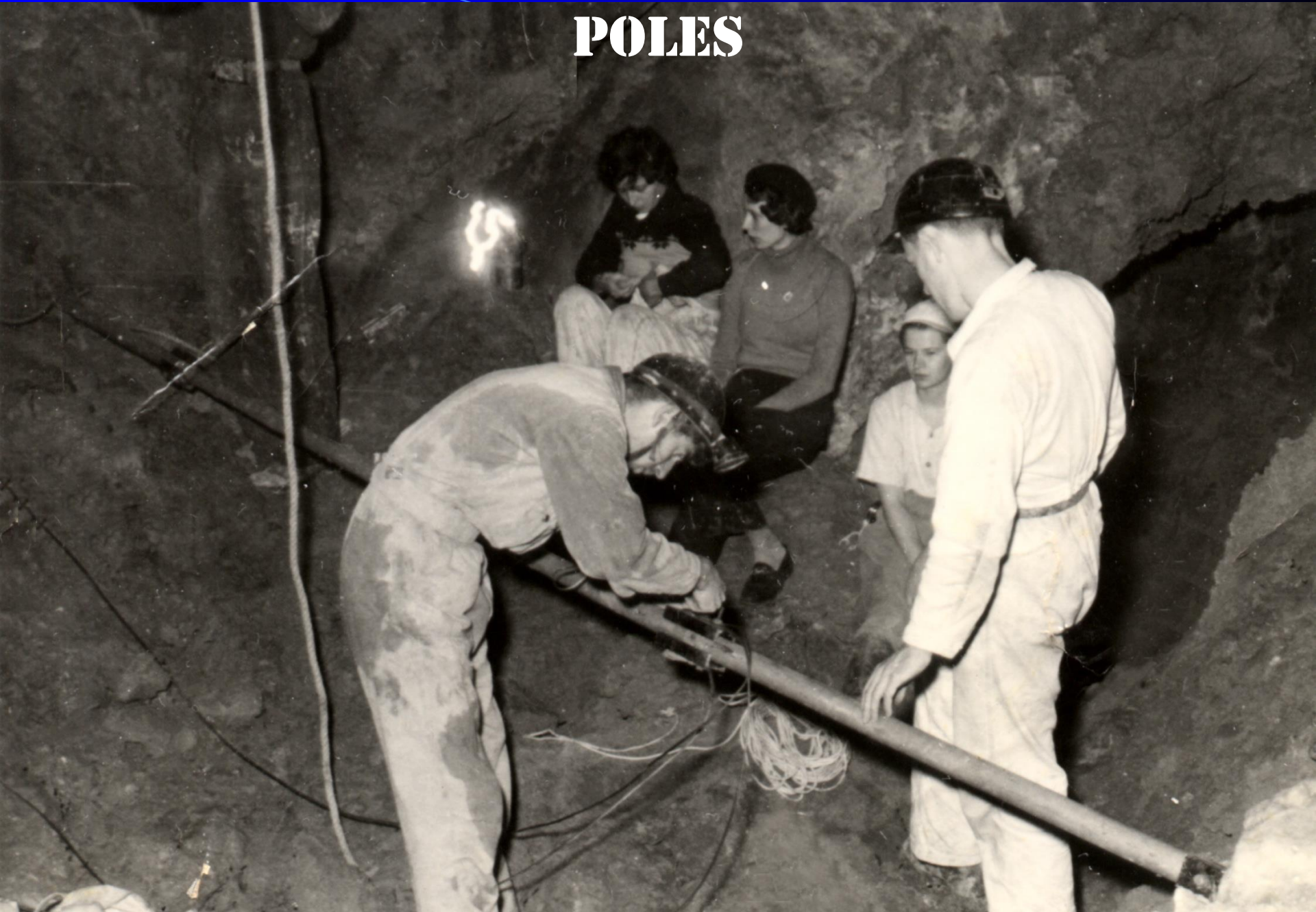
ADDING TO HIS BONE COLLECTION





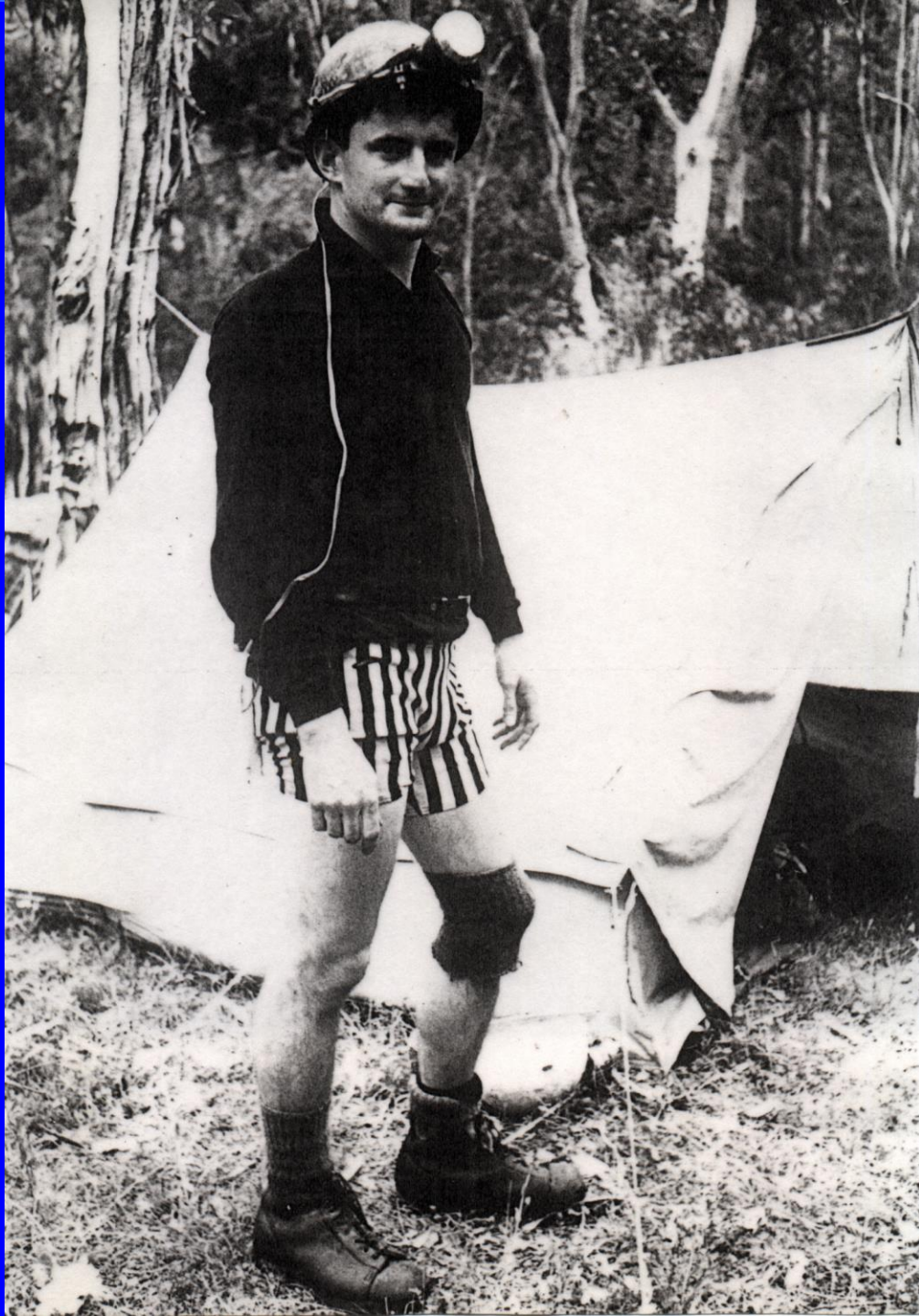
**SIMON BLAND, ERIK HALBERT
& GRAHAM CORMACK**

THE EXPERTS WORKING WITH THE SCALING POLES

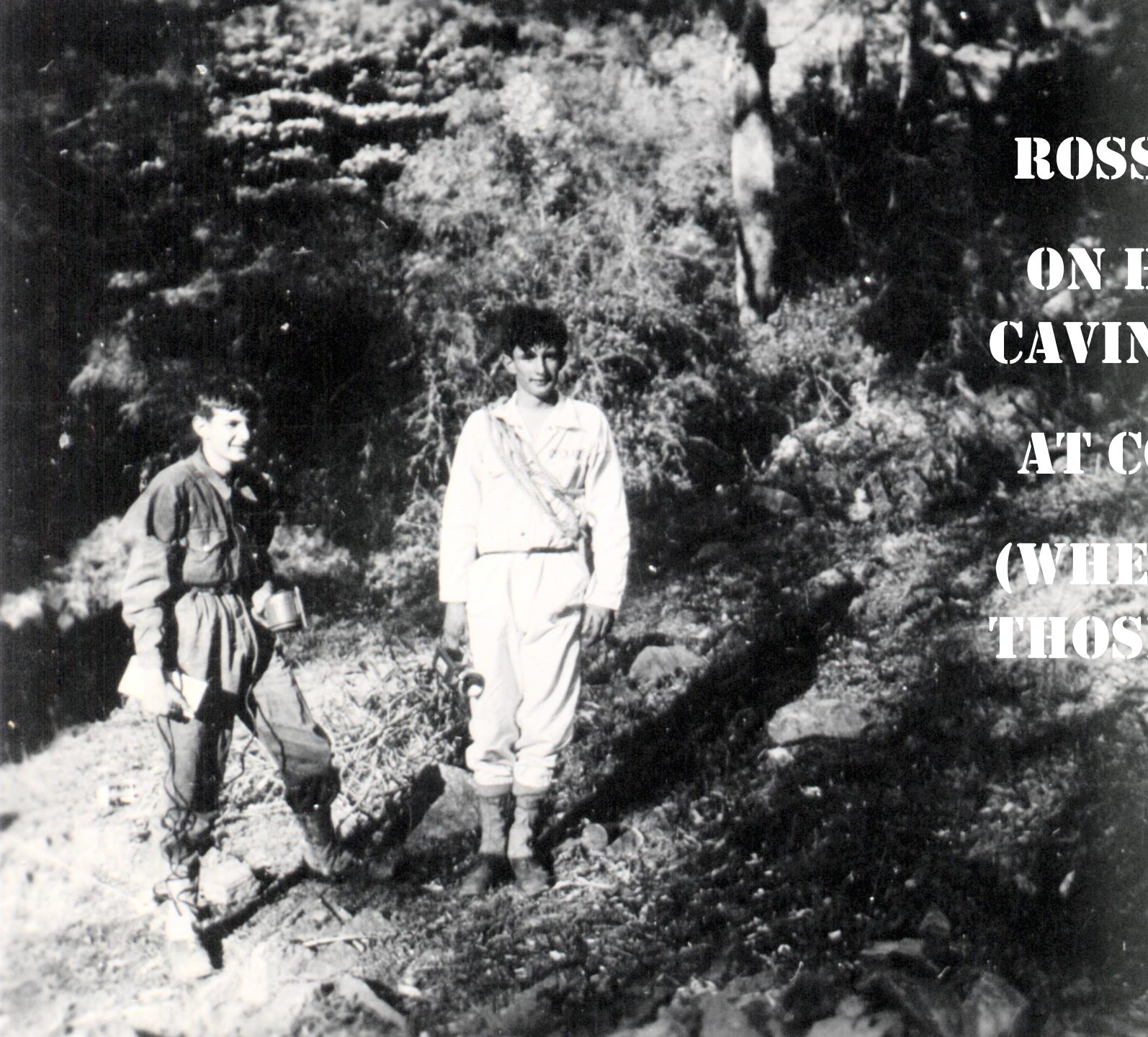




**RUSSELL
KIPPAX
AT JENOLAN**



ROSS ELLIS
AT
BUNGONIA
(LOVE THE LEGS)

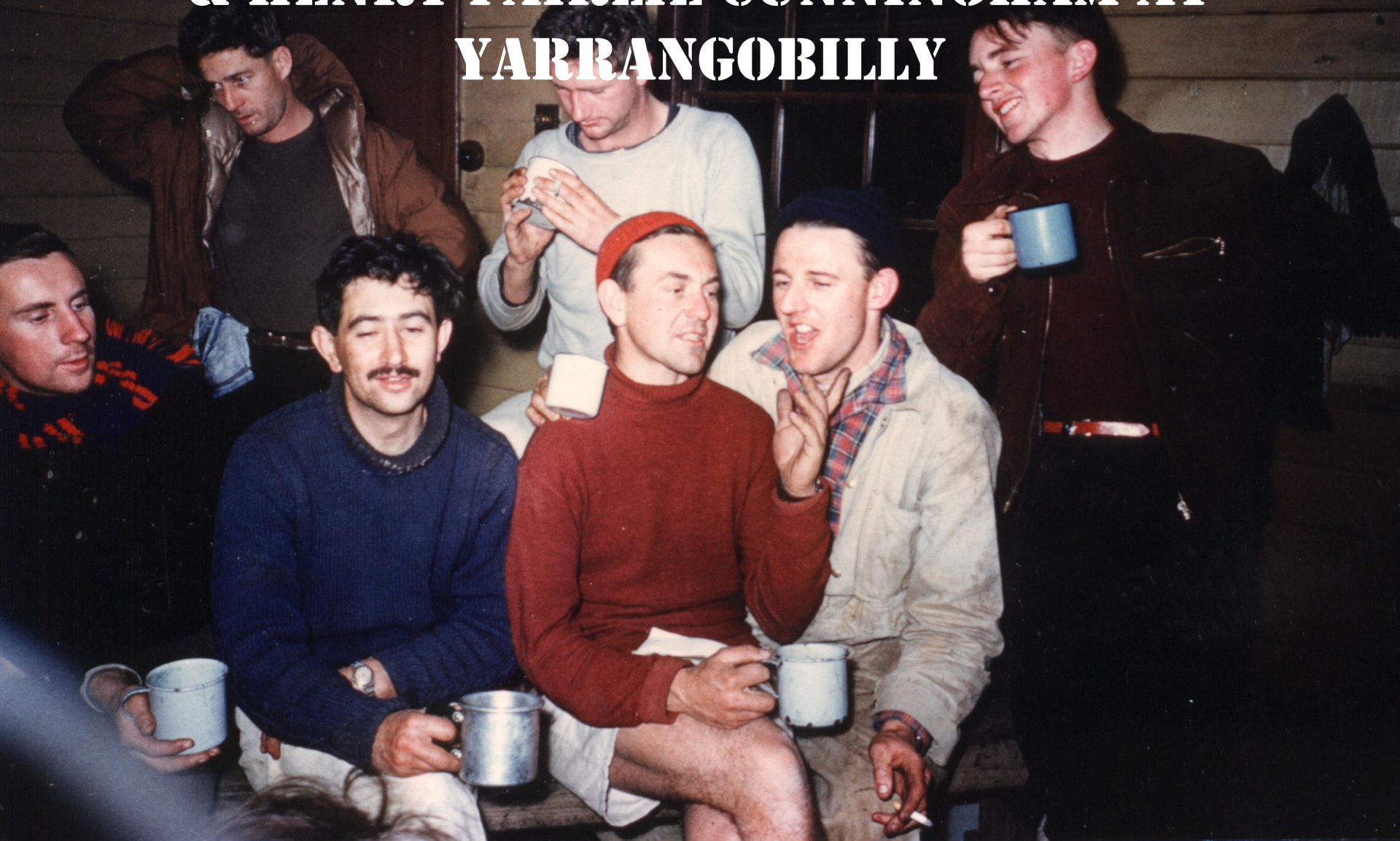


ROSS ELLIS
ON HIS 1ST
CAVING TRIP
AT COLONG
(WHERE ARE
THOSE LEGS)



**RON
WARDROP
THE FAMOUS
MOVIE
PHOTOGRAPH
HER**

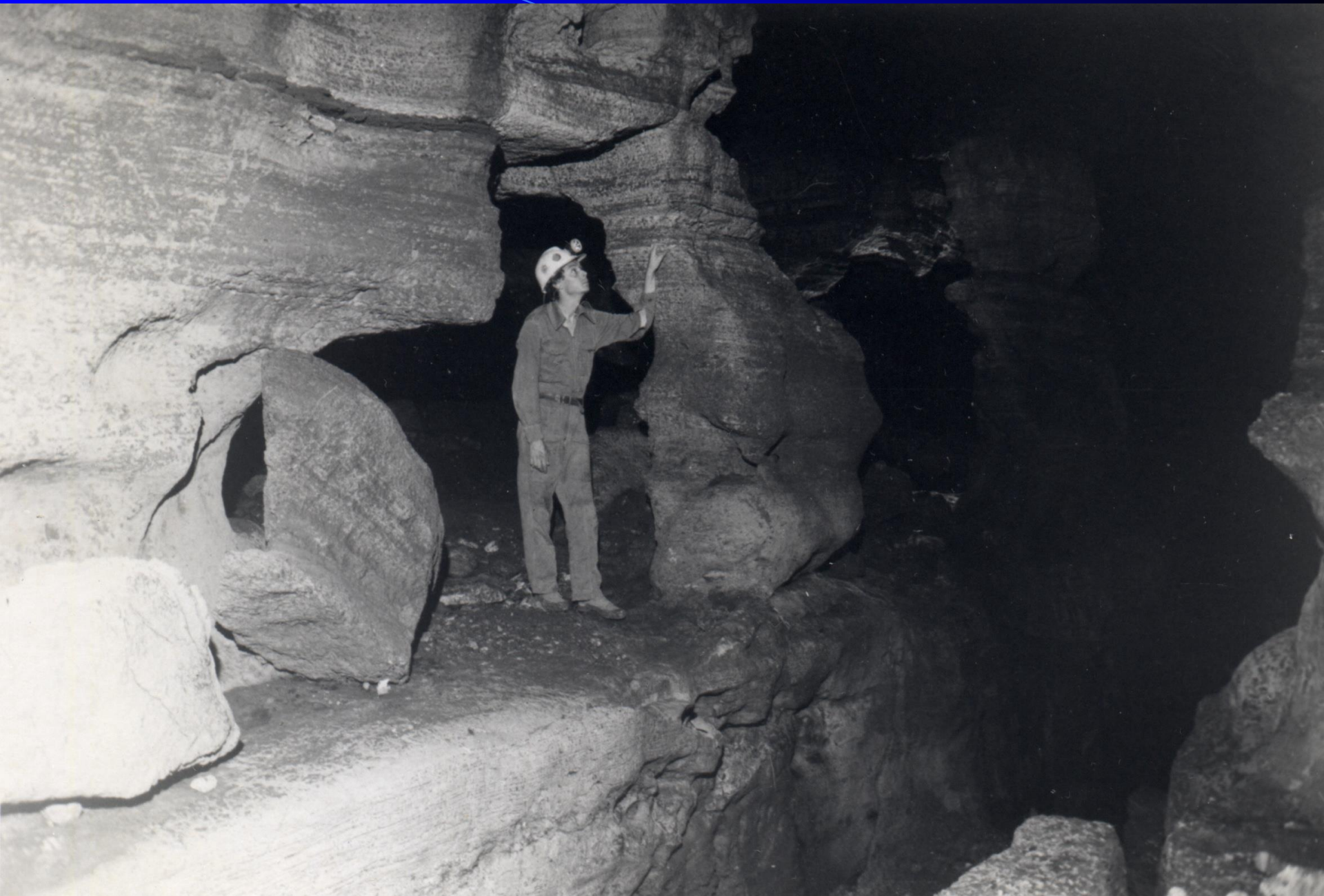
**BEN NURSE, PAULL ROSE, BRIAN WESTON, RON
WARDROP, IAN DRISCOLL
& HENRY FAIRLIE CUNNINGHAM AT
YARRANGOBILLY**



**BARRY MASON, DALLAS FREEDMAN, RUTH
RUSSELL, RON WARDROP & BEN NURSE**



DAVE DIKKER AT CAMOOWEAL





**GRAHAME
FIELD**

**AT
BUNGONIA**

**(LOOKS LIKE HE
IS TRYING TO
BLOW HIS WAY
INTO THE CAVE)**

JOYCE HARRIS AT BUNGONIA

MINDING THE FINGERS ON THE LADDER





**KARL
NEUBAUER
DIVING AT
JENOLAN**

**TOM HAYLLAR, TOM DRAPER, BEN NURSE,
TED HARBOUR & OTHERS IN THE OOLITE
CAVERN, MAMMOTH CAVE, JENOLAN.**





**NEVILLE
MICHIE**



**NEIL
MONTGOMERY
AT
JENOLAN**

MIKE MARTYN ???



LYNDSEY HAWKINS & ALAN WOODS





**MILLY
CHALMERS**



**LYNDSEY HAWKINS, TIM SANFORD & FRIEND
SURVEYING IN HENNINGS CAVE.**

DIRTY DIGGERS AT THE EFFLUX, BUNGONIA.





**LES LEWIS
IN
DRUM CAVE
AT
BUNGONIA**

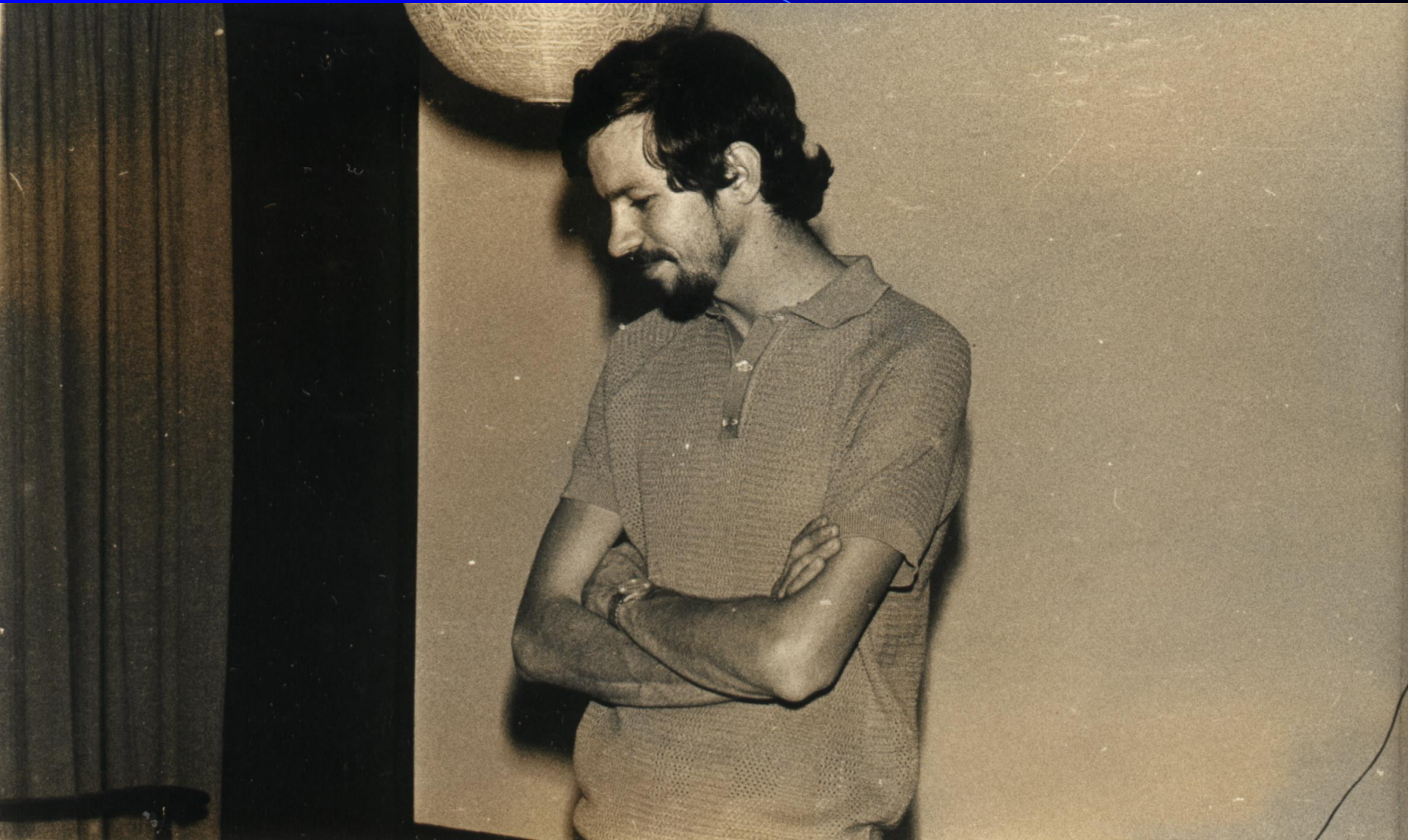


**KEL BOOTH
SURVEYING
IN
MAMMOTH
CAVE
AT JENOLAN**

KAELENE MATTS AT COOLEMAN CAVES



JOHN TELEC





**DENNIS
BURKE**

&

**RON
WARDROP**

**(DENNIS
WAS SSS'S
1ST LIFE
MEMBER)**

A black and white photograph of a miner in a dark tunnel. The miner is wearing a hard hat with a headlamp and safety glasses. He is looking towards the camera. The tunnel walls are covered in stalactites and other mineral formations. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

JOHN COMPAGNONI

THE BONWICKS



IRENE CRAWLEY

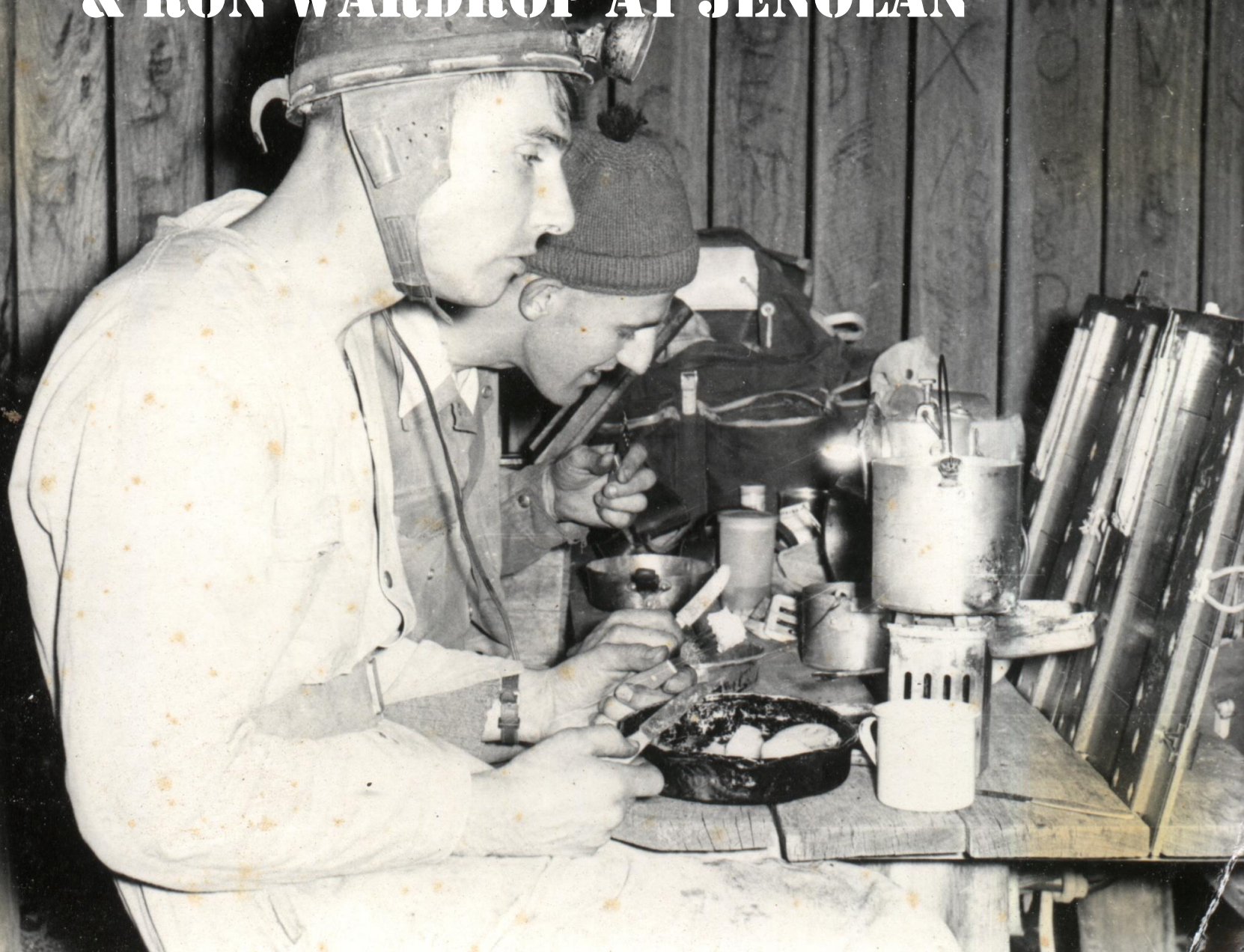
**DOING SOME
CRAWLING**





IAN SEFTON
AT
BUNGONIA
SETTING HIS
CHARGE!!!!

HENRY FAIRLIE CUNNINGHAM & RON WARDROP AT JENOLAN





**HARRY
PEMBLE**



HARRY COLEMAN
HAVING A COLD ONE

HUNTERS HILL PARTY



ENJOYING THE FIRE AT CAMP





**GREG
MIDDLETON
AT CLIFDEN**



**ERNIE
HOLLAND
POINTING THE
WAY
AT JENOLAN**



ERIK HALBERT
TRYING HARD
NOT TO FALL
INTO THE WATER
IN MARBLE
SEWER CAVE
WOMBHEYAN

**ERIK JUST COULDN'T STAY OUT OF THE
WATER.**

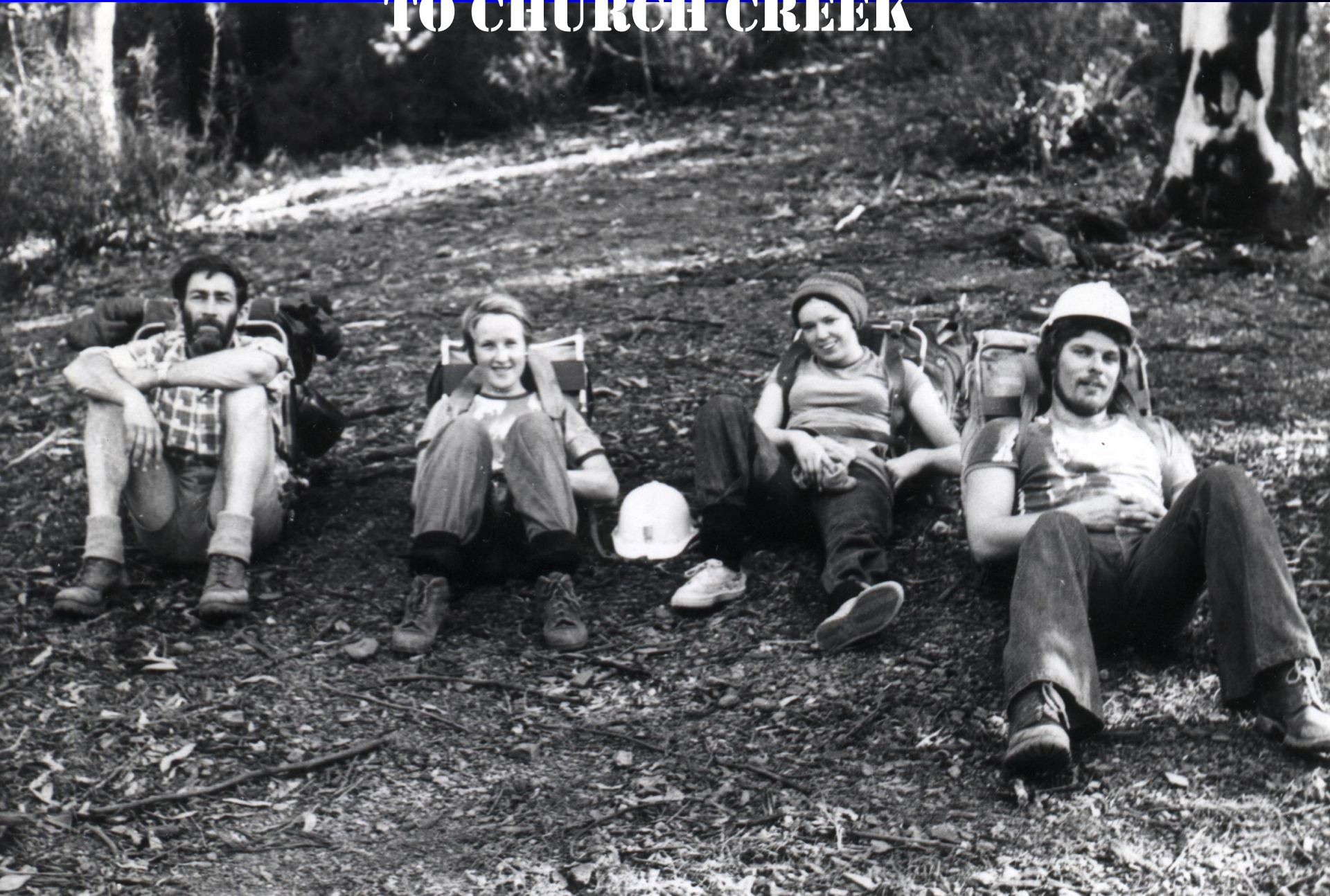


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**ERIK &
SANDRA
HALBERT
IN
MAMMOTH
CAVE
JENOLAN**

DON MATT'S & PARTY RELAXING ON THE WAY TO CHURCH CREEK



DICK WILLIAMSON





**DIANNE
PERKINS**

AT

BUNGONIA

**NOTE THE SUSS
BADGE ON HER
JACKET**



**COL PERCIVAL
PERSEVERING
THROUGH THE
CAVE**



**TOM DRAPER TIED IN
SLEEPING BAG,
WALLY DOVE, HENRY
FAIRLIE
CUNNINGHAM,
FRANK YOUNG, BEN
NURSE, RON
WARDROP, IRENE &
ALF CRAWLEY,
MARCIA MONTAGUE &
TONY HEALY AT
WOMBEGAN 1960.**



**IAN
DRISCOLL**

**CAN ANYONE
SUGGEST A
SONG FOR
HIM TO
PLAY?**



**YOU
COOKED IT
YOU EAT IT.**

**COL
PERCIVAL**

ENJOYING THEIR “JUST DESERTS”.

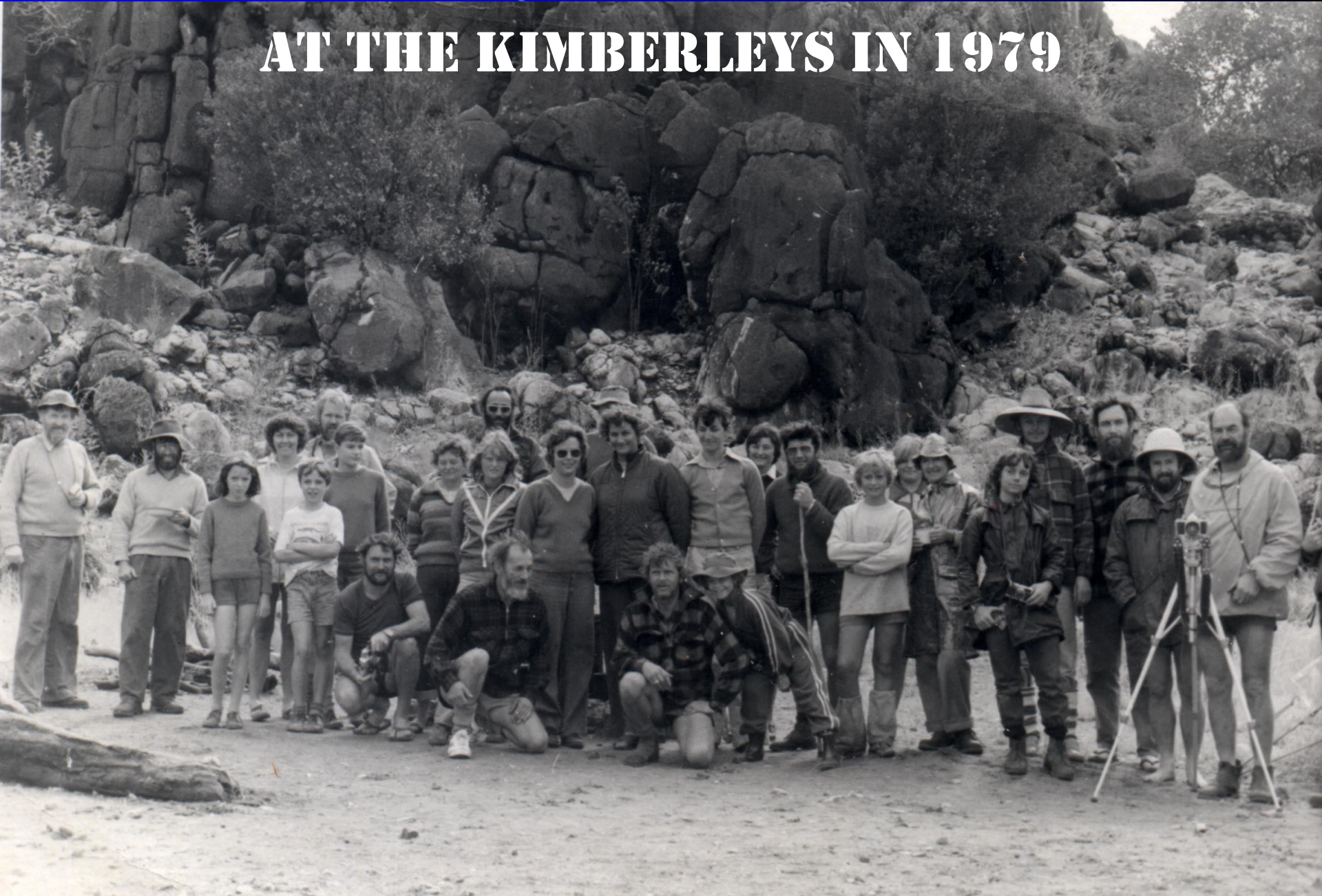




**CHRISTINE
MACPHERSON
AT
LITTLE
MITCHELL
RIVER**

MEMBERS OF ISS & SSS

AT THE KIMBERLEYS IN 1979



**IAN DRISCOLL, JOHN HOCKING, DARRYL
MORGAN, DENNIS & SHIRLEY CULLITION &
HENRY FAIRLIE CUNNINGHAM. 1994**



SSS DINNER WITH ELERY HAMILTON-SMITH AS GUEST SPEAKER.





BEN NURSE.

**CUTTING A
DASHING
FIGURE**

SSS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE BONWICKS 1972.





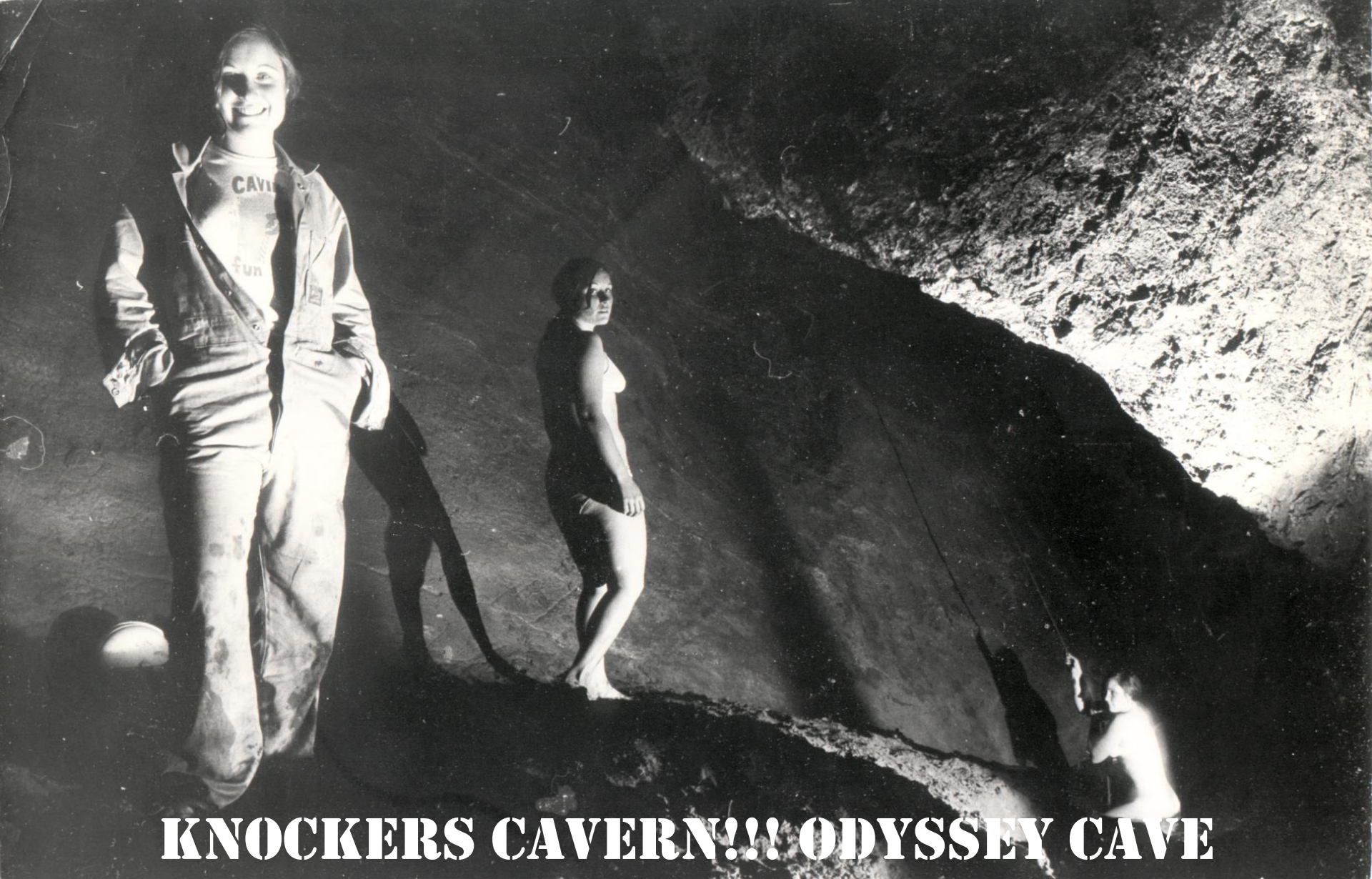
**BEN NURSE
WITH RDF
GEAR AT
BUNGONIA**



**A VERY
HAPPY
DAVE
FISHER AT
JENOLAN**



**BILL VAN
VLIMMEREN
AT
WOMBEGAN**



**KNOCKERS CAVERN!!! ODYSSEY CAVE
BUNGONIA. (COULD NEVER GUESS WHY IT
WAS CALLED KNOCKERS)**



**MARTIN
FOSTER**

AT

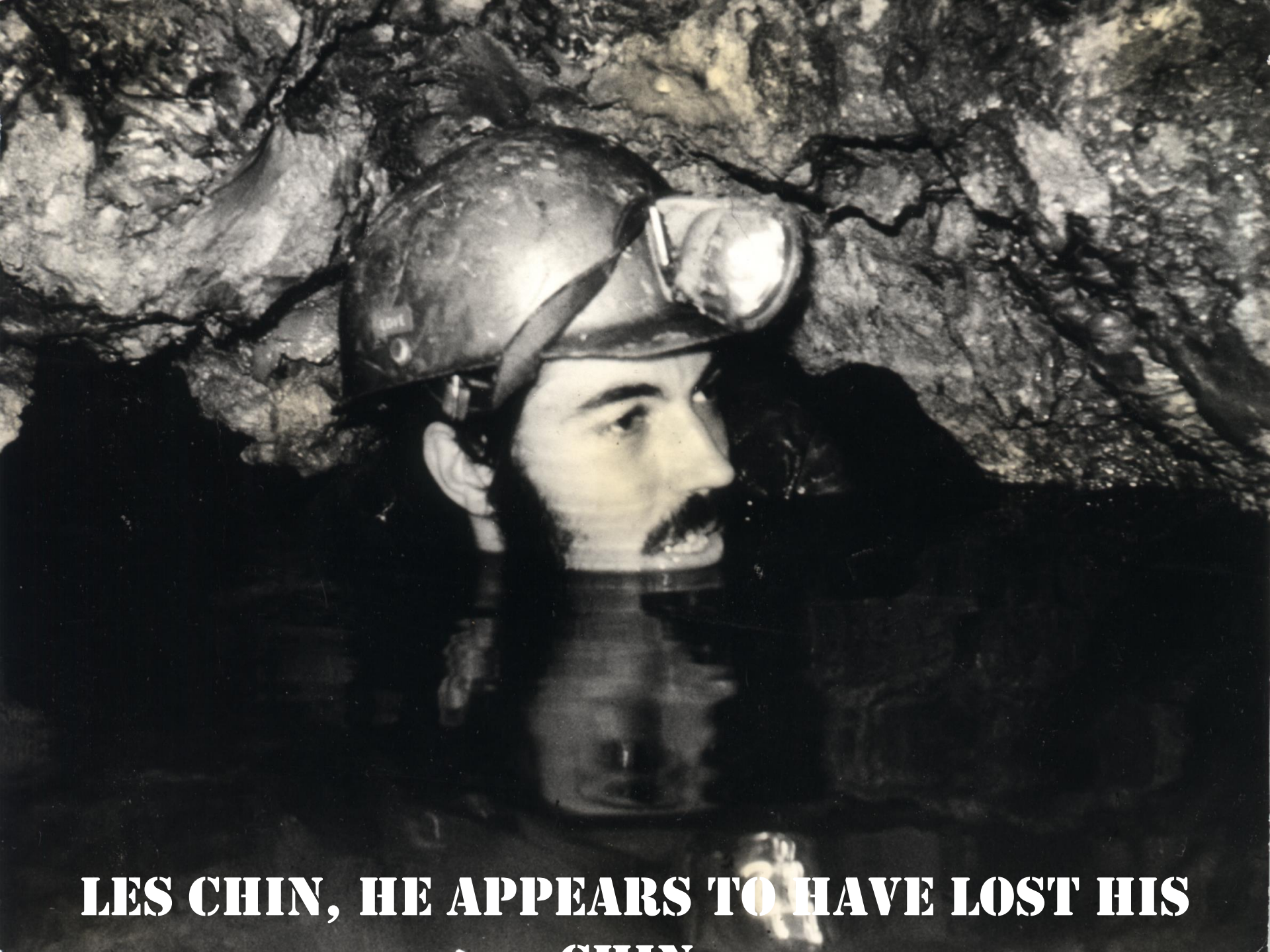
**SSS AUCTION
NIGHT**

1965.

**(DON'T YOU
JUST LOVE
THE JACKET)**



**JOHN
BONWICK
AND
“JACK
HAMMER”
AT
THE EFFLUX,
BUNGONIA.**



LES CHIN, HE APPEARS TO HAVE LOST HIS

CHIN



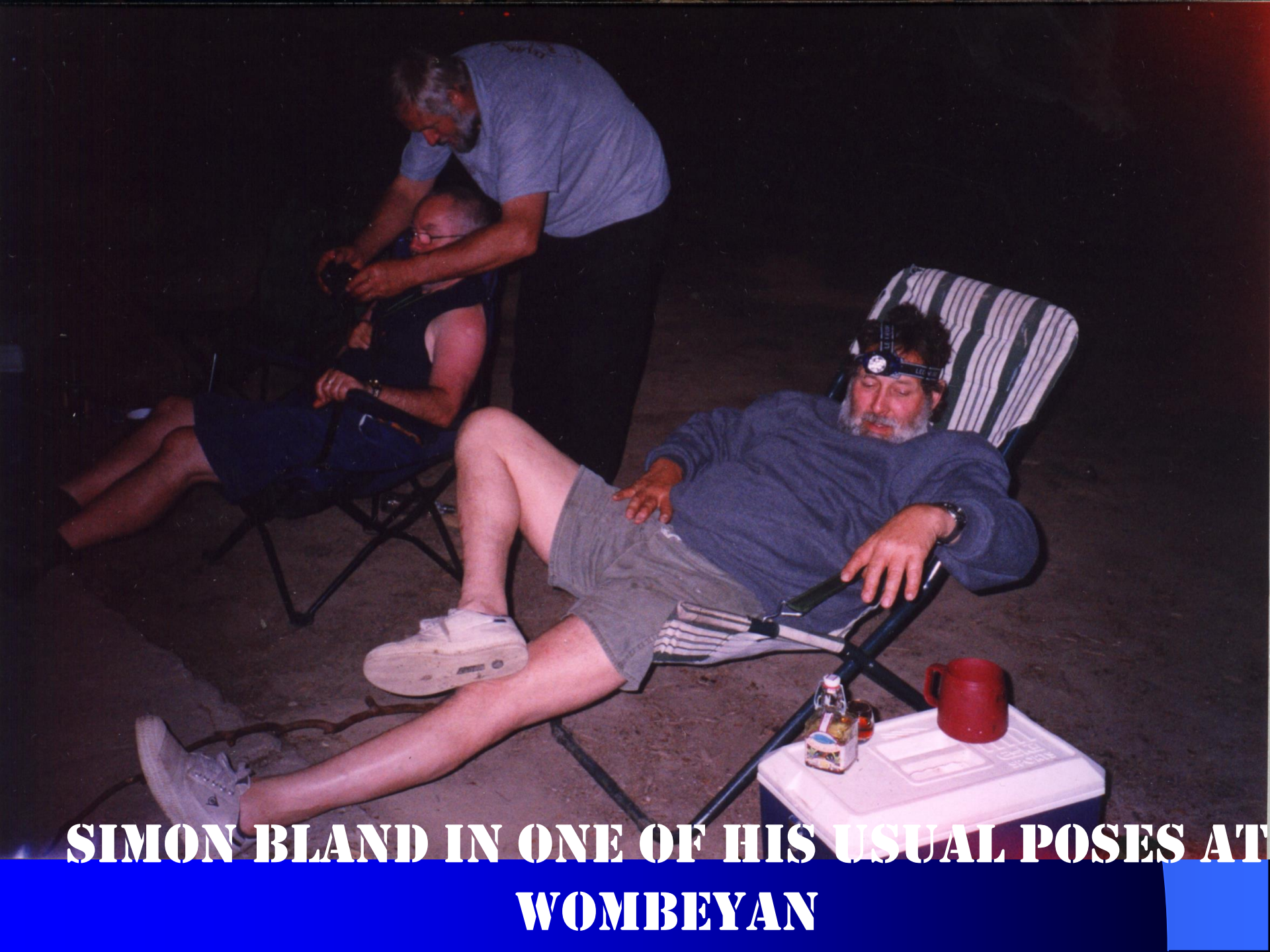
**GROUP OF SSS MEMBERS AT 40TH
ANNIVERSARY DINNER. JENOLAN CAVES**



**TERRY
MATT'S
&
LARRY
ZANKER
AT JENOLAN**



SSS ANNUAL DINNER



**SIMON BLAND IN ONE OF HIS USUAL POSES AT
WOMBEGYAN**



**JULIA JAMES
GIVING AN
SSSSEC
TALK AT
WOODSTOCK**



**GREG
MIDDLETON
AT
THE GRAND
CANYON
USA**



**STEVE
RICHMOND
AT
JENOLAN.**



**JOHN BONWICK ENJOYING A WELL DESERVED
REST AT WOMBEYAN.**



NEVILLE MICHIE



IAN DRISCOLL

**WITHOUT THE
GUITAR**



MAL MACFARLANE



BACK FROM A BENDEThERA CAVES TRIP



JOHN HOCKING



**HENRY
FAIRLIE
CUNNINGHAM
GIVING AN
SSS TALK**



**STEVE
CAREY**



**TOM
HAYLLER
AT
J41**



LYNDSEY HAWKINS IN COLONG CAVE.

**LLOYD ROBINSON, DAVE MARTIN, JULIA JAMES
& AL WARILD AT 40TH ANNIVERSARY
DINNER,**





**40TH ANNIVERSARY 1994-1995 COMMITTEE
MEMBERS.**

CINDY MANN (NOT PERSON)



**IMAGINE DOING THE JOURNALS ON THIS
MONSTROSITY (LYN USED TO)**



**IMAGINE PRINTING THE JOURNAL WITH THIS!!
(ROSS DID)**





**BOB
HOLLAND,**

**DAVE
FISHER**

&

**TONY
HEALY**

ROSS & STEVE ELLIS CAVING IN STYLE





**BOOKS SALES AT THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
DINNER.**



**CHRIS KEMP (THE FINE GENTLEMAN) AT
WOMBREYAN.**

PETER WELLINGS, JOHN WYLIE & GEOFF MCDONNELL STUDYING?????





ENJOYING YULEFEST AT WOMBEYAN



GEMMA HALBERT

**“ALL DOLLED UP
AND NO WHERE
TO GO”**

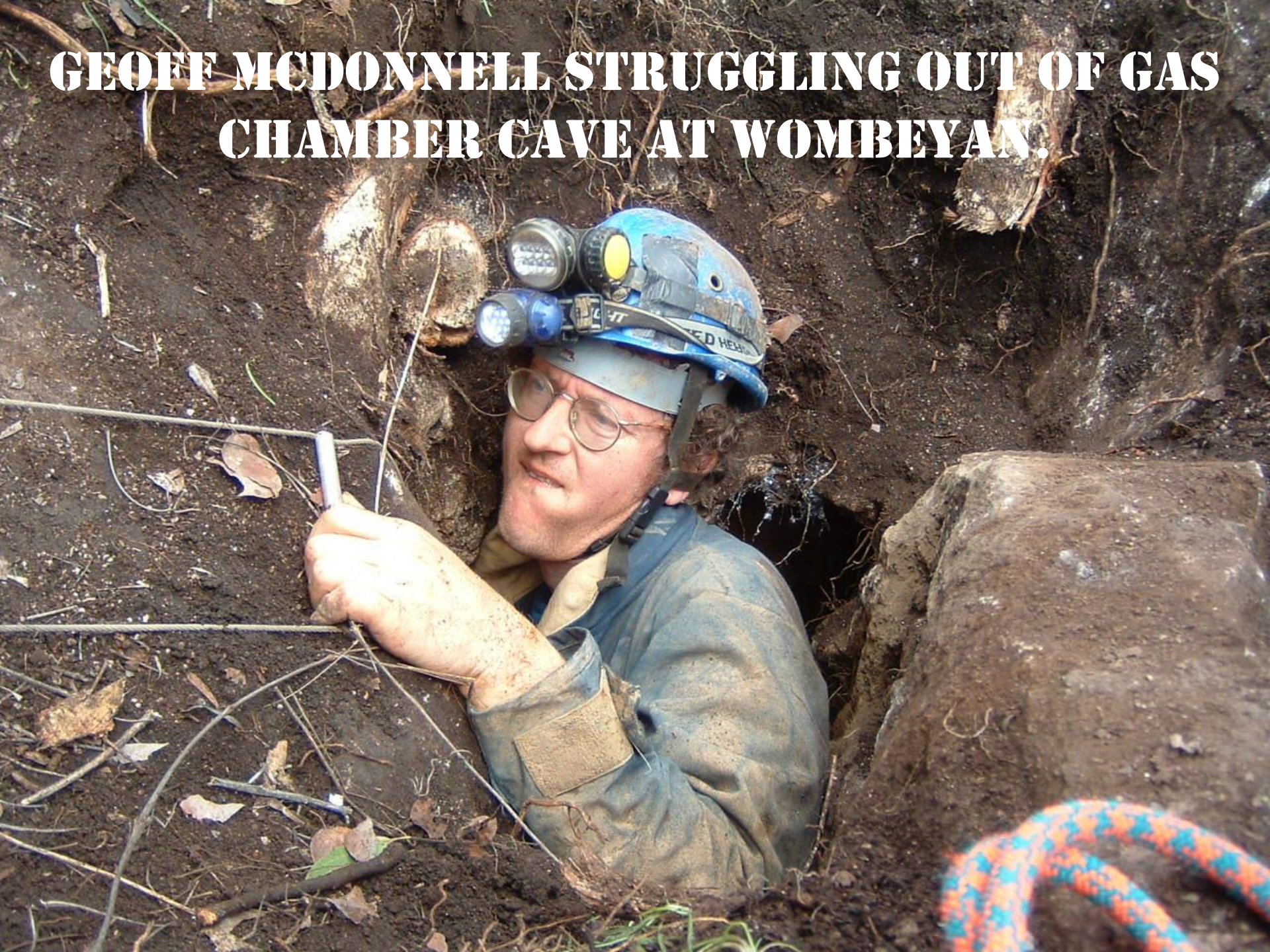
GEMMA HALBERT

‘CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN AT WOMBEYAN’



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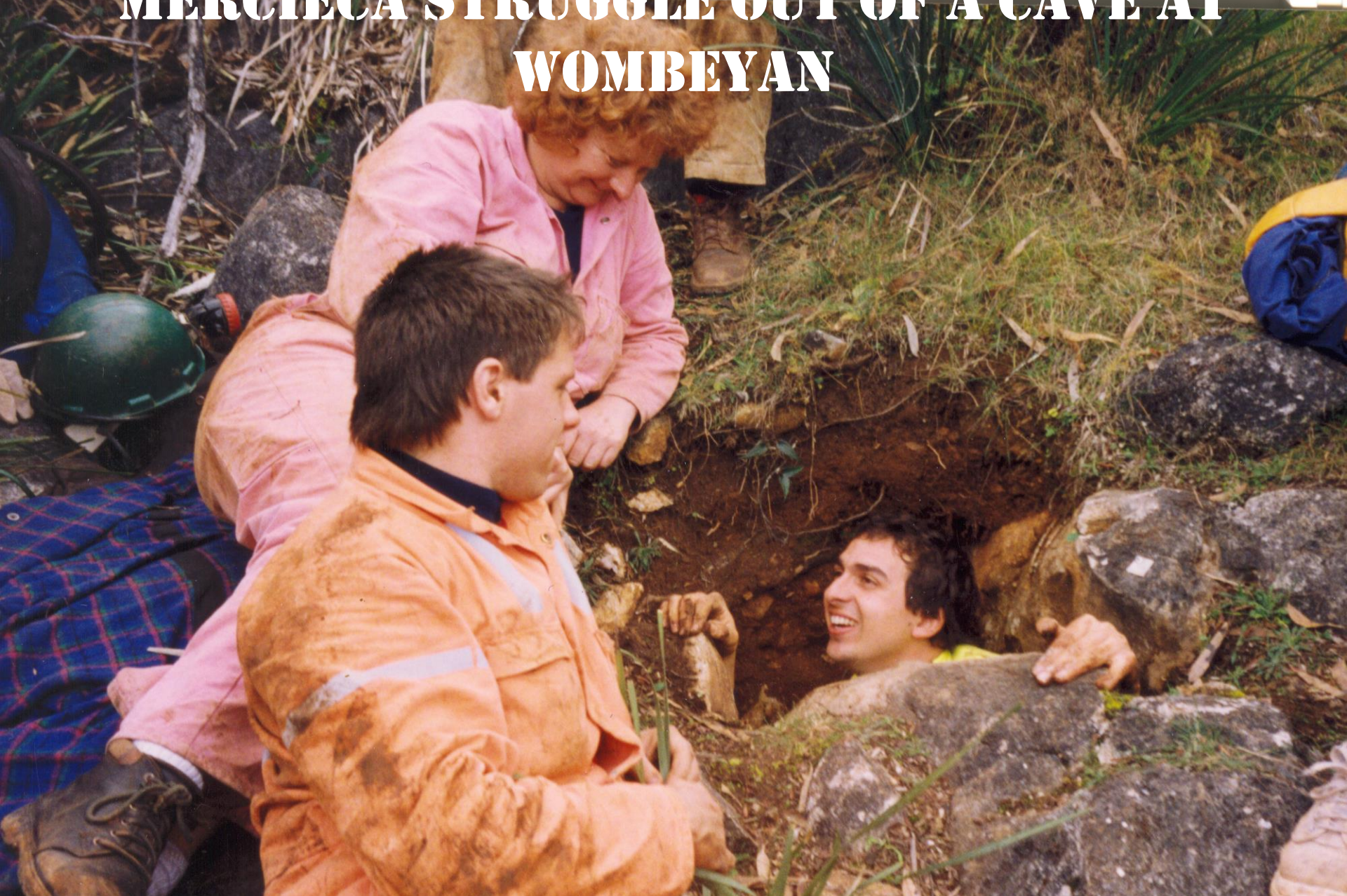
GEOFF MCDONNELL STRUGGLING OUT OF GAS CHAMBER CAVE AT WOMBEYAN.



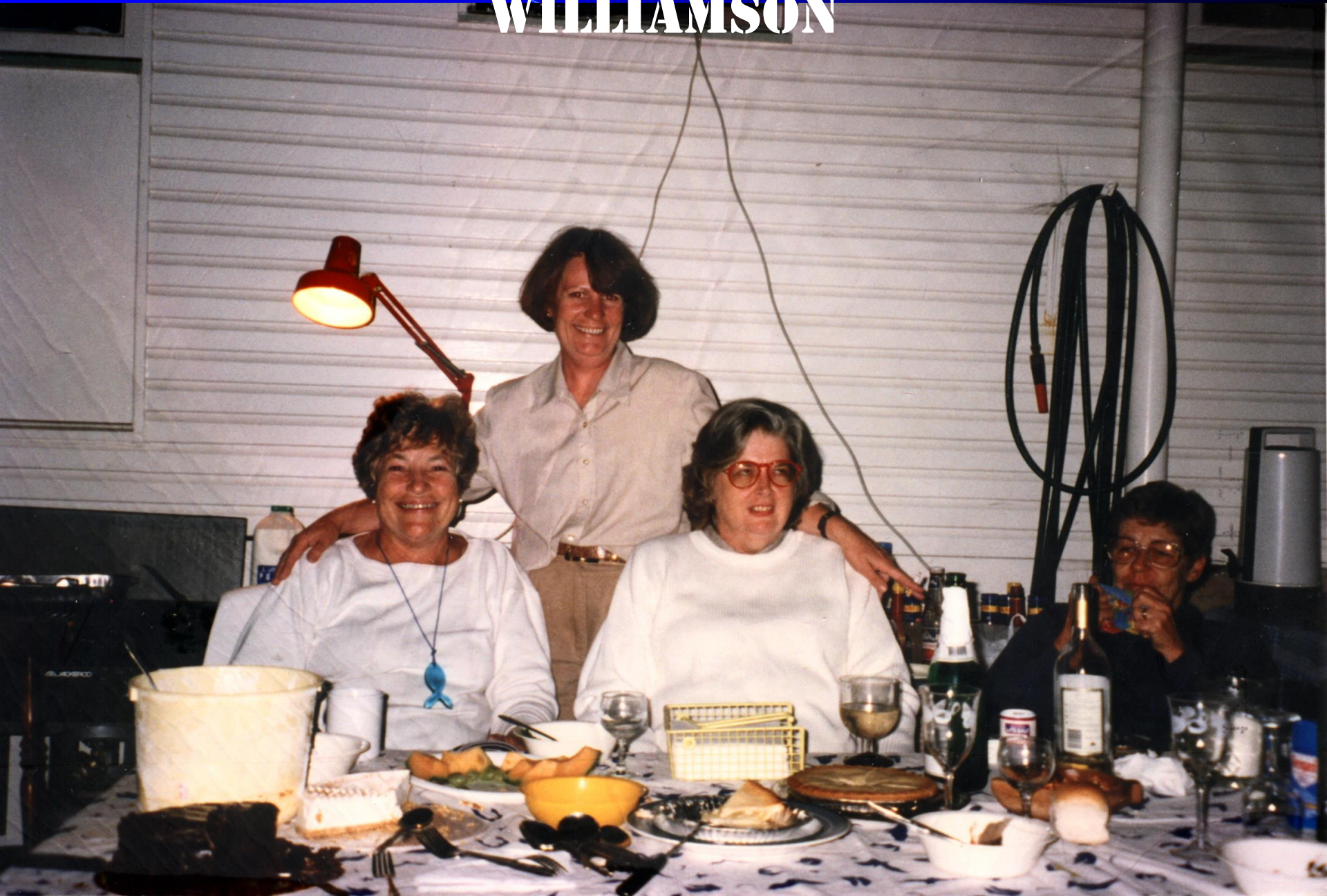
**TOM SANTA, ISOBEL CHU, MARCUS CORNISH,
DAVE FISHER & STEVE MCCABE AT JENOLAN**



JUDY WYLIE & BRETT TAYLOR WATCHING JOE MERCIECA STRUGGLE OUT OF A CAVE AT WOMBEBYAN



CHRISTINE ELLIS, JEAN HOCKING & LYN WILLIAMSON





**JEANETTE
ELLIS
EXITING
NICE CAVE AT
WOMBEGYAN.**



Chris Kemp with Jill Rowling & John Bonwick at
The Kwok Doo

IAN WILD & JIM GOLDEN IN WILDMANS CAVE, WOMBEGAN.



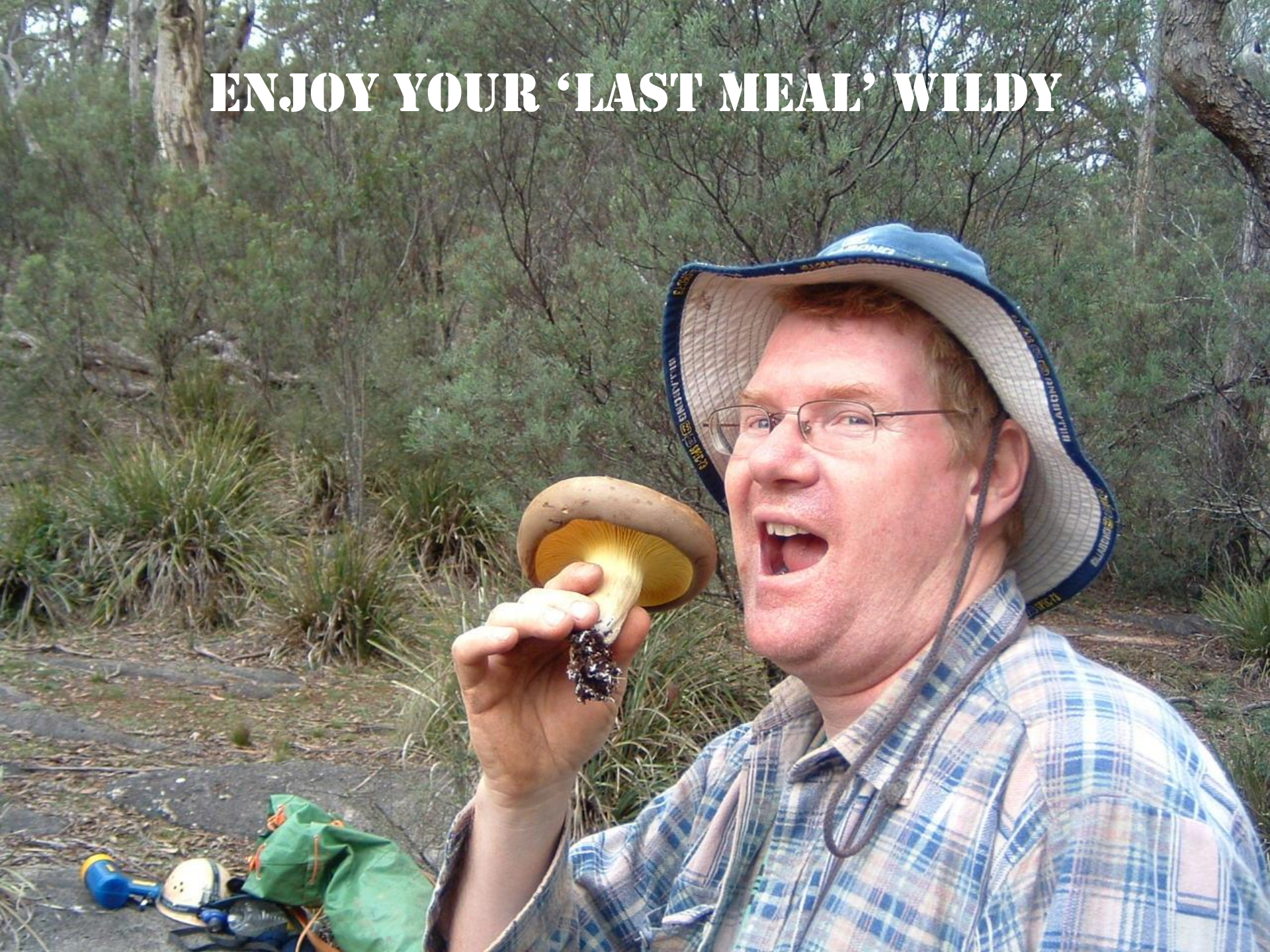
RACHAEL GALE & JOST PREIS AT YULEFEST 2003.





**MARIA SANTA, MARCUS CORNISH & JOST
PREIS IN MAMMOTH CAVE, TAKING A WELL
EARNED REST AT JENOLAN.**

ENJOY YOUR 'LAST MEAL' WILDY

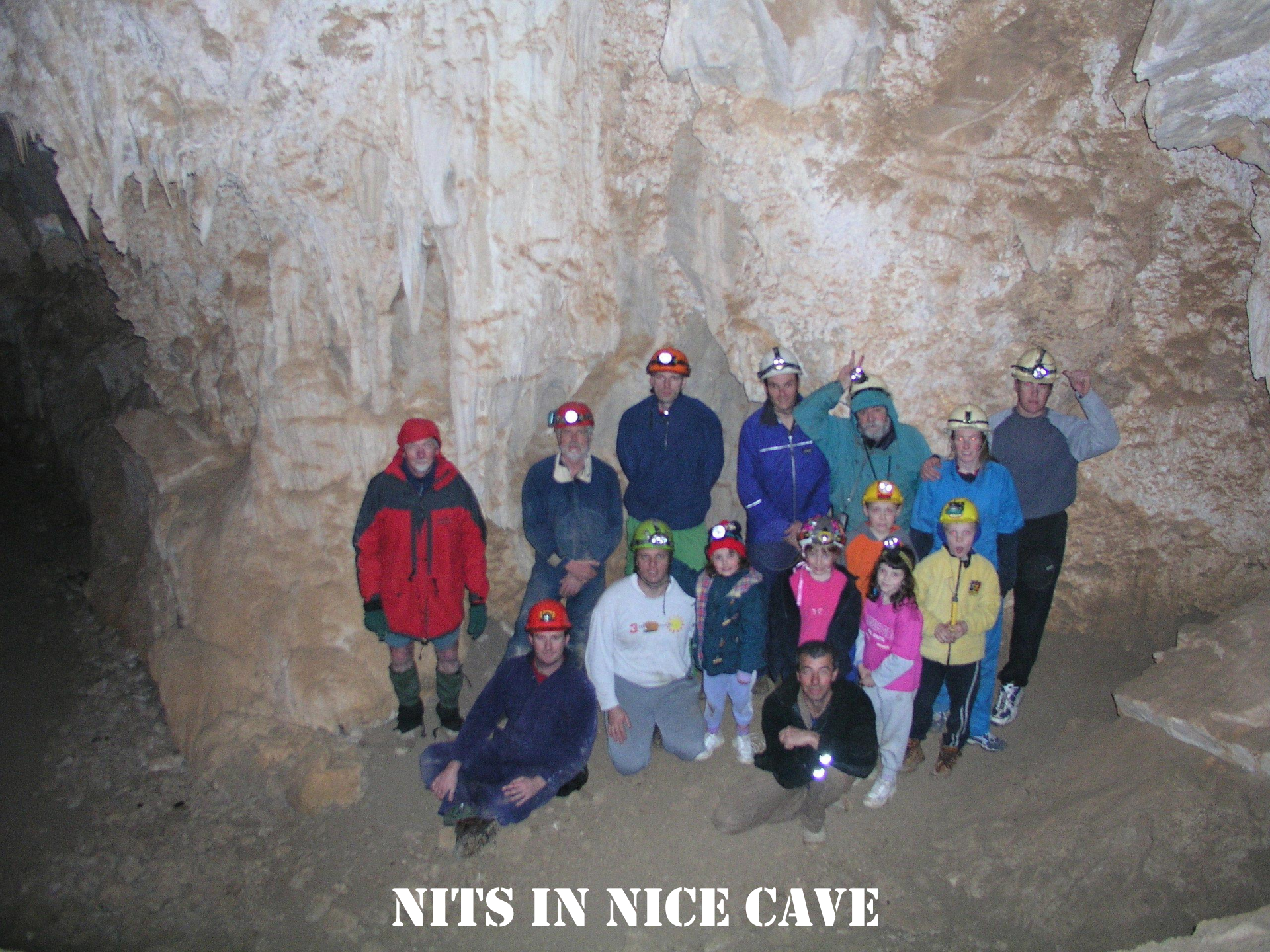


HOW THE MOB GETS THERE.





VALDA GILLIES
SHOULDERING HER
WAY ON



NIT'S IN NICE CAVE

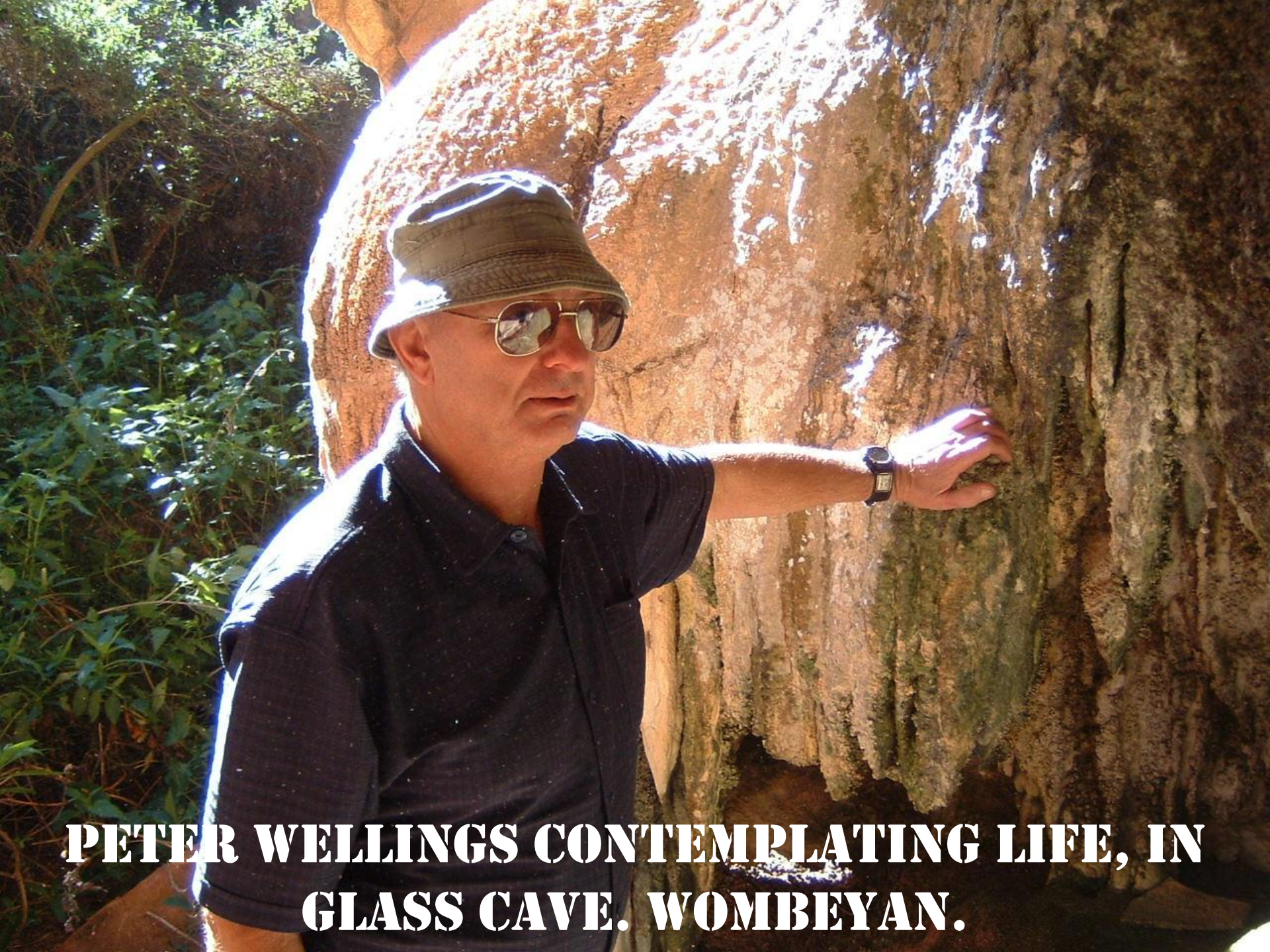


STEVE BABKA

**BEING HIS
USUAL SELF.**



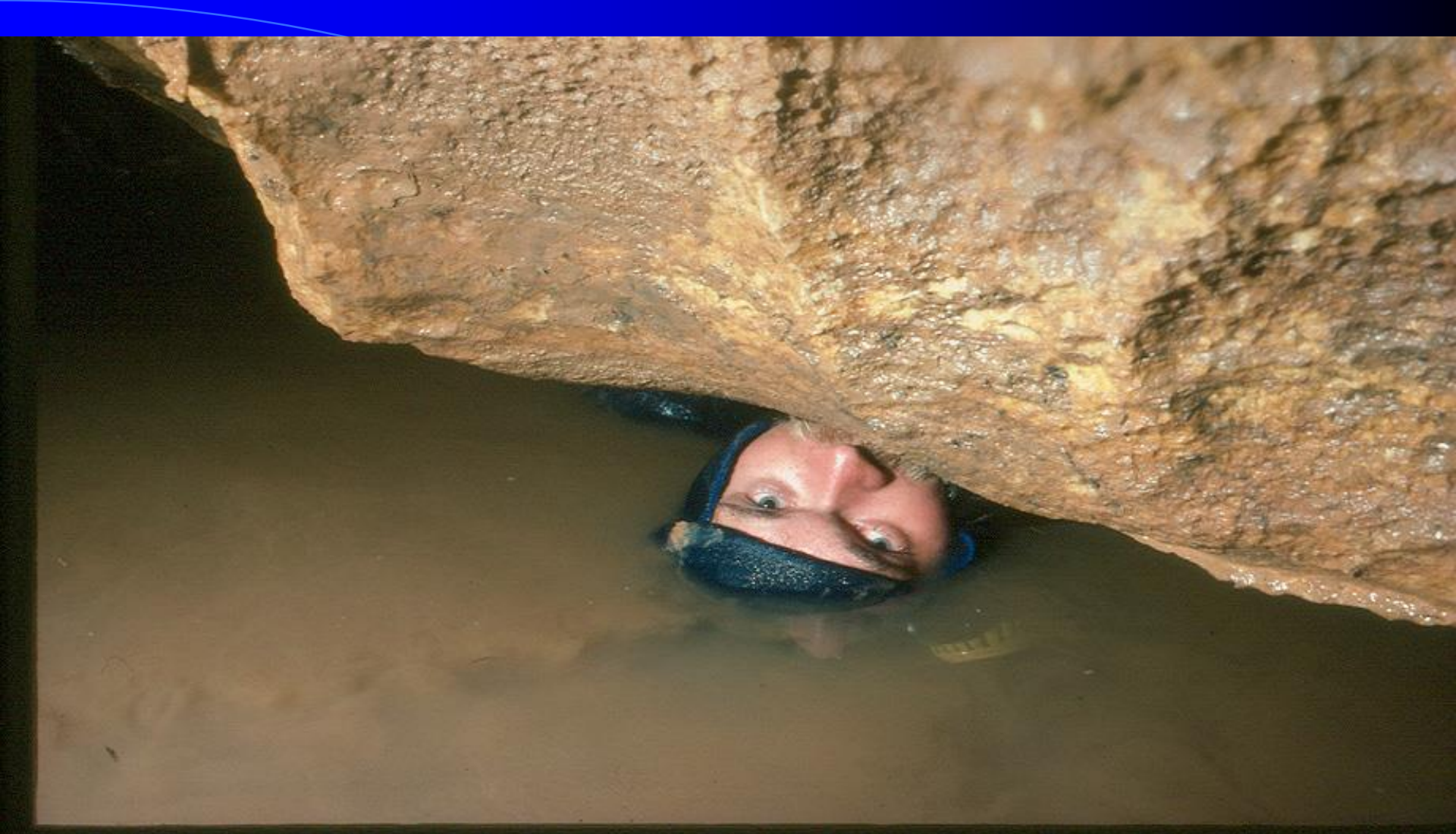
IT LOOKS LIKE GARETH HALBERT MIGHT BE A



**PETER WELLINGS CONTEMPLATING LIFE, IN
GLASS CAVE. WOMBEYAN.**



**MARCUS
CORNISH
GETTING DOWN
TO THE
'BARE
ESSENTIALS' TO
FIT THROUGH A
SQUEEZE IN
MAMMOTH CAVE
JENOLAN.**



PETER BAUER THIS IS A BATHTUB OF A PLACE



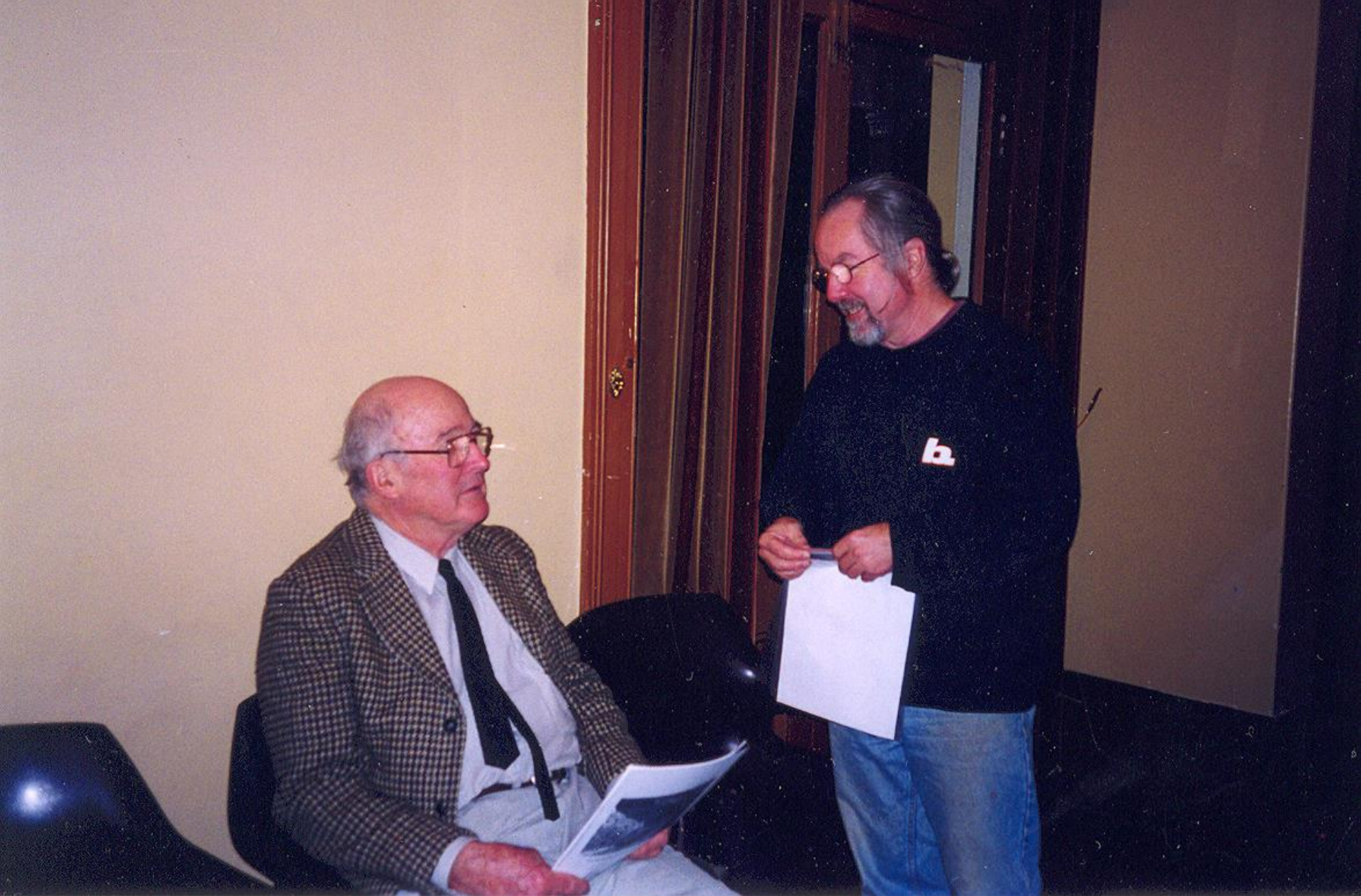
**BEN NURSE, JOHN BONWICK, ERNIE HOLLAND
WITH OTHERS AT BUNGONIA**



BARBARA KENNEDY AT YARRANGOBILLY



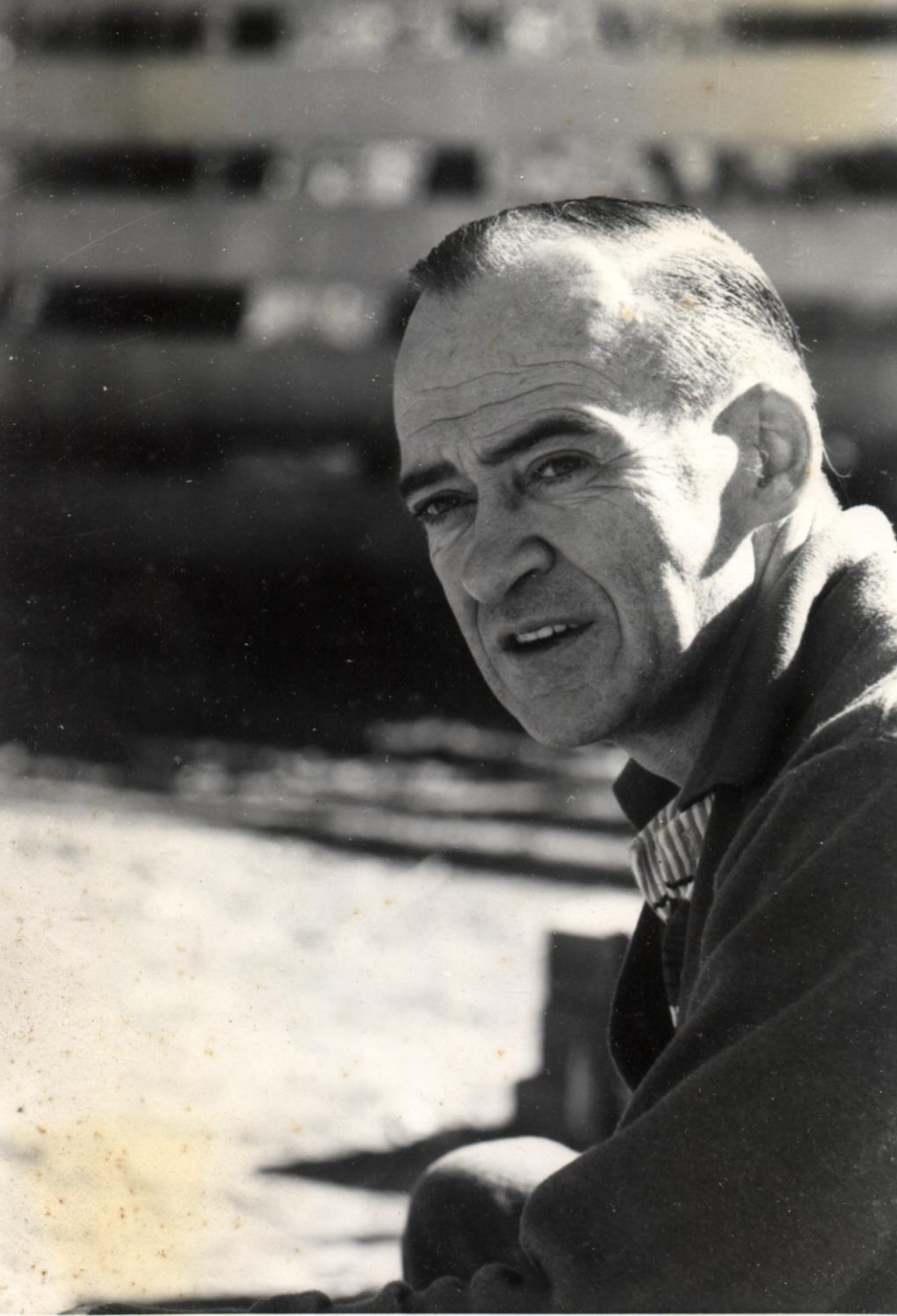
**GRACE
MATT'S
STUBBY
STACKING
WITH
CANS**



DON HART & ERIK HALBERT



MARTIN VIZJAK



**COL
PERCIVAL
MINUS THE
MEAL**



**BEN
NURSE IN
HIS
NIGHT
DRESS
AT
BUNGONIA**



**BEN BEING
BAPTIZED
AT
BUNGONIA**



CHRIS WARNER & BEN NURSE



JOHN COMPAGNONI



AWONDERFULWOADOFWYLIEWOOD



**STEVE BABKA & SIMON BLAND ENJOYING THE
ELLIS'S POOL**



MARK & JANE



HARRY PEMBLE

**(OR IS IT
REALLY**

MR BEAN)

AT

JENOLAN



**PHIL
IRVINE**



**JOHN
POLESON
BELAYING
AT
BUNGONIA**



BOB HOLLAND

**DOING HIS
USUAL THING AT
BUNGONIA**

**(OR IS HE
REALLY FISHING
FOR ROCK COD)**



**BOB
HOLLAND
(NOT DOING
HIS USUAL
THING)
AT
BUNGONIA**



“DR ZUESS”
WITH NO
GREEN EGGS
OR HAM
LOVE THE
HAT GARETH



GUESS WHO LOVES HIS SLIPPERS?



**THE SLIPPER WEARER IN A CAVE AT WOMBEYAN
(HOPE HE ISN'T WEARING THEM)
ANDREW BOSMAN**



**GREG
PLUMMER**



MARJORIE HALBERT AND JOHN TELEC



**JOHN & CECILY BONWICK AT YULEFEST.
WOMBEGAN**



**ANDREW
CAMPBELL
& BEK
DOLAN
(LOVE THE
HAT')**



**CYNTHIA & ULRICH TROG AT YULEFEST.
WOMPEXAN**



**THE
HAPPY
ULRICH
TROG
'HAPPILY
TROGGING'**



BOB & LES LEWIS & ROSS ELLIS
“LOOKING A LITTLE LOST”



**GRAHAME
EDE**



DICK ZIMIC

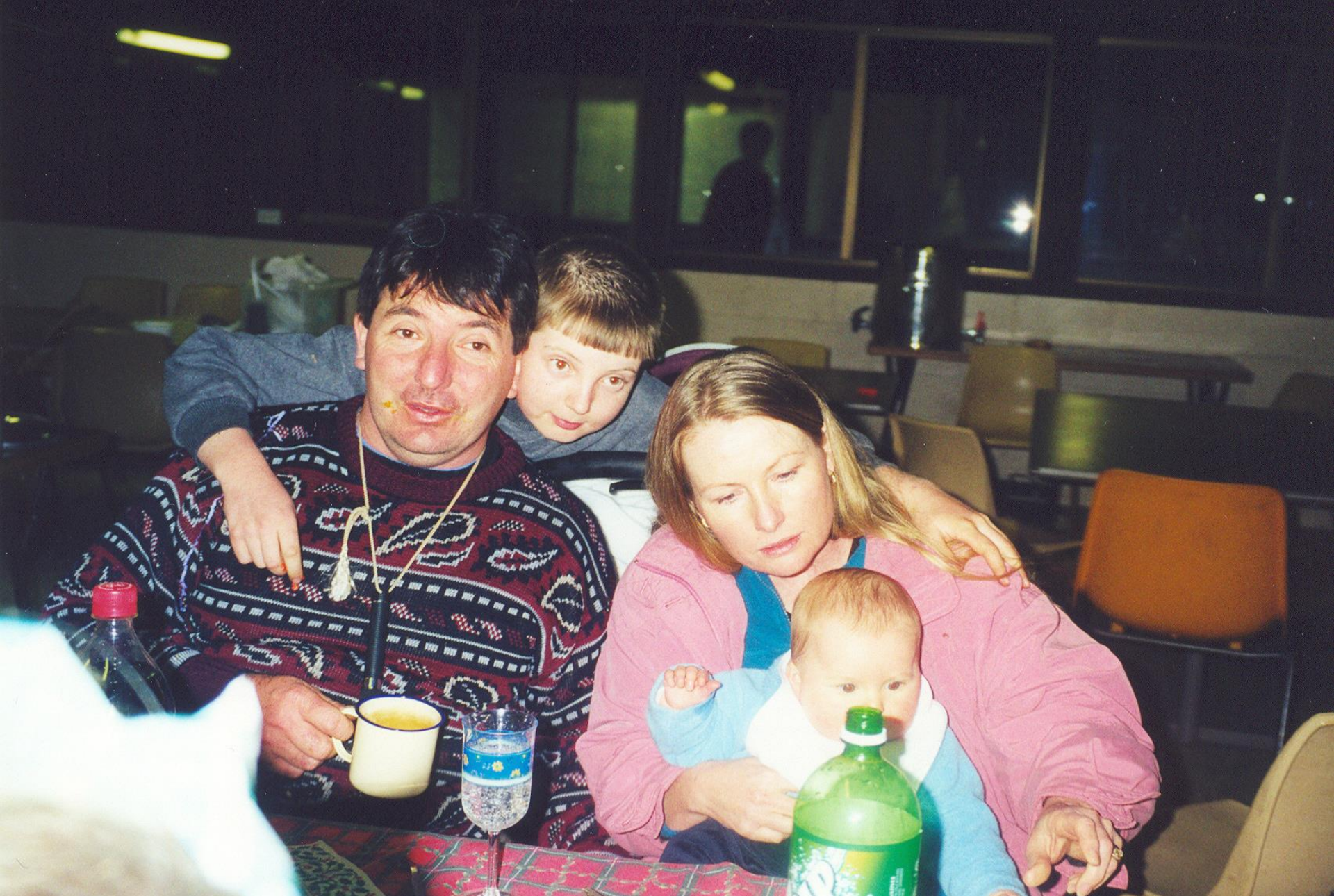


**THE HAPPY
LITTLE
VEGEMITE
JOHN WYLIE**



**PETER
HODGKINSON**

**‘GIVE US A
BREAK
JOHN, WE
NEED A REST’**



MOST OF THE CORNISH FAMILY



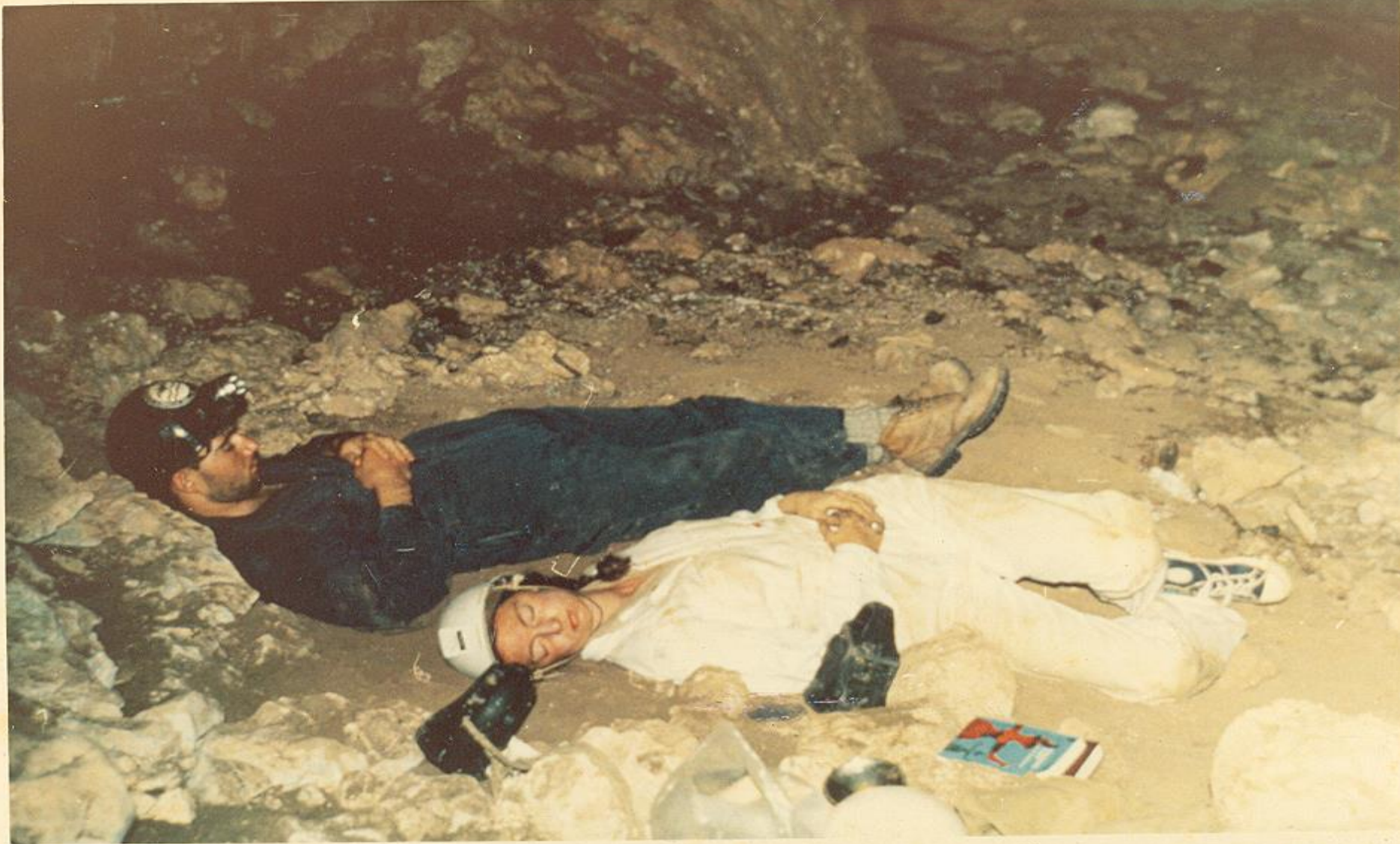
A PENSIVE TOM SANTA.



**SIMON BLAND
WITH FRIEND
'LOOK HOW
DIFFERENT THE
AMERICANS
CAVE,
COMPARED TO US
AUSSIES'.**



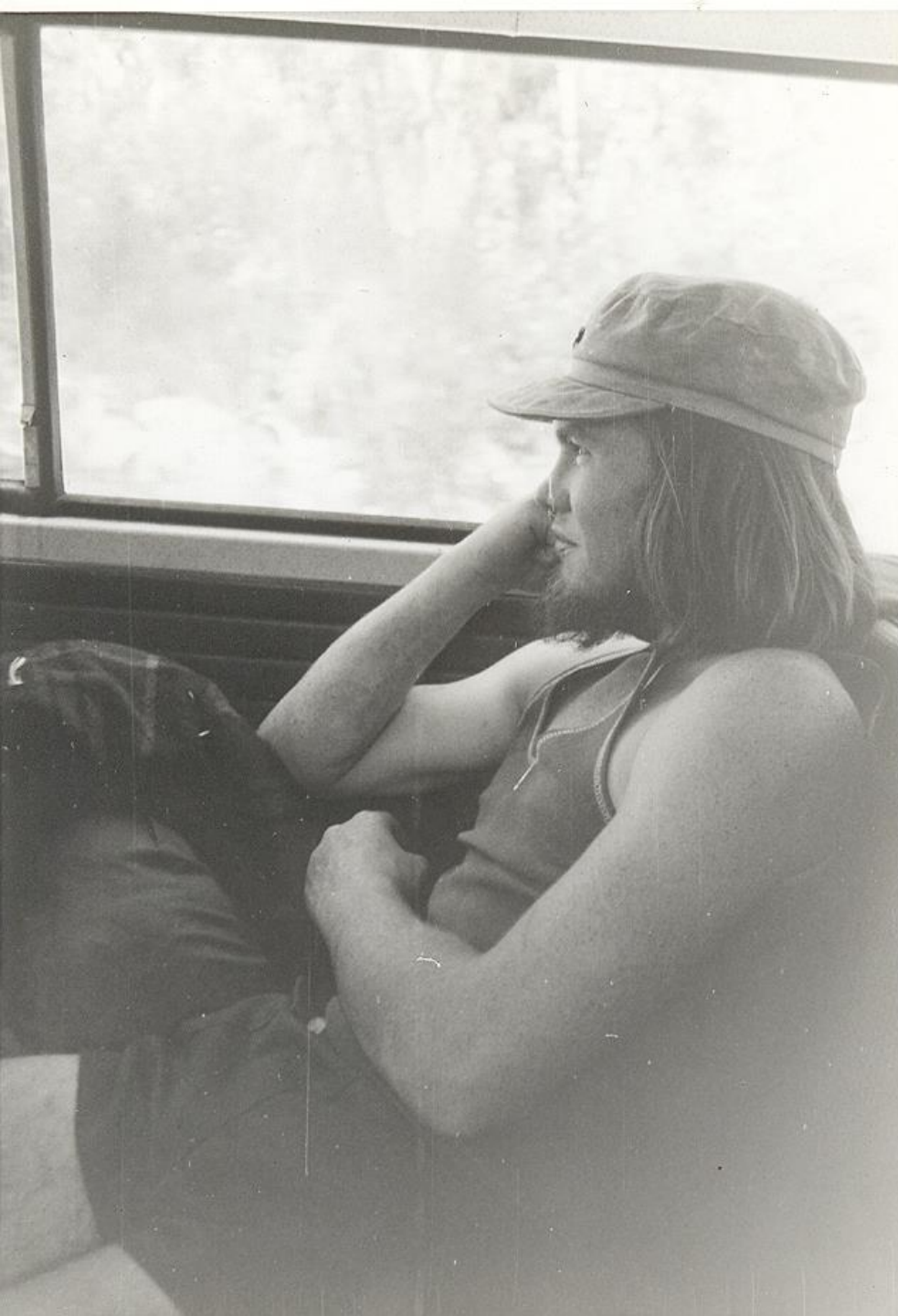
**MARY GAUDRON AT 40TH ANNIVERSARY
DINNER. JENOLAN.**



GRAHAME EDE & LYNDSEY HAWKINS
“HELPING” WITH SURVEYING AT CHILLAGOE

RUSSELL BRIDGE AND OTHER SSS MEMBERS





**MIKE
WALKER**



**LYN
WILLIAMSON
AT THE TRUSTY
TYPEWRITER**



**ALEX BOYD AT
40TH
ANNIVERSARY
DINNER.
JENOLAN**



GLEND A WYLIE
GETTING STUCK
INTO VELCRO CAVE
AT WOMBEYAN.

**ERIK HALBERT, LOSING HIS MARBLES IN
GIANT CAUSEWAY CAVE. CHILLAGOE.**



A MOTLEY CREW AT WOMBEYAN



AN EVEN MOTLEYER CREW IN MAMMOTH CAVE, JENOLAN



**OH WHAT A FEELING! 'TOOTIGHTA'
RACHAEL IN SQUEEZE AT WOMBEYAN.**



TONY HEALY IN CHEVALIER CAVE, JENOLAN.





**NO FORMATION CAN HIDE YOU FROM YOUR
DAD, JESSICA BOSMAN.**

THE PARTIERS OF THE 1ST YULEFEST AT WOMBEGYAN, 1994.





**WHERE IS 'OILCAN HARRY' MARBLE MINE.
WOMBEGAN. LOVE THE SKIRT & STOCKINGS,**



**LES CHIN
(MASTERTON)**

&

GREG PLUMMER

**ALIENS OF
WOMBEGAN.**



**JOE THE
BIRTHDAY
BOY.**

**HIS BREATH
IS COMING
IN SHORT
PANTS**

**SCOUT HUT,
CRADLE
MOUNTAIN.**

1996



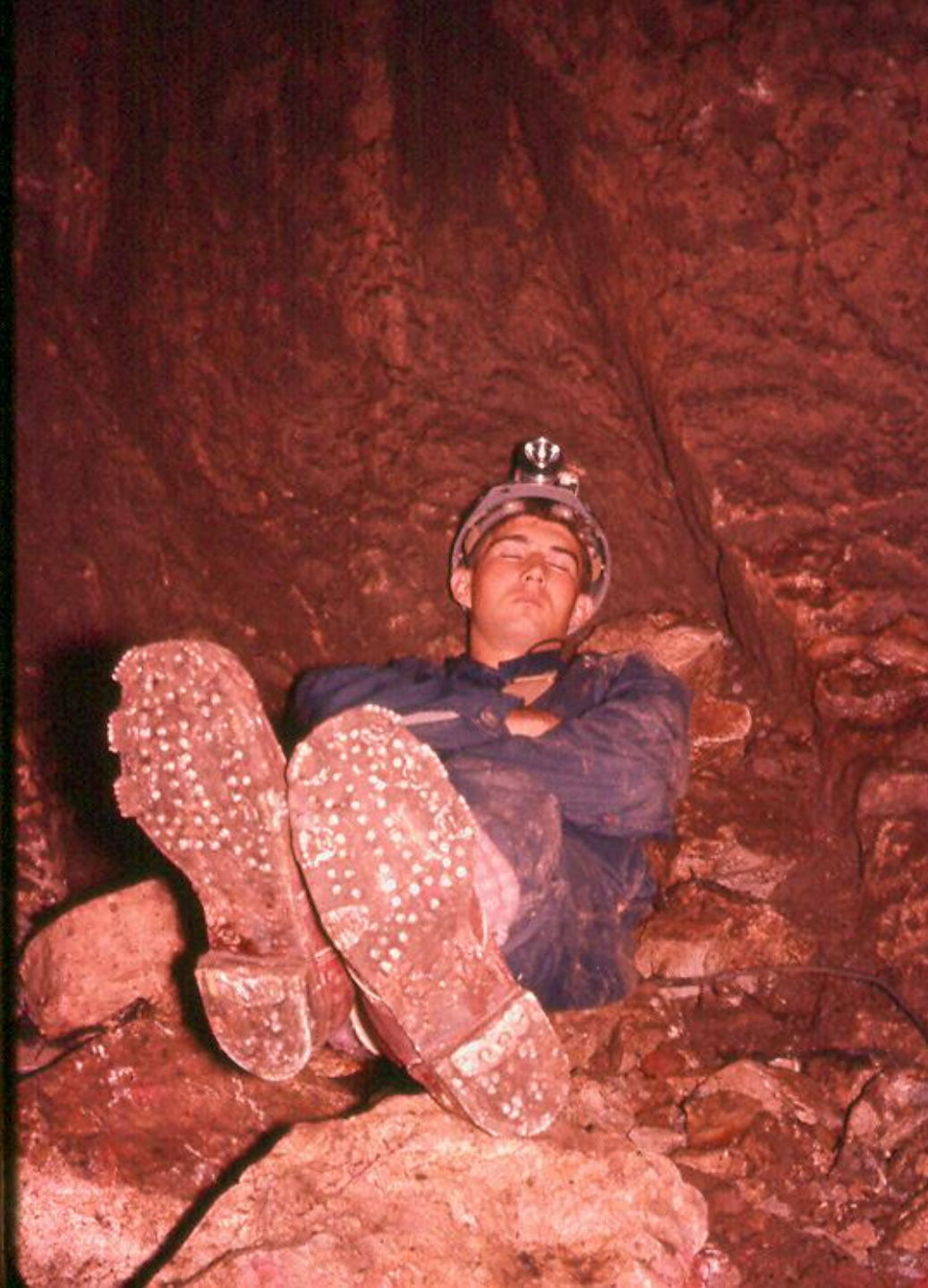
GLENNIS WELLINGS AT AN SSS FIELD DAY.



**GORDON SMITH
AT AN SSS
FIELD DAY.**



**SHIRLEY
NORMAN**



**GRAHAME
EDE
SLEEPING
AT BOTTOM
OF**

**DRUM
CAVE,
WHILE
WAITING
FOR HIS
TURN TO**



**GRAHAME
& JULIE
EDWARDS
TAKING
BABY FOR
A WALK**



BOB HAWKINS LOOKING A LITTLE SQUASHED



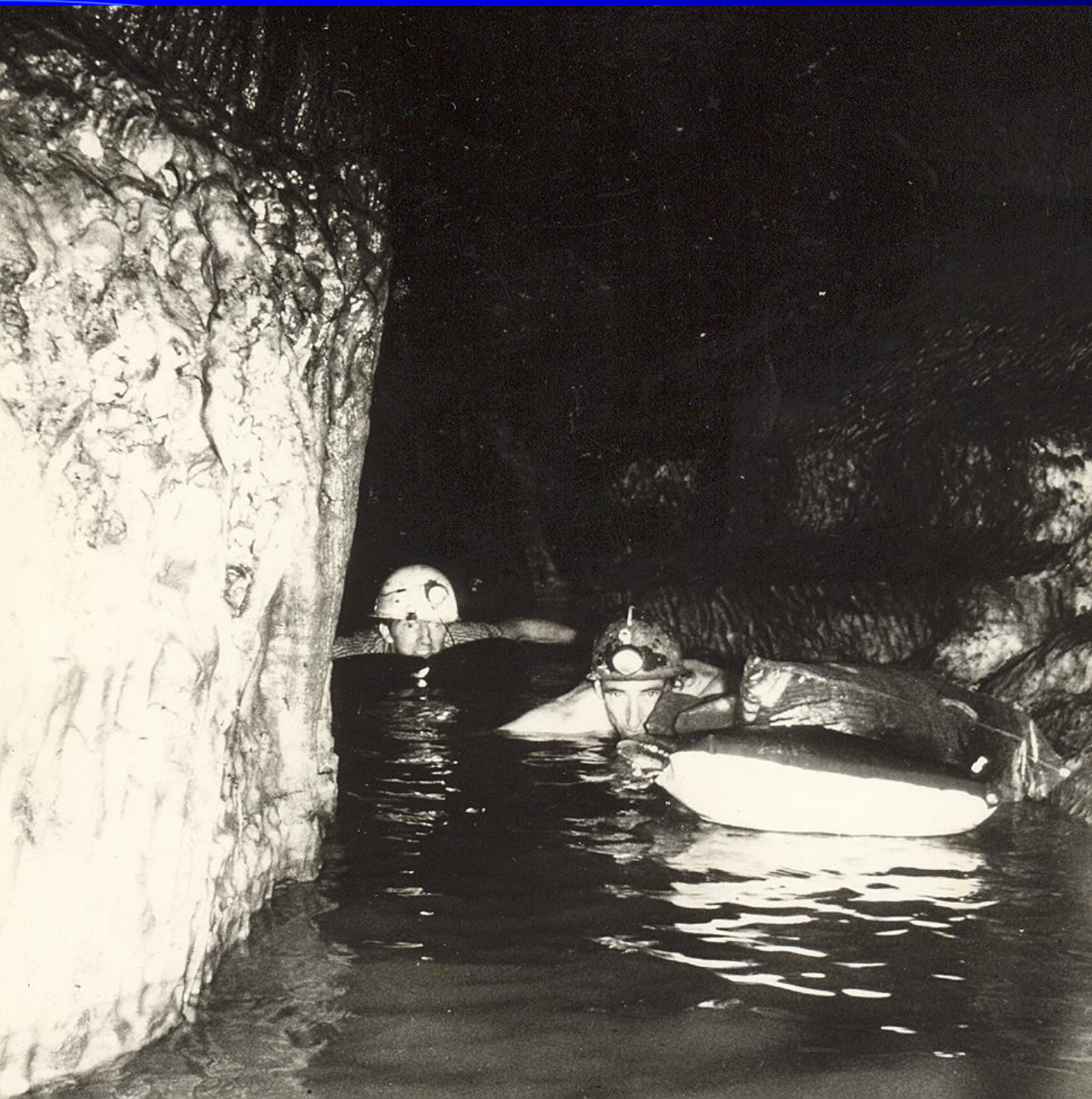
JOHN WALKER
IS HE ENJOYING A
JOHNNIE
WALKER???



BARRY KING



**JOHN CARSON SQUEEZING INTO A THE SWIM OF
THINGS IN HENNINGS CAVE, JENOLAN.**



**KEITH
SMITH**

&

BOB LEWIS

**ON THEIR
WAY OUT
OF**

**THE
OLYMPIAN
CAVERN,
WOMBeya**

N



**BRETT & TRACEY TAYLOR PARTAKING OF THE
GLUEWINE AT YULEFEST, WOMBEYAN**



**HANGING ON FOR GRIM DEATH IN
GHENGIS KHAN CAVE, TASMANIA.**



**SHANE WILCOX ON AN EARLY
PHOTOTAGGING TRIP AT WOMBEYAN**



**PROOF THAT
OUR EDITOR
DOES
ACTUALLY
DOES SOME
CAVING.**

**ROSS EXITING
NICE CAVE,
WOMBEGAN.**

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE 50TH YEAR



THE MACHINE OUTDATES THE EXPERTS



WYLIES CAMPSITE FOR THE BOOK LAUNCH WEEKEND



WYLIES CAVING RETREAT



THANK GOD THIS EVENT IS ALL OVER!!!!





WE HAVE COME TO THE “BATTY END”

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO
CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS TO MAKE THIS
SPECIAL SLIDESHOW. THERE ARE SO
MANY I CAN'T NAME THEM ALL. BUT A
SPECIAL THANKS HAS TO GO TO ROSS
ELLIS AND ANDREW BOSMAN, WHO
TOGETHER PUT IN SO MANY HOURS TO
MAKE THE WHOLE EVENT AND BOOK A
SUCCESS. ALSO TO
JOHN WYLIE, WHO WITHOUT HIS ENERGY
AND DRIVE, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE
BEEN POSSIBLE**